Sheriff announces retirement

There has been no announcement on who will replace him until the next

election. Pickell would have been up

for re-election in November 2020.

Robert Pickell's last day in office will be Jan. 5, 2020

By Sharon Stone

During a press conference Wednesday, Oct. 23, Genesee County Sheriff Robert Joseph Pickell announced his retirement. His last day will be Jan. 5, 2020.

NEW Cutting Edge NEUROPATHY TREATMENT



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20 vie for Holly

More than

police chief

Replacement for

Story to be on the

job by December

By Tim Jagielo

former Chief Michael

Their names have not

been released publicly, but

the village of Holly has

narrowed its field of police

Holly Village President Tom McKenney said the ini-

tial field was 22. "The 22 or so

candidates --- the material we reviewed was very strong and

the candidates we interviewed

were very strong as well,"

McKenney said. "A lot of

people are wanting to work

See POLICE CHIEF on 18

chief applicants to two.

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Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton, Chief Probate Judge Jennie Barkey and County Clerk John Gleason will comprise an appointment committee to select a new sheriff.

Undersheriff Christopher Swanson will assume the sheriff position for the interim if no other individual is appointed sheriff.

Pickell, 78, of Flushing, was appointed and sworn into office in 1999. He was then elected to his first four-year term in the primary election in August 2000. See SHERIFF on 18

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After 20 years as Genesee County sheriff, Robert Pickell will be stepping down Jan. 5, 2020. Photo: Genesee County Sheriff's Office

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Holly police officer Heather Wolkow takes a selfie with Holly Elementary School students Thursday, Oct. 24. See story on Page 10. Photo: Tim Jagielo



C Downtown Linden is rising from the ashes with a beautiful new building on the vacant site of a massive fire 12 years ago. Linden's landscape

is changing and this time, in a very happy and positive way. I'm looking forward to seeing the highly anticipated finished building and a prosperous, thriving resurgence in the downtown area."

G Wow. this was scarv to watch unfold on Monday. A wheelchairbound double amputee was crossing U.S. 23 at Owen Road in the rain at 4:25 p.m. He was struggling, when a woman leaped from her vehicle, grabbed the wheelchair and pushed him to safety. Kudos to this brave woman and prayers for this man."



is again publishing 100-year birthdays for free. We're going to surprise my grandma with this."

Township accepts \$5,000 sponsorship for dog park By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The main promise when the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park was in development was that no taxpayer money would be used for the park.

However, residents in Fenton Township, Fenton and Linden cities, which are the three municipalities involved in the development of the park, have paid a nominal amount. In 2018, Linden and Fenton each allocated \$2,000 and in 2019, Fenton Township allocated \$2,000.

"When the three communities agreed to support See DOG PARK on 19



66 My baby naps in the middle of the day. Don't ring my doorbell for some re-election flyer."

WEEKEND TIMES



Who are the 'real' witches?

■Wiccans and Pagans revere nature, not the devil; celebrate the changing seasons

By Tim Jagielo

Argentine Twp. — Nichole Shepard of Byron is a Pagan who identifies with some Wiccan beliefs and practices, and has Wiccan friends. But she doesn't wear a lot of black, nor does she wear pointy hats.

She actually really likes the color purple, as reflected in her shop, Sisters of the Moon, on Silver Lake Road.

Wicca was recognized in 1986 as an official religion in the United States in the case of Dettmer v Landon, according to history.com. Some Wiccans identify as witches, but Shepard said many just have some Wiccan practices.

So what do Pagans and Wiccans believe?

The actual difference between the two is a little hazy. Wiccans are under the umbrella of Pagan religions, according to learnreligions.com. Not all Pagans identify as Wiccan and vice versa. Both can believe in gods and See WICCANS on 22



Nichole Shepard of Byron lays out tarot cards at her shop, Sisters of the Moon, on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Shepard identifies as Pagan. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Where Christians go to a building to pray and worship, because we're honoring the earth, church is anywhere outside. This is where we find and connect with the spirit. 77

Nichole Shepard, practicing Pagan

High Street haunted house may be toured on Halloween

Donations will benefit the Adopt-A-Pet animal shelter in Fenton

By Vera Hogan

How would you and your kids like to tour a real haunted house this Halloween? Well, you can by visiting 216 W. High St., between State Road and Adelaide Street.

The house is owned by Victoria Leadbitter. Her son, Christopher, and his partner, Max, own an interior/ exterior design business called Two Imaginations, specializing in holiday decorating.

"Every year for Halloween we transform my mom's farmhouse, which was built in 1886, into an overthe-top, movie set quality, haunted walk-through for the trick-or-treaters," See HAUNTED HOUSE on 14



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I've always wanted wings.

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Words with Hannah

ince Halloween is less than a week away, let's talk about mythical creatures. Hold on to your horns and

wings, it's gonna' get controversial.

I love wizards. I grew up with the Harry Potter series and foolishly thought Dumbledore was the best wizard. No. That's Gandalf. Tolkien truly created a mythical masterpiece.

My favorite witch from Hermione to Sabrina to the "Hocus Pocus" trio

— is much harder to choose.

Who could forget the drama that divided the preteens and romancelovers of this nation when Twilight forced us to choose between Team Edward and Team Jacob? Not me, considering I was one of the most outspoken Team Edward proponents at Linden High School at the time.

I have no regrets, but I will say the type of vampire in the series was, how do I say it nicely — stupid. Everyone can agree that Dracula is fangs down the best, and most broodiest, vampire. A creepy castle, avoiding sunlight, and being a homebody? Sign me up.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What do you think of the tipping culture in America?



"My philosophy is if they do a good job, tip them, realizing that they make a lower wage."



"I think it should be more like Australia where everything is included in the price."

Gloria Lindsay

Fenton



"I think it's changed a bit. Restaurants have those screens they tilt toward you with suggestions for tips when you're just getting takeout. I think we've always been generous with tipping." **Dawne Sheffield**





"We're feeling like we should tip for more things, like takeout. Things like that."

Scott Sheffield Fenton

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DOES ANYONE HAVE an educated guess to the winter weather? Whether you use wooly worms or the Farmer's Almanac for your prediction, curious to know the forecast. Right now I am leaning toward an early start and harsh winter for southern Michigan. What say you?

street talk



"I try to leave a nice tip. At least \$7-\$10. I always bring cash with me. Serving jobs are demanding. They're on their feet all day. They do their best to take care of the tables." **Elaine Dobrowalski**

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Hannah Ball

I wrote a high school paper on how the vampire myth came to be, and it's still one of my favorites, and perhaps most on brand, assignments

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Historic Holly 'gets a facelift'

■ Façade grant enables businesses to update with century-old charm

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — Businesses in downtown have recently invested in their buildings with small- to large-scale renovations.

Ladders leaned against buildings and power tools ran as contractors updated and improved buildings, but kept them unmistakably "historical."

This work was made possible through a new set of matching \$1,000 facade grants through the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Main Street Oakland County and Flagstar Bank.

This is the first time in six years the Village DDA budget has been able to support such a grant and six businesses took advantage, said DDA Director Katy Golden. "It's given the downtown a facelift," she said.

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Over a few weeks, several downtown Holly businesses received a "facelift" via matching façade improvement grants. Submitted photo



Work continues on the interior of Battle Alley Coffee on Thursday, Oct. 24. Photo by Tim Jagielo

66 The fact that our budget has allowed us to bring back this matching grant said a lot about our tax capture. 77

> **Katy Golden** Holly Downtown Development Authority director

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Tales of eerie hauntings as told to former features editor

■In October 2002, the late Jan Rynearson interviewed Fenton City residents living in haunted houses

By Vera Hogan

Are there actual haunted houses? Do they really exist or are they the figment of vivid imaginations?

In ghost lore, a haunted house or ghost house is a house or other building often perceived as being inhabited by disembodied spirits of the deceased who may have been former residents, were familiar with the property — or died there.

More scientific explanations for the belief that a house is haunted include misinterpreting noises naturally present in structures, like creaking wood floors, waking dreams, and the effect of toxic substances in environment that can cause hallucinations. This includes metals, including lead and mercury, pesticides, toxic solvents and gases.

PRIVATE HOMES

Residents who occupy city of Fenton haunted homes are adamant that ghosts exist.

Many friends and neighbors shared their stories with former Times Features Editor Jan Rynearson in October 2002. Rynearson, who lived in a historic home (built in 1880) on Shiawassee Avenue in Fenton, died in February 2011. It is unlikely that due to the number of homes she wrote about, that the spirits have since gone away.

Most homeowners requested anonymity for fear people would think they are delusional. They also would not share their exact addresses for fear of being harassed.

HIGH STREET

In an old home on Fenton's High Street, the homeowners kept hearing chamber and classical music in the middle of the night. Upon investigation, they found no radios or TVs left on. As this continued, they learned that two maiden ladies lived in the



Spirits are said to visit most often at night when people are sleeping. They don't seem to want to hurt or frighten anyone — they're just visiting.

Image: ghostlyactivities.com

house more than 80 years ago and had taught piano.

Another homeowner on High Street never had strange happenings in the house until shortly after a former owner died. Then, one night, the family dog began walking around, sniffing at the walls, when a heavy bag of groceries in the kitchen set in the middle of a table mysteriously fell to the floor with a bang, but nothing was broken. And the lady of the house heard "someone" call her name.

