

# Midweek\*Imes

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# SLPR names new interim executive director

# ■Former director had been with organization for nearly 19 years

### By Hannah Ball

Vince Paris is out as executive director of Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation.

A memo dated Tuesday, Nov. 5 states, "Please be advised that Vince Paris is no longer employed by SLPR. We thank him for his past service and wish him all the

### See SLPR DIRECTOR on 9

### The hunt is about to begin This Friday, Nov. 15 is the beginning of

regular firearm season for deer hunters

### **By Sharon Stone**

For firearm deer hunters, this Friday is the day they have been waiting for. Nov. 15 is the first day for regular firearm season for deer hunting, which runs until Nov. 30.

The state of Michigan is home to an estimated 1.75 million whitetails and some of them grow to notable sizes, according to wideopenspaces.com. The state alsoboasts some 4 millionacres See THE HUNT on 7



**LG Read the Hot** line about someone helping a double amputee cross Owen Road.

I was going to say that I believe he's homeless and someone should get him some help, especially with the upcoming winter."



# **CANCE AND CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.**

have right-

of-way. You wait until vehicles have cleared before entering. This may require putting your phone down in order to pay attention."



### Fenton police respond to 21 crashes in 30 hours By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Nov. 1 1, eastern Michigan received between 4 and 6 inches of show covering driveways, patios, and forcing people to use their windshield scrapers.

The V eterans Day snowfall, which started early Monday morning and became lighter into Monday See SNOW STORM on 9

### Be safe when shoveling snow this season

American Heart Association says 'Don't make shoveling a marathon event'

### **Compiled By Vera Hogan**

The first big snow of the season came too soon on Monday, making it neces sary for residents to clear their driveways and sid ewalks. The American Heart Association warns that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to health problems, however, the risk of a heart

### See SHOVELING on 5



**GG** Michigan isn't Michigan without the Great Lakes. Protect-

ing them should continue to be a top priority."





### **Holly Ladies Night** Out 'wonderfully successful'

■ More than 1,500 quests attend Holly's signature shopping event

### **By Tim Jagielo**

The Holly Ladies Night Out, Fall Wrap-Up is many things — it's a big shopping event in the historic and picturesque downtown Holly. It's an opportunity for visitors to donate to local veterans and it is also an event See LADIES NIGHT on 8



## Mixed reactions to self-checkout lanes

Walmart now has 26 self-checkout kiosks

#### **By Hannah Ball**

Self-checkout lanes are becoming more abundant at local box stores and grocery stores. VG's has multiple self-checkout lanes and kiosks next to the cashier checkout more. "In this area, the stores lanes. Over this past year the Fenton Target installed a few self-checkout kiosks.

The Fenton Walmart Supercenter, which has had self-checkout kiosks for years, recently unveiled a new self-checkout lane near the produce section with 17 new kiosks Walmart at w almartcareers. made for lar ge basket orders, said Laura Fredrick, store manager.

"It was involved in the store remodel. We're just trying to meet

the demands of our cus tomers," she said.

The store now has 26 self-checkout kiosks. The new ones were installed Aug. 24, and people did not trust them in the be ginning. But, Fredrick said, these kiosks are made to accommodate

large quantities, and once customers saw that there were cashiers ready to scan items quent shopper at T arget; she uses VG' s if the customers didn't want to, people were more open to them.

No jobs were lost.

"We've actually hired 10 additional cashiers," Fredrick said, and they're looking to hire kind of pull from the same hiring pool so it's difficult to get people hired in. W e're hiring all the time."

You can apply to work at com.

Also included in the renovation is a pickup tower, which is for customers who

> order online and pick up their items in store.

"Without waiting in line, you can scan the receipt and the package is there for you," she said.

They also have a re vamped deli counter and expanded alcohol aisles.

The response to the selfcheckout kiosks is mixed.

option, and she "loves" self-checkout stops



Photo: Tim Jagielo

for a quick trip when shes only purchasing a few things.

However, she recently went to the Fenton Walmart with her two little kids and waited 45 minutes to checkout with a cashier because there were only two cashier lanes open.

She said doing self-checkout with two little kids is "miserable."

"They try to help, which is adorable, but when you have \$200 in groceries, it's time consuming and my girls always double scan things. Sometimes I will catch things not ringing and thrown in bags," she said.

Her children also tend to grab candy next to the self-checkout because it' in reach, and she sometimes doesn'

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### We're just trying to meet the demands of our customers. 77 Laura Fredrick

Fenton Walmart Supercenter manager

> Fenton mom Shelby Marcum is a fre delivery service and Kroger 's checklist

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### The Fenton Shriners — brotherhood, Sharin' the spotlight family and of course — fun

hat do country music singer Brad Paisley, professional golfer Arnold Palmer, NASA Astronaut Buzz Aldrin and actor John Wayne have in common? They are all Shriners.

