

'It's just been really overwhelming'

■ Linden couple loses two cats in house fire

By Hannah Ball

A downed wire was hanging low to their yard for about three weeks. In that time, Matt and Danielle Loiselle of Linden said they called Consumers Energy multiple times, but the

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Know which police cover you in emergency

■ Local woman's call transferred twice during break-in due to confusion over address

By Tim Jagielo

On Tuesday Oct. 22, a Holly Township resident waited 20 minutes for the police to arrive at her door while hiding from an intruder in her closet, her dogs presumed dead outside at the intruder's hand.

While locked in the closet her 911 call was transferred twice by dispatchers to reach the right police agency.

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Matthew and Danielle Loiselle stand in their Linden home kitchen on Thursday, Oct. 31. They spent nine years renovating the 1926 home before it was damaged by a fire this fall. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Fenton Township allows digital billboards

■ Outfront Media proposes to convert a U.S. 23 billboard to digital

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Digital billboards are allowed in Fenton Township after a 4-2 vote at the Monday Nov. 4 Board of Trustees meeting.

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Argentine dam broken

■ Bennett and Lobdell lake water levels down about a foot; gate is now closed

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp. — After approximately five days of a broken gate letting out water, the Argentine Township dam is closed.

Alex Patsy, programming and development engineer

for the Genesee County Road Commission, said Bennett and Lobdell lakes water levels are down about a foot. Each was losing about 4½ inches a day while the gate was open. He doesn't know how many inches

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“So, according to your article about NOAA's winter weather predictions, it could be

warm, it could be cold or it could be wet. I'll trust the Farmer's Almanac. At least they make a prediction.”



“The Fenton Police Department will accept drugs without question,

24/7/365. However, no containers so dump your pills in a baggie beforehand and recycle the containers.”



“If Facebook and Twitter are expected to monitor political ads for

truthfulness, shouldn't TV stations monitor political attack ads as well?”



HOUSE FIRE

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utility company wasn't able to come out to fix the wire. Consumers Energy is conducting an investigation into the incident.

On the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 8, the couple's internet went out and they wondered if it was caused by the downed line.

The next day, Wednesday, Oct. 9, Matt noticed

that their internet cable right out - side their house was burning and melting. Leaves got on top of the wire and it ignited.

"Matt kicked it out really quick, but then we heard popping and cracking and we see smoke coming out of our window unit," Danielle said. That's when they ran inside. "Then we see fire shooting out of the outlets. There was smoke everywhere."

The fire spread.

“Then we see fire shooting out of the outlets. There was smoke everywhere.”

Danielle Loiselle
Linden resident



Matthew and Danielle Loiselle lost their home and two cats. They'd like to rebuild on site. Photo: Tim Jagielo

They called 911 right away, and Linden Fire Chief Brian Will was on scene before any fire trucks. The fire departments of Linden, Fenton City, Fenton Township, Argentine Township and Mundy Township assisted in putting the flames out.

Will estimated the home was 50 percent

damaged.

"It was pretty bad. It was in pretty much every room," Danielle said. "It did the most damage in our kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, and then also upstairs. Every room was pretty much destroyed."

The couple had recently finished remod-

eling one half of their house and was about to remodel the second half.

"It's just been really overwhelming. It still seems so surreal that we don't have a house to go back to and losing our cats was really devastating, too. They were really well loved," she said.

Their insurance company is paying for them to stay at a hotel in Brighton, which also allows them to have their dog. Their dog is okay, but the couple lost their two cats in the fire.

"We are in conversations to get a rental house or apartment right now," she said.

The fire is still under investigation. A fire investigator is coming to the site Nov. 14 and they're hoping to get more answers afterward.

Danielle said they plan to rebuild on the same lot and they don't yet know if they need to demolish the remaining structure or if they work off parts of it.

In the meantime, Linden Pay It Forward has been helping the couple by donating pillows, gift cards, a dog bed and other items. Founder Denise Marks reached out to Danielle after the incident.

"They've been really helpful and generous. They've just been great," Danielle said.

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Myths about credit scores debunked

■ Common misconceptions offer both good and bad news

Compiled By Vera Hogan

There is more credit score information available than ever, but many consumers continue to believe harmful misconceptions about credit scores. Credit scores are used by lenders as one of the main factors in decisions to approve or decline loans, and to charge higher interest rates and fees to higher risk customers. Credit scores also will determine approvals and interest rates for housing and vehicle purchases.

Some of those misconceptions, according to thebalance.com, include:

A bad credit score lasts forever

A bad credit score will only last forever if you continue to make choices that hurt your credit score, i.e., paying late, maxing out your credit cards, letting bills go to collections, etc. Otherwise, if you start managing your credit well, your credit score will improve with time.

It takes a long time for a credit score to go bad

It only takes a few months to ruin a good credit score. At six months past due, your account will be charged-off,

which is one of the worst things you can do to your credit score. Multiple charge-offs or collections can completely ruin your credit score.

Checking your credit hurts your scores

You can check your credit as many times as you want without hurting your credit score as long as you're using credit scoring services, and not mortgage lenders, to check your score.

