

Assistant fire chief receives new lungs

■ Fundraisers planned to offset 'unimaginable' post-transplant medication bills

By Hannah Ball

The Argentine Township assistant fire chief who needed a lung transplant to survive has had the surgery.

Frank Hatton, 56, received new lungs Thursday, June 13 after waiting approximately a month. The assistant chief, who's been with the department since 1984, was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in August 2018. In May he learned his condition had progressed faster than expected, and that he needed a lung transplant to survive.

Hatton released this statement

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River Fest 2019 — Anna DeVries, 14, of Fenton Township, helps collect floating plastic ducks as they either escape the course or pass the finish line of the rubber duck race held Sunday, June 23 at Rackham Park in Fenton during River Fest. This race benefits the Keepers of the Shiawassee and attracted 108 entrants at \$5 each. **See story on page 5. Photo: Tim Jagielo**

DDA, LDFA reimburse city for district services

■ Due to slow growth, \$420,000 in added funds is crucial to Fenton City

By Vera Hogan

The city of Fenton will be adding \$420,000 to its general fund from the

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).

The funds represent \$350,000 from the DDA and \$70,000 from the LDFA in reimbursements for city services,

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Linden City hires new clerk

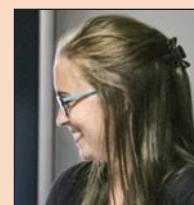
■ Tessa Wightman, former deputy clerk, 'ready for challenges' of new role

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City will have a new clerk starting July 9.

Tessa Wightman, the current deputy clerk, will take over as Linden City clerk July 9 following

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Tessa Wightman



“So much negativity. I want to say I love Fenton and the community. The way people

take care of the homeless guy in wheelchair, to being kind and generous. Keep up the good work.”



“Put down your cell phones, people. There is a whole world out there you are

missing. Set an example for your kids.”



“God bless the farmers. They are so under-appreciated. We take for granted

how hard they work so we can have food.”



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which include police, fire, public works and more, provided to the districts each year.

Since 2004, the DDA has been making agreements with the Fenton City Council to reimburse the general fund for services it receives in the DDA district. The DDA district includes all of downtown Fenton, the south side of Silver Lake Road, parts of the Fenton Business and Technology Park and parts of Silver Lake Village.

The LDA has also been making

agreements for many years to reimburse the city's general fund. The LDA district includes the majority of the Fenton Business and Technology Park and a section of Grant Street.

According to Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA executive director, due to the current fiscal situation of the city of Fenton's general fund, this revenue share by the DDA and LDA will be of significant importance to the city.

"The general fund is in the process of stabilizing, however, has ongoing challenges due to slow growth from state

imposed restrictions," Hart said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

"Additionally, future budget projections show the probability of continuing or new revenue impacts to the general fund," he said. "The city has reduced expenditures, made significant changes to employee benefits, and is changing the way we operate in order to adapt to the revenue losses we have continually endured."

Hart said the reimbursements that the city receives from both the DDA and LDA are crucial.

Pedestrians have right-of-way



Linden City recently paid \$112.50 for two new crosswalk signs at the intersection of Main and Broad streets, at City Hall. Scott Sutter, interim city manager and police chief, said they've gotten complaints about cars not stopping for pedestrians at this crosswalk. "I want to let the public know that you have to stop. The pedestrian has the right-of-way. People need to be reminded of that," he said. They will eventually be placed on posts that cost \$34.50 each and have arrows, which are \$18.00 each.

Photo: Hannah Ball

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'Leaning' flagpole to be replaced for \$3,775

During the winter, Assistant Fenton City Manager Michael Hart alerted Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff to the fact that the flagpole by the Jack W. Winegarten Public Library is leaning. Because it is a steel flagpole and mounted into a substantial footing, it should not be leaning, Hart said. Upon investigation by Public Works employees, it was discovered there was a problem with the mounting of the flagpole into the footing. Additionally, there are a number of utilities running adjacent to or under the existing footing and accessing those utilities with the current footing could be difficult in an emergency. As part of the parking lot project, heavy equipment was onsite and the existing footing was pulled out, improving access to library utility infrastructure. On Monday, June 24, the Fenton City Council approved Hart's request to purchase a new 40-foot flagpole and install footing for a total of \$3,775.

Gus Macker tournament continues to grow

■ 223 teams invade Linden Middle School; tourney organizers pleased with new location

By David Troppens

Linden — Shelly Day and Linda Hathaway were busy people Saturday morning.

It was a beautiful early summer morning on Linden Middle School’s campus, and within the campus were many half-court basketball stands, hundreds of basketball players ranging from grade school age to adults and a variety of Linden Community School students doing just about any job that needed to be done.

Saturday morning was the start of Linden’s fifth annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament at its new location. It was moved from Linden Elementary to the Linden High School campus (for parking) and Linden Middle School campus (for the activities) due to the increasing size of the tourna



The fifth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament hosted 223 teams. The tournament has grown from 128 teams its first year. Photo: Dave Troppens

ment. And it’s probably a good thing it was. The tournament had a record 223 teams in 19 different divisions, meaning there were probably about 1,000 people in the tournament area at any given time throughout Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

“I’m really excited,” said Day, who is the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce executive director and Gus Macker event organizer. “We’ve heard nothing but good comments about it and it’s so well laid out. We have all the room we want, and we still have room to expand, that’s a great thing. I think we found our new home.”

Most of the action happened on the back parking lot at Linden Middle School. The courts were lined up, stretching a good length of the parking lot. Gus Macker’s Dream Court was set aside to give its games a bit more prestige. But with as many courts as there was, elbow space was easily available compared to the event held at Linden Elementary School.