Regionally, we have the Elf Khurafeh Shrine in Clio and locally, the Fenton

Shrine Club with Eugene Reid as its president. The Fenton Shriners meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at the VFW Hall on N. LeRoy Street. Anyone is welcome to atte nd and they should call Reid at (810) 629-0981 for details.

Beginnings of the Shrine date back to 1870, when a group of Masons frequently

gathered for lunch in New Y ork City. Membership grew quickly and spread into Canada, Mexico and Panama by the early 1900s. Today, Shriners International is a fraternity with nearly 2,000 temples in several countries, thousands of clubs around the world and hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to brotherly love, relief and truth.

The Elf Khurafeh presents two Shrine Circuses each year as its main fundrais ers. They also host a car show in the summer. They recently added Shrine-Fest, based on music and fun, as well as a paper drive in June when Shriners stand at local street intersections accept ing donations. You have also probably



noticed Shriners selling Vidalia onions in parking lots. Reid brings in 5,000 pounds of the onions and takes preorders

and sells from his truck. According to ekshrine.com, several years ago, Elf Khurafeh Temple started its annual paper sale for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and

> Burned Children. The paper drive enables them to contrib ute more than \$1 million to the hospitals. This efort supports the health care systems 22 facilities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, treating children up to 18 years of age.

Shriners International is recognized around the world by an ancient symbol — the fez. The modern man who wears the iconic red fez is a

man who values philanthropy, brother-

hood, family and of course - fun.

Originally from Sault Ste Marie, Reid said to become a Shriner , you must first be a Mason. Masons do not have to become a Shriner, but they have that option. Reid became involved with the organizations because his father was a Shriner and he always looked up to his father and the way he conducted himself. Reid said his dad always said, "Aperson is only as good as their word. It' s an honor to do this."

Fenton's club is aging, Reid said, who at 69 is one of the younger members.

Referring to the support they give to the Shriner hospitals and helping the sick children, Reid said, "I 100 percent support that and it takes money to do it."

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IT IS SAD what the Linden softball program has become. Obnoxious suck-ups trying to buy influence, low performing entrenched good ol' boy coaches. Time for a change.

THE FARMER'S ALMANAC just makes safe guesses about the weather. I can't believe anyone still reads it. You are living in the 1800s. 

I WOULD LIKE to tell the man who sold a car to my son. Shame on you. You sold this young kid a car that has hidden secrets like wrecks, kevs don't match and many things. So if you see a car for sale on Torrey Road, really check it out.

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IT WILL NOT take a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College. Article 2 says that the individual states get to decide how they allocate their electoral votes. More and more states are signing onto giving their votes to the winner of the national popular vote. I support this.

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL band probably

doesn't perform on the Fourth of July because that is during summer break. Those students don't owe you anything just because a millage was renewed.

#### Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

### How were you affected by Monday's winter storm?



"It didn't affect me really. It covered up the leaves in my yard. I guess I can't rake them now."

- Bruce Enwood

Tyrone Township



"I kinda knew it was coming. I left early and drove slower. I was still able to make it to the Veterans Breakfast."

- Darlene Drummond Grand Blanc Township



"I thought it would slow down our (Monday) Veterans Breakfast turnout but it didn't. Vets are kind of die hard. They all showed up." - Scott Ward l inden



"I have an hour commute to work. It turns my hour drive into a one-and-a-half-hour drive sometimes, which is a drag."

- Adam Fulton Fenton

## street talk



"I was driving in it so I was scared. I had new winter tires so I was fine."

- Linda Summers Linden

#### SHOVELING Continued from Front Page

attack during snow shoveling increases for others.

One of the reasons heart attacks can occur during snow shoveling is the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion which increases the workload on the heart. As a result, too much strain on the heart during these conditions can cause a heart attack. To help make snow removal safer, consider the following tips from the American Heart Association.

First, consult a doctor . If you have a medical condition or don't exercise on a regular basis, schedule a meeting with your doctor before the next anticipated snowfall.

Take frequent breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart.

Don't eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling since it can place an extra load on your heart.

Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

Be aware of the dangers of hypother mia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. W ear a hat and dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation.

Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. Lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely. It is safer to lift



#### Swearing in of new Fenton City Council members

On Monday, Nov. 11, during the regular Fenton City Council meeting, Genesee County District Court Judge Mark McCabe swears in Mayor Sue Osborn, and re-elected Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, and newly elected Brad Jacob (above left) and Sean Sage. Submitted photo



smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow . When possible, simply push the snow.

Listen to your body . If you feel the warning signs for heart attack, stop what you're doing immediately and call 9-1-1.

The warning signs of a heart attack include: uncomfortable pressure, full ness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. Other symptoms include pain spreading to the shoulders, neck and arms, chest discomfort with lightheadedness, faint ing, sweating, and nausea or shortness of breath.

For more information, visit american heart.org.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

WESTBOUND ON SILVER Lake Road in front of main Linden schools' entrance. Why not make the middle lane a left turn only. This prevents confusion at red light and avoids all drag races at green lights.