Each person has only one credit score

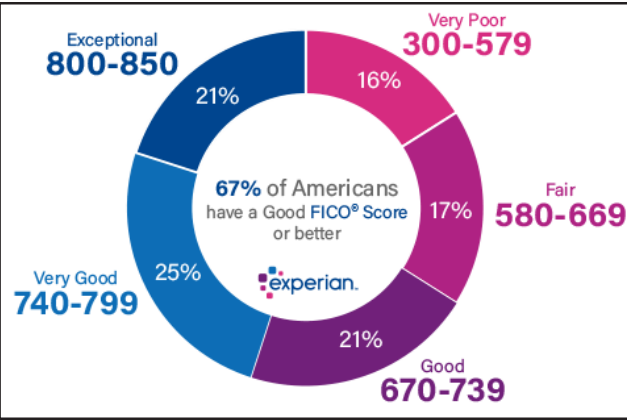
Each person has several credit scores because there are several different credit scoring models. And for each credit scoring model, there are three different credit scores for each of the major credit bureaus.

The credit score you check is the same one a lender will see

The credit score you get online, whether free or purchased, is an educational credit score and typically not the same credit score your lender is going to use. While the educational credit score can give you a general idea of your credit health, you can't take for

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recommends checking your credit reports at least once a year — or more often under certain circumstances.

Graphic: experian.com



granted that you'll be approved based on that score.

Getting married will merge your credit scores

You and your spouse will continue to maintain separate credit histories and credit scores after you get married. Joint accounts will affect both of your credit scores, but individually held accounts will affect only that account holder's credit score.

Employers check credit scores

It is against the law for employers to use credit scores to screen job applicants. According to nerdwallet.com, potential employers don't see an applicant's credit score, but they get a modified credit report showing

debt and payment history. Employers sometimes check credit to get insight into a potential hire, including signs of financial distress that might indicate risk of theft or fraud.

Closing a credit card will improve your credit score

Closing a credit card is more likely to hurt your credit score than to help it, particularly if you close the card with a balance. Leaving accounts open, especially if they're in good standing, is typically better for your credit score.

Paying off a collection keeps it from hurting your credit score

Paying a collection account can help your credit score in the long run, but

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Careers and questions

Two weeks ago, I spent the day with 3,000 high school students and I learned one very important lesson: High school teachers are saints.

Our team spent the day with the students thanks to the GST Michigan Works! MiCareerQuest East at Dort Federal Event Center. The day brought together more than 3,000 high school students from 45 schools across six counties to meet with more than 50 exhibitors.

Our team talked to students about the many careers available in the publishing world, including journalism, graphic design, sales and more.

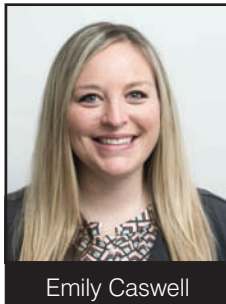
I do believe that high school teachers are saints, but all joking aside, most of our interactions with the students were positive. Best of all, a few students came equipped with questions, which got me thinking, it might not just be high school students who have these questions about our business. So, here are the top questions we received at MiCareerQuest and the answers.

Q. Do you print the newspapers, too?

A. View Newspaper Group doesn't, but our sister company —

Michigan Web Press (MWP) does. Founded in 1979 and acquired by Rick Burrough in 1999, the printing press is located in Davisburg. Along with our

papers, MWP prints more than 120 daily, weekly and monthly newspaper and periodical titles. The company prints about 3 million papers every week distributed throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. In May, MWP announced the acquisition of Stafford Printing in Greenville.



Emily Caswell

Q. Do reporters get into fights about who gets to cover what story?

A. The team at View Newspaper Group rarely, if ever, encounters this. Each community we serve has its own reporting team and each person has a set area of coverage from sports to education to city government and more.

Q. Aren't newspapers going away?

A. Actually, we are growing! We added three newspapers to our group in 2019 alone. We started nearly half of our 19 newspapers from scratch since our beginning in 2003. We are a community newspaper group, which means we are local. We report on local news, sports, entertainment and more. Our readers and clients love our local coverage and the fact that

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What are your thoughts about college athletes benefitting from their names, image and likeness?

Compiled by Dave Troppens, sports editor

street talk



"I don't agree with it. They have enough. They have their scholarship and I think that's enough. Free education is a pretty good thing. I'd like to see how they'd go through with paying these kids before I make a clear decision."

— **Denny Hopkins**
Linden varsity football coach



"First of all, I think it would be interesting how they would be able to pull that off ... I can see multiple pros for this and pros for that and cons either way. I just don't know how they will be able to do this without a lot of real challenges."

— **Kevin Fiebertz**
Linden boys and girls varsity soccer coach



"That's a tricky discussion. I like the amateurism part of things and the athletes getting paid with their scholarships and meals, but this is opening a big can of worms. I'm old school and like to see it stay the way it is."

— **Don Pluta**
Holly's recently retired and Hall of Fame wrestling coach



"I think college athletes should be able to benefit from their likeness, but it should be need-based."

— **Matt Sullivan**
Fenton varsity girls and boys soccer coach



"I go back and forth on this one. Obviously they are getting scholarship money but at times I think the big-time D1 kids are being taken advantage of. You have to be fair across the board. It can't just be the big-name sports or just the boys. It has to be the girls, too."

— **Brad LaRowe**
Lake Fenton varsity baseball coach and athletic director



"My daughter got a \$100,000 education, graduated with no debt and stayed out of trouble. If they didn't have the recognition created by the college, they wouldn't have had the name recognition anyway."

— **Gary Ballard**
Fenton varsity tennis coach

DAM

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Hoisington Lake lost.

The issue started late last week, after officials with Parshallville Pond and Lake Shannon opened the dams because of heavy rainfall. The Argentine Township dam was opened to accommodate the water flow, and when the operator went to close it, it wouldn't go down.

