Moving veteran wall moves emotions

Traveling memorial lists 2,661 Michigan veterans who died in the Vietnam War

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — It’s the first time anything like this has been brought to Holly.

This past weekend, more than 800 people came to visit the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial, which was on display.

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$1.25-million Torrey Road rehab will remain a 2022 project

An opportunity to move 2022 funding and project scheduling to 2020 tabled in fairness to area businesses

By Vera Hogan

The city of Fenton would have been able to get a jump on the 2022 Torrey Road Rehabilitation Project a little sooner than anticipated. The project area includes Torrey Road, from North Road north to the city limit.

At its Monday, Sept. 9 meeting, the Fenton City Council voted to delay the project.

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Holly coach aided in 9/11 search and recovery in NYC

Twin Towers attack happened 18 years ago today; Holly coach recalls on-the-ground experience

By Hannah Ball

Holly — Eighteen years have passed since Sept. 11, 2001, when the terrorist organization al-Qaeda flew two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks.

While the initial shockwaves were felt the hardest on site, the actions of that day remain fresh in the minds of those who were there.

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Going once … going twice …

City of Fenton puts surplus vehicles and equipment up for online public auction

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council has authorized putting vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life up for an online public auction.

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“Shame on the parents who allowed their children to climb all over ‘The Game’ sculpture in downtown Fenton Thursday night. This was a gift to the community and it is shameful that your children don’t know any better than to climb all over a work of art. You need to teach them.”

“I wish people would stop pulling out into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Owen and Linden roads. The speed limit on Linden Road is 55 at that point and almost daily have to slam on my breaks to avoid being hit.”

“The new roundabout going in is at North and Torrey roads. Where are you getting a third road?”
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transcend time and distance.

Holly lacrosse coach Jay Reynolds, 42, traveled to New York City to aid in recovery work shortly before midnight on Sept. 11, just hours after the attack. At the time, Reynolds was a public safety officer with the Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department (BHPSD) and a volunteer firefighter with the Troy Fire Department.

“It’s kind of like one of those moments, I think, like your parents remember when Kennedy was assassinated. It’s one of those moments that’s etched and burned into your mind,” he said.

Reynolds learned about the attack like most Americans — from the news on TV. He was told their tactical special response unit was needed. For four days in 12-hour shifts, his team was bused to Ground Zero.

“The very first time we arrived there, we were anxious, we were nervous but yet there was this adrenaline flow that went through you. We were ready to get to work,” he said. “As soon as we got closer and closer, I remember my feelings. That everyone got to see on TV,” he said. “When you were there, you were like, ‘that’s just burning.’ As a fireman, you want to be able to solve that problem.”

Reynolds was on a team that did search and rescue, search and recovery and surveying for the Army Board of Engineers. They also aided the military and volunteers from a nursing staff.

“He was on one of many ‘bucket brigades.’”

“We had to sort through things bit by bit and we did not have access to the heavy equipment due to the rubble and piles that we worked on top of,” he said.

A line of firefighters would pass five-gallon buckets full of rubble to clear the area.

“When you were there, you saw nothing bigger than a shoe … everything was the size of today’s iPhone. Iron, rubble, concrete,” he said. “It was either permanently affixed to the ground and burned into the ground, and/or we removed it with a five-gallon bucket.”

He describes the experience as “surreal.”

“At age 24, being there, you are hopeful you can be able to provide whatever was necessary at the time. There’s periods where you were scared. There were periods when you were really proud.

Adrenaline-filled would probably be one of the words,” he said, adding that the 12-hour shifts felt like five-minute days.

Reynolds owns an album with dozens of on-the-ground photos. Some are panoramas, showing the destruction after the attacks, and some are of Reynolds and other responders, sitting on the buses, riding into the city.

The photos themselves are a story. During a search and rescue mission beneath World Center One, responders discovered a store which contained disposable cameras. They used these Kodak instant cameras to take these shots.

“We didn’t have cell phones to take pictures back then,” he said. “The book is just a firsthand look of what firefighters saw walking through the streets everyday, where they were, walking on top of the piles.”

Read the rest of Reynolds’ story and watch the on-camera interview online at myfenton.com.

Jay Reynolds (left) was 24 at the time he was working at Ground Zero in New York City. These photos were gathered using disposable cameras found on the site.

Submitted photos

Jay Reynolds of Ortonville shares his photos from Ground Zero in New York, which were gathered shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He is lacrosse coach for Holly High School. Photo: Tim Jagielo
For the love of music and giving

Barnfest keeps growing; event raises nearly 6,500 pounds of food

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — One of Fenton Township’s largest events, which took place of f Lobdell Road in a residential barn and backyard Sept. 7-8, collected between 6,000-6,500 pounds of food for local food banks and hundreds of school supplies for teachers.

Barnfest at Stoney Acres: A Community Food & Music Project, hosted by the Schmelter family along with a committee of 10 people and dozens of volunteers, grows every year. In 2017, approximately 750 people attended on Friday with 1,200 on Saturday. This year approximately 1,000 people attended on Friday with 2,000 on Saturday, said Heather Schmelter the youngest daughter of Phil and Deborah Schmelter.