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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

With school out for the summer, next on many families' to-do list is to attend the popular Fenton Freedom Festival on the Fourth of July. This will be the 29th festival. Since its beginnings at Bush Park, the festival has grown every year thanks in part to the many volunteers who share their time and efforts for the joy of having a successful festival and to raise much-needed funds for local non-profits and civic groups. Pat Lockwood has been chair of the festival committee since the beginning. There are about two dozen people on the committee and there are others who also have been volunteering since the beginning, including Penny Collins and her entire family who oversee the pancake breakfast for the American Legion. Pat said, "They do it all, every year, setting up at 4 a.m. and hauling in everything they need." Another longtime volunteer is Scott Grossmeyer. Pat said he and the late Andy Schmidt worked closely on the parade, as well as Fenton teacher Lynn Ferguson. Scott and Lynn continue to serve. Speaking about the parade, Pat wanted to mention all the work done by the DPW, police and fire departments to keep everyone safe. Ruth Beardsley and her late husband Richard have been instrumental with raising funds for one of the biggest fireworks displays in Genesee County. Despite Richard's death in 2008,



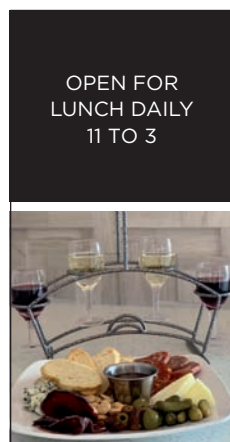
Sharon Stone

Ruth continues to volunteer her fundraising services. Recognition needs to go to the Rotary Club and their rubber duck regatta, the Kiwanis Club's entertainment, The Freedom Center's foot race, the Lions Club, which is this year's grand marshal of the parade, and the Boy Scouts, who are doing a pig roast this year. For added entertainment, Pat said the Silver Lake Ski Club, national champions, will be performing their ski show once again. For marketing purposes, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, led by Shelly Day, executive director, is tasked with this role and spreading the word about the festival. When asked why she

continues to volunteer on this committee, as well as other committees, Pat said, "It's just been a joy to work with everyone."

They try hard to make this a family event and the community really embraces it. From the pancake breakfast to the fireworks, it all just comes together. We have such a great committee and we enjoy each other's company. We're proud to put this on. That's reward enough." Fenton Adopt-A-Pet also needs a shout out. Their volunteers are handing out the Tri-County Times while walking in the parade. So, while you and your family check out the pancakes, try some tasty pork delights courtesy of the Boy Scouts, enter a duck in the rubber duck regatta, and other activities throughout the downtown Fenton area, know that your contributions are going to the non-profits groups who are volunteering their time to raise funds to help this community.

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OJ REALLY HAS over 793,000 followers on Twitter? He's going to tell his story and share his thoughts on everything. I cannot believe 793,000 people are interested in what he has to say. All you people are doing is feeding his sick ego.

■■■■
FACT: LEAD IS poisonous to humans, hence the term 'lead poisoning.' The fact that no fatalities were recorded as a result of the tainted water does not mean the people were not poisoned. Would you be happy if this happened in your community?

■■■■
I AM MOSTLY inspired by Jesus, who saved all of mankind; Ronald Reagan, who saved America; and President Trump, who is working to keep America great with outstanding results for jobs, the economy, military, the VA, immigration and borders, better trade deals and foreign policies. His mantra is 'America first.'

■■■■
WORK AT A local business with Gen Z kids. Noses buried in cell phones, no awareness of what's expected, no self motivation, no clue as to interaction, respect or responsibility. God help us all.

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PLEASE DON'T TAILGATE in the right lane.

How do you manage stress?

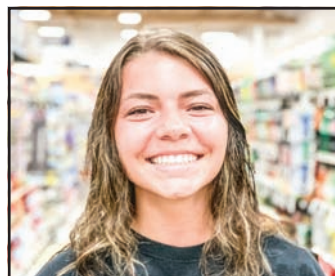
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street talk



"When I am stressed, I listen to music because it helps me calm down and reminds me everything is okay."

Melanie Storm
Fenton Township



"I calm down when I am driving around by myself, listening to my favorite songs."

Victoria Klamerus
Grand Blanc



"I manage stress by breaking up my to do list and taking breaks. I also plan ahead by making a list of things to get done."

Julia Adams
Linden



"I usually hang out with friends and wind down. If they are busy, I watch TV and take time to relax."

Maddie Hayden
Fenton



"I release stress by working out. I spend time with my family, bonding with them and relaxing."

Leanne Becker
Tyrone Township

2019 River Fest a splash

■ Event is fun for the community and important fundraiser for Keepers of the Shiawassee

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Paloma Sweetman, 7, of Fenton Township piloted her cardboard box boat down the Shiawassee River on Sunday afternoon, during the 2019 River Fest in Rackham Park on June 23.

Her sister Victoria, 9, designed the craft, utilizing four 4-inch cardboard pontoons below Paloma's makeshift cockpit, which was, of course, a cardboard box. Victoria and her parents, Romina and Chris, applauded her from shore, taking photos and video.

The cardboard box regatta drew 11 participants, the most so far in this unique event of the Shiawassee River Fest. The festival returned to downtown Fenton this year after being held in Linden in 2018, and at Bush Park in Fenton in 2016 and 2017.

River Fest is run by , and is the primary fundraiser for the Keepers of the Shiawassee, the local non-profit group

that maintains the river between Holly and Argentine Township.

Rackham Park also held two dozen vender stands, and a bounce house for children. Across S. LeRoy Street, live bands played, the music wafting across the bustling downtown.

"One of our goals is to demonstrate the economic connection the Shiawassee River has with the communities that it runs through," said Brad Jacob of the Keepers of the Shiawassee. "We want the festival to reflect the same family fun opportunities that the river provides."

Jacob said attendance is hard to track at such an event, but he estimates they had about 2,000 visitors throughout the day.

Jacob wanted to thank the volunteers who made it possible and the visitors who came to the event. "The warmth and support from the local business community is truly amazing," he said.

Brad Jacob plays bass guitar with his band before the crowd at the Shiawassee River Fest on Sunday, June 23. Jacob is also one of the organizers of the festival.

Photo: Tim Jagielo



Timothy Frost, 12, of Burton, laughs as his cardboard boat sinks into the Shiawassee River on Sunday, June 23. He didn't quite make it to the finish line. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Paloma Sweetman, 7, paddles her cardboard boat during the race on Sunday June 23, as her sister Victoria, 9, and parents Chris and Romina follow her from shore. Photo: Tim Jagielo

"And we are grateful."

There were 108 entrants into the rubber duck race. Jacob said the festival raised approximately \$2,000, in preliminary counts.

Other future projects could include new launches, maps and kayak lockers, which locks a kayak so paddlers can stay downtown and not worry about their gear.

River Fest 2019 first place winners

Kayak raffle: Kristi Miller

Duck race: Bill Miller (donated \$150 prize back to Keepers of the Shiawassee)

Cardboard regatta: Sanibel Stack in "The Watermelon Boat."