SOUTH ADELAIDE STREET

People living on South Adelaide Street in Fenton were flabbergasted when they saw misty faces in a mirror. Another family on this street reported the heavy front door flying open on various occasions, hearing footsteps and having the feeling of being pushed down the stairs.

MAIN STREET

Occupants in a home on Fenton's Main Street had trouble keeping a candle in an antique, floor-style candelabra. Family members would be sitting in the room and the candle would flip out from the center holder and fly across the room.

SHIAWASSEE AVENUE

A woman living on Shiawassee Avenue awoke one moonlit August night See HAUNTINGS on 21



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The badge meets the lunch bag

■Holly PD dines with Holly elementary students in effort to personalize the police

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — On Thursday, Oct. 24, a few members of the Holly Police Department sat down for lunch with all 344 students at Holly Elementary School.

"The idea is just to interact with the kids on a day-to-day basis," said Interim Police Chief Scott Fischer. He said the point is for the children to see who they are in person.

Fischer sat down at the tables, asked students what they were eating and answered questions about his uniform.

Joining him were officers Heather Wolkow and Mike Houck, who is also the student liaison officer. They'll visit other schools as well, like Patterson Elementary.

The last visit was in to 2017-2018 school year, but Fischer would like it to be a regular event. It's something he's working to implement in his brief time as police chief before the fulltime chief takes over in December.



(Above) Interim Holly Police Chief Scott Fischer laughs with students Thursday, Oct. 24 during lunch at Holly Elementary School. (Right) Hollypolice officer and student liaison officer, Mike Hauck, talks with students Thursday. Photos: Tim Jagielo



Slotkin co-leads bill to help veterans

Bipartisan bill would pair puppies in training programs with veterans in the VA

By Hannah Ball

Some U.S. lawmakers are hoping puppies can help veterans.

U.S. Rep Elissa Slotkin (Michigan-Dist. 8) of Holly co-led the introduction with U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (Ohio-Dist. 15) for a bill that would create a pilot program in the Department of Veterans' Affairs to give veterans the opportunity to work with service dogs.

H.R. 4305 would create the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act. The VA would partner with nonprofit organizations working with veterans and service dogs to "create work-therapy programs where veterans also learn about training dogs," according to a press release.

After finishing the program, the veterans have the chance to adopt the dogs, which would continue providing therapy.

The bill was introduced Sept. 12 and was referred to committees.

It's an effort to help curb the number of veterans who die by suicide. According to the press release, an average of 20 veterans die by suicide every day, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) impacts between 11 and 30 percent of veterans.

Research conducted by Kaiser Permanente and Purdue University found that working with service dogs alleviates the symptoms of PTSD, which leads to better interpersonal relationships, a lower risk of substance abuse, and overall better mental health.

"When we make the decision to send men and women to fight for our country, we should support them for the rest of their lives — and that responsibility

couldn't be more clear and urgent as we recognize the staggering rates of suicide among our veterans," Slotkin said in the press release. "I couldn't be more proud to be co-leading this bipartisan bill to help connect veterans with service dogs in their communities, both through training and through adoption, to improve outcomes for veterans' mental

health and wellbeing."

The PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act is a combination of two bipartisan supported bills - the Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act (H.R. 2225) and the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act (H.R. 2327).



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Libratum Strength and Conditioning opens in Holly

The team at Libratum Strength and Conditioning, at 3045 Grange Hall Rd., Ste. 1, Holly, said, "No matter who you are, we care deeply about how you feel, what you want and why you want it. Whether your goal is to become faster, stronger, a better employee or even a better father, we will work with you to help you accomplish it." Owner Matthew Clark, and trainers/coaches Randall Lewis and Sarah Lewis have programs to help you achieve your goals. For details and programs, go to libratumsc.com.



Fenton City parking restrictions go into effect Nov. 1

The Fenton Police Department is reminding residents and visitors that overnight parking restrictions go into effect Thursday, Nov. 1. If anyone has questions, call the station at (810) 629-5311. As stated in Fenton City ordinance, parking is prohibited on all city streets and in the municipal parking lots, for snow removal from Nov. 1 to March 31 of each year, between 2 and 5 a.m., except for the following: emergency services personnel (police and fire) in the vicinity of the police station and fire station and properly registered vehicles, if special permits have been issued by the city.

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The businesses are Battle Alley Coffee, Bittersweet Café, Blue Willow Exchange, Blumz Holly and the Holly Hotel. Spot Shooter Archery, which is located in midtown, also took part.

Each business put up a minimum of \$1,000 toward their project, which was reimbursed by the sponsoring entities.

Golden estimates that this \$6,000 overall grant actually spurred \$40,000 in improvements to the interior and exteriors of these businesses.

The Historic District Commission vets the plans of each improvement in the historic district. In fact, some are trying to make their businesses look more like they did 100 years ago. "That's the inspiration for making the changes — to make the business look like they used to," Golden said.

The owners of Blue Willow Exchange found the original awning frame that would hold a canvas awning, which hasn't been used in decades. They're going to have a new canvas made and remove the cedar shake awning.

Blumz Holly is removing modern exterior ceramic tiles, and replacing them with copper pieces. A county architect specializing in historical buildings will offer input on materials and design.

While the budget for this project was modest, Golden does believe that it reflects the improved financial health of the village and the businesses. "The fact that our budget has allowed us to bring back this matching grant said a lot about our tax capture," Golden said.



Gas station at N. LeRoy and Dauner under renovation

■It's possible another fast food restaurant may come to that location

By Vera Hogan

Numerous people passing by the gas station under reconstruction at N. LeRoy Street and Dauner Road are wondering when it will open, and if there will be another fast food restaurant at the same location.

The former gas station owner shared the space with McDonald's for many

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ITHINK BIDEN bragging on video is evidence enough to inquire. And one candidate paid foreign spies to dig up dirt on her opponent (facts in evidence) yet she walks free. Whatever they are accusing Trump of, they themselves are doing or have done. No more Kool-Aid for you.

AFGHANISTAN HAS NEVER been

years, but it appears McDonald's won't be back.

According to Fenton Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, the new owner of the gas station is reworking the pumps, which apparently were in bad shape. He is also changing the drive-through configuration "a bit," Reilly said.

The new owner is working to get another fast food restaurant in there, Reilly said.

Calls to the owner were not returned before press time.

conquered. The Taliban will fail there as well. Let them have their turn. Better they waste their people there than one more American life be spent in a futile attempt to bring 'freedom' to a people who only want to be left alone. Not every country wants to be like the U.S.

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Christopher said. "It takes us a month and a half to transform the house inside and out. We pack away 75 percent of my mom's normal everyday decor in order to fit all of the Halloween decor. We carve 80-plus pumpkins and in the end, the house looks like something straight out of a horror flick.

"This year we are accepting donations for Fenton Adopt-a-Pet and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to their animal shelter," he said.

The Halloween tour of Victoria's home is safe and totally kid friendly, Christopher said.

Is the house really haunted? Christopher said it most definitely is and he shared some examples of eerie goings on.

"My mom has owned the house for about 10 years," he said. "I lived there for about five years as did my grandmother before she passed. For Christmas one year, I opened my gifts and one was a portable DJ set that my mom gave to me."

Instead of opening the box, shrinkwrapped in plastic, which contained many parts, Christopher said he



This frightening setup is in the dining room of the house at 216 W. High St., Fenton. **Submitted photo**



brought it unopened up to his room and returned downstairs and continued with the holiday festivities.

"Later that night, I opened the box in my bedroom," he said. "A special adaptor that was needed was not in the box. I spent a week on the phone with the store where it was purchased and the manufacturer, trying to get an adaptor. A week later, the adaptor was behind the Christmas tree under the tree skirt. The directions said it came in a plastic sealed pack, but there was no sealed pack, just the adaptor.

"We hear a lot of weird noises, too," Christopher said. "My mom used to work nights as a nurse and my grandmother slept downstairs. I'm a bit of a night owl and was awake upstairs with my door shut. As clear as day, I heard three loud knocks on the door. It scared the heck out of me. I called out thinking my mom was home, but after opening the door, I saw that she was not. If someone had broken into our house, my dog would be ripping him to pieces. She was barking her fool head off at my door. She slept downstairs but obviously heard the knocking as well because she ran upstairs barking."

Christopher said his mother has a lot of friends who often come over to visit. "One lady won't go in the basement. She says, 'I don't know, I just feel something in the house," he said.

"One day I baked cookies and when my mom came home, she asked what happened," he said. "The kitchen was a disaster. The cookies were all crumbled and kitchen appliances like the coffee pot were tipped over. My mom thought maybe I had too much wine.

"Another time, my mom and I were both startled awake by a loud crashing noise coming from downstairs," Christopher said. "Once I was awake the noise happened again and it was not an ordinary crash. It sounded like someone had dumped a huge box of small plastic pieces on the wood floor. That sound was very distinct. It was

HOT LINE CONTINUED

QUESTION: WHY DON'T the Democrats debate the economy?

WOULD ASK THAT all Trump bashers read the transcript of the Ukraine phone call. It's easily available in its entirety on the internet. Read and draw your



Those who dare to enter this room could be out of their skulls. See more photos on the Two Imaginations Facebook page. **Submitted photo**

the sound of hundreds and hundreds of small LEGO pieces spilling to the ground. My brother and I loved LEGO as kids so I know what crashing LEGO pieces sound like. When I went downstairs to investigate there was nothing broken, nothing on the floor."