**TO THE MILLENNIAL**/Gen Z so concerned about safety at the new roundabout, your cell phone addictions make any road/intersection unsafe. Your comment only enforces the perception of how rude and selfcentered your generation is.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS; HOW many times are they going to beat this dead horse?

**TO THE LADY** accosted by a millennial in a local restaurant. I am very sorry this happened to you. They seem to think they know everything when the reality is they know very little.

I GUESS THE Lake Fenton School district didn't get the hint from the Fenton School district when they tried to increase the sinking fund rate. It sunk.

**DOESN'T MATTER WHO** called 911 when a crime is committed.





### **MIDWEEK TIMES**

### Our **Future**

### Meet

## Cameron Carlson

- Fenton High School sophomore
- Flautist
- Blossoming baker
- Artist and bird watcher

### **Compiled By Vera Hogan**

Cameron Carlson, 15, is a sophomore at Fenton High School. He is actively involved in a number of activities that include serving as the Student Council secretary. He is a committee member for the Genesee County Walk to End Alzheimer's. He is a member of the Key Club and Environmental Club. He is a staff writer for the Fenton High School newspaper "Fenton InPrint." He plays the flute in the FHS marching band and Fenton Community Orchestra.



Cameron is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton's youth group. He has submitted a request to start a book club that will do community activities that link to today's issues and their readings. His hobbies include art (many mediums), baking, playing music and bird watching.

### What is the best thing about your family?

My parents have traveled



internationally on several occasions, so I would have to say, even though I've never left the country yet, that the best thing about my family is the traditions we have that were inspired by international cultures and holiday customs. Also, I find it really fun, and fortunate, to have family friends in different countries.

### In what ways do you feel that you've matured over the last year?

My knowledge has increased over the past year through the course of my studies. This, along with my extracurriculars, have reminded me to always have an open mind. **Do you think the United States of America is a good nation or bad nation to live in?** 

Our nation was founded on what I believe to be principles of good morals. However, let's just say that if we had to rewrite the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, a lot of the diction would be changed to make it clear that there is to be no discrimination in the laws and that no one individual or people should be kept from their natural rights.

### If you were president, what is one thing that you would change?

If I were president, I would ask all the countries we deal with the most at the time what they think of the U.S. and what we could do to be a better nation. I would then tend to our nation on said thoughts. What accomplishments are you proud of?

I am proud of the fact that I have stayed true to myself and, despite scheduling conflicts, I have managed to take all of my required classes (honors and regular) and I still participate in my extracurriculars and the electives I was in or got into, but did not have the room for in my



schedule. Tell us three things you remember from kindergarten.

I remember we played "who stole the cookies from the cookie jar" on the first day of school; bringing 100 crayons to school for 100's day; and that I couldn't grasp the concept of writing the number eight without drawing two snowballs (and my teacher knew how I wrote them every time).

## What profession do you think will be the most popular when you graduate?

I think a doctor, or any medical profession really. These positions are always needed somewhere and it pays decently.

### Do you want to attend college and where?

I want to go to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. My plans are to be an ornithologist. I also want to be a Social Studies teacher, an artist and a musician.

### What else would you like us to know about you?

In middle school (Fenton AGS), I and another student established "Awareness Days." On a monthly basis we would do announcements or activities in the school to spread awareness of a disease, disability or condition. One month we had volunteer students to experience a disability for half of the day. They had crutches, a wheel chair, black out glasses to simulate blindness and noise canceling headphones to simulate deafness. The individual could pick one and go through half of a normal school day experiencing that disability. AGS's student organization has continued the Awareness Days in some fashion every year.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T KNOW what kind of rust free 49-year-old truck you have but it must have been restored and in a museum.

**IF YOU WANT** a candidate with morals that's not left, then you want Andrew Yang. Republicans are switching parties in states with a closed primary to support him. He is not left, not right but forward.

### TO THE PERSON complaining about

the cut off lane on Owen Road west of a Walmart. Get a faster car.



### Disclosing a whistleblower's identity

The impeachment inquiry against President Trump by the United States House of Representatives is continuing with public hearings scheduled to start today.

Although opinions differ on what the facts are and how this will all turn out, there is one fact that is indisputable—this was all started because an intelligence community employee reported activities involving President Trump to a governmental authority that they believed were illegal. This person has been characterized as a "whistleblower."

In case anyone is wondering, this term dates back to the 19th century when police authorities used a whistle as a warning of bad or dangerous situations.

Today it describes a person who reports alleged illegal activity to either public or private authorities.

There are over 50 whistleblower laws at the federal and state levels with all providing that informers are immune from retaliation for supplying information and most allowing the person to remain anonymous.

A question has now arisen as to whether the whistleblower's identity can legally be disclosed so that they can be questioned.

In this case the information was given under the federal Intelligence Community Protection Act of 1998 to the United States Inspector General (IG), who is responsible for overseeing the performance of federal intelligence agencies.

The Act provides that the IG is not to release the name but is silent as to disclosure by others who may learn it such as members of Congress, the president, or the media.