She has a very active role in the event. This year, she ran the raffle team, which she said “could not have gone better.”

“It’s two nights of music and love of giving back to those who are in need,” she said.

Attendees enjoyed live music from more than a dozen bands on two stages. The event regularly has a waitlist of bands wanting to play, which led to the outpouring of people who wanted to support the local music,” she said.

As a way of supporting the community, the admission fee is a donation of a non-perishable food item or school supplies. The food will go to the Linden Presbyterian Church. Two other food banks reached out to Barnfest organizers and asked if they could receive a donation as well, Schmelter said. The school supplies will be distributed among local teachers.

“Please leave your religion and politics at the road and bring in your love of music and fellow man,” Phil Schmelter said.

While there’s ample parking on the location, attendees had to park along the road later in the evening on Saturday.

Volunteers helped by making food, collecting donations and more. Many people choose to camp on the property in tents and campers, and they enjoyed a large campfire near the barn.

The official name of “Barnfest” was adopted nine years ago.

“It started as a pot-luck, a few bands, and it was only for one night. The more our circle of band friends grew the more bands we had asking to play, which led to the outpouring of people who wanted to support the local music,” she said.

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Sales professionals are people, too

I once had business cards that read, “Can you do me a huge favor?” on the back. My friend and co-worker gave them to me as a sort of joke because, apparently, that’s my catch phrase. It’s true that it’s a main function of my job (and I guess my personality) to ask people to do things. Please buy this print ad, please sponsor this event, please volunteer this weekend. And if you’re my little brother or husband, please get me a glass of water.

For the most part, I have a pleasant career. The people I’m asking to do or buy things are nice and understand that I’m asking them because it’s good for them and/or their business. But every once and awhile I run across a person who is not so nice.

I know that managers and business owners are busy people. I know that this group of professionals is constantly asked to do and buy things. So, I understand why it can be hard to be nice all of the time. But here’s why it still surprises me when one of these people is rude to me or one of our team members — we are customers, too!

We play, eat, live and shop locally. Thanks to the nature of our job, we have insight into where we want to do business based on the interactions we have.

The need to be kind to sales professionals goes beyond that. A LinkedIn article on the topic by Adam Honig lists many reasons to be nice to sales people. Here are a few of his reasons and why I agree.

You’ll get a better deal — We want you to reach your goals and within your budget. When we can work together with a client as a team that’s way easier.

Their goal is to make you happy — I am a natural-born people pleaser and I bet most sales people are. We want everyone happy — our clients, our sponsors, our readers, our event attendees. If you’re happy, we’re happy.

They are your family, friends and neighbors — Honig wrote, “Nearly 13 percent of the entire United States workforce is in sales.” We are everywhere.

If you’re nice to sales professionals I promise that (at least the professionals on our team) will be nice, too.

That said — Can you do me a huge favor? Please visit myfenton.com and purchase tickets to Bottles, Brews & News! Featuring beer and wine samples, live music and food, all under a big tent in downtown Fenton, the event benefits FARR (Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc.) Want to learn more? Email me at: caswell@mihomerpaper.com.

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— Ted Woolery
Holly

— Reneé Venner
Holly

— Rochelle Gugin
Holly

— Gabrielle Bellows
Grand Blanc Township

— Ann Schneider
Fenton

Where were you when the terrorist attack occurred?

“I was getting out of the shower and the TV was on. One tower was burning. Seconds later the other plane hit. That’s when they thought it must be a coordinated attack.”

— Ted Woolery
Holly

“I just remember being in school. We watched it on the news. I was 8, in third grade. I do remember the complete devastation of everyone afterward.”

— Reneé Venner
Holly

“I was on the phone with my dad and it was on the news. Time just stood still right there. We were shocked. It was very scary; I will never forget that.”

— Rochelle Gugin
Holly

“I was in eighth grade in biology class. We all turned on the TV because we had no idea what happened. I was concerned about uncles flying at the same time.”

— Gabrielle Bellows
Grand Blanc Township

“My oldest brother was at my mom’s. My four children were in school. The first thing I thought was, ‘what’s going to happen next?’ I picked my kids up from school; I wanted them with me. It was very scary.”

— Ann Schneider
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under a tent at the Karl Richter Community Center, as part of HollyDays weekend.

Bill Ricketts and Fred Troost from the Holland Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) transported the wall here via an enclosed trailer. They were escorted by a group of approximately 20 motorcycle clists from Grand Blanc.

Seth Kunz of Holly Township volunteered to help with the set up. Kunz is an army veteran who served from 2002 to 2005.

Once assembled, approximately 40 people gathered at the scene to explore the names of Michiganders who were lost. Ricketts helped them find names via guidebooks, which included information on each person listed.

This was a Holly Area Veterans Resource Center project, which took a strong volunteer effort from its board.