Asked if his mother is okay with the Halloween plans, Christopher said, "Oh yes, she's really into it. She collects old dolls and had me turn them into zombie dolls for the occasion. She likes horror movies as much as we do."

This year, Christopher said one thing they are doing is paying homage to the movie "Halloween III: Season of the Witch," the only "Halloween" movie that doesn't feature Michael Myers. To see what the family has in mind, you'll just have to visit them on Halloween night.

Trick-or-treating hours in the city of Fenton are from 6 to 8 p.m., but Christopher said they won't turn anyone away after 8 p.m. if there is still an interest from people wanting to see the decorated house.

own conclusions — not the biased conclusions of the mainstream media. Try thinking for yourself, you might be greatly surprised.

HOLLY ACADEMY DOESN'T have a busing system. Transportation for field trips is always provided by parents, taking the students from place to place using their own vehicles at their own expense.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS A PART of this so-called

impeachment inquiry, has your news media shared that Republicans cannot ask questions, cross-examine or bring their own witnesses. Witnesses cannot have attorneys present and transcripts of entire testimonies are not released; only cherry-picked statements to mainstream media friends.

AS A BUSINESS owner of over 30 years I can say since Trump has been president this has been the best economy I have seen. It seems like the Democrats are only focused and destroying Trump. I guess some people's jobs do not depend on a good economy.

PAY FOR PLAY seems to be an empty promise for our youngsters. Excluding grades 9 to 12 athletes because of potential scholarships, there seems to be guite a few of our participating youth in area sports programs who pay but do

not play. This is unfair. The kids signed up to play, not just practice.

I AGREE WITH the recent criticism against poor people. Not only is it their fault, but we need to remember that rich people are just better than the rest of us. They are divine, God-like creatures to be envied and admired from afar. Wake up, sheeple.

GOOD-BYE, BIG-box store on Owen Road. I have been a good patron until now. At nearly 80 years old, I do not go shopping so that I can check myself out and pack my own groceries. Last week. I had to stand 25 minutes in a regular checkout line. Good-bye.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL advocates for the \$15 minimum wage. We now have kiosks and self-checkouts. The companies pay them nothing.

AS HATE CRIMES increase, we must unite against bigotry.

NOTICE OF ELECTION **TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY NOVEMBER 5, 2019 ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct 2 and 3 Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Fenton Area Public Schools will be voting on the proposal presented and listed below:

Fenton Area Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal .8999 Mills for 3 Years

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Fenton Area Public Schools, 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, MI 48430-1754, telephone (810) 591-4700. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the Tyrone Township Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. All electors who are registered with the township clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOTHING EARNS DEMOCRATS the title of 'Dumbacrats' more than their lack of understanding of the electoral college. I for one, do not want New York and California to choose the President no matter how bad the selected President is.

IF YOU THINK the cost of a high school homecoming parade is comparable to fixing city streets you are a complete idiot.

EVERY REVOLUTION IN history occurs when poor people finally rise up against the rich. Rich people don't revolt.

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GM'S PROFITS AND executive pay are not relevant to what the employees are paid. Having been in many plants, I can say the level of inefficiency is rampant. Too many doing nothing. Will the union kick in should GM lose money? Will the workers give back money? I think not.

OCC CURRENTLY RECEIVES around \$50 million annually through property taxes. Why does OCC need so much money for operating expenses?

A HOT-LINER WROTE that Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Warren Buffet are wealthier than half of all Americans. The writer failed to point out that they are all Democrats. The fourth wealthiest is Mark Zuckerberg.

also a Democrat. Do the Democrats really want to tax the rich?

PEOPLE STOP ASKING stores for change for large bills and then getting mad because we can't break them. These stores are not banks. When vou're at vour bank ask for small bills.

I AM SO glad to read that Libertarians and a percentage of Republicans are getting behind Andrew Yang for President. I like that he's not left, not right, but forward.

DO NOT JUDGE my story by the chapter you walked in on. There's much more to this book.

for th Thursday 1007 Trick or Treat 1:00pm-6:00pm with your children at these local businesses. (some businesses may close at their regular time) **2019 Event Sponsors:** VIC BOND Sawyer Jewelers SALES **DOWNTOWN FENTON**

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Genesus Hurley Cancer Institute hosts coping with cancer series

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute (GHCI) presents a series of free educational programs for cancer victims, survivors and their families. "Coping with Cancer" consists of weekly sessions on Thursdays through Nov. 21. You can attend the ones of your choice. All classes are held in the lobby of GHCI, from 3 pm to approximately 4:30 pm.

HERE IS THE LIST OF TOPICS:

• Day-to-day life: daily routine, faith and spirituality - Oct. 24

 Support for caregivers: dealing with being a caregiver, taking care of yourself, helping with advanced cancer care - Oct. 31

• Survivorship: the new normal, follow-up medical care, late side effects, family issues, questions to ask when you have finished treatment -Nov. 7

• Radiation therapy: what it is, what to expect during the planning phase, possible side effects --- Nov. 14

• Chemotherapy: what it is, chemotherapy teaching, possible side effects - Nov. 21 To sign up for the sessions of your choice, call GHCI at (810) 762-8226.

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to survive together. (The "World War Z" movie is attention-grabbing, but it's a disgrace to the zombie name. "The Walking Dead" used to be good.)

I love dwarves, centaurs are awesome, giants are sick, and the Ents in "Lord of the Rings" are some of the best mythical creatures ever. Elves can be cool, depending (forever a huge Legolas fan), and when you enter a battle to save your kingdom, you definitely want to ride in on a dragon. Who do you prefer - Drogon, Eragon or Smaug?

Probably the best thing about all of these creatures is that they came from a human's imagination. Look at what we're capable of creating.

Happy (almost) Halloween. Opinions offered in this column are the author's alone and do not

LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

OCT. 27

1994: The U.S. Justice Department announces that the U.S. prison population has topped one million for the first time in American history. The figure — 1,012,851 men and women were in state and federal prisons did not even include local prisons, where an estimated 500,000 prisoners were held, usually for short periods. The recent increase, due to tougher sentencing laws, made the United States second only to Russia in the world for incarceration rates.

<u>OCT. 28</u>

1965: Construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront in St. Louis, Missouri.

OCT. 29

1948: Killer smog continues to hover over Donora, Pennsylvania. Over a five-day period, the smog killed about 20 people and made thousands more seriously ill.

OCT. 30

1811: Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" is published anonymously. A small circle of people, including the Price Regent, learned Austen's identity, but most of the British public knew only that the popular book had been written "By A Lady."

TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01 (Schedule of Regulations)

A request by Zana Wandschneider & Steven Durant for a front yard location variance in order to install an inground pool, located at 6485 Shannon Glen Dr., Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-32-101-025. The property is zoned R-1 – Single Family Residential. Reference requirements set forth in Article 5 – R-1 Single Family Residential District, Article 20 – Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, percent lot coverage, and sight lines, Section 21.13 – Fences, and Section 21.21 Swimming Pools.

APPEAL NO. 2: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01 (Schedule of Regulations)

A previously tabled request by Andrew Harvey for a 5-foot west side yard setback variance, a 6-foot east side yard setback variance and a 32-foot front yard setback variance in order to build an attached garage, located at 10375 Lakeshore Dr., Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-09-402-004. The property is zoned LK-1 – Lake Front Residential. Reference requirements set forth in Article 7 – LK-1 Lake Front Single Family Residential District, Article 20, Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, and sight lines, and Section 21.02 – Accessory Buildings and Structures Provisions.

Additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629 -8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

OCT. 31

1926: Harry Houdini, the most celebrated magician and escape artist of the 20th century, dies of peritonitis in a Detroit hospital. Twelve days before, Houdini had been talking to a group of students after a lecture in Montreal when he commented on the strength of his stomach muscles and their ability to withstand hard blows. Suddenly, one of the students punched Houdini twice in the stomach. The magician hadn't had time to prepare, and the blows ruptured his appendix. He fell ill on the train to Detroit, and, after performing one last time, was hospitalized Doctors operated on him, but to no avail. The burst appendix poisoned his system, and on Oct. 31 he died.

NOV. 1

1952: The United States detonates the world's first thermonuclear weapon, the hydrogen bomb, on Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific. The test gave the United States a short-lived advantage in the nuclear arms race with the Soviet Union. Following the successful Soviet detonation of an atomic device in September 1949, the United States accelerated its program to develop the next stage in atomic weaponry, a thermonuclear bomb. Popularly known as the hydrogen bomb, this new weapon was approximately 1,000 times more powerful than conventional nuclear devices.

NOV. 2

1947: The Hughes Flying Boat — at one time the largest aircraft ever built — is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight. Built with laminated birch and spruce, the massive wooden aircraft had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men to battle.

Source: history.com



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Craft/Holiday Bazaar

St. Jude's Episcopal Church is hosting its Craft/Holiday Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 15, from 4:30 until 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The church is at 106 E. Elizabeth St., Fenton.

McCaslin Lake Country Club Subdivision Association meeting

The McCaslin Lake Country Club Subdivision Association is hosting a meeting Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd., Linden.