#### What's the answer?

For now there isn't a definitive one, however National Public Radio recently interviewed four former top federal officials who all said that because of the way this statute and others are written, disclosure wouldn't be a crime. Opinions varied on other possible civil consequences depending on who makes the disclosure.

Other experts have indicated that disclosure by anyone is not legally allowed because this in itself is a form of retaliation, which the statute prohibits.

Some interesting side notes are that the statute puts the president, who has called for disclosure, in charge of enforcing it and there is now a second whistleblower.

I am certain that in the coming days there will be many further developments including the possibility that the courts will be asked to answer this question.

### THE HUNT

**Continued from Front Page** of public land.

According to the Michigan Depart ment of Natural Resources (DNR), overall, the winter of 2018-2019 was average for the Upper Peninsula (UP). Observations by staff indicate that deer numbers appear similar to last yearMost areas are reporting good to great soft mast (includes fruits and berries)production, especially apples. A couple of areas in the UP, especially around Shingleton, are reporting good acorn production as well. Buck appear to be healthy.

Observations on bucks in Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) have been similar to last year across the entire NLIWith the average winter this year and previous winters not taking a major toll on the herd, deer numbers have been increas ing. Nutrition has been good leading to healthy deer body conditions and good numbers of bucks.

Southern Lower Peninsula (SLP) observations indicate deer , including bucks, are abundant in many areas. Observations coming in show buck numbers and condition are similar to last year . Bachelor herds are being seen with some nice 2.5 and 3.5-year-old deer in them.

There are several tools out there to digi tally gain mapping information. Some of the most well known navigation tools like Google maps can give you a bird's eye view of places you plan to hunt. There are also tools available that show you the boundaries of private/public land.

According to the DNR, if you are hunting public land in Michigan a great, free app is Mi-Hunt. Mi-Hunt is a digital tool that has a ton of information stored in "layers." Mi-Hunt provides everything from public/private land boundaries, sat ellite imagery and cover types (upland, lowland, oaks etc.) to trails, topography and more.

In an efort to combat Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which has been the case for the past couple years, there are some evolving regulatory changes that may be in effect where you hunt. Be sure to check up on the latest hunting regulations in your area by going to Michigan.gov/ dnr.

Once you get your deer , be sure to stop by one of the 117 check stations in the state. A complete list is available at midnr.com.



### Kids enjoy science assembly 'We take the field trip to the students'

#### **By Hannah Ball**

Linden — The professor held up a picture and asked if the elementary students saw an older woman or a young woman.

This optical illusion was one of the students' favorite segments of The Magic of Science assembly, put on by Mobile Ed Productions, Inc., at Hyatt Elementary Friday, Nov. 8. Charles Murray, an independent contractor with the company, was the "professor" for the event. He taught students about chemistry, math and physics using colorful hands-on experiments and picking volunteers from the crowd.

While showing the optical illusion of the two women, he asked how many students

Charles Murray, independent contractor with Mobile Ed Productions, Inc., holds up a chart of animals and explains patterns to Hyatt Elementary students Friday, Nov. 8. He used the number of letters in the animal names for the demonstration. Photo: Hannah Ball

saw a young woman in the photo, and about half the students raised their hands. He asked how many saw an older woman and more kids raised their hands.

He taught students about patterns in math, did an experiment with baking soda, created fake snow and more.

"We go from school to school. W e take the field trip to the students," Murray said, adding that the schools don't have to worry about buses, permission slips and getting out of class with these types of assemblies. "We teach kids specific areas of science and general science knowledge. We have a lot of shows that can feature arts, engineering, math, astronomy, all sorts of fields."



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where unexpected things happen - like an impromptu wedding in Battle Alley.

"We had a wonderfully successful event," Downtown Development Au thority (DDA) Director Katy Golden said. At least 1,500 people were in at tendance and the DDAhanded out 1,000 free tote bags in less than an houseveral of those bags had prizes hidden in them.

Holly Ladies Night Out draws the most attendance of the three similar events held in the tri-county area. Golden volunteers and sponsors. said it's been running for at least 13 years.

"Ladies Night Out keeps growing and gets better every year ," Golden said. "It's a fun evening where women of all ages come together and spend time are local and the rest are from outside shopping, laughing, and catching up in person. The shops are filled with ladies truly enjoying each other's company in a festive atmosphere."

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

APPARENTLY IT'S NOW so rare to see children playing outside that people call the cops. Would you rather they were in the house getting fat and lazy? These kids are great, their parents are awesome.

Visitors took selfies with their friends under the lights in the alley, and the 10:30 p.m. Comedy Club show at the Holly Hotel was sold out, according to Golden.

The Hometown Heroes project for local veterans benefited from the generosity of the attendees. Golden said five large bins werefilled by guests withcare package items.

Travel from parkingto the downtown was made easier by shuttles running from 4 to 10 p.m. There were also several

This year, 40 businesses were open for extended hours and 50 additional vendors participated.