“I’m genuinely moved; I didn’t know what to expect,” said Joe Mishler of the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center. He has been involved in other mobile Vietnam veteran walls, but this is the first time one has stopped in Holly. He estimated there were more than 800 people who visited, which included veterans and non-veterans.

They also connected with members of the community who wanted to volunteer for the center, who are retired vets who have health claims, and even current serving members of the military who could benefit from their new program.

The wall is shaped like an elongated chevron, tapering sharply at the ends. The wall comes together in several pieces, supported by a structure hidden by green carpet. A battlefield cross sits before it.

A battlefield cross is a small memorial comprised of a helmet perched atop a rifle, which is situated between a pair of combat boots.

The names are sorted in alphabetical order by name and by town. While there are 2,661 names on the wall, it’s difficult to know how many local names may be on the list.

Mishler said there are approximately six on the wall from Holly, approximately the same from Fenton. He knows there are names on the wall from the Lake Fenton school district also.

“War has an impact all over the place,” Mishler said, adding that he knew all seven names on the wall from his hometown, Big Rapids.

Mishler said the project cost $2,400, and was handled through fundraising. He credits Rick Powers in his assistance in raising funds. The cost included the wall itself, two hotel rooms for the men handling it, renting the tent, table, chairs and providing publicity. The wall itself costs $600 to transport.

“The wall was a wild success, it was a great success,” Mishler said.

He added that they’re talking about bringing the Moving Wall next. This is the small replica of the original Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., which he said is 10 times bigger than the Michigan moving wall.

Unfortunately, the LZ (Landing Zone) Arielle Traveling Museum was not able to be brought for the weekend as planned.
Monster storms: ‘They don’t come until they come...’

Former Holly area and Fenton man talks about Florida hurricane fears

By Vera Hogan

While there are no threats of hurricanes that are likely to hit American soil in the very near future, hurricane season is still active and will be through Saturday, Nov. 30.

The most recent storm, Dorian, was devastating, especially to the Bahamas. It was, according to Robert Rohde, lead scientist at Berkeley Earth, the slowest-moving major hurricane (Category 3 or stronger) on record in the Atlantic Basin, crawling at just 1 to 2 mph averaged over a 24-hour period.

Although the Florida coastline was spared for the most part this time, those who live there take no chances and prepare for the worst because no one knows for sure what path a hurricane may or may not take.

Michael Shuck Sr, a former Holly area and Fenton resident, now lives with his wife, Brenda, in Largo, Florida, about 16 miles from Tampa and four miles from Clearwater. Both Mike and Brenda worked at The Home Depot in Fenton for many years.

Mike Shuck shares a message for those who don’t live in Florida but loves someone who does.

“There are some things you need to know about hurricanes,” Shuck said. “They don’t come until they come, so if you ask us how we are on a 93-degree sunny day 72 hours before we expect the winds to start, don’t be surprised if we tell you we’re fine. Please believe us. We’re actively preparing, and we’re watching the forecast more closely than you are, but we’re truly fine at the moment.

“Hurricanes are unpredictable,” Shuck said. “No matter how good the models are, hurricanes often demonstrate a mind of their own. We’re always hoping and praying for a turn or ‘wobble’ that sends the monster further from civilization. But if you ask us what’s going to happen three or four days from now, we honestly don’t know for sure — and neither do the meteorologists.

“An entire state can evacuate,” Shuck said. “Everyone packing up, jumping into their cars and heading north may seem like a great idea. However, the truth is that those of us in ‘safer’ inland regions generally need to stay put to reserve the roads, gas, hotel rooms, shelters, plane tickets, etc. for the most vulnerable folks who live on the coast in the storm’s path, where evacuation orders exist.

“Some inland folks may choose to leave, but most of us stay put and follow the instructions of our local governments,” he said.

“We truly appreciate your love and concern, the offers to stay in your homes, and most of all your prayers,” Shuck said. “Of course we’re worried, but we’re trying to do all the right things to prepare and not freak out. Thanks for offering words of love and encouragement and not jumping on the freak-out wagon — it just makes it harder on us.”

About Dorian

- On Aug. 23, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) first highlighted the incipient tropical wave that would become Dorian when it was about 1,400 miles east of the Windward Islands, according to weather.com.
- By Sept. 1, Dorian was upgraded to Category 5 status and became the first hurricane of that intensity to make landfall on Grand Bahama Island.
- Maximum sustained winds topped out at 185 mph, tying the second-highest sustained wind speed among all Atlantic hurricanes.
- Dorian stalled and pounded Grand Bahama Island for nearly two days before finally beginning a northward crawl on Sept. 3.
- Dozens of people were killed by Dorian in the northwestern Bahamas, and it will take years for the area to recover.
- Dorian’s most intense winds largely missed the Florida coast, but there were destructive coastal impacts.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE ECONOMY IS so good, unemployment is so low because I need to work two jobs to pay bills, and just barely feed my family. President Obama’s health care saves the day.