Patsy said it was the eastern gate operator on the primary spillway that broke. The problem was between the door mechanism, which includes an acme nut that was installed in 1929, and the shaft that wouldn't turn.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, workers with the Genesee County Road Commission

and Zito Construction sawed out the nut and used a gradall to pull the operator out. They then used the gradall to apply pressure to a long board of wood, which shut the gate.

Patsy plans to communicate with officials from Lake Shannon and Parshallville Pond about refilling the lakes.

“This is 1,000 percent the responsibility of the Genesee County Road Commission, not the state of Michigan and definitely not Argentine.”

Brian Saad

Argentine Township supervisor

Meanwhile, Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad expressed concerns about the impact to wildlife and the life of the dam.

The GCRC is responsible for the maintenance of the dam.

“This is 1,000 percent the responsibility of the Genesee County Road Commission, not the state of Michigan and definitely not Argentine,” Saad



An employee with Zito Construction saws out the broken operator shaft from the Argentine Township dam on Tuesday, Nov. 5. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



Workers with the Genesee County Road Commission and Zito Construction manage to close the broken gate in the Argentine Township dam. The structure manages water for Bennett and Lobdell lakes, which then flows to Byron. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

said.

Over the weekend, he urged lake riparians to get their boats out of the water soon. He's been in contact with state officials over creating infrastructure with a longer lifespan.

Patsy said closing the gate this way is just a temporary fix. The GCRC has

had issues with the same gate in the past, and there's still one working gate on the dam. They will now explore long-term solutions.

Patsy doesn't yet have an estimate in mind for how much it will cost to fix the structure, but he said a new dam costs approximately \$5 million.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Toastmasters to host meeting to honor veterans

Monday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation that changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who gave their lives in service for our country, Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace and to thank them for sacrifices.

Fenton Area Toastmasters is offering area veterans an opportunity to share what they gained from their service this Friday,

Nov. 8.

Wes Whittaker, a Vietnam-era veteran who served in the Air Force will speak about the moment he realized what honor really meant. For this meeting, they would like to hear from area veterans on the positive lessons they learned from their service experience.

Fenton Area Toastmasters meets every Friday morning — except holidays and Fenton High School snow days — in the Training Room of the Fenton Fire Department, 205 E. Caroline St. Parking and entrance is on the east side of the building. Meetings start promptly at 7:45 a.m. and run for about an hour. Visitors are always welcome. Visit the Fenton Area Toastmasters website or call (810) 620-7590.

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In the end, her dogs were fine and the would-be intruder didn't get in. While it could have ended much worse, she's still fearful and her faith in the public safety system has been shaken. The woman's name is not being released out of concern for her safety following the incident.

It's possible that none of the dispatchers did anything incorrectly, but many local residents live in areas where police coverage may be confusing.

The woman lives in Holly Township just west of Fish Lake Road, but her address is Fenton. Adding to the complication, she called from a cell phone, which connected her to a tower in Genesee County.

"Fenton is kind of a hot spot for this issue," said Samantha SturGIS, dispatch supervisor with the Fenton Police Department.

What about your address?

SturGIS said residents in three counties and four police jurisdictions have a Fenton mailing address. "We also have city of Fenton versus Fenton Township and a lot of the general public doesn't understand or realize the difference between the

two municipalities and their police/fire service," she said.

In many cases your mailing address isn't actually where you live; it's the post office through which your mail is routed. For the purposes of an emergency, your mailing address isn't important.

When calling dispatch, SturGIS suggests leaving out the name of your city from your mailing address and just give a street address and cross street.

This resident knew she lived in Holly Township, but because she called from a cell phone, her initial call made it to the Genesee County 911 Consortium who asked for her address, which was Fenton.

While she hid from a possible intruder her call was transferred again, to the Michigan State Police (MSP).

"When every moment counted, I can't believe they kept transferring me like that," she said. "It could have ended way worse than it did."

Land lines phones versus cell phones

Her second transfer was to the MSP, which took her call. Locally, the MSP also covers Rose and Groveland townships in Oakland County. "Sometimes the signal may jump a (cell) tower and kick you over to another PSAP (public safety access point)," said MSP spokesperson



The village of Holly uses the Oakl and County Emergency Communications and Operations Center, while the surrounding townships use the Michigan State Police for dispatch and police service. *Times file photo*

F/Lt. Michael Shaw. "It is important to know where you live and what agency provides your service just in case you do get bounced to the wrong PSAP."

When you call 911, you're supposed to be automatically routed to the correct PSAP. This means you reach the right dispatcher for the right police service that has jurisdiction over your home.

Calling from a landline will take you to the correct PSAP most the time, but cell phones are less accurate. SturGIS said if someone is driving along Grange Hall Road, they could be connected to one of four PSAPs via phone tower. She said most initial calls from mobile phones have to be transferred to another dispatch.

Who covers what?

Some municipalities opt to form their own police agencies or contract with other departments or sheriff's offices. The MSP is the "default" police agency for areas without their own police service. It's helpful to know who covers your home in the case of an emergency.

Fenton City.....	Fenton Police Department
Linden City.....	Linden Police Department
Holly Village	Holly Police Department
Fenton Township	Genesee County Sheriff's Office
Tyrone Township	Livingston County Sheriff's Office (LCSO)
Argentine Township.....	Argentine Police Department
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don't expect an immediate increase from paying a collection. Once the collection is on your credit report, it factors into your credit score until the credit reporting time limit runs out. There's an exception for collections under \$100, but only with newer credit scoring models that ignore these low collection amounts.

A bad credit score means you'll never be approved for anything

A bad credit score makes it harder to get approved, but it's not the only factor that creditors and lenders con-

sider when they're evaluating your creditworthiness. Income and level of debt are other factors that play a role. You can be approved even with a bad credit score, but required to pay a security deposit or a higher interest rate.