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Football the topic of next author series event

■ Tickets are \$10; signed copies of book available

By Hannah Ball

John U. Bacon, author of "Overtime: Jim Harbaugh and the Michigan Wolverines at the Crossroads of College Football," will make a Fenton appearance this week on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

This event, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the VanGilder Room in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, is the second part of the Book Author Series.

Tickets cost \$10. The series is put on by Fenton's Open Book and the city of Fenton Art and Cultural Commission

Attendees can enjoy free beverages and snacks. Bacon will be introduced and then he will read an excerpt from his book. Following the reading, the audience will be able to ask questions and buy a signed copy of "Overtime."

According to Google Books, this book is "A riveting chronicle of Michigan's Jim Harbaugh era, and 'an unprecedented look at the inner workings' (Sporting News) of a big-time college football program." For a year, Bacon received rare access to the University of Michigan football team, including locker rooms, meals, classes and closed-door meetings.

The synopsis reads, "Overtime captures this storied program at the crossroads, as the sport's winningest team battles to reclaim its former glory. But what if the price of success today comes at the cost of your soul? Do you pay it, or compete without compromising?"

Book Author Series tickets are available at Fenton's Open Book or on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation website. Go to slpr.net, click on events, and then on author series.

The third event, on Nov. 12, will include a book discussion and signing from author Andy Bartonwak of Birmingham, author of "A Christmas to Remember" and Denise Brennan-Nelson of Howell, children's book author.

The city of Fenton was awarded \$29,000 to use for art and cultural events through Share Art Genesee grants in Genesee County, which will help fund these author events.



SHERIFF

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The Genesee County Sheriff's Office and Fenton Township have a contract for police coverage in the township.

With more than 50 years in law enforcement including more than five years with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the sheriff said Wednesday that it's time to step down and spend more time with his grown children and their families.

During the press conference Wednesday, Pickell said he remains concerned for mentally ill residents and inmates. He said studies have shown that 64 to 75 percent of those in jail are mentally ill, and of those, 28 percent are severely mentally ill. Housing those people in a humane way is in the works now.

Pickell pointed out the work his office has done to help vulnerable people and young people who have become victims of human traffickers. He has made multiple announcements of arrests made by the Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (GHOST), a newly formed task force within the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

Retiring has been a well thought out decision, said Pickell. He said he's been thinking about it for the past couple months. He thanked everyone in his department for caring about the public and having the best department in the county.

Pickell said he hopes the next sheriff will continue to care about the most vulnerable residents, victims of human trafficking and the mentally ill. He added that he would like to see every police agency to get involved with preventing human trafficking. "Be proactive with helping people," he said.

When asked if he would be leaving the Flint area, Pickell said, "I left the CIA to come back to Flint. I love it here."

POLICE CHIEF Continued from Front Page

for the village of Holly."

Scott Fischer was appointed interim police chief soon after Michael Story resigned in late August after a closed session discussion and a 6-1 council vote to accept his resignation.

Fischer had retired from the Holly Police Department as a detective lieutenant after 33 years of service. He is not seeking the permanent position.

The review committee includes McKenney, Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis, resident Gary Mills and Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee.

This group reviewed the initial applications and chose four candidates to interview.

The next step is to offer their best two choices to Village Manager Jerry Walker and Fischer. They will interview the candidates and make the final recommendation to the Village Council on whom to hire.

Before the official recommendation is made, McKenney said the candidate and village will have to agree on a salary and benefits package.

Once the parties agree, Walker will make an official recommendation to the Village Council on the record, which is the first time the public will officially learn about the candidates. This will be the public's only opportunity to listen and weigh in before the council votes.

The timeline isn't set, but McKenney estimates the new police chief will be on the job by December.

L The 22 or so candidates — the material we reviewed was very strong, and the candidates we interviewed were very strong as well. **77** <u>Tom McKenney</u> Holly Village president





COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

ARREST WARRANT AGAINST FENTON MAN FOR PRINTING CLUB KENO TICKETS WITHOUT PAYING

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office has obtained an arrest warrant for a 20-year-old Fenton man on one count of forging/counterfeiting a lottery ticket and one count of unauthorized computer use. The charges are pending after authorities say he accessed a lottery machine on Sept. 15 at Tyrone Party Store, at the corner of Old U.S. 23 and Center Road in Tyrone Township, for \$10,168. Lt. Jim Lynch said a subsequent investigation revealed that the Fenton man had illegally printed Keno tickets on multiple occasions between February 2019 and September 2019 for a total of \$31,340 in unauthorized transactions. He remains at large and has not vet been arraigned. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison. Lynch said the sheriff's office is asking for anyone with information on these incidents to contact Det. Don Welch of the Livinaston County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at (517) 540-7930 or Livingston County Central Dispatch at (517) 546-9111.



Shine now open in Fenton

"At Shine, our mission is to be a light," said Adam Baudoux, owner. "We base our business on Matthew 5:16 and we believe that if we live each moment by our core values we will achieve our mission. At Shine we are value-driven, with a culture built around faith, respect, and alignment to our core values.' Shine serves Genesee County through window cleaning, gutter cleaning, pressure washing, and Holiday lighting. To schedule a free quote Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., visit shineinfo.com or call (810) 820-0864.

DOG PARK Continued from Front Page

the dog park a few years ago, the hope was that all costs, including maintenance of the park, would be funded through monetary and inkind donations. It was understood, however, that if donations were not sufficient, each of the three communities would provide funding for maintenance — up to \$3,000 per year, per community," said Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager and deputy clerk.

The park has been open for nearly two years, run by the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park committee, which continually accepts donations and sponsorships.

The committee has held a few fundraisers including a comedy show called "Laugh Your Tail Off" on Oct. 13.

Currently, the dog park has two benches, one sponsored by Fenton Winery and Brewery and Vic Canever Chevrolet.

On Monday, Oct. 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to accept a sponsorship with Financial Plus Credit Union. Trustees Robert Kesler and Vince Lorraine were absent.

With this deal, Financial Plus Credit Union agrees to sponsor two benches, which cost approximately \$2,000 each. These benches will be engraved by the township, at the cost of the credit union, with a personalized message or logo.

One year after the benches are installed, the company agreed to donate \$500 per year for the remain-



Visitors celebrate the opening of the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park in November 2017. Times file photo

ing term of the agreement, which is four years.

In all, Financial Plus Credit Union will pay approximately \$5,000 for the sponsorship.

In return, the township and dog park agree to endorse Financial Plus Credit Union as the exclusive credit union for bench sponsorships at the park.

"They're the only credit union and we wanted to make sure that, because there's the potential that other financial groups might want to come in, they would have exclusivity for four years in exchange for this," said Clerk Robert Krug, who also sits on the dog park committee.

He said this is a good move because it helps run the park without using tax dollars.





WEEKEND TIMES

HOT LINE CONTINUED GOOD POINT ABOUT the

Democrats complaining about the President's decision to bring home our troops guarding the Syrian Turkish border, but believe our borders should be wide open. The truth is the Democrats want anything that defies President Trump.

A SUGGESTION FOR Fenton Citv Council: Tell the builders of 111 Leroy Place to insulate the building and water pipes beyond the building code requirements. The code, apparently, was not adequate for the Cornerstone building. Force them to spend a little more now to save a lot more later. Good to see it coming though.

AVOIDING CERTAIN PEOPLE to protect your emotional health is not weakness, it's wisdom.

Want to live to 100 and beyond?

Advice from local people who have recently hit this birthday milestone

By Sally Rummel

(Editor's note: To learn more about living the best years of your life from age 50 and beyond, read the Times' featured section "Fab over 50" in this weekend's edition).

Living to 100 and beyond used to be a momentous occasion celebrated by only a precious few. With improvements in medical technology and healthier lifestyles, more people are achieving this milestone birthday.

Let's meet a couple of centenarians who turned 100 this month and see what they have to say about their centurylong lives.







Marvon "Barney" Allen was surprised at his birthday party Oct. 20.

Marvon "Barney" Allen

Allen may be 100 years old, but he still drives, lives on his own in the Grand Blanc area and keeps up with a health regime that would put most baby boomers to shame.

"He exercises for one hour and 40 minutes every day," said Ingrid Ream, who is married to Allen's grandson, Mark. "He also massages his gums for 15 minutes daily, eats right and doesn't smoke or drink."

His family celebrated his 100th birthday with a surprise party Sunday, Oct. 20 at the

two homes on Lake Fenton. Bonnie

lives in the Linden area with her

nie for the first time until she was 2

years old, because he was fighting

overseas in World War II when she

Retired from Buick for 47 years,

Allen remembers driving to the air-

port to pick up golfers for the Buick

Open, including Fred Couples, Vijay

Allen remembers a time when life was simpler. "Life was less compli-

cated than today," he said. "There were

no electronic devices to worry about

and no one hacking into my computer.

There was more family time, and eat-

ing together at mealtime was very

important. There was no fast food in

Singh, and many more.

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Lake Fenton. Allen and his wife, Sally, were married for 63 years before her passing in 2005. Along with their daughter, Bonnie (Allen) Ream, they built



Leona Eichelberg blows out the candles on her 100th birthday cake.

Leona Eichelberg

A resident of Courtyard Manor in Fenton Township for the past eight years, Eichelberg moved to Michigan to be close to her son and daughter-inlaw, Dwight and Marlene Eichelberg of Fenton Township.