THE DEMOCRATS CREATED the phony Russian collusion stories, and the debunked, phony climate control plans (that will destroy our country and send us back to the Stone Age), and pushed phony accusations of racism against Trump. The choice is now clear — vote American or vote Democrat.

I SOMETIMES CHOOSE to drive below the speed limit, which is my unequivocal legal right. If that doesn’t suit you and you try to force me by closely tailgating, then you are breaking the law and needlessly endangering both of us.

NO, YOU’LL KEEP shopping at the ‘big box store.’ You’re too lazy to change and you have no real convictions.
The ‘Implied Consent Law’
John Doe is driving his car after having consumed a few drinks. Suddenly there is a police car behind him and he’s eventually stopped.

After sobriety tests are performed, he’s arrested and taken to jail. He believes he’s going to be given a breathalyzer test and wonders if he can lawfully refuse it.

The answer to his question is found in what is commonly called Michigan’s “Implied Consent Law.” This is a statute, which provides that if a person is operating a vehicle upon a public highway or other defined areas they are considered to have given their consent to the administration of chemical tests of their blood, breath, or urine to determine if they have violated one or more operating while intoxicated laws.

Under this law, John can’t lawfully refuse to take a test. However before any tests are administered, he is entitled to receive some additional information under another statute as follows:
• Refusal to take a test will result in his driver’s license being suspended and 6 points on his driving record.
• If he refuses to take a test it won’t be given without a court order.
• The results of the test are admissible in court and will be used with other admissible evidence to establish guilt or innocence.
• If he takes one of the tests at the request of a police officer he has the right to have another test administered by a person he chooses.

In the vast majority of cases, a person in John’s position agrees to take a breathalyzer test. However when there’s a refusal to take any test, a search warrant for a blood draw is normally obtained from a district court judge.

All states have implied consent laws and the penalties for a refusal vary, with some states making refusals a criminal offense.

These are serious matters and driving while intoxicated remains a significant problem in the United States. There are many statistics that I could cite for this proposition, but here is one that stands out — every day in America 29 people die as a result of drunk driving accidents.

Additional drinking and/or under the influence of drugs and driving statistics are available at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website nhtsa.gov.

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unanimously to table a request to approve the Scope of Engineering Services submitted by OHM, the city’s engineering firm, to begin the design and submittal process to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). OHM would have been paid $89,000 for the services.

In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, interim Public Works Director Dan Brisson said recent correspondence with the Genesee County Road Commission regarding Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding and project scheduling had offered an opportunity to move 2022 Torrey Road Rehabilitation funding to 2020.

“Torrey Road, from North Road to the city limit is eligible for 1.02 miles of asphalt crush and shape, paving and the addition of a passing flare at Georgetown Parkway,” Brisson said. “A new sidewalk along the east side of Torrey is included in the project.”

Brisson said the project is approved to receive federal TIP funding in 2020 in the amount of $858,528, with matching city funds of $214,634, for a total TIP budgeted amount of $1,073,162.

“The city’s total estimated project cost is $400,000, which includes engineering and geotechnical services,” Brisson said. “Total project cost is estimated at $1.25 million.”

Brisson said receiving federal or state aid funding requires the project to be administered through MDOT where project submittals are needed at least six months prior to the award of a construction contract. This necessitates the scope of engineering services to begin this fall to keep the project on schedule, he said.

Because of the disruptive impact the current roundabout construction project at North and Torrey roads is having on businesses in the area today, Fenton City Council members didn’t think it would be fair to schedule another road rehabilitation project in the same travel area so soon after the completion of the roundabout project. The roundabout is scheduled to be complete at the end of this November.

The city did not lose anything doing so. The same funding will be available for the Torrey Road Rehabilitation project in 2022.
Opening musical acts announced for Ally Challenge concert

3RD° Burns and Tripp ‘N’ Dixie to open for multi-platinum singer/songwriter Dierks Bentley

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Two Michigan based bands, 3RD° Burns and Tripp ‘N’ Dixie, will open the 2019 Ally Challenge Community Concert for Multi-platinum singer/songwriter Dierks Bentley.

The concert is Saturday, Sept. 14 on the driving range at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc following the second round of competition at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren. Concert gates open at 4 p.m. with college football showing on the big screen. 3RD° Burns will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. and Tripp ‘N’ Dixie at 6:30 p.m. Headliner Dierks Bentley is scheduled to perform beginning at 8:30 p.m.

3RD° Burns is part of the Young Musicians Community (YMC), a 501c3 non-profit organization that gives young people the opportunity to experience God’s gift of music. The program, now entering its 15th year, teaches youth ages 10 to 18 the art of playing an instrument, singing techniques, and stage performance in a classic rock band setting.

Detroit based, American rock band Tripp ‘n’ Dixie formed in the summer of 2008 with vocalist Rozz Rosales, guitarist Adam Cross, and Scotty King on drums as the heartbeat of the original lineup. Adding guitarist Mike Gonchoroff, bassist Brian Richter, and Conner Williams on keyboards has created a wall of sound that blends old-school classic and modern rock into an explosion of sound inspired by the many influences of the members.