Not having any debt means you have a good credit score

Your level of debt is a factor in your credit score, but it comes second to payment history. If you paid off your debt after a bout of bad credit, it might take several months, years even, for your credit score to rebound.

Source: Thebalance.com



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
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The Edmund Fitzgerald and maritime law

The Edmund Fitzgerald was a Great Lakes freighter, which was launched on June 7, 1958 in River Rouge, Michigan.

It was owned by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and was named after the then president of the company.

At the time it was the largest and longest vessel ever built on the Great Lakes being some 729 feet long with 26,000 tons of capacity.

This coming Sunday marks the 44th anniversary of her sinking Nov. 10, 1975 in a severe storm on Lake Superior near Whitefish Bay, Canada. A 29-member crew was aboard with no survivors. No bodies were ever recovered and the cause of the sinking has never been determined.

This tragedy has forever been memorialized by Gordon Lightfoot in his song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

As one can imagine the sinking created many legal issues including liability for the deaths. Since this happened on the navigable waters of the Great Lakes the "maritime laws" of the United States were applicable with the federal "Admiralty Court" having jurisdiction over most of the aspects of the sinking. State courts also had jurisdiction in certain areas.

Maritime or admiralty laws involve commerce and navigation on the high seas and other navigable waters.

Article III Section 2 of the United States Constitution empowers the federal courts to hear maritime and admiralty law cases.

The sinking resulted in two wrongful death lawsuits being filed by two of the widows against the owner and the operator of the ship. Maritime law provides that depending on the circumstances, liability is limited to the value of the ship plus its freight or it can be unlimited. It all depends on what the proofs show as to the degree of responsibility of the owner and/or operator for the loss.

The cases were eventually settled as well as other claims of many of the other survivors and the issue was never resolved.

As a result of this tragedy many new safety regulations were implemented for Great Lakes shipping.

A memorial service to honor the lost Fitzgerald crew will be held Sunday at the Old Mariners Church in Detroit. This is an annual event, which includes a ceremonial ringing of a ship's bell.

A private moment of silence would also be a fitting tribute.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

GRANGE HALL ROAD HOME RANSACKED

On Thursday, Oct. 31, between 2:30 and 11:15 p.m., someone entered a home in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road in Holly through an unlocked door and ransacked the home. At the time of the report, the homeowner could not determine if anything had been stolen. The case remains under investigation.

HOLLY POLICE INVESTIGATE PHONY PRESCRIPTION

On Thursday, Oct. 31, at approximately 7:50 p.m., a pharmacy located in the 15000 block of N. Holly Road reported to Holly police that an adult male presented a prescription for controlled cough syrup. The pharmacy manager, however, noted flaws on the prescription, such as the location of the business it was written from and an area code on the prescription did not appear to be valid. After verifying with the medical facility who allegedly wrote the prescription that they in fact did not, the suspect left the store. Holly police are investigating.

CAREERS

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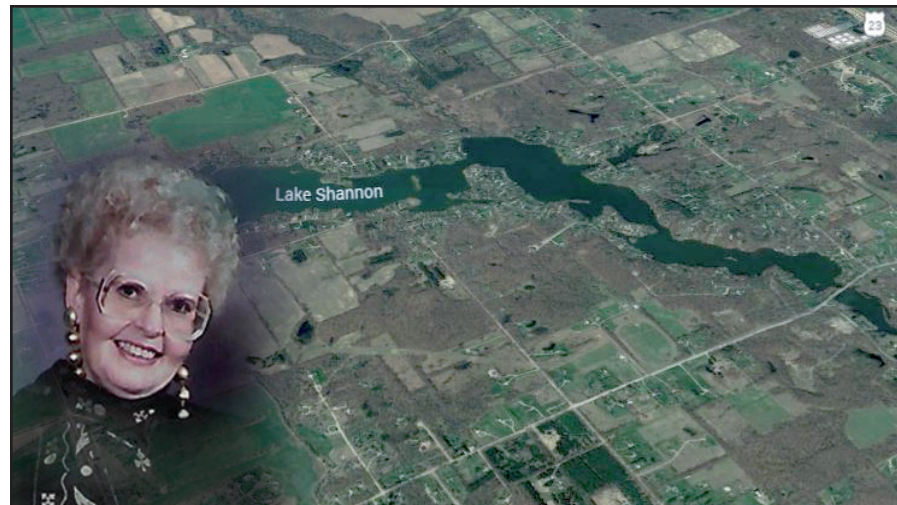
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The name 'Cole' is synonymous with Lake Shannon

■ Though couple did not remain married, they made the upscale lakefront community what it is today



The late Sylvia Cole and her one-time husband Jim Cole are known for building and the future success of Lake Shannon real estate. Photo: GoogleEarth.com

By Vera Hogan

Tucked in the southwest corner of Tyrone Township and the northeast corner of Deerfield is a lake community that boasts not only some impressive, upscale homes and properties, but some interesting history as well.

Although they did not complete their life's journey together, a one-time husband and wife, Jim Cole and Sylvia Cole, are said to be responsible for the building and future success of Lake Shannon real estate.

According to "Cole leaves beautiful legacy," an article published in the Tri-County News in November of 1993 following Jim Cole's death, he was raised in Holly, having graduated from Holly High School as president of his class. Following graduation, he attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton, receiving a degree in civil engineering in 1943, after only three years of study.

He immediately joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific during World War II. After he was honorably discharged in California, Cole purchased an amphibious "duck" at a surplus store, drove it back to Michigan and started his first business, Cole Lake Service.