She spent most of her life in South Dakota, growing up on a 1,100-acre ranch where her parents grew cash crops and raised a herd of 21 milking cows. "We worked hard and stayed active,"

44We worked hard and staved active. 77 Leona **Eichelberg** Age 100

Eichelberg said. She grew up with the lifelong values of honesty and integrity.

Her first plane ride was in 1945, when she and her husband, Arnold, flew in an open airplane over Minneapolis/St. Paul.

She married Arnold at age 19 and became a widow in 1985, when he passed away from a brain tumor.

Some of the happiest times of her life were the 19 years she spent in Phoenix, Arizona, living near her siblings in retirement.

Longevity runs in her family. Her parents lived well into their 90s and two of her siblings passed away at 100 and almost 96. Two others lived to be 87 and 88.

Eichelberg was the guest of honor at a 100th birthday party Oct. 3 at Courtyard Manor.

Editor's note: If you or a loved one are turning 100, the Times offers a free social announcement in the paper. Please email news@tctimes.com.

FAMOUS CELEBRITIES WHO LIVED TO 100

- Kirk Douglas (born in 1916)
 - Olivia de Havilland (born in 1916)
 - George Burns (1896-1996)
 - Bob Hope (1903-2003)
 - Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002)
 - Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

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(her husband worked nights) to see an apparition of a woman in a long gown with flowing hair.

"I was so petrified, my voice failed," she said. "I couldn't call to my children sleeping upstairs." For about six weeks she slept with the light on. Ironically, a year later, on another August moonlit night, she awoke with a start. A man, bathed in mist, sat at the foot of her bed.

"I didn't know what to do," said the woman. "Finally, I just closed my eyes tight and prayed he'd go away. When I opened them he was gone. I know he must have been looking for her (the woman in the apparition from the year before). I just hope he found her."

Both apparitions and strange happenings have occurred at another Shiawassee Avenue home. The heavy front door has flown open by itself, things have mysteriously fallen off walls and a rocking chair in a bedroom rocked by itself.

The feeling of force pushing the owner down the staircase was experienced and drapes and sheers in the living room would whip out and strike those walking by, when there was no breeze or no window open.

A minister who lived there more than a century ago was seen in apparition form on the front steps one evening when a teenage neighbor boy was walking his dog across the street. The dog stopped dead in his tracks until the apparition disappeared.

In another Shiawassee Avenue home, the homeowner's mother experienced an apparition one night when a woman, her hair atop her head, dressed in a rustling gown, appeared in her room. "I tried to yell for family members sleeping upstairs, but nothing would come out," she said. "I will never forget the scent that this woman wore. If I ever smell it again, I will recognize it."

The most recent ghostly happening in this house was the slamming of a dining room door at 2 a.m. one morning in April. There is no heat duct near the door and no windows or outside doors were open.

JUST VISITING

"Generally, these spirits visit at night when most people would be sleeping," said an owner of a ghost-occupied Fenton home. "They don't seem to have intent to frighten or hurt anyone. They're simply visiting."

(See the Wednesday, Oct. 30 Midweek edition for tales of three local hotel hauntings.)



COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 23, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282 or go to myfenton.com.

Tractor show highlights farming roots

kids climb on

Dozens of



tractors, learning about farming roots at Mueller's Orchard.

Apple farm heist remains mystery

Spicer Orchards not the only farm hit by thieves.

Area man sentenced to two years in prison

Bruce Holder, 47, of Fenton Township was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading no contest to felony charges related to a road rage incident.

Train vs. car crash victims were 'lucky'

On Sunday, Oct. 20, a car vs. train accident occurred at Silver Lake Road and the crossing to Lake Ponemah Marina and Lake Ponemah Lakeside Lodge.

MSU student from Fenton dies in traffic crash

Sebastian Alexander Tyll, 20, of Fenton, died the morning of Friday, Oct. 18 after a collision with a pickup truck.

Erecting Fenton's next new building

The building, 111 Leroy Place will be four stories with apartments; finish delayed to winter 2020.

'Shop with a Cop' fundraiser coming to Holly on Nov. 15

Live action pirate-themed mystery will help raise Christmas funds for Holly kids.



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MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Oct. 4.

House Bill 4315: Authorize sanctions for disarming police officer

To authorize an enhanced penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for taking a law enforcement or corrections officer's gun by force, or injuring an officer in the attempt, which would be added to penalties imposed for the underlying crimes. A fiscal agency bill summary reports a recent incident where a prisoner being taken to court leaped from the transport van, pinned an officer against another vehicle and tried to grab his gun. Under current law, the penalty is the same for knocking a gun out of an officer's grip and for trying to take the gun.

Passed 106 to 3 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) XYES Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) XYES MILITARY

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Jameson Golden

U.S. Air Force Airman Jameson Golden graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio. Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eightweek program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Golden is the son of Kevin Golden of Linden, and grandson of Jim Golden of Commerce. Golden is a 2014 graduate of Lake Fenton High School.





Nichole Shepard laughs with a customer Wednesday, Oct. 23. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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goddesses, but Wiccans will use "sympathetic magic" and spells while Pagans may not.

"It's all about honoring the earth," Shepard said. "Where Christians go to a building to pray and worship, because we're honoring the earth, church is anywhere outside. This is where we find and connect with the spirit." She acknowledges that "the spirit" and God could be one in the same. Native Ojibwe call it "the creator."

"In the end it's something that's bigger than humanity," she said.

As a Pagan, she said she looks to multiple gods, "and Wicca is more earth-based." She said many Wiccans don't believe in the concept of the devil.

Pagans and Wiccans do have rituals, though there are no animal sacrifices, like those depicted in the Old Testament or still practiced by some modern day Muslims.

Sacrifices are usually just water or wine. Rituals can include lighting candles and changing their altar with the seasons or using rocks of certain colors or setting up pictures of their ancestors. Like many native practices, they may burn sage.

There are audible incantations, but practices vary per person. Better finances, better relationships with family might be a topic of prayer. "You're visualizing what you want," she said, which is a big part of "spells."

Shepard said these religions predate Christianity, but in practice don't necessarily exclude it. She said there are Christian Wiccans who revere God, but also other gods and goddesses. Pagans might pray to their ancestors, such as in Taoism, or again, native people in the U.S.

The Halloween season includes depictions in costume or TV shows of witches, whether evil or ugly, or endowed with super powers fighting for good. She said some Wicca are offended by these depictions, but most just recognize them as entertainment.

Historically, she said "real" witches would have been the ones using their knowledge of plants and herbs to heal people.

This time of the year is special to those practicing these religions because of the original basis for Halloween. This is called "Samhain," and is pronounced "sow-win" and stems from an ancient Celtic spiritual tradition, according to history.com. She said it marks the end of the harvest season and is a time of being grateful for the harvest.

Shepard has three children, who sometimes take part in her practices, but some are strictly for adults. She knows some Wiccans who choose not to be open about their religion for fear of repercussions.

Shepard said whatever religion draws them, she'll be supportive.



Pagans can use smudge bundles like this to cleanse their home, which is a native tradition as well. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**



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coffee trends -beyond the PSL

Cold brews, specialty beans and healthier drinks on the rise

By Hannah Ball

PSL stands for Pumpkin Spice Latte. It's Starbucks' most popular drink in the fall. Starbucks has sold more than 350 million PSLs since 2003, according to Starbucks.

This is a seasonal coffee drink, one that comes and goes, but it's not the most notable trend. The National Coffee Association (NCA) found that more Americans are turning to gourmet coffee, cold brew and other specialized beverages compared to non-gourmet coffee, according to the NCA's annual report titled National Coffee Data Trends.

Nationwide, for the first time in the NCA report's 69-year history, gourmet



coffee reached a 60/40 advantage over traditional non-gourmet coffee drinkers. The survey included interviewing 2,815 people who reported drinking a beverage other than water within the past day.

"Over the 20 or so years The Laundry has been in business, coffee



Battle Alley Coffee owner Linda Stouffer rings up an order for a customer Thursday, Oct. 24. Photo: Tim Jagielo

has changed a lot. Mainly for the better," said Mark Hamel, co-owner of The Laundry, CRUST and El Topo in downtown Fenton. "Gourmet coffee has definitely increased but that has been true for years, really since the inception of Starbucks."

What coffee shops are seeing now are alternatives to the lattes with double

flavored syrup and whipped cream, which Hamel said contain around 2,000 calories. Cold brew, which is easier on your stomach due to the lower acidity, is becoming more popular, along with traditional hot brewed coffee and coffee drinks that are lower in calories "but still provide great flavor," he said.

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'A boy's best friend is his mother'

I watched the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock film "Psycho" for the first time with my mother. She and I loved scary movies and this one was an all-time favorite. Any movie that can creep you out when you step into the shower, even 50-plus years later, is frightening.

This movie is about Phoenix secretary Mar-

ion Crane (Janet Leigh) on the lam after stealing \$40,000 from her employer. While traveling on the back roads to avoid the police, she is overcome by exhaustion and stops for the night at the Bates Motel. There she meets the polite but high-strung proprietor Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins), a young man with a peculiar



relationship with his mother.

If you're one of the few who has not seen the movie, I won't spoil it for you. If you dare, you can find and watch the full movie online (just Google it). Warning, it is R-rated.

What I didn't know was that this movie was loosely based on a true story — the story of Edward Theodore Gein, an American serial killer.