For more information about The Ally Challenge, go to theallychallenge.com.

Singh, Toms and Cabrera commit to Ally Challenge

Darren Clarke, Gary Nicklaus, Brandel Chamblee, David Eger and Gary Hallberg join field

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Tournament officials announced that major championship winners Vijay Singh, David Toms and Angel Cabrera have committed to play in the second edition of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren, scheduled for Sept. 9-15 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

The tournament has also accepted commitments from five players receiving sponsor exemptions into this year’s field: Open Champion Darren Clarke, PGA TOUR Champions rookie Gary Nicklaus, PGA TOUR winner and current Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chamblee, four-time PGA TOUR Champions winner David Eger and Gary Hallberg holder three PGA TOUR titles.

Singh, 56, is a three-time major champion. He grabbed his first major title in 1998 at The PGA Championship before winning The Masters Tournament in 2000.

Toms, 52, is coming off a successful PGA TOUR Champions sophomore campaign that included 11 Top 10 finishes and his first career PGA TOUR Champions victory and first senior major at the U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Cabrera, 51, has recorded three PGA TOUR victories, including the 2011 Open Championship, and 15 international wins.

Nicklaus, 50, played professionally for 17 years, including parts of three years on the PGA TOUR, where his best finish was second in the 2000 BellSouth Classic after losing to Phil Mickelson in a playoff.

Chamblee, 57, enjoyed a 15-year professional playing career that included one PGA TOUR victory and over $4 million in earnings.

Eger, 67, joined PGA TOUR Champions in 2002, and has since tallied four senior titles and 50 Top 10 finishes.

Hallberg, 61, has recorded three PGA TOUR wins, one Korn Ferry Tour title and one PGA TOUR Champions victory during his nearly 40-year professional career.

The Ally Challenge will be one of the premier regular season events on PGA TOUR Champions in 2019, which will give way to the third-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs — a season-ending, three tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A GOVERNMENT HEALTH care plan has been proven to save everyone money. Even the Koch brothers admitted this. If you don’t understand this, be quiet. Your opinions mean nothing.

YOU’RE AFRAID OF the same things as the Founding Fathers? Like what, a slave rebellion? The Queen of England? Get a grip and grow up.

THERE IS A reason why AOC and the rest of ‘the squad’ are so confident in their opinions. They don’t yet know what they don’t know.

OH PLEASE, I do go the speed limit, if not sometimes over and there are still drivers who ride my butt. You must be a driver who tailgates grandmas and grandpas. Even if people do go slow, it’s against the law to tailgate.

DENTON HILL: DRIVE like heck and you will be there soon enough.

WHAT IS UP with Lake Fenton football? Tell the coach they will never have a winning team until he realizes it’s a team and not one or two favorite players.

WHEN TURNING NORTHBOUND onto Silver Parkway from westbound Owen Road there are two turning lanes. You need to remain in the lane you start in when you turn, especially if there is a vehicle right next to you in the adjacent lane. Stay in your lane.
APPLEFEST
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the forecast for Applefest is always positive because of the joint efforts of the entire Fenton community.

“It’s really gratifying to see all the volunteers coming together for Applefest,” said Miriam Sage, Applefest co-chairperson. “There are so many details; I’m thankful for a strong group of volunteers and Core Committee that makes this all happen. Even if you volunteer just an hour of your time, it’s so helpful.”

This year’s Core Committee includes Ron and Pat Lockwood, Ryan and Miriam Sage, Kim Heethuis, Susie Temple, Tom and Suzanne Danner John and Sue Dasky, Kevin Messing and Mike and Brianne Johnson.

New this year will be the use of credit cards by Applefest visitors, who can purchase vouchers for a variety of festival events — from carnival rides to special dinners and midway purchases, with just a few exceptions, including gambling events. Each voucher is worth $5. If a purchase is $4, you’ll get $1 back in cash. There will also be an ATM on site.

Saturday’s Applefest Road Race will include a 10K, beginning at 8 a.m. (note: new time this year), followed by the 5K Run/Walk, the Apple Core One Mile and the Apple Core-ter (1/4 Mile).

The midway, provided by Skerbeck Entertainment Group from Escanaba, is the focal point of Applefest for kids and teens, operating Thursday, from 3 to 10 p.m., Friday, from 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Attic Treasures, a huge community rummage sale and the traditional Cake Walk always draws a large crowd, as well as visitors to the Happy Apple Tent with “everything apple,” plus a variety of other food vendors. Always popular is Padre’s Chili.

Don’t miss all the special dinners, from the Friday Night Fish Dinner to Saturday Night Chicken Dinner and the Sunday Spaghetti Dinner. Once you’ve had your fill, you can visit the Entertainment Tent for plenty of music and refreshments.

You can win big at Applefest by entering your name in all the raffles, from a car/boat/cash raffle, to dozens of other raffle events, including a cruise raffle, and raffles for furniture, electronics, a large-screen smart TV and more.