Golden said about half of the attendees the tri-county area. "This event may be their first introduction to our downtown, so the merchants really roll out the red carpet for them," Golden said.

Some busy-body on Rolston Road keeps turning in neighbors for ridiculous things. Super sad that this is a thing. 

I SEE THE Linden volleyball coach did another excellent job this year. Maybe get three pages in the yearbook. Time to fire and hire someone that can coach.



### **SNOW STORM**

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night, might have set records. The Nov. 11 record snowfall for Flint was 3 inches and 5.1 inches for Saginaw, both set in 1933.

The weather caused delays in commutes and local schools closed early . Police responded to multiple crashes

the newly opened roundabout in Fenton, and on U.S. 23.

On T uesday. Nov. 12. most schools were can celled for the day. Lt. Jef f Cross of the Fenton Police

### If you end up in the ditch, look in the mirror and you will see who caused it. 77

F/Lt. Michael Shaw Michigan State Police

Department said they responded to 21 crashes from midnight on Monday, Nov. 11 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. He recommends leaving early for work, driving slower, giving yourself extra room between you and the car ahead of you.

"Stay focused on the road and stay

### SLPR DIRECTOR **Continued from Front Page**

best in his future endeavors. Nancy Muffley has been appointed as the interim executive director. Please join the Board of Directors in congratulating Nancy and support her in her new role."

The memo is signed by the SLPR Board of Directors including Chairperson Ray Culbert, Vice Chairperson Pat Lockwood, Secretary Scott Grossmeyer, T reasurer Robert Kesler and members Brenda Si mons and Christine Reid.

Paris was with SLPR for nearly 19 years. The Times wasn't able to reach Paris for comment.

"He was dedicated to our com munity and to providing quality programming to our local families. He set a precedence of forward thinking to provide programs that the community has loved for years," Muffley said. She's been with SLPR for 16 years and lives in Fenton Township.

Muffley said she is "happy" to take on the role as interim execu tive director.

With the immediate vacancy of the Executive Director position, the SLPR Board of Directors needed to make a decision. With that, it was

off your electronic devices," he said.

Cross recommends keeping jumper cables, an ice scraper and brush, flashlight and extra batteries, road flares or warning triangles and a first-aid kit in vour vehicle.

F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michi gan State Police said, "Heavier snow is usually better as it forces people to on local roads, such as Owen Road and slow down. The same principles apply

to all driving. Drive at a speed that you can control your car Leave extra distance between your ve hicle and others as it will take you longer to stop. And most of all, don't drive

distracted. Remember, weather conditions do not cause crashes, drivers do. If you end up in the ditch, look in the mirror and you will see who caused it."

He recommends keeping the follow ing items in your car: a char ged cell phone, water, snacks, extra blankets, hats, gloves and a jacket.

decided to appoint me as acting director . The SLPR Board has fully supported me in this role and has been an advocate for our entire staff to continue moving forward.

"I am pleased to work in this capacity for as long as necessary. Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation will continue to grow, develop quality programming, and will continue to be an active member in our thriving community . Our seasoned staff and qualified instructors are the best around. We look forward to the days ahead," she said.



Vince Paris (right) is no longer employed at Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. He recently served as the executive director. Nancy Muffley (left) is the interim executive director. Times file photo

### SELF-CHECKOUT Continued from Page 3

catch them before the candy ends up in the bag.

"As much as they think it's easier in some cases, it's not for everyone, especially for our family. For me, it's hard. I am a full-time working mom with two little kids," she said, adding that grocery shopping with them is already exhausting.

On Facebook, the T imes asked readers about self-checkout lanes, which drew more than 300 comments.

shopping will go. Might just fill up a cart and leave it at the checkout."

Gas stations used to be full service, so many businesses are turning to kiosks. I amot a fan

but they have us by the checkbook. Will we fuss and then just get used to it? I am pretty sure Walmart does not care what we think. It's a battle we can't win."

Clara said, "Good. Sometimes I'm not in the mood to make small talk with someone who wants to pile cans of coconut milk on top of bananas and fling it back in my cart. It will free those workers up to do bigger things for themselves."

Lexi said, "I do not mind at all! I get social anxiety so I prefer not having to interact with Jeff said, "Interesting to see how Christmas others when I'm doing my shopping. I don't have to wait as long as I normally would for checkout. I can get in and get out quickly and Amber said, "Is this the wave of the future? I can bag my items how I choose. Much more efficient in my opinion for both the company and for customers such as myself."



**Help "STUFF THE BUS"** with nonperishable food items! FREE SHUTHLE STROLLERS ALLOWED AFTER 3PM

## Sweet 16th straight league title for Tigers

### **By David Troppens**

Happy sweet 16 to the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving program.

The Metro League has been honoring league champions in women's swimming for 16 seasons, and each

one has been won or shared by the Fenton Tigers.