Cole invented a drag to level beaches on existing Michigan inland lakes. He

built docks, cleared lily pads and cattails from shorelines, cleaning lakes. During the winters, he earned his livelihood trapping beaver, mink, fox and muskrats in Michigan swamps and forests.

After 10 years of "cleaning up lakes," Cole decided it would be easier to "make a lake from scratch." During the 1950s and '60s, he changed the face of Michigan and Wisconsin by developing and building 16 inland lakes, which totaled more than 200 miles of shoreline and thousands of acres of sparkling lakes. Thirteen of the 16 were private all-sports lakes with no public access.

Cole became known as the "Lake Builder." He purchased the land, cleared it for the proposed lake bottom, built the dam and flooded the valley. Next he built roads around the lake and subdivided lots around the shoreline, selling them for year-round and summer homes.

Lake Shannon is among those lakes. It was his personal favorite and where he built his permanent home.

An old friend, Stewart Oldford Sr., who now resides in Parshallville, just down the road from Lake Shannon, said he first met Jim when he came across the Lake Shannon project in the '60s. It was all gravel roads. Just two houses were built and several more were started, Oldford said.

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BILLBOARDS

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The trustees voted to update the sign ordinance, which includes bringing the current billboards into compliance and limiting the number of billboards allowed to eight. On Oct. 10, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended the changes in a 4-1 vote.

The little debate that took place centered on allowing digital billboards.

John Tucker, treasurer and Planning Commission member, voted against the Planning Commission recommendation on Monday.

"It's an industry proposal that was brought to us. This isn't anything we came up with and I frankly don't see what the upside is. I see what their (Outfront Media) upside is. I see why they want to do it," he said.

Outfront Media owns six of the eight billboards in the township. With the new changes and allotted setbacks, only two digital billboards would be allowed according to Michael Deem, zoning administrator. In order to install a digital structure, two existing billboards must be taken down.

In their proposal, Outfront Media outlined how they plan to convert the billboard at the northwest corner of U.S. 23 at Thompson Road to digital.

"This project would yield a sign of the same size, height, location and configuration as the billboard that currently exists today. The only difference would be the type of sign faces installed on the sign, which would be digital and operate in accordance with the regulations set forth in the amendment," according to Outfront Media.

To comply with the new amendment, Outfront would remove the billboard directly across the highway, reducing the number of these structures in the township from eight to seven.

Clerk Robert Krug also voted against it. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and trustees Ted Goupil, Christine Reid, and Vince Lorraine voted yes. Trustee Robert Kesler was absent.

Amendment rules

The message on an electronic billboard will change a minimum of once every seven seconds.

"The message of an electronic message sign must change instantaneously. Flashing, scrolling, fading, dissolving, oscillating, spinning, twirling, video display, or other type of motion are prohibited," according to the township memorandum.

The structures can be a maximum height of 30 feet. Billboards are allowed within 200 feet of a residential district. If it's illuminated, that number is 300 feet. Electronic

billboards must be set back at least 2,500 feet from another electronic billboard.

Sensors would be required to change the brightness of the billboard as the amount of ambient light changes. If a sign malfunctions, it would be designed to freeze or display in one static position, display a black screen or turn off.

The amendment to the sign regulations would not allow a billboard in places they don't already exist, and they will not be allowed closer to residential properties. The billboards cannot be taller or bigger than what the township currently allows.

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"The lots were \$15,000 to \$25,000 and I was tempted, but I had too much going on in Plymouth," he said. "So I passed on buying; it was too far from work."

In 1973, Oldford said he bought a farm and moved close to Lake Shannon. "The community was half built and lots were now twice as high," he said. "Jim had left town and his ex-wife was living there and selling.

"He told me he did (Lake) Shannon all by himself with \$20,000 cash," Oldford said. "A truly wild entrepreneur."

As Oldford said, Sylvia Cole continued to live at Lake Shannon and develop the land as a Realtor. A graduate of Michigan State University and one-time crime reporter for the Pontiac Press, she gave up her career to work alongside her husband as his secretary.

Known as "Mama Shannon," Sylvia died in May of this year at the age of 84. On the day of her funeral, the procession drove around Lake Shannon on the way to the church.

Sylvia was a child advertising model from ages 3 to 6 for Pontiac Motor Company and Household Finance Company, according to her obituary. She graduated from East Detroit High School and later Michigan State University with a degree in Journalism. After her journalism career, she was self-employed as a lake developer and real estate broker.

Jim Cole and Sylvia Cole's names continue to be synonymous with Lake Shannon. Jim's foresight to build the lake and start selling lots there, and Sylvia's reputation and dedication to Lake Shannon made for a successful, long-time real estate career at that location.

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Buchanan leads Eagles at state cross county meet

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys cross country has made a habit out of making annual trips to the state meet at Michigan International Speedway.



Linden's
Tyler Buchanan

The Eagles continued that tradition, making their 14th straight boys trip Saturday in the D2 state event. The girls, who have made it to the meet frequently in that span as well, also competed at the event on Saturday. Tyler Buchanan continued his habit

of excellence as well, earning All-State honors at the meet with a sixth-place finish (15:57.3).

The Linden boys placed 11th in the D2 race, while the girls took 21st.

Buchanan started in the pack and

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Sports Times

Tigers win come-from-behind thriller vs. Lions

By David Troppens

Fenton — Moments after Fenton's 31-28 Division 2 district semifinal victory against South Lyon, Fenton senior lineman Elliot Wakeman cheered out, "The show goes on."