All the Applefest proceeds benefit parish programs, including St. John Catholic School.

The 47th Applefest debuts Thursday, Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. on the campus of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and school. The event runs through Sunday, Sept. 15. Times file photo

Commercial properties to be checked for the 2020 assessment year
Commercial property owners in the city of Fenton should not be surprised when they see someone coming around to measure their buildings and take photos sometime during the 2019-20 year.

Members of the Fenton City Council have approved spending $2,000 on a Commercial Property Verification Program. This work will be conducted by an outside contractor.

Stacey Kaake, a qualified and experienced assessor, will perform the work for the city of Fenton for the 2020 assessment year.

The work includes: a review of commercial parcels to check for measurements, depreciation and other factors that would affect the true cash value of properties. She will also take new digital color photos of each commercial building on the property to be placed on the city’s website with BSA software.

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end of their service life up for public auction
All of the items for sale have been replaced with new vehicles and equipment. They include:
• 2003 Ford F150 pickup truck, two-wheel drive with 108,794 miles
• 2003 Ford F150 pickup truck, two-wheel drive with 78,176 miles
• 2015 Chevy Tahoe SSV with 90,654 miles
• 1999 New Holland 575E backhoe
• Unknown year two master tilt bed trailer
• 15 metal lockers from police department
• Miscellaneous file cabinets and office furniture from building department
• Sears Craftsman gas-powered, 26-inch dual stage snow blower from Department of Public Works (DPW)
• Sears Craftsman gas-powered portable generator, 5,600 watt from DPW
• Porter Cable, gas-powered portable generator 5,250 watt from DPW

These items will be posted on the State of Michigan Surplus auction website, MITN, at www.mitninfo.com. This is a public auction website and the 5 percent buyer’s premium will be collected from the buyer and paid to MITN where auction fees for sale of surplus items is net zero for the city.

The city of Fenton will receive the proceeds from the sale.

Full moon this Friday the 13th
September’s full moon is coming up, the so-called “Harvest Moon,” which is the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox (Sept. 23). The arrival of this year’s Harvest Moon will depend on which time zone you happen to live in. If you live in the Eastern Time Zone, the moment the moon turns full will occur just after midnight — at 12:33 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14. But if you live elsewhere in the country — in the Central, Mountain, or Pacific time zones — the moment that the moon turns full comes before midnight on Friday, Sept. 13. According to the Farmers’ Almanac, it has been calculated that to have a full moon occur on the 13th day of a particular month, and for that day to be a Friday, it is (on average) a once in 20-year occurrence.
By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swim team has the potential of having one of its greatest seasons ever this fall. The Tigers have already made it a pretty memorable season.

Fenton captured its own Fenton Relays title for the first time in recent memory, beating out challenges by Division 1 schools Brighton and Grand Blanc. Fenton took firsts in five of the 12 events en route to 378 team points, two more than second-place Brighton (376). County rival Grand Blanc took third with 364 points. Holly also competed at the event and finished in 13th place with 110 points.

The competition came down to the final race of the night, the 8X50 yard Spees sprint relay.

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By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Playing its first game on its new turf field, the Lake Fenton varsity football team gave its fans a thrilling contest to witness Friday night.

Unfortunately, the end result wasn’t ideal. Ida broke a 20-20 tie with a 35-yard TD pass from Jaxson Gianino to Owen Sampson with 16 seconds left, earning a 26-20 victory against the Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton had one more chance to score, but a sack ended the contest.

“I thought we played well,” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. “I thought we played hard. I thought we played hard as nails. This team grew up a lot tonight. It just seems we are not quite there and I didn’t help. I had a delay of game penalty on the 15-yard line and it absolutely changed the game. We turned it over down there and that’s on me.”

Borski is talking about the possession before the Bluestreaks’ winning TD drive. Lake Fenton drove the ball to the Ida 11 late in the contest on a series of strong offensive plays. One was a 17-yard reception from Reid Shumaker to Kyle Parker, and another was a 12-yard completion to Ryan Murray.

With the ball at the Ida 48, Parker ran 25 yards, putting the ball on the Ida 11. However, before the play, the Blue Devils were penalized for delay of game penalty on the 15-yard line and it absolutely changed the game. We turned it over down there and that’s on me.”

Lake Fenton’s James Hamilton runs up field during the Blue Devils’ loss to Ida. Photo: Mark Bolen

recovered. Twelve plays later, Ida finished a 76-yard drive with the game-winning TD.

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Eagles’ offense struggles vs. Goodrich, 12-7

By David Troppens

Linden’s defense played a strong enough game to beat the Goodrich varsity football team Friday night.

At times, the Eagles moved the ball well enough to defeat the Martians.

However, Linden’s offense struggled in the red zone and also turned the ball over three times, resulting in a tough 12-7 road loss at Goodrich.

“We held them to 172 yards and had 270,” Linden varsity football coach Den ny Hopkins said. “We had our chances right up to the last minute. We had the ball on the 6-yard line and could not score. We just stalled (in the red zone) and we had three turnovers to their one.”