Fishing contest: Payton Van Pelt

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through Fire Chief Matt Laferty: "On June 13, 2019, I received a very precious gift, a second chance on life. I am so grateful for the donor family's gift from their loved one. Please take a moment and pray for healing comfort for their family. I have been very fortunate to receive my gift in such a short time as my health was rapidly declining.

"My heartfelt thanks to everyone for donating their time to help me in so many ways. And for the generous support for my future success. I'm humbled by your kindness. I have a long road ahead but I'm looking forward to the journey."

Prior to the surgery, Hatton was using two oxygen concentrators. Now he doesn't need to carry oxygen around at all.

"Your body is so used to breathing one way and then after the surgery, you have, I guess the best way to put it, to learn how to breathe normal again," he said.

However, his medical bills are adding up. According to the gofundme started by township firefighters, the bills are at "an amount higher than you can imagine. It's higher than any of us are able to help alone or even as an association. On top of that, the medication that will be needed for the rest of his life will equal (the) cost of a new car every year.

As of June 24, the gofundme has raised about \$15,000 for a \$100,000 goal.

To fundraise, the fire department is hosting a spaghetti dinner Saturday, June 29 at the Linden Free Methodist Church. Starting at 4 p.m., Attendees can get a dinner plate for \$10, a raffle



Frank Hatton

ticket for \$1 and a whole pie for \$10.

The department is also hosting a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 3 at Fenton Farms Golf Club. The cost is \$80 per person/\$320 per team. A gold sponsor is \$500, a silver sponsor is \$300 and a bronze sponsor is \$200. The event includes 18 holes, lunch, dinner, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

All proceeds will go to Hatton's medical fund.

"It's gonna' be a long road but we have this — I cannot say enough about my terrific support group that I have. I am truly a humble man," Hatton said.

Hatton has two children, Andrea and Jeremy, and two grandchildren, Jaxon and Keri. Jeremy followed his father's footsteps by joining the Argentine Township Fire Department as well, according to the gofundme page.

"Frank is strong-willed and isn't the type to ask for help. After spending the last 35 years being the one providing help to his community, he's having a hard time being on the other side of things. What better way to thank him for all the sacrifices he's made helping others than to make what sacrifices we can to support him and his family," according to the gofundme.

Pulmonary fibrosis is a lung disease that occurs when lung tissue becomes damaged and scarred. This thickened, stiff tissue makes it more difficult for your lungs to work properly. As pulmonary fibrosis worsens, you become progressively more short of breath.

Source: mayoclinic.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NEW LINDEN Mill committee has several great members. But why would you appoint the ex-mayor, who did nothing about saving the building the whole time he was in office? And I hope this group does more than just 'study' the problem and actually accomplishes something.

OFTEN, IT IS nearly impossible to make

a left hand turn from northbound U.S. 23 onto Silver Lake Road headed toward Linden. It's hard enough to make a right hand turn. Another stop light is needed.

NO ONE MISSED the point on the difference between a vasectomy and an abortion. One made by a man does not kill anything except his ability to produce a child. If a woman is so worried about getting pregnant, I would suggest she gets her tubes tied and that will be her decision.



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

Eminent domain

Consider the following. One day out of the blue, you receive a letter from the State of Michigan, which says that your house is directly in the path of a new expressway, the state will be buying your home, and you'll have to move.

You say to yourself, "How can this happen?"

The answer is "eminent domain."

The following is a very brief summary and history.

The power of eminent domain is found in the Fifth Amendment under a provision commonly referred to as the "Takings Clause," which allows the government to take property for a public use after paying just compensation.

In Michigan, this power has been recognized from the time we were a territory in 1787 and in all Michigan constitutions since statehood in 1837.

The general standard for Michigan governments to exercise this power had been that as long as it could be shown that the taking was necessary for a "public use" and not primarily for private gain, it would be allowed.

In 1981, this changed somewhat when the Michigan Supreme Court issued its opinion in the case of Poletown Neighborhood Council v City of Detroit and held that the city could condemn property in Hamtramck and Detroit for a new General Motors plant and then transfer the property to G.M. as long as it was for a "public purpose." The public purpose was for economic development and employment in a very distressed economy. The definition of public use was thus expanded.

This decision was cited as authority by some courts in other states.

The Michigan Supreme Court reversed Poletown in 2004 and held that public use does not include private economic development.

The United States Supreme Court ruled in 2005 that this was a sufficient justification for eminent domain but also indicated that states could have more restrictive laws.

In 2006, Michigan voters approved a constitutional amendment providing that private property could only be taken for a public use and specifically excluded private property economic development or increased tax revenue as a rationale.

The law continues to evolve here especially as to the meaning of public use, but at least if you ever get one of those letters hopefully you'll have a better understanding of how this works.

Fenton city approves amended fireworks ordinance

■ Won't be in effect for this Fourth of July holiday

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council voted to approve an amended fireworks ordinance at its regular Monday, June 24 meeting. The vote was taken after a second reading and public hearing. The first reading took place Monday, June 10.

Only one person spoke during public comment. He identified himself as a veteran suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). He asked the city to consider a "fireworks free" zone for vets such as himself. He said fireworks send those suffering from PTSD into trauma.

Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff explained at the June 10 meeting that the state of Michigan updated the rules within the Fireworks Safety Act. "I am recommending that we amend our local ordinance to reflect these changes," he said.

Some of the changes to the Act are the days that consumer grade fireworks can be used, increased penalties, billing of storage fees for confiscated fireworks, and when the city can regulate fireworks

usage based on emergency conditions like burning bans, Cairnduff said.

The most significant changes are the reduced number of holidays and the times in which consumer fireworks can be used. The state removed from the list Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's birthday, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

The times when consumer fireworks can be used also was specified in the Act. The new times are from 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., exception is New Year's Eve when they may be used until 1 a.m.

According to Cairnduff's new calendar, fireworks will be allowed May 25 and 26 (Memorial Day), June 29 and 30, and July 1 through 5 (Fourth of July), Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 (Labor Day) and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).

In addition to confiscating the fireworks, those convicted violating the amended ordinance could face a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

The amended ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication and will therefore not be in effect for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE PERSON WHO doesn't like roundabouts probably doesn't understand two- (or more) one-way streets either. I don't know how many times I've seen some idiot make a left hand turn from the right hand lane on a one-way street. If you're in the left lane already that can be exciting.