Wakeman is right, but continuing Fenton's playoff run to next week's District final contest at Walled Lake Western didn't come easy. In fact it was a thrilling comeback few would've expected — except maybe the Tigers themselves.

The Tigers trailed 21-0 after one quarter, but dominated the final three quarters en route to the thrilling 31-28 victory against the Lions. The game-winning TD pass was thrown by Dylan Davidson after scrambling for his life. He tossed the ball into the middle of the end zone where it looked like another Fenton receiver may catch the ball while leaping for it. Instead, it was too high, and Brady Triola caught it on the ground about five yards behind the initial catch attempt. Fenton led 31-28.

Fenton travels to Walled Lake West-

ern Friday at 7 p.m.

Fenton's defense took over from there. South Lyon started its next possession at the Fenton 12 after a strong kick return tackle by Charlie Huszinski. After South Lyon collected one first down, two incomplete passes and a seven-yard gain set up a fourth-and-3 play at South Lyon's 32. Caleb Anderson batted down the pass attempt on the play, earning the Tigers the win.

"I just saw the play going straight up the middle," Triola said. "I saw Trey (Hale) jump up. I saw a defensive back jump up and I was right behind them. The ball went straight through their



Fenton's Jaden Laines runs upfield during the Tigers' 31-28 come-from-behind playoff victory against South Lyon.

Photo: Mark Bolen

hands and I was right there. I had so much focus there, even if it got tipped, I probably would've caught it.

"This was really big for our team.

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Alexa Keiser finished her Fenton cross country career as a four-time All-State runner. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton's Keiser makes history at XC state meet

By David Troppens

Alexa Keiser made some school history Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Keiser capped her outstanding cross country career by earning All-State honors for the fourth straight season with an eighth-place finish in the Division 1 girls cross country state race. Keiser became the first four-time All-State performer in Fenton cross country history for either gender.

Meanwhile, Fenton's Adam Jesse also earned All-State honors for a second straight year, taking 24th in the boys D1 race. Holly's Andrea Ruiz gave a run at earning All-State honors, but finished 37th.

The Fenton boys finished 11th as a team while the girls placed 19th.

Keiser began her race a bit behind the pack, finishing her first mile in

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Blue Devils finish 22nd at cross country state meet

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team has a bright future.

Apparently the present is just as bright.

The Blue Devils weren't sure if they would qualify for the Division 2 state meet this fall, but did exactly that. The Lake Fenton boys came back from Michigan International Speedway with a 22nd-place finish.

The girls also had a runner complete — Claire Hunt — in the women's race.

The boys fielded a team of six underclassmen at the state meet and had junior Joseph Gilbert come reasonably close to competing for an All-State spot. He placed 41st overall in 16:45.7, about 14 seconds out of a All-State position. Following him was the team's only senior runner at the race, Brenden Schroeder. He finished in 147th in 17:39.7. The rest of the Blue Devils finishing in the squad's scoring five were

Colton Dietrich in 160th (17:47.5), Kevin Lewis in 166th (17:50.8) and Logan Whittecar in 220nd (18:33.2). The other two runners were Nick Learman in 225th (18:44.3) and Matt Fletcher in 230th (18:59.2).

The only real downside for the Lake Fenton boys was the fact another starter, Kyle Lewis, was unable to run due to injury.

"The meet was a little bittersweet for the boys," Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country coach Christopher Sobczak said. "Obviously, qualifying is an accomplishment in itself. We lost our No. 3 runner. He suffered a stress fracture at some point during the last month of the season. It was diagnosed last week, so he wasn't able to run.

"We lose two of our top seven, but we have a strong group of younger runners who are ready."

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worked his way to the front as the 5K race progressed. His 5:04 first-mile time placed him in the teens. He moved up at each mile. He improved to the top 10 with a time of 10:17 at the two-mile mark. Finally, he was comfortably in the top 10 at the three-mile mark (15:31). Only seven runners finished the race in less than 16 minutes.

"I was happy with the effort, with the given conditions on the course as it was very muddy and windy," Buchanan said. "I will remember it as a huge chapter in my life that has changed me in the best ways, as it has made me become stronger as not only an athlete, but a person as well."

The rest of the Eagles' scoring five runners were River Meckstroth in 44th (16:47.3), Kyle Eberhard in 82nd (17:08.9), Liam Sack in 168th (17:52.3) and Ryan Blackwood in 176th (17:56.8). The Eagles' final two runners in the men's race were Simon Dicks in 183rd (18:03.7) and Jacob Monaghan in 203rd (18:14.8).



Two of Linden's state runners were Simon Dicks (front) and Ryan Blackwood.

Photo: David Troppens

"The team was very excited as well, were seeded 20th going into the state meet and ended up taking 11th," Buchanan said.

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Two area runners who competed at the state meet were Lake Fenton's Colton Dietrich (front) and Linden's Liam Sack.

Photo: David Troppens

Fenton volleyball records split decision at Huron Invitational

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity volleyball squad competed at the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational and left with a 1-1-1 record.

Abby Lamb had a big tournament, recording 24 digs, six assists and four aces. She also was 37-for-38 on service reception.

Sydney Sahr led the offense with 12 kills while Lydia Podlesak had 10 kills. Anna Weigle collected nine kills while Korryn Smith had seven kills. Adrienne Staib had six kills. Sydney Acho also had five kills while setting 35 assists. Defensively at the net, Sahr had five blocks while Podlesak, Weigle, Staib and Acho had two blocks each. In the back row Abby Sizemore had 24 digs while Bella Henson and Mallory Lehman had seven digs each.