Linden took the lead in the second quarter when Brenden Miller caught a 34-yard pass from Colby Kohmescher. Carson Kelley converted the extra-point kick and Linden led 7-0. That lead held going into halftime.

Goodrich scored its only two TDs in the third quarter. One came on a four-yard run by Juwan Vines. The other was a TD scamper by Aidan Rubio. Goodrich missed the extra-point kick on the first one and the two-point conversion on the second and led 12-7.

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By David Troppens

The second week of the season went much better for the Fenton varsity football team.

Competing in their second road game in as many weeks, the Tigers scored the game’s final 38 points, cruising to a 38-7 victory against Monroe, Friday. The victory helped erase some of the memories of a 54-27 road loss a week earlier.

“We had a good week of practice,” Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. “We went back, watched the film and realized we made some mistakes we didn’t make all summer. It happens in game one. I think Davison was the better team but not 54-27 better. The kids played the way they are capable of playing (against Monroe).”

It took awhile for Fenton to get its offense going. The Tigers tied the game at 7-all when Brandon Miller scored on an eight-yard run. Braden Moore kicked the extra-point. The teams were tied at halftime.

The second half was all Fenton. Dylan Davidson scored on the opening play from scrimmage in the second half on an 80-yard keeper. Before the third quarter was over, Moore kicked a 25-yard field goal and Davidson completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Lucas Claborn. The Tigers led 24-7 entering the fourth quarter.

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Tigers play complete game vs. Monroe, 38-7

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**GIRLS GOLF**

- **Fenton, Linden at Davison Invitational:** Fenton (374) finished in a tie for sixth with Goodrich while Linden (419) placed 10th in the 15-team field.
  - Brook Herbstreit and Victoria Cornell led the Tigers with 91s, while Olivia Herbert carded a 92. Katelyn Burkett shot a 100.
  - Hanna Baldwin led Linden with a 103 while Kaitlyn Straub and Emma Lurvey each shot 105s. Cassandra Most shot a 106.
- **Flushing 218:** Kelsey Malone shot a 47 and Kate Brown carded a 49 at Flushing Valley, leading the Bronchos (2-2) to the victory against Flushing.
- **Holly 202, Swartz Creek 206:** Kelsey Malone carded a 43 and Kate Brown shot a 44, leading the Bronchos to the win. Kendall Stillwell shot a 51 while Lauren Lesh carded a 64.

**VOLLEYBALL**

- **Flushing def. Linden 25-18, 25-18, 25-16:** The Eagles lost in straight sets as Flushing’s balanced attack resulted in four players having at least eight kills each.
- **Clio def. Lake Fenton 25-11, 25-22, 25-17:** Freshman Cola Sisk led Lake Fenton’s offense with five kills while also having five blocks. Emily Elrich had two kills and two blocks while also providing four aces. Morgan DeRidder had 10 assists. Sydney Johnson had a strong defensive night, collecting 20 digs and two aces.

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When Comfort Matters!
Holly soccer earns Metro victory

By David Troppens

Holly — The Holly varsity boys soccer team found itself dominating the Kearsley Hornets in possession for huge chunks of the game Monday night.

However, the Hornets remained tough and pushed the Bronchos all night long. Holly eventually came out with a tough but well deserved 2-1 victory at home.

Holly particularly dominated possession in the opening half, and it quickly resulted in a nice goal. Ben Gramer sent a throw-in into the box and Nick Rees got his foot on it to redirect it into the goal for a 1-0 Holly lead.

Holly continued with the pressure and had plenty of other scoring chances during the first half, but were unable to score again. Then, it looked like the Hornets were going to tie the game up when the Bronchos were whistled for a foul in the box, resulting in a Kearsley PK. However, Mitchell Tiell dove to his side and made the save on the PK attempt, keeping Holly up 1-0.

It ended up being a huge save because with about 30 seconds left in the half, Kearsley tied the game with a goal. The squads were tied 1-1 at the half.

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Holly’s Nick Rees prepares to deflect a ball into the net. The Bronchos defeated Kearsley 2-1. Photo: David Troppens

Holly’s Jacob Hild runs downfield during the Bronchos’ loss against the Brandon Blackhawks. Photo: Christopher Summers

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Holly shut out by Blackhawks, 35-0

By David Troppens

It was a tough contest for the Holly varsity football team against last year’s co-Metro League champions on Friday night.

Brandon outgained the Bronchos 273-82 and never trailed in a 35-0 victory against Holly. The bright side about the verdict is that it had no impact on the Metro League race since Holly is in the Stripes Division and Brandon is in the Stars Division.

The contest remained close in the first quarter. The only score came on Brandon Gunn’s 25-yard pass reception. Brandon led 7-0 entering the second quarter. Three second-quarter TD runs blew the game open.

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Holly boys tennis rebounds, defeats Mustangs

Holly’s doubles flights were the stars in the Bronchos’ 6-2 victory against Clio.