THE DEMOCRAT WAR machine of JFK and LBJ sent over 500,000 soldiers to Vietnam, where 58,000 were killed. Nixon worked diligently for five years to negotiate peace, but the North Vietnamese kept breaking the agreements. Kissinger won the Nobel Peace Prize. I just thought intelligent people would want to know the true history.

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The Way Church cancels Sunday service

■ Members go out in community to offer their services as followers of Jesus

By Tim Jagielo

For one congregation, church was cancelled Sunday, June 23, but for a good reason.

The Way Church of Fenton took Sunday off to get members out of the church building and get their hands dirty out in the community.

“We cancelled our normal Sunday gathering and instead we worshipped with our hands,” said co-founder Scott Statson.

There were four outreach activities Sunday. Church members picked up trash in a section of Torrey Road, cleaned up the yard of an elderly man in Fenton Township, re-

painted the restrooms at Bush Park and wrote encouraging letters to residents of local nursing homes.

They are among a robust population of churches in the tri-county area that offers essential outreach services to the community.

The Way Church was formed in December 2018 and is on Georgetown Parkway at the former Potter’s Wheel Church off Torrey Road.

The church’s name is in reference to the earliest names for Christians — as “followers of the way.” Statson said,

“It’s easy to see the disconnect in our world between people who label themselves as Christian and those who are genuinely following Jesus. That’s why we decided to do something about it.”

Scott Statson

The Way Church co-founder

“It’s easy to see the disconnect in our world between people who label themselves as Christian and those who are genuinely following Jesus. That’s why we decided to do something about it.”

This is one



Members of The Way Church in Fenton help clean the yard of an elderly man in Fenton Township on Sunday, June 23. The church had four outreach activities instead of regular church service. Submitted photo

of their first outreach efforts since they formed, which they call “Serve Sunday.”

“We have been impacted by Jesus and we just want to turn around and do the same,” Statson said. “We feel that God

has impacted us in a big way, and no strings attached, we feel it’s important to do the same for others.”

The Way Church is at 2490 Georgetown Pkwy. in Fenton. Go to findandfollow.org for more information.

Displaying the American flag the right way

■ National symbol must be treated with dignity



Compiled By Vera Hogan

The U.S. Flag Code established by Congress in 1942 offers guidelines for treating this national symbol with dignity. Brush up on your flag etiquette ahead of July 4 by learning how to fly the Stars and Stripes the right way.

- Don’t hang your flag backwards, upside down, or in another inappropriate fashion. If you’re hanging your flag vertically (like from a window or against a wall), the Union portion with the stars should go on the observer’s left. Never dip the flag to any person or anything.

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- There is a difference between half-staff and half-mast, even though they’re commonly used interchangeably. “Half-mast” technically refers to a flag flown on a ship’s mast, while “half-staff” describes flags flown on land.

- The flag is flown at half-staff when the nation is in mourning, such as for the death of government official or for remembrance. When flying the flag at half-staff, first hoist it to the peak for an instant and then lower to the half-staff position. Half-staff is defined as one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the flagpole. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

Those who need to dispose of worn, torn flags may do so by taking them to the Fenton Fire Department or Fenton Police Department.

Source: Goodhousekeeping.com

Scout ensures local flag disposal

Four years ago, Christopher Harper, who graduated from Fenton High School this year, built the boxes as an Eagle Scout project. The two boxes, built in 310 hours with the help of 20 scouts, 14 adult leaders and five other adult volunteers, are now located at the Fenton Police Department and Fenton Fire Department.

Harper was with Fenton Boy Scout Troop 212. At the time, he said, it’s about respect, care, and thanks for the country and for those who fought and continue to fight for us.

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CLERK

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the departure of current Clerk Erica Armstrong.

At the Monday, June 24 meeting, Armstrong handed in her resignation. The board accepted it unanimously. Her last day will be Monday, July 8. She accepted the position of clerk with the city of Midland.

Wightman has been with Linden since 2018. Prior to that, she was the clerk in the city of Pottersville for two years. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing from Saginaw Valley State University.

"She's proven herself over and over again, and she's fully capable of being our next clerk," said Scott Sutter, interim city manager and police chief. The city will search for a new deputy clerk.

Clerks are responsible for facilitating elections, developing and maintaining a records management program, acting as FOIA coordinator, and preparing agendas and meeting packets and keeping the official minutes of all meetings of the city of Linden's, councils, commissions, and committees, according to lindenmi.us.

Wightman said her interest in government started in college. In 2016, she started a marketing internship with the Park and Recreation Department at Genesee County Parks.

"From there, my interest in government led to me being offered the position at the city of Pottersville. I'm excited for my new role and ready for the challenges and opportunities that come with the position," she said.

Wightman's starting salary will be \$46,000. Councilor David Franz said it should be raised to \$50,000 after a review following 90 days on the job. That stipulation was added to the resolution, and the board voted unanimously to hire her as clerk.

Armstrong and the council had kind words to say about Wightman.

"I think Tessa is up to the task. I know in the past she's had to deal with a lot of crazy things in Pottersville. She's been an excellent help in elections and everything," Armstrong said.

"I will miss the small-town atmosphere of Linden. It has regularly given me the opportunity to work, interact, and get to know so many residents, business owners, and volunteers over

the past several years. I look forward to seeing where they take Linden in the future," she said.

Armstrong was appointed clerk nearly a year ago on July 23, 2018. Previously, she was the deputy clerk under former Clerk Lynn Henry. Armstrong has worked in the municipal field since 2012, and has been with the city of Linden since 2015.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

City continues to invest in library improvements

Improvements at the Jack R. Winegarden Public Library in Fenton will continue this year. All steel railings, with portions of stairs, at the library are in need of replacement as part of ordinary maintenance, according to Michael Hart, assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) executive director. At its Monday, June 24 meeting, the City Council authorized paying \$5,986 to Lindhout Associates Architects AIA PC. This will include the scope of services to include project design, project bid process and through the construction phase. It is the city's intent to have this project bid and under construction in 2019.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE FLOATS WILL not survive Owen Road. It will also be difficult on bands and other parade participants.

THE REPUBLICANS SHOULD consider not backing Trump in the 2020 election and run someone who is not so divisive and counter to civilized Americans.

AT THIS POINT, it is silly to pursue impeachment but to concentrate on a candidate that can appeal to all sides and win the election from Trump.

HOW MANY OF the 268 Democrat House passed bills became laws? How many of the 268 bills would have benefited Americans?