The T igers earned their 15th outright champion rather convincingly, winning the Metro League meet with 688 points, nearly 300 more points than second-place

Owosso (395) and more than triple the team points of third-place Holly (215). Holly' details can be found else where in this publication.

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Fenton's Abigail Dolliver



Fenton's Brady Triola was one of many seniors that saw their Tigers' careers end after the team's 49-21 loss to Walled Lake Western. Photo: Mark Bolen

### Tigers will miss their family after playoff loss

#### **By David Troppens**

Walled Lake — When an athletic season ends in the playof fs, losing hurts.

But what hurts way more than the loss is what the loss represents — in a matter of seconds teammates (espe cially the seniors) realize the season is • over. This will be the last time this group knew we were still in the game will be together with their uniforms

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## Tigers battle for a half, season ends vs. Western

### **By David Troppens**

Walled Lake — The Fenton Tigers had their chance to beat Walled Lake W estern in a Di vision 2 district championship football contest Friday night.

The Tigers trailed just 21-14 at half and were getting the ball to start the second half.

However, the road victory didn't happen.

The W arriors scored the second half's first four touchdowns resulting in a 49-21 Walled Lake Western victory.

"We went into halftime knowing we are just as good as the other team," senior Kaleb Anderson said. "But we came out in the second half and lost this game ourselves."

"We were trying to get ready in the locker room," ju nior Brandon Miller said. "W e and we tried our best."

"We ran the football (in the

first half) and ran it well like we do," Fenton varsity football coach Jef f Setzke said. "W e forced them to basically put 10 guys in the box and we weren't going to be able to run it with 10 guys in the box. Tonight, we just didn't throw it well enough or catch it well enough. It only takes in these big games one break here or there, and it can change the complexion of the game."

The Warriors jumped out to a 14-0 lead but they had to earn it. Fenton's defense forced the Warriors to punt during their first possession, but the Tigers were forced to punt on theirs as well. During the W arriors' second possession, Fenton forced a third-and-7, but Western quarterback Zach T rainor completed a 35-vard TD pass to Jonathan Abele, earning the squad a 7-0 lead with 3:43 left See SEASON on 12





(Above) Fenton's Steven Bloss Jr. (23) and Grant Bluthardt (84) tackle a Western player. (Left photo) Kaleb Anderson tries to break a tackle while running downfield. Photos: Mark Bolen





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Holly's Rebecca Costigan is headed to the Division 2 state meet after posting a state-qualifying time in the 100 breaststroke at the Metro League meet. **Photo: Christopher Summers** 

### Bronchos place third at league meet, Costigan headed to state meet

#### **By David Troppens**

The Holly varsity swim team will have a member competing at the Divi sion 2 state meet.

Rebecca Costigan placed third in the 100 breaststroke with a state-qualifying time of 1:11.0 at the Flint Metro League Meet, Saturday at Fenton High School.

Holly finished the meet in third place, while the Kearsley/Lake Fenton co-op placed sixth. Fenton won the league meet and the league title. The Tigers' story can be found elsewhere in this publication.

The Bronchos had three third-place finishes at the meet and Costigan played a role in each of them. The team began the meet by taking third in the 200 med ley relay with the squad of Lauren Costigan, Rebecca Costigan, Ella Althaver and Abygail Bullard with a time of 2:02.65. They also capped the meet with a third-place time of 4:07.01 in the 400 freestyle relay with the squad of Lauren Costigan, Jaryn Kivari, Althaver and Rebecca Coistigan.

"As a coach I could not be more proud of these girls," Holly varsity girls swim ming coach Jessica Drogemuller said. "They showed up to swim fast and they delivered. All of their passion for the sport shows every time they step up to the blocks and I already can't wait to see what they can do next year."

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The T igers won the league meet held at Fenton High School by be ing their dominant selves. Fenton took first in eight of the 12 events, had three meet records, a pool record and a school record. T en individuals posted state-qualifying times (most were earned already before Saturday's event) and each relay also earned state honors. Three divers also qualified for diving regionals.

"It was a great meet," Fenton var sity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "We came in anticipating getting a handful of our cuts. Most got them and a few came close. All of the peo ple we anticipated going to state are going to go.

"There were some who wanted to go faster but our goal isn' t the Metro League, our goal is the state finals. We had some captains that didn't swim as well as they liked, but we are having them rest for the state meet."

The state meet is at Oakland Uni - versity with the preliminary round being Nov. 22 and the finals being held on Nov. 23.

Fenton's defending Division 2 state champion in the 200 individual med ley, Gracie Olsen, earned two individual firsts and two relay firsts.

She won the 100 breaststroke with a meet, pool, and school record time of 1:06.02. She also won the 100 butterfly (an event she took second in at the state finals a year ago) with a time of 57.65 seconds. Both, of course, are state-qualifying times.

Olsen also helped two relays to firsts, state-qualifying times and meet record standards. The 200 medley re lay squad of Olsen, Abigail Dolliver , Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer won with a time of 1:52.55, almost 10 seconds ahead of the field. The team of Kromer, Delaney Fries, Dol liver and Olsen also won the 400 freestyle relay with a meet record time of 3:45.86.