Holly won all four doubles flights and split the four singles flights en route to the win. Holly also competed in the Grosse Pointe North Tournament, taking seventh out of eight squads in a demanding tournament.

Area XC teams compete at Bath Invitational

Three area squads competed at the Bret Clements Bath Invitational, giving the event a local feel at the meet.

Of the squads, Linden’s boys had the strongest showing, taking third in D2 action. The Lake Fenton boys placed sixth in the same event. On the girls’ side, the Eagles took sixth while the Blue Devils placed 14th. In D1 action, Holly’s boys placed ninth.

Linden soccer’s offense coming alive in wins

The Linden varsity boys soccer team has found its offense in recent games.

The Eagles (8-2-1 overall and 3-1-0 in the Metro) have scored 16 of them in their last two games, with the most recent being an 8-1 Metro League victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Monday. Linden also beat Carman-Ainsworth 8-0 on Saturday.

Fenton soccer remains in first, beats Corunna

The Fenton varsity boys soccer team keeps on winning Metro League contests.

The Tigers improved to 4-0 in league action with a 5-2 victory against Co-runna on Wednesday.
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Carol Ann Timmer

Carol Ann Timmer - age 80, of Linden, died Wednesday September 4, 2019. Funeral Services will be held 12 PM Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Visitation will be held Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Patricia Lucille (Hogan) Slater

Patricia Lucille (Hogan) Slater - age 73, of Flint, passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019. Arrangements will be announced by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Gary D. Gerard

1935-2019

Gary D. Gerard - age 84, passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019. Born in Flint, he grew up on a farm near Middleville, Michigan and graduated from Thornapple-Kellogg High School in 1953 where he was an excellent student and an outstanding athlete. Gary then returned to the Flint area to attend General Motors Institute as a toolmaker apprentice to begin his 40-year career in skilled trades with General Motors. During that time, he also served many organizations in a variety of capacities including, United States Naval Reserve reservist for eight years; Grand Blanc City Council member for ten years; Grand Blanc Booster Club officer for several years, and Grand Blanc Township Police Department Reserve officer. Following retirement from GM in 1993, Gary taught math classes at Mott Community College for three years and for the past 25 years pursued his love of fishing, small-game hunting, model building, woodworking, and old cars. His greatest passion, by far, was his family. Married 66 years to the love of his life, Jackie, he lived in Grand Blanc for 62 of those years. In addition to Jackie, Gary is survived by sons, Craig (Deb) Gerard and Kevin (Sara) Gerard; granddaughters, Amber (Mike) Weidinger and Ashley (Justin) DePree; great-grandchildren, Ella and Evan Weidinger and Ashley (Justin) DePree; sisters, Franchon (Mike) Weidinger and Ashley (Justin) DePree; and many nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Winnie Brog; mother, Ruth Smith; stepfather, Bernard Smith, and father, Paul Gerard. Gary was a member of the American Legion so memorial contributions can be made to “Ascension Genesys Foundation” in recognition of the hospital staff’s exceptional care of Gary during his three-week stay there. A celebration of life will be held Sunday, September 15, at the Genesys Banquet and Conference Center in Grand Blanc. Visitation with the family and fellowship will occur from 3 PM until 4 PM when the celebration program will begin with dinner. Another visitation period, concluding at 7:30 PM, will follow the celebration program. Hill Funeral Home was entrusted with cremation. Please be sure to share a memory of Gary online at www.hilfh.com.
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**Aries**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it is time to take charge. Do not allow obstacles to get in the way of your grand goals. Don’t hold back at all, and attack every project with full force.

**Taurus**
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, concentrate on what you already have instead of trying to attain more. When you analyze the things around you, you’ll discover you already have what you need.

**Gemini**
May 21/Jun 21
The more you let your emotions show this week, the more prosperous you can become, Gemini. Try new things, even if they scare you a little.

**Cancer**
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if it seems as though people aren’t taking you as seriously as you’d like, you may have to adjust your tactics a little bit. Perhaps the delivery is just wrong.

**Leo**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Do not turn down any opportunities that come your way, Leo. Even if they seem like they may not amount to anything, they can get you the kind of exposure that you need right now.

**Virgo**
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, put your plans in motion and get as many helping hands as you can muster while you’re at it. This will only make the work go that much more quickly.

**Libra**
Sept 23/Oct 22
Always aim for the gold, Libra. You are in a position right now where you do not have to settle for anything less than the best. Use every tool at your disposal to get what you desire.

**Sagittarius**
Nov 22/Dec 21
Arguments can turn into bigger battles if someone doesn’t concede their position, Sagittarius. Communication is a key thing for you right now.

**Capricorn**
Dec 22/Jan 20
Everything in your life seems to be going in different directions, Capricorn. Seek Pisces’ help as you figure out a way to get everything pointed in the same direction.

**Aquarius**
Jan 21/Feb 18
An idea can grow into something much bigger if you just give it a chance, Aquarius. With a little nurturing, you may see your idea grow into something much bigger.

**Pisces**
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