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So far, so good with new roundabout

■ Some misconceptions on roundabouts still exist; driver training experts offer tips

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — On Monday, Nov. 18, the new roundabout at Torrey and North roads is humming along.

Some drivers swing in and out of the curves with confidence and ease, while others are more cautious, treating it more like a four-way stop. One driver runs over the new raised traffic splitter at the approach to Smitty's Exit 80 gas station, which one employee said has been a problem.

The project began in late August.

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Motorists navigate the new roundabout at North and Torrey roads Monday, Nov. 18. The roundabout was completed in early November. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Ladies Night Out in Fenton



Linden teacher Peg Fiewig (center) waits in line to checkout at Bridge Street Exchange during Ladies Night Out in Fenton Friday, Nov. 15. The store had more than 700 customers during the event. See story on page 8. Photo: Hannah Ball

National gas prices decrease

■ Local gas stations at national average as biggest travel day of year approaches

By Hannah Ball

Gas prices in Flint and Detroit are up, according to gasbuddy.com, a well-known gas price tracker for U.S.A.

Flint is reportedly up .023 with an average price of \$2.355 and Detroit is up .001 at \$2.493. On Monday

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Over 1.7 million Michiganders take to roads and skies this Thanksgiving

■ The most since 2005, according to AAA Michigan

More than 1.7 million Michiganders are expected to travel for the Thanksgiving holiday this year according to AAAMichigan.

Nationwide, more than 55 million travelers are making plans to kick off the holiday season with a trip of 50 miles or more away from home. This will be the second-highest Thanksgiving travel volume since AAA began tracking in 2000, trailing only the record set in 2005.

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“Please stop the inter-generational sniping. As a community and as a nation, we need the collective skills and wisdom of all people including millennials and boomers.”



“Vera, what a great article ‘Don’t throw that away,’ for deer hunting season.”



“What is the shortest week in Michigan? Fall.”



POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FENTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF MORE THAN \$30,000 WORTH OF LOTTERY TICKETS

Cade Eversole, 20, of Fenton, pleaded guilty Tuesday, Nov. 19 to stealing more than \$30,000 worth of Club Keno lottery tickets. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office obtained an arrest warrant against Eversole on one count of forging/counterfeiting a lottery ticket and one count of unauthorized computer use. Authorities say Eversole accessed a lottery machine on Sept. 15 at Tyrone Party Store, at the corner of Old U.S. 23 and Center Road in Tyrone Township, for \$10,168. Lt. Jim Lynch said a subsequent investigation revealed that Eversole had illegally printed Keno tickets on multiple occasions between February 2019 and September 2019 for a total of \$31,340 in unauthorized transactions. With the plea agreement, he pleaded guilty as charged and prosecutors would recommend sentencing under the Holmes Youth Trainee Act (HYTA), which would remove his criminal record following his probation. He faces up to five years in prison.

Submit your business by Dec. 9

■ Fenton Shark Tank rebrands to ECO CAST; now accepting proposals

By Hannah Ball

Attention local entrepreneurs.

What used to be the Fenton Shark Tank is now ECO CAST, and applications to submit your business or business idea is Monday, Dec. 9. It's put on by Engage Community Organization (ECO) through The Freedom Center.

The event is similar to "Shark Tank" on ABC TV. Applicants will submit their business or business idea, and five will be chosen to be coached by local successful business owners for weeks before the event on Friday, Feb. 21. They will present their proposals live in front of a line of judges and audience members.

One winner will receive \$1,500 and a yearlong mentorship. Three past win-



At the December 2018 Shark Tank event, Theresa Trice took home the prize in the second category for Sweet T's Salon and Kids Spa, which is geared toward kids. **Times file photo**

ners of Fenton Shark Tank will speak on stage. All video submissions need to be emailed to info@ecofenton.com by Monday, Dec. 9.

For more information and to find the application form, go to ECO CAST on Facebook or go to freedomcenterchurch/eco.