According to britannica.com, Gein was born in August of 1906 in Plainfield, Wisconsin. Gein had a difficult childhood. His father was an alcoholic and his mother was verbally abusive toward him. Gein nevertheless idolized her.

The death of Gein's mother in 1945 left him a virtual hermit. In subsequent years, Gein cordoned off the areas of the house that his mother had used most frequently, preserving them as something of a shrine.

Gein attracted the attention of police in 1957, when a hardware store owner named Bernice Worden went missing. Gein had been seen with her shortly before her disappearance, and, when law enforcement officials visited his farm, they found her body. She had been fatally shot and decapitated. Subsequent examinations of his home showed that he had systematically robbed graves and collected body parts, which he used to make household items, clothing, and masks. Also discovered on Gein's property was the head of Mary Hogan (no relation, I wasn't born a Hogan), a tavern operator who had disappeared in 1954.

Gein admitted to killing the two women — both of whom allegedly resembled his mother — but pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. In late 1957, he was deemed unfit for trial and was subsequently confined in various psychiatric institutions. In 1968, however, after it was determined that he could participate in his own defense, Gein was put on trial. He was found guilty of killing Worden, but then was deemed insane at the time of the crime. He returned to a mental hospital, where he remained until his death in 1984 at the age of 78.

As Norman Bates said in the movie, "A boy's best friend is his mother."



One theory holds that this superstition arises from a Christian belief in the Holy Trinity: Since a ladder leaning against a wall forms a triangle, "breaking" that triangle was blasphemous. Then again, another popular theory is that a fear of walking under a ladder has to do with its resemblance to a medieval gallows.

Are you SUPERSTITIOUS?

Compiled By Vera Hogan Most people occasionally participate in superstitious thinking or behavior often without even realizing they're doing it. When was the last time you knocked on wood, walked within the lines or avoided a black cat? According to webmd.com, more than half of Americans admitted to being at least a little superstitious. The following are common superstitions and the theories on how they got started.



Americans collectively keep more than 81 million cats as pets. So why keep a black cat out of your path? Most likely, this superstition arises from old beliefs in witches and their animal familiars, which were often said to take the form of domestic animals like cats.

The fixation

on wood may

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The root of this superstition is that salt was a precious commodity in ancient societies. Because of its difficulty to procure and its high cost, salt became a form of currency. In fact, the word "salary" originates from sal, the Latin word for salt, possibly because Roman soldiers received salt as part of their compensation. (This is also where we get the expression "not worth one's salt.") Spilling something as highly prized as salt was bad form and a big waste, which grew into a warning that this carelessness would bring one bad luck. On the other hand, another theory is that bad luck can be reversed by throwing salt over your left shoulder.



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The tradition of turkey bone tug-of-war goes back a long way. Legend has it that firstcentury Romans used to fight over dried wishbones — which they believed were good luck — and would accidentally break them, ushering in the idea that whoever has the largest bit of bone gets their wish.



According to folklore, breaking a mirror is a surefire way to doom yourself to seven years of bad luck. The superstition seems to arise from the belief that mirrors don't just reflect your image; they hold bits of your soul. That belief led people in the old days of the American South to cover mirrors in a house when someone died, lest their soul be trapped inside. Like the number three, the number seven is often associated with luck. Seven years is a long time to be unlucky, which may be why people have come up with counter-measures to free themselves after breaking a mirror.



languages, suggesting that the desire not to upset a spiteful universe is very common.

Source: livescience.com; howsstuffworks.com





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Linda Stouffer, owner of Battle Alley Coffee in Holly, has also seen a trend toward healthier drinks.

"Some people just like a plain cup of coffee. They're always going to be that way and they don't want any syrup in it," she said. "But I have seen a trend more toward the sugar-free diets. Maybe they get skim milk instead of whole milk if they get a latte."

Stouffer gets customers who ask for a particular type of coffee. She roasts her own coffee beans and grinds them right before making a pot of coffee.

"Sometimes people are asking for certain beans, but I wouldn't say it's a vast majority," she said. "Coffee is a very personal thing and people want it like they want it. I'm here to give it to them the way they want it."

At Battle Alley, she sees a 50/50 split between people who want a simple cup of coffee and those who want one with syrup or a latte, often called specialty drinks. This ratio has stayed consistent over the years at her shop.

"I have to thank the Starbucks of the world for getting people used to paying \$5 for a cup of coffee," she said.

DATA FROM THE NATIONAL COFFEE ASSOCIATION

The number of people who reported drinking coffee within the past day was 63 percent, a modest 1 point down from last year, and a 6-percent increase from the 57-percent mark in 2016.

Older people (60-plus) reported the strongest past-day consumption (72 percent), while younger people reported the least (47 percent for 18- to 24-year-olds).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The hearing will be held at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442.

The hearing is being held for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Year 2020 application in the approximate amount of \$14,177 to fund eligible projects.

All interested persons are requested to attend the public hearing to offer their comments on the proposed use of the 2020 program year funds. Comments in writing will be received until the date and time of the hearing and should be addressed to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

Arraignments to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact the Rose Township Clerk's Office (248) 634-8701 at 9080 Mason Street Holly, MI 48442 for special services.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC Rose Township Clerk

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNUITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS – 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Groveland will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the township office located at 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the CDBG Program Year 2020 application in the approximate amount of \$7,452 to fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 until the day of the public hearing, November 12, 2019 by 4:00pm. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour notice. Township office is closed on Friday and request to reasonably accommodate special needs should be received by the close of business Thursday at 4:00pm. Contact Patricia Back at 248-634-4152 or clerk@grovelandtownship.net for special needs or further information.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

At their meeting of October 21, 2019, the Fenton Township Board introduced the following proposed ordinances:

- 1. A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add language relating to a wellhead protection zone.
- 2. A proposed amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance to revise language relating to billboard signs.
- 3. Five proposed ordinances to replace existing ordinances for the authorization of the various insurance and retirement plans offered to township officials and employees.

Second reading and a vote on adoption for the proposed ordinances will be conducted at the November 4, 2019 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www. fentontownship.org.

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- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$516,846.47.
- 4. Received the annual report from APM Mosquito Control.
- 5. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add language relating to a wellhead protection zone.
- 6. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Sign Regulation ordinance to revise language relating to billboard signs.
- 7. Conducted the first reading of five individual ordinances to replace existing ordinances authorizing various insurance and retirement plans for township officials and employees.
- 8. Approved special levies and miscellaneous special assessments for the 2019 property tax roll.
- 9. Adopted a revised 2019 Fenton Township Meeting Schedule.
- 10. Approved a dog park sponsorship agreement with Financial Plus Credit Union.
- 11. Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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Oreo Cookie Spiders

A fun and easy Halloween Treat! These Oreo Cookie Spiders can be customized using whatever colors you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package Twizzlers Pull n Peel in Fruit Punch
- 1 12 ounce package Wiltons Candy Melts in purple
- 12 Double Stuffed Oreo cookies
- 24 candy eyes
- sprinkles

Notes:

Make ahead and store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week.

Recipe courtesy of thisdelicioushouse.com

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Pull apart the Twizzlers and set aside 24 strands of the purple licorice. Cut the licorice in half and use 4 strands to make the legs for the bottom of the spiders.
- 2. Melt the Wiltons Candy Melts according to package instructions. Add a small dollop of candy melts on the middle of the legs. Dip the Oreo in the melted candy melts and let excess drizzle off. Carefully place Oreo in the center of the spider legs. Add on the spiders eyes and sprinkles. Let dry completely before moving.

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.



VILLAGE OF HOLLY

Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Karl Richter Center Board of Education meeting room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 application to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the Village of Holly Municipal Offices located at 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI 48442 until November 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Deborah J. Bigger Clerk/Treasurer Village of Holly

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know GROVELAND TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the Groveland Township County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Groveland Township on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.at the following locations:

Precinct 1 - Groveland Township Office 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly

Precinct 2 – Fire Station #1 14645 Dixie Hwy., Holly

Precinct 3 – Fire Station #2, 3085 Grange Hall Rd., Ortonville

Please take notice that Groveland Township will be voting on Oakland Community College Operating Millage Renewal. This proposal authorizes Oakland Community College to continue to levy 0.7545 mill for operating purposes for 10 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2010, which expires with the 2021 tax levy.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Groveland Township Clerk office located at 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, Mi 48442. Sample ballots can also be found at www.grovelandtownship.net follow the link to Secretary of State they may also be obtained at the Groveland Township Office.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the Groveland Township clerk's office.

Posted by Patricia Back, Groveland Township Clerk, 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, Mi. 48442

NOTICE OF ELECTION ROSE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT #1, #2, #3 November 5, 2019

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Rose, County of Oakland on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the following location:

Precinct #1 Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442

Precinct #2 Rose Pioneer School, 7110 Milford Road, Holly MI 48442

Precinct #3 Rose Pioneer School, 7110 Milford Road, Holly, MI 48442

Precinct #1

Fenton Area Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2019 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of .8999 mill (\$0.8999 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 3 years, 2020, 2021 and 2022, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$820,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2019 tax levy)?