The Tigers made it a clean sweep with the relays as the 200 freestyle relay team of Alexander, Abby Carrigan, Rose Haney and Sophie Stefanac had a first-place state-qualifying time of 1:44.71.

Three others won individual league championships.





Two of Fenton's top swimmers at the Metro League meet were Gracie Olsen (above) and Sophie Stefanac (left). The Tigers captured their 16th straight Metro League title at Saturday's Metro League meet. The Tigers have either won or shared every single Metro League championship ever earned for girls swimming and diving. Photos: Christopher Summers





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Fenton moved the ball to Western's

38 on their second possession but

were forced to punt again. After that

possession the teams exchanged punts

before Western set up the second scor-

ing drive of the game. The score came

on a 24-yard TD pass to C.J. Brown,

who broke a tackle early and rambled

24 yards for the score. Fenton trailed

14-0 with 10:41 remaining in the half.

sponded with their first score of the

contest. Miller took the first play from

scrimmage after the kickof f 65 yards

first of three extra-point kicks cut the

gap to 14-7 with 10:22 left in the half.

against such a big team and being in

the playoffs. It's a great feeling to be

able to contribute to the team," Mill -

Western scored on its next posses -

er said. "I just pictured being on the

sion on another short pass that had a

missed tackle when Brown had a 58-

track — just take off and go."

"It's a surreal feeling to be playing

for a rushing TD. Braden Moore'

Just two plays later, the Tigers re-

in the opening quarter.

### Area Powers' swimmers headed to D3 state meet

#### **By David Troppens**

Plenty of Powers swimmers from the tri-county area had strong show ings for the Char gers at the Saginaw Valley League meet Saturday.

Lara W ujciak led area swimmers by earning a league title in one event and helping four events to Division 3 state meet qualifying times.

Wujciak had personal best times in each of her events, earning first in . the 100 butterfly with a meet-record time of 57.21 seconds, a drop of 1.89 seconds from her recent personal best. She also had a state-qualifying time in • the 100 backstroke with a fourth-place time of 1:01.05. She also teamed with Hannah Murawski, Abigail Merz, and area performer Lauren T aylor in fourth with a state-qualifying time of 1:54.33. Wujciak and T aylor teamed with Merz and Olivia Camara to finish fourth in the 200 freestyle relay. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM** • yard reception for a score. The Tigers

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trailed 21-7 with 9:21 left in the half.

However, the T gers put together a strong 76-yard nineplay drive, capped by Anderson's 26yard TD run. Fenton trailed just 21-14 with 5:51 left in the half.

"I just hit the hole hard, saw the end zone and ran through it," Anderson said. "I want to make a shout out to my line men Mike Miller and Elliot W akeham be cause I wouldn't have gotten that touch down without their blocks."

Fenton (9-2) got another chance to possibly score late

in the half, but a fourth-and-13 play from the Western 29 fell incomplete. Still, Fenton trailed just 21-14 at halftime.

Photo: Mark Bolen

However, the third quarter wasn't kind to the Tigers. They were forced to

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on, and it hits the kids hard.

So when the Fenton varsity football team lost its district final football game against the W alled Lake W estern Warrirors 49-21, certainly the loss hurt, but the end of the team hurt more.

"The season showed how we played as a team, with heart," Fenton senior Kaleb Anderson said. "This is probably the closest team Fenton has ever had. We are all so close to each other since our freshman year . We came from dif ferent schools like St. John and (AGS) Middle School. We combined and made ourselves a family."

"This football team means every thing," senior Brady T riola said. "They are all my brothers. W e do everything together. It's hard knowing the season is over now. It's really hard."

Games end with hugs, tears and short talks among the players and coaches. Generally these moments go on for about 15 minutes as each turn of the shoulder by a player or a coach, results in another player or coach to hug and

Fenton's Brady Triola attempts to tackle a Walled Lake Western player during the Tigers' loss to the Warriors.

> punt in just three plays on their open ing possession of the second half while Western needed just three plays to score a TD. It came on a 39-yard TD pass to Brown. Fenton trailed 28-14.

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"There's only one team at the end of the year that doesn't lose its last game unfortunately, and for us it was tonight," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "It has been a remarkable and fun season for these kids. For the coaches we just love coaching them and hanging out and now it changes. When you are a se nior, it's done and that's the hard part."

Lessons are learned by spending a high school career playing football.

"Nothing you can do, you can do alone," T riola said. "Y ou have people who trust you, believe in you and sur round you with love and everything. This program is built on brotherhood." Closing the gap

It's easy to look at a 49-21 final score and think the Tigers struggled against the Warriors.

That's not entirely true

For the second straight year, the Tigers were very competitive in the first half against W alled Lake W estern. Fenton trailed just 21-14 and were getting the ball to start the second half on Friday ni ght.