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5:59 in about 50th place. However, as the race continued, she moved up. She finished her second mile in 11:52, moving to the mid-20s. By the end of the third mile, she was in a large pack of runners at 17:41 within the top 10 in the race. Of the group that finished the third mile at 17:41, Keiser beat all of them and placed eighth.

"I am extremely happy about my finish this year at state," Keiser said. "I accomplished exactly what I wanted to do."

"Alexa's accomplishments are incredible," Fenton assistant coach Sue Larsen said. "In cross country, she has been all-state four years in a row with a top-10 finish her senior year. She has won all 12 FML meets. She led the girls team to its first ever team regional title and ninth place team finish at state meet her junior year. She was regional champion this year. In indoor track, she was the 3200 state champion her junior year and all-state her sophomore year."

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Fenton's Samuel Cox placed 114th at the Division 1 state meet Saturday.

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Last year we went one-and-done in the playoffs and this year we just worked as hard as we could. The first game, escaping this weekend was the biggest thing we could've done, and to be down 21-0 and come back, it's crazy."

"We knew we could come back," said Fenton Jaden Laines, who scored one of Fenton's touchdowns. "It was early in the game but our spirits were down a little bit. Once we got a little bit of a spark and Brandon Miller gave us the long kick return — that's what did it. It's just like the Linden game. We are so resilient. We don't give up."

"This victory is a big step forward," Austin Henard said. "We just believe in our team and now we're getting ready for Walled Lake Western. Just getting us prepared. It was heartbreaking at moments, but it was one of the best games ever in terms of excitement."

"After that first quarter ended, we kept them from going to 28 (points before halftime). We went into the



Fenton's Kaleb Anderson made some big plays on defense (top photo) and on offense (immediately above). Anderson scored on a 15-yard touchdown run. Photo: David Troppens

locker room and we told them we won the second quarter 10-0," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said.

"We got the momentum, the ball was coming back to us and we had found some things and I told them we got that pick (by Marcus Berkley on the last play of the first half) for a reason. You don't just get that pick if you are not supposed to win the football game."

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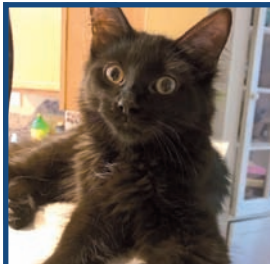
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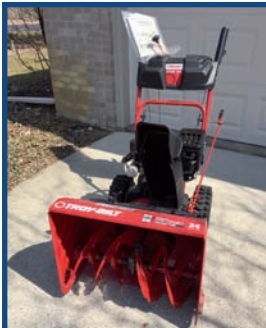
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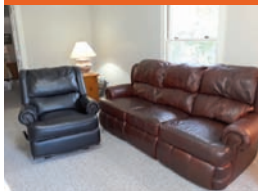
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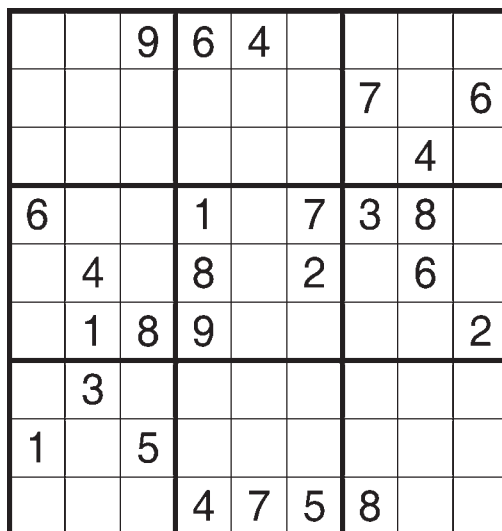
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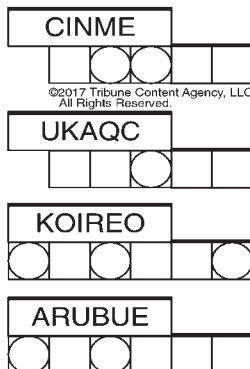
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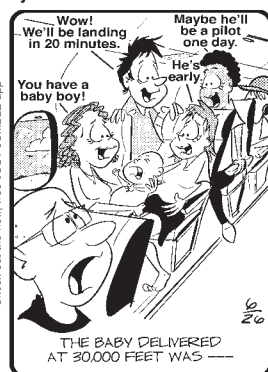
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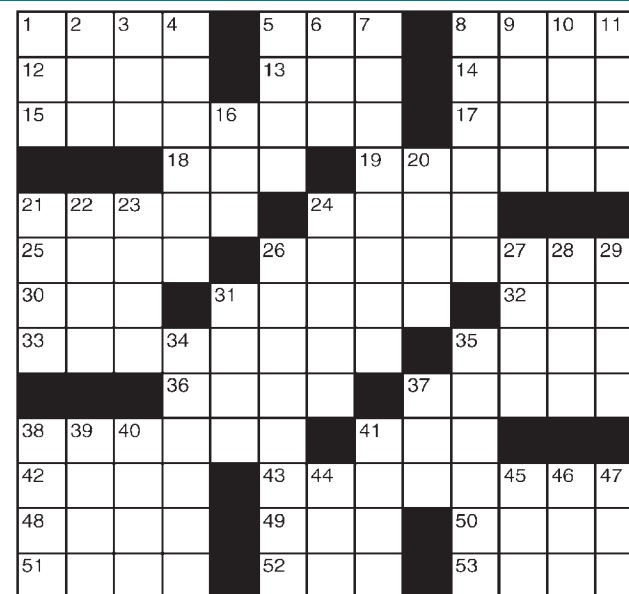
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- 5 Stick out
- 8 String tie
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- 13 Blonde shade
- 14 Disney's " — and the Detectives"
- 15 O or W
- 17 Even, as a score
- 18 " — Abner"
- 19 Gap
- 21 Charley horse
- 24 Military status
- 25 Tatters
- 26 Quite attractive
- 30 Past
- 31 Paycheck extra