Precinct #2 and Precinct #3

Oakland Community College Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal authorizes Oakland Community College to continue to levy 0.7545 mill for operating purposes for 10 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2010, which expires with the 2021 tax levy. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable property within the Oakland Community College district. State of Michigan

property within the Oakland Community College district, State of Michigan, be renewed at a rate of 0.7545 mill (\$0.7545 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 through 2031, inclusive, to provide funds for College operating purposes? It is estimated that if the millage is approved and 0.7545 mill is levied in 2022, it would raise \$45,065,057 for the College.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained Rose Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

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Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 Times

Obituaries

Ralph Eugene Handley

1934-2019 Ralph Eugene Handley - age 85 passed away peacefully at his Lake Fenton home on



Sunday, October 20, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence Theodore Handley, and Effa Bell (Hancock) Handley of Linwood, Kansas; and brother-in-law, Clarence Irvin (Butch) Mills. Ralph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maxine Ann (Mills) Handley; brother, James Robert Handley (Nita Lee) of Overland Park, Kansas; daughter Marilyn Joyce Henk (Michael) of Fenton, Michigan; granddaughter, Jill Suzanne Miller (Robert); and great-granddaughter, Theodora (Teddy) of Los Angeles, CA; son, Stephen David Handley (Anna) of Fenton, Michigan; and granddaughters, Deanna and Vanessa Handley of Novi, Michigan. Ralph's surviving family also includes sistersin-law Barbara Mills Larison (Duane), Jeannie Mills Parmer (JR), Kathy Mills Lewallen (John), Sue Mills; brothers-inlaw. Mike Mills and Randy (Deb) Mills. all of Kansas, and many nieces and nephews. Ralph was born on June 25, 1934 in Mankato, Kansas, and was raised on a farm in Bonner Springs, Kansas. As a young boy, he would occasionally ride his horse to the oneroom school house which was located on land now owned by the Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was an excellent athlete throughout high school, college and even during his service in the U.S. Army - he was stationed in Germany from 1954-1956. After leaving the Army, Ralph attended Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas where he earned a business degree. While at Pittsburg, Ralph became a champion

over 6'8" in 1957 - which stayed on the record books for over a decade!). Ralph and Maxine were married on June 2, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Tonganoxie, Kansas. In 2017, their children honored them with a wonderful 60th wedding anniversary party where they celebrated and reminisced with many friends and family members. Ralph worked for General Motors for 39 years, then for Delphi Corporation the last 5 years of his career, retiring in 2004 as Executive Director of Industrial Relations. Most of his time with GM/Delphi was spent in World-Wide Security, Personnel and Labor Relations; he became known as a master negotiator (they even called him "The Legend"). His career moved his family from Kansas City to Michigan to Ohio, and back to various locations in Michigan, where he eventually retired at age 70. Ralph enjoyed spending time with his family, boating on Lake Fenton, golfing with his buddies, long lunches with fellow GM and Delphi retirees, watching sports on TV (usually in his "Garage Mahal"), tending to his flower gardens, and sharing their home on Lake Fenton with friends and family. He never missed an episode of "The Price is Right" and surprisingly, he recently started watching cooking shows (especially those featuring BBQ!). Funeral services will be held on Tuesday October 29, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road. Visitation will be from 11 AM to 1 PM, and the Memorial Service will begin at 1 PM. Interment of cremated remains will be at 2:30 PM at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road in Holly. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Wounded Warrior Project or National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Margaret O'Brien

Margaret O'Brien - age 89, died October 20, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Emily Kostelnik

Emily Kostelnik - age 86, died October 21, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Geraldine Louise Barkiewicz 1935-2019

1935-2019 Geraldine Louise Barkiewicz - age 84, of Linden, died Tuesday, October 22,





Sebastian Alexander Tvll

1999-2019 Sebastian Alexander Tyll - age 20, passed into eternal life on Friday, October 18th, 2019 after a vehicle collision



on his way to work at Michigan State University. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 AM, Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. Ryan Riley celebrant. Burial followed at St. John Cemetery. Visitation was held 6 - 9 PM, Sunday, October 20, 2019 and 2 - 4 and 6 - 9 PM, Monday, October 21, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A rosary was prayed at 7 PM Monday evening at the funeral home. Visitation was also held 10 - 11 AM, Tuesday at the church. Sebastian was born April 28th, 1999 in Royal Oak. He was a student at MSU and worked in maintenance at the MSU greenhouse and he was involved in the ROTC program. Sebastian was known for his incredible sense of humor, infectious smile, and relaxed personality. He was a brother to more than his sisters, he was a brother to all. He accepted everyone and left the world better than he found it. He was a proud alumnus of Orchard Lake Saint Mary's Preparatory High School, where he became a three-time state champion as a member of the Saint Mary's crew team. He is survived by his mother and father, Crystal and Matthew Tyll; three sisters, Felicity Tyll, Cecily Fisher, and Serenity Even, and his fiancée Yian Wang. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Obituaries

Marissa L. Parks

1992-2019 Marissa L. Parks - age 27, died Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at home in Linden after her lifelong battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Born June 10, 1992



in Pontiac, she is the daughter of Clayton (Elberta) Parks: older sister of Adaline Parks and Shelby Parks. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Helen Boyce; grandfather, Leslie Boyce; Aunt Annie Parks, and many friends who also passed away after battling Cystic Fibrosis. Marissa is survived by parents; sisters; grandparents, Clayton Parks Sr., Vickie (Dave) Verhoff, Donivan Pugh; Uncle Leslie Bowman (aunt Kim); nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and nurses (6C) and doctors at U of M Hospital. Though her life was short, this young lady always had a positive attitude and did more than many people who have lived a long life. She loved to work, was passionate about all things Disney and had big dreams, but it was not meant to be. The problem, she wanted to do so much more and would have, if her body only had let her. Marissa enjoyed cooking, watching cooking shows (Alton Brown), eating out and really, all things food related. Marissa attended K-12 at Lake Fenton and earned an associate degree from Iowa Central College where she majored in music and drama. She started racing a junior dragster at age nine and spent years traveling around many states and tracks competing. The highlight of her life was working at Disney, her dream iob. Her last wish was fulfilled with her body being donated to the University of Michigan Medical School Anatomical Program, so her passing could help others in the future. Marissa was an inspiration to all and every life she touched is a better life because of her wonderful spirit. She will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved her. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Lola Gillis

Lola Gillis - age 101, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marion Dietz - age 2019. Services prov Homes. www.sharp

Marion Dietz - age 73, died October 21,

2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Anna Finger

Anna Finger - age 87, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edna Harris

Edna Harris - age 92, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Martha Edwards

Martha Edwards - age 81, died October 22, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Matthew Beebe

Matthew Beebe - age 55, died October 21, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wendell Bell II

Wendell Bell II - age 29, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lorraine Sedlar

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Beverly Natzel

Beverly Natzel - age 83, died October 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Beverly Filka

Beverly Filka - age 92, died October 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edward Mulville

Edward Mulville - age 80, died October 23, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charlene McBride

Charlene McBride - age 79, died October 23, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Timothy Norko

Timothy Norko - age 61, died October 24, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharofuneralhomes.com.

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Thomas Barker

Thomas Barker - age 71, died October 24, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Eleanor Camp

Eleanor Camp - age 87, died October 24, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Christopher Schwartz

Christopher Schwartz - age 35, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Memoriams



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Benjamin Saucedo

Benjamin Saucedo - age 69, died October 21, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don't feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died. Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes

emotional or begins to cry. Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

Source: thefuneralsource.org

Area XC teams competing at regional meets

By David Troppens

The tri-county area has a rich history of qualifying cross country squads for the state meet.

Many area teams will get a chance to continue that tradition on 'home courses'

this weekend.

Linden and Holly are hosting regionals while Lake Fenton will be competing at the Linden D2 regional meet as well. The only team leaving the confines of the tri-county area is Fenton. The Tigers will be headed to the D1 Saginaw Heritage district at Delta College. **CONTINUED AT**

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Sports Times



Holly's Nicole Jewell sets a ball during the Bronchos' match Thursday. Photo: Christopher Summers

Bronchos capture share of Metro Stripes league title

By David Troppens

The Holly High School gymnasium has banners on the walls for every sport.

The Holly varsity volleyball team has made a habit of looking at their pennant this season. It reads the last time the Bronchos shared a Metro League championship was during the 1993-94 school year.

"Every year many times throughout the season, we will pause and look at that banner and talk about what it would mean to put a number on that banner," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. "It's been a goal as long as I've been here."

Soon, there will be a time the Bronchos can look at that banner with See BRONCHOS on 39

Alvin

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By David Troppens

Fenton — Alex Flannery is experiencing his own athletic version of the movie Groundhog Day.

When he was a freshman, the Fenton varsity boys soccer team won the program's first-ever Division 2 regional championship, defeating Notre Dame Prep 1-0 in the title game at Fenton High School.

As a senior, the Tigers capped his career with another regional crown on Thursday night. The Tigers jumped to a 2-0 lead and then held on as Fenton defeated Detroit Country Day, the defending Division 2 state champions, 2-1 at Fenton High School in a regional championship contest.

"It's amazing," Flannery said. "I feel like déjà vu since we already did it before. Hopefully we'll go further this time. I don't know who we play right now, but who cares. It's all about us."

The Tigers always make it about their own team and always focus

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on their brothership. That equation helped lead the Tigers to the victory. After all, a win means the Tigers get more time together.

"This means so much," Fenton keeper Gannon Welch said. "We get to continue to play with my brothers."