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For the week of **November 11, 2019** 

### ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may have to make your own opportunities rather than waiting for some to fall in your lap. Only then can you prove to others what you're worth.

### TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Few things rustle your feathers, Taurus. But when your ire is up, take a step back to collect yourself. Use the latter half of the week to get things back in order.

### GEMINI May 22/Jun 21

It may take a few steps in the wrong direction to realize you need to change course, Gemini. But smooth sailing will soon prevail. Stay the course.

### CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, with many new changes happening in your life, you may be wishing for the familiarity of things you once had. Revisit photo albums or talk to old friends for nostalgia.

### LEO **Jul 23/Aug 23**

Leo, when you take a stand, others are sure to take notice at what you have to say. You have the kind of magnetism and presence to garner the attention and support of others.

#### VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Work-related stress may not go away entirely, but you can find a way to reduce it, Virgo. Indulge in a long lunch with coworkers or take a muchneeded day off to clear your mind.

### LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

It may take some extra motivation for you to get moving on a project at home, Libra. But once the momentum takes hold, it will be smooth sailing for several days.

### SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Many times it is not what you say but what you do not say that has the most impact, Scorpio. Consider your words carefully before speaking up.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Managing a household can be just as important as keeping your professional life running smoothly, Sagittarius. Give yourself a pat on the back if you're accomplishing both.

### CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

A vacation may be just what the doctor ordered, Capricorn. Begin researching destinations now and figure out the best way to finance a trip to get away and soak up the sun.

#### AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

A change of scenery may do you some good in the days ahead, Aquarius. See if you can fit in an extended weekend to clear your mind.

### PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, put some thought into the fun activities you can do with others. Organize a night out on the town with friends.

# Obituaries

Dorothy Ann "Dot" Medicus 1929-2019 Dorothy Ann "Dot" Medicus - age 90, of Fenton, died Sunday,

#### celebrated 11 AM Thursday,

November 10,

2019. Funeral

Mass will be

November 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Interment in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with a 7 PM rosary Wednesday. Visitation will be I0 AM until the time of Mass Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Chapel Restoration Fund. Dorothy was born January 26, 1929 in Detroit the daughter of Charles and Clementine (Michael) Ambabo. She was a graduate of St. Benedict Grade School in Highland Park, Girls Catholic Central High School in Detroit, and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Mercy College in Detroit with a degree in nursing. She married Lawrence G. Medicus on May 26, 1951 in Detroit; he preceded her in death April 22, 2006. They had resided in Fenton since 1963. Dot was an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Catherine's Guild and the DAV Auxiliary. Surviving are daughter, Michele (Thomas) Hardesty of Xenia, OH; son, Michael Medicus of Flint; grandchildren, Patrick (Beth) Hardesty of Sabina, OH, Nicole (Michael) Bain of New Vienna, OH, Rachel Medicus of Avon Park, FL, Ashley (Trevor) Hetcel of Byron; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Charles; and sister, Joan. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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### Diane (St. Germain) Macksood

1937-2019 Diane (St. Germain) Macksood - age 81, of Flint and Fenton, passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Funeral



Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. Bill Lugger celebrant. Interment will be held 3 PM Wednesday at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Flint. Visitation will be held 2-8 PM Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM Tuesday. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of Genesee County, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, or the local charity of one's choice. Diane was born on December 31, 1937 in Flint, the oldest child of Reginald and Doris (Thompson) St. Germain. Diane graduated from St. Matthew Catholic High School and then went on to earn a nursing degree from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Flint. In 1959. Diane met (on a blind date) and married, Leo Joseph Macksood on October 31. Later she went to manage her husband's financial planning business. Diane always knew her purpose in life was to care for others. She was blessed with a strong faith in God. She and Leo raised three beautiful children.

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Her commitment to her husband, family, faith and community gave her great pride and joy. Diane was an active volunteer at St. Luke's and Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church. She enjoyed traveling with her family and weekend getaways with her cousins, Marilyn and Loretta. Diane's greatest joy was spending time with her children and grandchildren. She made holidays special with family gatherings of endless food and playing the piano and singing carols. She could never resist stopping by a garage sale or craft show. She especially enjoyed the Friday night dinners with her friends. Diane's beautiful smile, sense of humor and faith in God gave her courage to overcome adversity throughout her life. Diane leaves to remember her, son, Joseph Leo (Lisa Bolton); daughter, Janet; granddaughters, Elizabeth and Natalie; three sisters-in-law, Mary (Joe) Conroy, Betty (Richard) Ramsdell, and Janice Macksood; brother-in-law, Tom (Holly) Macksood; cousins, 27 nieces, nephews and their spouses; many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; her daughter, Julie; infant children, Jane Mary, twins, John and Regina, and Abraham; parents, Reginald and Doris St. Germain; brother, Michael St. Germain; parents-in-law, Louis and Nimrie Macksood; daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Macksood; sisters-in-law, Catherine and Donald Roda, Louise and Bob Jubenville; sister-in-law, Linda Macksood. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



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