GAS PRICES

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Nov. 18, gas prices in Fenton on Owen Road were \$2.59.

However, the national average price for gas is falling.

Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas Buddy, tweeted, "The national average has fallen 2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.59/gal, the lowest level in weeks. As we approach Thanksgiving, average #gasprices may decline slightly, but with a trade deal with China on the table & an OPEC meeting coming, don't expect much more."

This is the second straight week the average U.S. gas price has fallen, seeing a decrease of 3.3 cents in the last week. The national average stands at \$2.58, which is the lowest level in two months, DeHaan said.

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Coloring within the lines

■ Nursing home resident Gary Savoie changes his life through pages of adult coloring books

By Sally Rummel

Gary Savoie has always paid attention to details.

Formerly an accountant at a bank for two decades, Savoie always made sure his numbers lined up. Now, as a resident at Fenton Healthcare Center, he spends his “working hours” drawing works of art in intricate designs from pages in adult coloring books — and stays within the lines.

His colorful artwork adorns the walls in his room, is displayed throughout the nursing facility and is meticulously kept in a portfolio — now numbering about 130 hand-colored pictures.

“I never colored a day in my life ‘til I was 63,” said Savoie, now 65. Now his artistic endeavors take up most of his waking hours.

Savoie graduated from Powers High School in Flint in 1972 and earned his

master’s degree from the University of Michigan as a business/accounting major. In his younger years, he was an athlete, personal trainer and body builder.

But life didn’t turn out exactly as Savoie had planned. A change in his physical abilities forced him into nursing home care in June 2016 and brought him to the lowest point in his life, battling depression and keeping him in his room, alone with his thoughts.

“I stayed in bed up in my room for two years,” Savoie said. “The staff would bring around a cart with magazines, word games and even coloring books for adults. When she asked me, ‘have you ever colored a picture?’

I thought to myself, not since I was 4 years old, why not give it a try?”

Savoie colored his first picture on Memorial Day 2018. He went into the activities room for the very first time, and by the time he colored his third picture, he was hooked.

He admits his pictures have improved

SUMMARY

■ Fenton Healthcare Center resident Gary Savoie changed his life on Memorial Day 2018 when he colored his first picture from an adult coloring book.



Gary Savoie of Fenton spends several hours each day coloring. He hangs his artwork on his wall and gives them as gifts. Photo: Tim Jagielo



mightily since his first attempts at drawing. Now he adds visual interest to his colored pencil drawings with highlights of bright, bold colored markers.

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Get a piece of the holiday pie

Every family has one. A Christmas fanatic.

They start the countdown 365 days too soon. Their Christmas tree goes up the day after Halloween. They play Christmas music for a week in July “because it’s been too long.”

In our family, it’s my Aunt Karen.

My aunt’s love of the holiday probably has to do with her career choice. She spent more than 20 years in print advertising sales, and there’s no denying that the holiday season is an exciting time in any sales profession.

In recent years, however, I’ve let the thrill of the holiday escape me. Long to-do lists, my disdain for cooking, it all weighed on me. Not this year.

Our publisher Wes Smith shared an article recently from the National Retail Federation and it got me into the shopping, I mean, holiday spirit. From the article, “Consumers say they will spend an average of \$1,047.83 this holiday season, up 4 percent from the \$1,007.24 they said they would spend last year.”

Just knowing consumer spending is going to be bigger this season makes me want to be a part of it. I like to shop in person for the majority of things I buy for myself and others and I’m not alone. Also from the article, “The majority of

shoppers, 53 percent, will also shop in department stores and 51 percent will go to discount stores, while 44 percent will go to grocery stores, 34 percent to clothing and accessory stores and 23 percent each to electronics stores and local small businesses.”

Of course, there’s more to my re-discovered holiday excitement than shopping and gift giving. The team at View Newspaper Group has been working on holiday marketing pieces for months. Especially with the great news from the National Retail Federation that spending is up, we want to ensure our clients receive a slice of the (lucrative) holiday pie.