- 32 Altar affirmative
- 33 Artist Rene
- 35 Toppled
- 36 Commotions
- 37 Jaunty cha-peau
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- team
- 8 Cause to go
- 28 Between jobs
- 51 Shakespeare's
- 9 Leave out
- 29 Filly's brother
- 10 Stead
- 31 Wait
- 11 Automaker
- 34 Devastate
- 35 Indy Jones' hat
- 16 Speed
- 37 Crib
- 20 Hostels
- 38 Polio vaccine pioneer
- 21 Study at the last minute
- 39 Met melody
- 40 Fasting period
- 41 On in years
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a hectic schedule is on the horizon, so it is important to get your organizational skills in order. Things are bound to get busy as the month wears on.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take a few moments at the start of each day this week to just breathe and get ready for what's in store for you. Doing so will help you tackle anything that comes your way.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Romantic prospects have you eager to spend time with a special someone, Gemini. Block out a night or two when you can enjoy time away as a couple.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, you may have to let a situation at work blow over instead of letting it get the best of you. It is important to pick your battles in this scenario. Wait it out for the time being.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, a seemingly impossible situation may just need to be seen through a new perspective. Try talking to someone to get a different point of view.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, after a lengthy period of rest and relaxation, it is time to get back to the grind. Your skills may be a bit rusty, but things will come back to you quickly.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you can't mask a shaky structure, no matter how many superficial changes you make. Devote some attention to those things that need fixing.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let your mind get the better of you, Scorpio. It's easy to dream up scenarios, but put yourself in the here and now this week; the future can wait.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if an opportunity for advancement at work pops up, grab it with both hands. You have been waiting for a chance to make your mark and try new things.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have to push through to the finish line this week even if you are feeling tired. Your reward will come with some weekend festivities.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Changes at work are looming, Aquarius. Try to be receptive to the modifications and find a way to put your own mark on things. A leadership role could emerge.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may need to play mediator in a delicate situation this week. Take a careful approach and consider both sides of the coin.

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Celia Imogene Norman

1932-2019

Celia Imogene Norman - age 87, our sweet mother; grandmother; and great-grandmother of Holly went to be with her

heavenly Lord and her loving husband on November 3, 2019 surrounded by her family. Celia was born on July 12, 1932 in Pocahontas, AR to Orris and Winnie Richey. She married James Hardaway Norman on November 28, 1950 and together they shared five children. The two lived a wonderful 62 years together before Jim passed away on December 17, 2012. She spent her years as a stay at home mom raising her wonderful children and then became a special grandma to all of us. She lived a faithful life to the Lord and we know she is walking the streets of heaven with her husband who welcomed her with loving arms. She was more than a mom and a grandma to us, she was our best friend and the one who would hold us tight when things were tough. I think we can all agree she loved her banana pudding and made the best "jelly and peanut butter," as she would call it. She is preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Hardaway; her two children, Michael Norman and Jeannie Norman; siblings, Betty Archer, Ella McGinley, and Larry Richey. She is survived by her three daughters, Rebecca (David) Stuber, Tammy (Dan Patton) Harper, Wendy (Chip) Rumford; grandchildren, Jennifer (Marc) Howe, Nickole (Mitch) Smelis, Annette (Jim) Rutkowski, James (Chelsea) Harper, Thomas Harper, Haley Rumford, and Wyatt Rumford; great-grandchildren, Parker and Marshall Smelis, David and Marissa Howe, Holsten Ogden and Harper Rutkowski; and her brother, George (Joan) Richey. Visitation will be held at Dryer Funeral Home Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 2-9 PM and funeral service held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 11 AM with Pastor David Stuber officiating. Burial to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly with Pastor James Bell officiating. Grandma - it's not goodbye, it's until we meet again. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com



James Oran Alber

1946-2019

James Oran Alber - age 73, passed away at University of Michigan Hospital on November 3, 2019. Jim was born March 7, 1946 in Holly, Michigan and was a 1965 graduate of Holly High School. He married Paula Donigan on November 22, 1969. He retired from General Motors AC Delphi in 1996. Jim also served eight years in the US Navy Special Forces. He worked for the State of Michigan Parks and Rec for several years, in addition to the Salvation Army. He enjoyed playing music, supporting the Shriner's Children's Hospital and spending time with his family. He was an avid dog lover, fan of riding motorcycles, and member of Victory Biker Church. Jim was never lacking for a joke to tell and was a friend to many. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oran and Lois Alber; brother, Dennis; and a special four legged companion, Freckles. Surviving are his children, James (Alicia) Alber, Jodi (Greg) Heethuis, and Jeremy (Christina) Alber; grandchildren, Morgan Heethuis, Dylan (Briannah) Kehoe, Brayden Bobo, Savannah, Alyssa, Gavin, Sydney and Winston Alber; close friend and mother of his children, Paula Alber; special grand-dogs, Sawyer, Doc and Meli. Donations in his honor can be made to the Salvation Army. A memorial service will be held Thursday, November 7, 5 pm at Victory Biker Church, 12190 Miller Rd. Lennon, MI. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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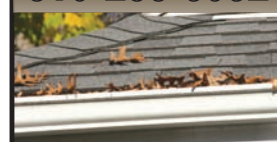
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