Our Future

Meet

Jayden Szewc

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

Jayden Szewc, 18, just graduated from Holly High School. She plans to attend Honors College at Oakland University this fall. She likes living in Michigan and plans to stay, but could see herself living in North Carolina or South Carolina.

What is the best thing about your mom/dad?

The best thing about my mom and dad is their dedication to trying and doing their best to support my sister and me in all the different paths of life we take. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today and would not have the same opportunities that I have been presented with.

Would you rather live a week in the past or the future?

I would rather live a week in the future because one cannot change the past. But if I traveled into the future I could determine if I like what the future will hold, and if not I can change the present to mold the future.

What living person, other than a family member, do you most admire?

One living person, other than a family member, that I admire most is entertainer Priyanka Chopra. I admire her most because of her resilience, dedication and aspirations in life.

How do you think school is different today than it was for your parents?

I think school is very different today than it was for my parents. Today, school can be more challenging and stressful, and the information about each subject is constantly changing, altering the information and ideas teachers must cover.

Do you think it's harder to be a teen today than it used to be?

I think it is more challenging to be a teen today than it used to be. In the world today, new topics, challenges, and conflicts around the world alter the environ-



Submitted photo

ment teens are exposed to. In addition, I believe there is more pressure put on teens to be perfect and to have their life figured out.

What have you learned from your grandparents?

My grandparents have taught me that life has a way of working itself out. In addition, they have taught me how it's okay to not have everything figured out, and that you should live your life with as little regret as possible, because time is not a guarantee.

What advice do you have for any younger siblings entering high school?

To start, high school is not as scary as everyone makes it sound. Freshman year is full of new people, a new school, and the eager anticipation to just be a sophomore. Sophomore year is the year everyone starts to drive and is probably the most non-stressful year in high school.

Junior year is rough, but do not get discouraged. The SAT and state testing will be hard, but it's all worth it in the end. Lastly, senior year is full of lasts, and decision-making that can really be stressful. Overall, high school is four years of discovery, hard work, new experiences. It goes by super fast, so enjoy it.

What do you wish your school would teach that is not currently being taught?

I wish that schools would have a class that teaches important life skills that students can use in their future. Topics such as applying for loans or writing a check would be very helpful for students, especially ones planning to attend college. As a senior myself, there is a lot more for me to learn.



Spencer makes it eight wins, beats Black on network TV

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer's eighth professional bout of his boxing career returned to where it all began.

Competing against Akeem Black at Las Vegas's Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the Fox Network on Sunday night, Spencer won a unanimous decision against

his 24-year-old foe in his second straight bout that went the distance, both going six rounds. All three judges saw Spencer as the winner 59-55 on their scorecards.

Spencer's second trip to Las Vegas wasn't as easy as his first one, which ended with the Linden resident knocking out Uriel Gonzalez

in the second round during his first professional fight of his career. On Sunday, Spencer's opponent was his strongest of his professional career and probably his most difficult in many respects.

Spencer started strong, collecting a 17-3 punch landed advantage

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Linden's Joey Spencer works on earning his eighth straight professional victory. He beat Akeem Black by unanimous decision.

Photo: Trappfotos

Sports Times

Linden's largest Gus Macker event is a hit for competitors

■ Record number of athletes compete at two-day 3-on-3 basketball tournament

By David Troppens

Linden — The fifth version of Linden's Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament hosted at Linden Middle School began with a game of "Gus" between current Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski and ex-Superintendent Ed Koledo.

The name was converted from the traditional playground basketball shooting competition called Pig. During the contest, if a player makes a shot that the other competitor can't convert, then the player who failed to make the shot "collects" a letter. The first to spell the word "Gus," lost.

And that was Ciesielski.

After the game, hundreds of 3-on-3 halfcourt basketball games with players ranging from grade school age to cagy veteran adults roamed Linden Middle School's parking lot with all the players in pursuit of some basketball action, and possibly a Gus Macker trophy.

Many are Gus Macker veterans of one of Linden's past events, but many were newbie members competing for the first time.

"It's basketball and we all love the game and wanted to play," said Tigers' player Andrew Cryderman.

Cryderman, 9, was teamed with his friends Tanner Craven, Madden Shaman and Jack Henson. The players were from Fenton.

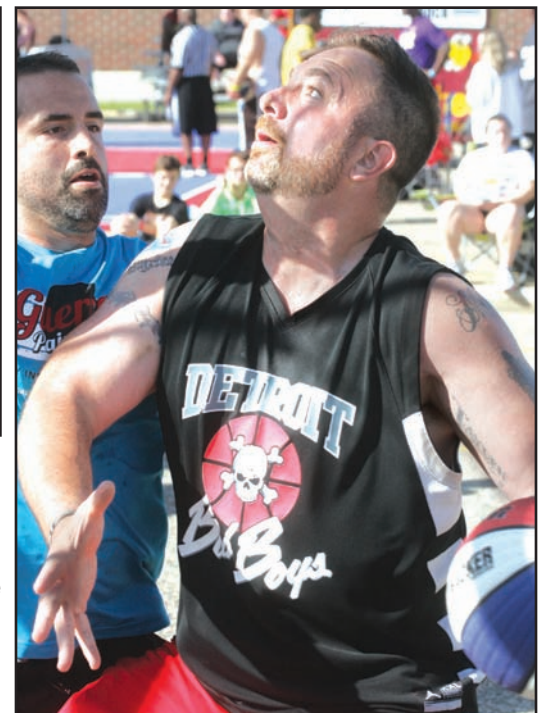
"Basketball is a fun and mental sport," Shaman said. "We want to

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Linden's fifth annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament was the biggest ever, fielding 223 teams and more than 850 athletes. (Above) Marionna Ditson (front) tries to dribble by Sydney Doyon during a game on the Macker Dream Court. (Right) Bill Tull works for a shot inside.

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Linden's Joey Spencer earned a six-round unanimous decision victory against Akeem Black on Sunday during the Fox Network's Premier Boxing Champions broadcast. Spencer improved to 8-0 during his young professional boxing career. Photo: Trappfotos

SPENCER

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in the first round. By the end of the third round, Spencer had mixed up his body and head punches well, earning a 41-23 punches landed advantage.