"If you ask any one of these guys, I think the answer will be the same — it means another day together," Fenton

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varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "That's all they want. All they want to do is keep having fun. I just couldn't be more proud of the way they grinded that out against

a really good team that spanked us earlier in the year. But they never really focused on the other team. They never do. They just care See TIGERS on 39

Fenton's Ben Chapple scores a goal during the Tigers' 2-1

Divsion 2 regional championship victory against Detroit



Country Day on Thursday. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Fenton Tigers defeat Eagles in four sets

By David Troppens

Fenton — It's been a season of ups and downs for both the Fenton and Linden varsity volleyball teams.

When the teams faced off on Tuesday for the second time this season, both teams showed some bright moments and some down moments. However, when the contest was over, the Tigers were the more consistent squad, earning the 25-16, 18-25, 25-19, 25-22 Metro League victory at Fenton High School.

"I think that we stayed really positive and had good energy the whole time tonight," Fenton's senior setter Sydney Acho said. "That was good."

"The girls showed the mental toughness and were able to fight back," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Meghan Polce said. "Just to be able to answer back about making a mistake and focusing on the next play. We've been talking about it and implementing it, and we've been doing a lot more pressure situations. It definitely showed today in tonight's match. The girls are fighting a lot more. They are not giving up as easy."

In the opening set, the Tigers jumped to a lead and held on to it, cruising to a reasonably easy victory. Linden cut the gap to as close as 15-14 after a Fenton service error, but a kill by Fenton's Sydney Sahr started a 6-0 Tigers' run. When the run was over after a Linden hitting error, the Tigers led 21-14. Set point was provided by Acho with a service ace.

In the second game the Eagles jumped to a quick 5-0 lead, getting to the fifth point on a block kill by Ellie Klocek. From that point, the Tigers had to play catch-up and cut the gap to two points many times. The final time came at 18-16 after an Acho ace, but Linden scored the next point and Makenna O'Keefe scored four straight service points, resulting in a 23-16 lead after an Emma Mossing kill. From there, the Eagles cruised to the 25-18 victory.



Holly's Lauren Costigan took third in the 500 freestyle in a meet against Fenton and Kearsley/Lake Fenton on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

Drogemuller impressed by Holly swimmers during her first season as coach

By David Troppens

Fenton — Jessica Drogemuller is spending her first year with the Holly varsity girls swim team as its head coach.

When the job became available during the summer, Drogemuller, who was an assistant coach for Brandon's program last year, quickly jumped at the position to take the Holly varsity position. And right now, she's enjoying her decision.

The Bronchos have shown prog-

ress this season, and a look at the Metro League standings will show that to be the case. Holly is 3-3 after splitting with Kearsley/Lake Fenton and Fenton on Tuesday at Fenton High School.

The Holly defeated the Kearsley/ Lake Fenton co-op 103-77 and lost to the Metro's powerhouse squad, Fenton, 124-59. Kearsley/Lake Fenton lost to Fenton 145-41.

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Fenton's Katelyn Beverly (right) attempts to block Linden's Katie Strickert during the Tigers' victory against Linden. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

Tigers earn spot in regional final, defeat Lamphere, 7-3

By David Troppens

Fenton — Being at home is always a good thing.

That's particularly true when a team gets deep into the state tournament series.

The Fenton varsity boys soccer team learned that last week. The Tigers looked very relaxed and crushed Madison Heights Lamphere 7-3 in a Division 2 regional semifinal contest Tuesday night.

The win meant the Tigers earned a spot in the regional championship contest Thursday against Detroit Country Day at Fenton High School. Results of that game can be found elsewhere in this publication.

"I think being at home helps us out a lot," Fenton junior Andrew Hutchins said. "We've been waiting to play in regionals for awhile, ever since we lost last year. I'm glad we're at home. Playing on the grass, we're used to it."

The Tigers (15-5-1) used the tall See **REGIONAL** on 38



WEEKEND TIMES / SPORTS

Kromer sensing end of career, looking for a big Fenton finish

By David Troppens

Fenton — For Fenton senior Lillie Kromer, the next month is going to be filled with a lot of last times when it comes to being on the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team.

Tuesday night was one of those symbolic days as the Tigers competed in their last home dual meet of the season.

The Tigers defeated Holly 124-59 and Kearsley/Lake Fenton 145-41.

"I can sense the end is near," Kromer said. "I cried when my coach (Brad Jones) hugged me. He said, 'Good job,' and I got teary-eyed. It didn't hit me until yesterday that this is winding down to the last couple of days. It's really emotional."

But the final weeks of the season won't be without a lot of exciting events. First off, the Tigers will be the favorites to win another Metro League title and many of the swimmers will be headed to the Division 2 state swim meet in November. Kromer is excited about what should be a fun ending to her career over the next month.

"It gives me more motivation seeing the weeks go away," Kromer said. "We are finally into hell week and we've got just a couple of weeks left. We are putting in those extra miles. It encourages me to do my best through all of the pain."

The Tigers had several changes in their lineup in Tuesday's meet, but the Tigers still cruised to the easy victories. Fenton took overall firsts in seven individual events and in two relays. Abby Carrigan took firsts in two individual events, winning the 100 back-stroke (1:08.26) and the 200 freestyle (2:14.24).

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Fenton's Abigail Dolliver (top) won the 500 freestyle in a meet against Holly and Kearsley/Lake Fenton. Mallorie Johnson (top) and Libby Maier (bottom) also competed in the 500 freestyle. The Tigers defeated both Holly and Kearsley/Lake Fenton. Fenton is undefeated in Metro play. Photos: David Troppens

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grass to their advantage. The Tigers played a vertical game and it kept Lamphere on their back heels all night long. Within the first eight minutes, the Tigers already led 2-0 with Hutchins playing a key role with both goals. On the first, he sent a lead pass to Will Dickens, who eventually scored. On the second, he took a shot and it was deflected by the keeper into the net. Just 7:02 into the contest, Fenton already led 2-0 and Hutchins had a goal and assist.

"Usually when we are at

home we like to play direct because the grass helps us out a lot," Hutchins said. "Will made a great run and I just played the ball to his feet (for the first goal). The second goal was kind of lucky for me. The ball slipped past the goalie somehow and ended up going in."

Lamphere cut the gap in half just 45 seconds later with a goal by Mardin Elia. However, just 43 seconds later, the Tigers



Fenton's Joe Sullivan is chased by teammates after scoring a goal in the Tigers' 7-3 victory against Lamphere in the regional semifinals. **Photo: David Troppens**

> took back control with a goal by Calvin Curtis on a head flick off a pass from Max Guerra. Fenton led 3-1 and never lost control of the game from that point on. Before the half was up, Ben Chapple and RJ Stack scored goals before halftime, making it a pretty insurmountable 5-1 lead by halftime.

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about themselves and it's great. I'm so happy."

"It was so exciting for our team," Fenton player Ben Chapple said. "We get to spend more time with our team because I love them. For coach, it was so exciting. It's all about brothership. no regrets."

Both teams had their share of chances to score goals, but for a long time it was only the Tigers that were able to light up the scoreboard.

About 10 minutes into the game, Andrew Hutchins kicked a shot from about 35 yards out that hit the net just underneath the crossbar into the top corner of the net.

"They gave me room," Hutchins said. "Cal (Curtis) gave me a great pass and I hit it. I got a really good deflection. It went to the top right and it

worked out great."

Fenton held on to the 1-0 lead entering the second half. Less than six minutes into the second half, the Tigers increased their lead to 2-0 when Chapple scored on a rebound off a free kick by RJ Stack.

"It was a free kick," Chapple said. "It hit the goalie and it came off of him. He tried to grab me and I put it in. I was so happy. It was so exciting for our team."

The Tigers continued to control the game for a bit until about the midpoint of the second half. That's when Country Day's offense came to life. Country Day had 12 shots in the final 20 minutes. That eventually resulted in Justin Guo's goal, cutting the gap to 2-1.

Country Day didn't stop. The visitor had six more shots during the game, with Welch making three critical saves. CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM



The Holly varsity volleyball team earned a share of the Metro League Stripes Division championship with a victory against Swartz Creek on Thursday. **Photo: Christopher Summers**

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some pride. That's because Holly captured the share of the Metro League's Stripe Division title Thursday night by defeating Swartz Creek 25-9, 25-11, 25-13 during Senior Night. The win ended Holly at 9-1, tied with Flushing atop the final Stripes Division standings.

The Bronchos took care of business this week. After beating Flushing in a sweep Oct. 21, the Bronchos crushed Kearsley 25-6, 25-14, 25-13 on Tuesday and followed that win with Thursday's convincing victory against Swartz Creek.

"We had it in our minds we wanted to earn this and we didn't want to go in

there with the idea all we had to do was show up and win," Maher said. "We knew we had to work for it. We knew the championship was on the line and we wanted to get it as quickly as we could."

The Bronchos played a strong match against Swartz Creek. Offensively, Holly was deadly efficient, recording four hitters with hitting percentages at 50 percent or better. Nicole Jewell and Kennedy Hogan (66 percent hitting percentage) had eight kills each while Paige Weeder had seven kills. Sarah Jewell chipped in five kills. Sydnie Meszler assisted 18 of the kills while Nicole Jewell assisted 10 of them. CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM

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a Detroit Country Day player reflects on his team's loss. Photo: Mark Bolen