However, Black, now 5-3, was looking to make a name for himself and gave Spencer a good battle throughout. He held a 16-15 punch landed advantage in the fourth round and bloodied Spencer's nose during the round, taking control of the fight with about two minutes left in the fourth round. He held on to that advantage, and it was probably the fourth round that the three judges gave Black, as his won round on the scorecards.

Black remained on the defensive for the first two minutes of the fifth round, but an uppercut by Spencer with about a minute left in the round, seemingly helped Spencer regain control, collecting 18 connected shots during the final minute of the period.

Spencer dominated the sixth round, out-landing Black 27-14 during the final three minutes of the super welterweight bout (154 pounds). Spencer put together many series of combinations during the round, assuring himself the reasonably

easy victory, his eight of his professional career in as many fights.

Black looked to attack Spencer's head, connecting 60 punches to that area, while connecting only four times to Spencer's body. Spencer was more rounded with his attack, hitting Black with 35 body shots and 72 head shots.

Black entered the match on a two-bout winning streak, defeating Erik V (0-3) by knock out and beating Andrew Goodrich (3-6) by decision on April 20. Both fighters were similar in that this was the eighth professional fight.

Spencer has had two six-round bouts with each going the distance. He defeated Osias Vasquez (4-2) by unanimous decision on April 20 at the Minneapolis Armory. Each of Spencer's first six professional fights were four-round bouts, with Spencer winning each with a knock out in either the first or second round.

Spencer's first fight at Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino wasn't televised, but each of Spencer's next seven matches have been televised either by one of FOX's sports cable networks or by the FOX national network, as this one was.

Spencer remains a teenager, just turning 19 on March 24.

GUS MACKER

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"We've had gradual growth, which is wonderful," said Hathaway co-chairperson and a presenting sponsor with Brad Hofman Insurance Agency. "That's why we had to change locations, the gradual growth."

"Each time we've changed locations we had more teams so we needed more surface — more surface for the players and more surface for parking. This will probably be our last change because we do have ample room to grow with the courts and the parking. This works really well."

The Linden Gus Macker began in 2015 at Hyatt Elementary with 128 teams. It stayed there until moving to Linden Elementary School last year. By then the tournament included 208 squads. With each year, the tournament has steadily grown by an average of almost 20 teams a season. Most of the squads are youth teams with many being grade school



Tucker Heemstra (right) attempts a shot during the Gus Macker tournament.

Photo: David Troppens

age. So along with the more than 800 athletes it takes to create the teams, many families also attend the contests creating a family friendly atmosphere.

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win, win this tournament.”

That was a prevailing thought among the competitors. Every team wants to win a trophy. But as much as anything, they wanted to have some fun.

“Gus Macker tournaments are fun,” said 11-year-old player Weston Buchanan, a member of the Buckets. “I like to play against other people to show my skills.”

Marcia McQueen brought six girls’ teams ranging from the third- to eighth-grades from Flint to play.

“This is our first year here,” McQueen said. “Someone called and said they wanted to sponsor our girls and asked if we wanted to come and we said, ‘yes.’ They sponsored all six teams.

“We are starting an AAU team. I hope what they get out of this is hard work, dedication and giving it all you got.”

One of McQueen’s teams played on the Gus Macker Dream Court. While playing on that court, games have a commentator, doing play-by-play for the audience to hear. The AAU girls had to adjust to the halfcourt game, but enjoyed doing so.

“I’ve never done Gus Macker and it’s nothing like regular basketball,” Rayven McQueen, 12, said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

“It’s weird, but it’s fun and different,” said fellow Flint AAU player Mahriya Sharp.

“It’s fun getting to experience with playing other players and just having fun,” MaKenna Newton, 11, said. “We did good (in our Dream Court game). We need to work harder and play more defense.”

A young girls’ team called Oldies But Goodies decided to honor their favorite professional basketball stars from the past. Sydney Doyon wore a Michael Jordan jersey while Kennedy McAlpine wore a Larry Bird jersey. Lexi Smith donned a Kobe Bryant uniform.

“I didn’t see him play but I liked him,” Doyon, 15, said of Jordan. “We (the girls) used to play on our travel team together when we played for the Hoyas, and it was really fun.”

Oldies But Goodies won a close first game.

“I learned that Lexi was hot (maybe much like Bryant’s shot was when he played for the Lakers) and that’s really good,” Doyon said. “We just have to be more patient, set more screens and wait for people to get open.”

Emma Tooley, a member of Holly’s varsity girls basketball team, also saw her The Bank is Open squad win its first game. Her team also included players from Linden, Owosso and Durand.

“It’s fun and just so cool to be out here,” Tooley said. “It’s just pick-up ball, so you don’t have set plays and stuff like that. You just play hard, go to the basket and drive.”

Bill Tull, 39, was the oldest player on his men’s squad. They won their first game of the tournament. His team included players from Saginaw, Big Rapids and Ovid Elsie. The Durand native currently lives in Rochester.

“We played well. We played as a team and we played defense,” Tull said. “I think defense is the key to winning any game, let alone Macker.”

Teeter loves being able to play.

“It’s a good family environment,” Teeter said. “I like bringing my kids. Really, I want to stay active. That’s what life is all about. Too many people get lazy and forget how to live and sit around.”



(Above photo) Lila Nester (with ball) drives to the bucket as Shooting Starz’s competitors Kiera Greer (far right) and Lilly Cieselski (middle) tries to chase her down. The other Boston Ballers’ teammate is Madelyn Summers (back left). (Below left photo) Emma Tooley tries to drive in between two opponents while attempting a layup. **Photos: David Troppens**



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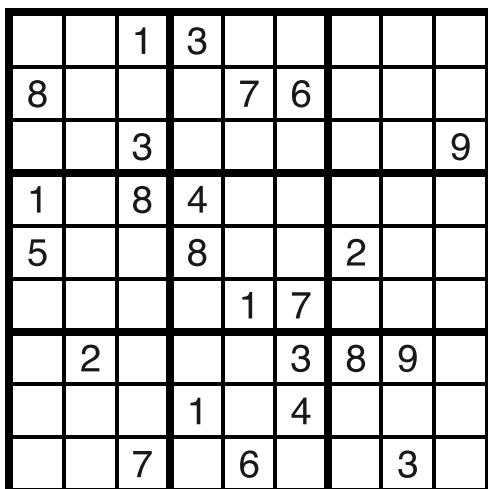
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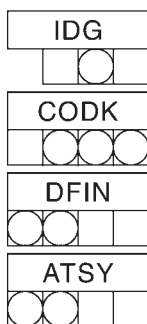
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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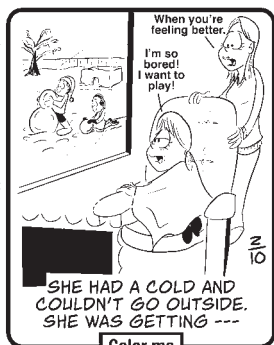
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- Roll Call: Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Feeney and Trustee Ruth. Excused: Supervisor Kullis.
- Approved: Public Hearings: 2019- 2020 Holly Township Proposed Budget and for the Annual Redetermination Confirming Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Fire and Emergency Service and Supporting Millages.
- Approved: Consider Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Information.
- Postponed: Human Resources Proposal.
- Approved: Township Office Sign Proposal.
- Approved: Waive Penalties for Non-Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits – Proposed Resolution 2019-15.
- Approved: 2017-2019 HAYA Contract Extension.
- Approved: 2019-2020 Holly Township Budget and Appropriations – Proposed Resolution 2019-16.
- Approved: 2019-2020 Proposed NOCFA Budget 2019-17.
- Approved: 2019-2020 Holly Townships Parks Budget – Proposed Resolution 2019-18.
- Approved: Confirm Special Assessment for Fire and Emergency Services – Proposed Resolution 2019-19.
- Approved: 2018-2019 Holly Township Parks Budget Amendments – Proposed Resolution 2019-20.
- Postponed: Land Division Committee.

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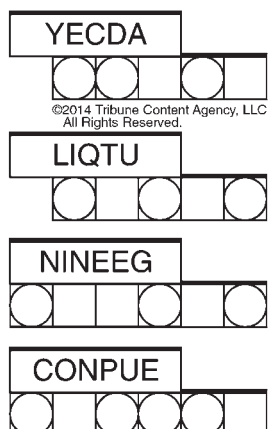
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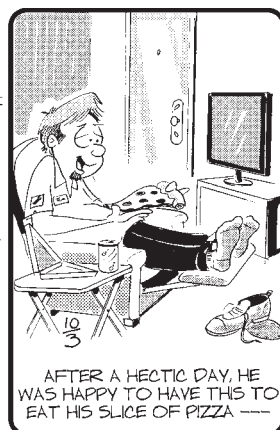
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22 Sicilian spouter

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28 Depend (on)

31 Item on stage

33 Bro or sis

35 Teen's woe

36 Haggard or Travis

38 Prized possession

40 "Eeeww!"

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43 Last letter in London

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11 Camera part

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25 Sleeping state

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29 Wildebeest

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Horoscopes

For the week of
June 24, 2019

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, are you up to stepping outside of your comfort zone? Embrace the challenge and try something completely different from your normal routine. You just may like it.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Let problems flow over you like water off of a duck's back, Taurus. Worrying will only make things worse, and it's completely unproductive anyway.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Work on nurturing a relationship that has been pushed to the side for some time, Gemini. Rekindling communication is a great way to start things off anew.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Keep an open mind when someone presents an idea to you, Cancer. It's easy to blow it off without a thought, but you should be more amenable to listening and advising.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Now may be the time to share responsibilities with others, Leo. This is especially true if you are facing deadlines and simply cannot meet them in time.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Accept help when it is offered, Virgo. This makes helpful people feel good that they can do you a service. You will have an opportunity to reciprocate in time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Not everyone is on board with your new plan, Libra. You may have to present it a few times before you get a few takers. Be persistent to win others over.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, even though it seems like there are many obstacles in your path, you will be able to get through relatively unscathed if you have the right people on your side.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, relaxation is essential right now, as you have had many things on your plate. Do not feel like you are slacking off if you take some time to give yourself a break.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Let others in your family know how you are feeling. You don't have to put on a show or mask your emotions, Capricorn. They'll love and support your decisions.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Have faith in your decisions even if they don't entirely make sense on paper, Aquarius. You will have a line of supporters waiting in your corner in no time at all.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, things are changing rapidly in your life and you may feel like you have to play catch up. Target some areas to focus your attention.

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Senate Bill 129: Let Mackinac Island ban using drones to scare horses

To amend a 2016 law that preempted local governments from banning (but not regulating) drones. The bill would let Mackinac Island prohibit knowingly using a drone to interfere with the safe use of a horse by a commercial service. Drones over the island could still be used by news gatherers, insurers, utilities and law enforcement agencies.

Passed 95 to 12 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 4246: House version 2020 road and transportation budget

The House version of the fiscal year 2019-2020 Department of Transportation budget. This would appropriate \$5.40 billion in gross spending, of which \$1.34 billion is federal money. The budget does not "recognize" any revenue from a \$2.5-billion, 45-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase proposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, but does include a \$542.5 million "fund shift" from a Republican proposal to no longer impose sales tax on fuel, replacing that levy with an equivalent increase in motor fuel (gas) taxes. Note: Most sales tax revenue goes to schools; the proposal assumes these school dollars will be replaced by extending sales tax to out-of-state catalog and internet sales after the U.S. Supreme Court lifted a ban on this last year.

Passed 57 to 52 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard recognized as 'Michigan Master Sheriff'

Recently, at the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) Summer Conference, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard was recognized by his peers as a 'Michigan Master Sheriff.' To be eligible for the Michigan Master Sheriff designation, a sitting sheriff must meet certain criteria. Locally, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office covers Holly, Rose and Groveland townships.

The Master Sheriff candidate must have been elected and served a minimum of 12 years as sheriff; must not have any high court misdemeanors or felony convictions and must possess

a valid Michigan driver's license; must have successfully completed the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Basic Police Academy or the Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council Basic Corrections Academy; and must also have continued his professional education. The Master Sheriff candidate must be a member in good standing with the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA).

Blaine Koops, executive director of MSA, said, "Sheriff Bouchard has always set the bar high for other Michigan sheriffs to follow."

Bouchard has served 33 years as a law enforcement officer and an elected official and has served 20 years as the elected sheriff of Oakland County. "I am humbled and honored to receive this designation from the Michigan Sheriffs' Association and am grateful to the Board of Directors who selected me in their process," Bouchard said.

Obituaries

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Carol May Allie

1937 - 2019

Carol May Allie - age 81, of Linden, died Sunday, June 23, 2019. Funeral services will be held 12 Noon, Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held 2 PM - 9 PM, Wednesday, June 26, 2019 and 10 AM until the time of the funeral, Thursday. Carol was born October 16, 1937 in Milford the daughter of Milford and Odith (Fosgate) Bannerman. She married Ronald Allie on June 24, 1984; he preceded her in death March 31, 2019. Carol retired from the Ann Arbor News after 20 years of service. After retirement she bought the Gaines Bar. She also sold Mary Kay and Real Estate. Surviving are: children, Edward (Jamie) Harter of Howell, Julie (Tim) Horner of Linden, Ronald (Beth) Allie of Indiana; grandchildren, Dayna (Mike) Ratliff, Phillip Worvie, Ben (Julie) Harter, Matthew (Liz) Harter, Shannon (Shaun) Stehle, Alicia (Billy) Hoffman, Douglas (Tianna) Stehle, Darren Stehle, Jordynn Horner, Tyler (Amber) Horner, Phylcia (Dennis) Powers, Faith Allie, Nathan Allie; many great-grandchildren; sister, Marion Armstrong; brother, Raymond Bannerman; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ron; daughter, Tamela Worvie; brother, Lawrence Bannerman. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Linda Kay (Mishall) Vanston

1939 - 2019

Linda Kay (Mishall) Vanston - age 79, of Grand Blanc, died Friday, June 21, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Saturday, June 29, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Friday, June 28, 2019 from 1 PM - 4 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM where a time of sharing service will be held at 7 PM. Visitation will also be Saturday at the church from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Flint Institute of Arts. Linda was born October 11, 1939 in Ft. Wayne, IN, the daughter of Carroll and Wanda Vernice (Seagroves) Miller. She was a 1958 graduate of Grand Blanc High School and received an Associate Degree from Mott Community College. She married Joffre V. Mishall in 1970 and he preceded her in death in 1998, she then married Paul L. Vanston in 2001. Linda had been employed by Buick Motors; various multi-level sales; and was the director of Meals on Wheels in Livingston County. She was a former member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where she was a Eucharistic Minister. Linda devoted a lot of her time to serving her fellow man in multiple capacities. Surviving are: her husband, Paul; children, Kerri (Ralph) Messer of Fenton, Darci Champion of Brighton; stepchildren, Barry Mishall of Florida, Jeff (Toni) Vanston of CA, Steve (Tony) Horner of Lansing, Wendy (Jim) Barone of Williamston, Dean Vanston of Petosky, and Elizabeth (Lynn) Hoffmann of Saginaw; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Deborah (Cliff) Wamsley of FL, Connie (Lowell) Pressler of S.C., and Paula Burns of Mio; brother, Pete Irwin of Mio; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her stepsons, James Mishall and William Hoffmann; son-in-law, Will Stiverson; sisters, Karlyn and Margo. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Times
**Joseph
Andrew
Filka**
1926 - 2019

Joseph Andrew Filka - age 93, of Holly, formerly of Waterford, passed away peacefully in his sleep, June 21, 2019. Per Joseph's wishes cremation arrangements handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Joe's final resting place will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice in his memory. Joseph proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Joseph married his devoted wife Beverly J. Kansier in Detroit on November 9, 1946. Surviving are: his wife of 72 years, Beverly; daughter, Judy (Steve Breuer); daughter-in-law, Mary Anne Filka, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his only son, Joseph R. Filka. Online Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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**Hildreth
Arlene
"Dean"
Lukes**
1926 - 2019

Hildreth Arlene "Dean" Lukes - age 92, formerly of Fenton, died Monday, June 24, 2019. Funeral services will be held 1 PM, Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Jayson Combs officiating. Burial at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint. Visitation will be 11 AM until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to East Tawas Baptist Church, 725 Newman St., East Tawas, MI 48730. Dean was born December 9, 1926 in Saginaw the daughter of Albert and Freda (Cheney) Spear. She married Bruce Lukes and he preceded her in death in 1989. She attended Fenton High School. She was a member of East Tawas Baptist Church. She is survived by her children, Norman "Mike" Lukes of Auburn, Judith (Wayne) Young of Davisburg, Rose Spear of Auburn; six grand children; several great-grandchildren; brother, Norman Spear of FL. She was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


**Elinor June
(Kersten)
Wells**
1927 - 2019

Elinor June (Kersten) Wells - age 92, of Fenton, died Saturday, June 22, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, June 28, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Mark Cox officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 1 PM - 4 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer Association. Elinor was born February 1, 1927 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Herbert Carl and Leita G. (Quinlan) Kersten. She was a 1944 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School and received a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University in 1948. She married William Coyte Wells on August 29, 1953 in Kalamazoo and he preceded her in death April 3, 1990. She moved to Fenton in 1957. Elinor had worked for Michigan Bell Telephone for six years and then was the bookkeeper for Guns Galore for many years. Surviving are: sons, William Coyte Wells, Jr. and Jeffrey Carl Wells; grandchildren, Damian (Paula) and Derek Swigert, Jessa and Nicholas Wells, and Mason and Maddon Wells; great-grandchildren, Ella, Courtney, Teoni, Kewna, and Estella; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Kay Swigert; sisters, Beverly and Barbara. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


**Danny
Carl Green**
1948 - 2019

Danny Carl Green - age 70, of Linden, died Sunday, June 23, 2019. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Friday, June 28, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Mark Cox officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, June 28, 2019 from 12 PM until the time of the service. Interment will be held 12:30 PM Friday, July 5 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to the Linden V.F.W. Price Crane Robinson Post #4642. Danny was born August 28, 1948 in Garden City, the son of Carl Walter and Althera Olive (Ranney) Green. He was a 1966 graduate of Linden High School. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the U.S. Navy as a signalman. He retired from Spartan Stores as a truck driver. Danny was a member of the Linden V.F.W. Price Crane Robinson Post #4642. He also was a member of EAA and AOPA. He was a volunteer for the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum USS Edson and the Warbirds of Glory Museum/Sandbar Mitchell Restoration project. Surviving are: his wife, Kathleen; children, Joelle (Michael) Green-Forbes of Fenton, Robert Green of Linden, Christy (Curtiss) Harper of Linden, Jennifer (Erick) Ward of Linden; grandchildren, Emily, Jacob, Kyle, Kelsey, and Erick; great-grandson, Liam; sister, Sue (Dean) Behrens of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Penny and Peggy. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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