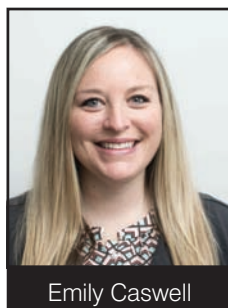
If you’re a business who hasn’t started

your holiday marketing yet, have no fear, you still have time to reach consumers. From the article, “... 39 percent of holiday shoppers said they would start buying holiday items before November, while 43 percent are waiting until at least November and 18 percent are waiting until December.”

Need help putting your holiday marketing campaign together? Our talented team is ready to make sure your holiday includes a lot of green.

My love of Christmas will never reach that of my Aunt Karen’s, but I have an excitement for the holiday this year I haven’t felt in a long time. Why are you excited for the holiday? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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AH YES, THE old ‘someone should do something.’ If you are concerned about the homeless man, why don’t you offer to help him yourself?

I’M APPALLED THAT any citizen of the United States (unless they are an American liberal, socialist or communist) thinks the Constitution can be changed without being amended. If they do, they were born in the ‘50s or ‘60s or flunked high school civics.

IF THERE IS no hunting allowed in the city of Fenton, why for the last 22 years am I hearing gun shots going off north of Shiawassee and east of Fenway? Why is no one enforcing this? There are residential homes in the area.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO that nice man who used to sell Christmas Trees on Tipsico Trail in Rose Township?

THE NEW ROUNDABOUTS at North at Torrey roads are great, but only if people follow the signs. Drivers on North Road just fly through like they have the right-of-way. Are people that ignorant? Do they know a yield is like a rolling stop? I would’ve gotten hit today had I not waited for two cars to fly through at full speed.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor and Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Where is the farthest you’ve been from home?



“Just Florida for vacation. We’ve been to a few cities, like Fort Myers.”

— **Billie Williams**
Fenton



“I’ve been out West; the Dakotas, but it’s been a while. I saw the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.”

— **Naomi Sias**
Holly



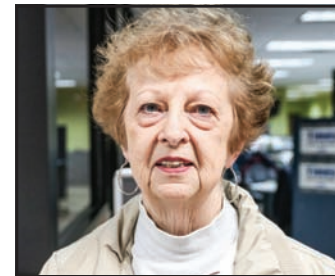
“New Zealand, in the Navy. I was there a little over a week. I loved it. Of all the countries I’ve been to, it’s my favorite place to visit.”

— **Pete Buccellato**
Holly Township



“Las Vegas is the farthest. I was only 15 at the time. It was fun. It was a family trip. There’s a lot of cool local shops.”

— **Garrett Zoll**
Fenton



“I’ve been to Germany, Switzerland and England. Hawaii was the longest travel day at 22 hours. You have to go from island to island.”

— **Kathy Mason**
Hartland

street talk



Photo: Tim Jagielo

ROUNABOUT

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It has been open for more than a week. So far, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said there has only been one minor traffic incident. The only issue he's seen are drivers not yielding to vehicles already in the roundabout.

There are two businesses at the intersection — Smitty's Exit 80 gas station and The Barn restaurant. Jason Warda, The Barn owner, said his restaurant is getting back to normal after the two months of construction and the roundabout seems to be working well. "We do have people cut through the parking lot to avoid the roundabout," Warda said. "And people trying to turn left through it."

How to use a roundabout

While the area's newest roundabout is working well, there are still some misconceptions about how to use one.

According to Allsafe Drivers Ed lead instructor Lorrice Miles, roundabouts are not four-way stops and it isn't about taking turns. "The purpose of a roundabout is to keep traffic flowing, therefore you enter when there is an adequate gap in traffic, meaning you can enter without being hit by another car or making another driver have to apply his/her brakes," she said.

The ideal speed is 15-20 mph, and turn signals are needed if you're exiting the circle at the first opportunity or as you approach your exit.

Miles said it's best to enter the roundabout in the correct lane for your exit versus changing lanes in the middle of

roundabout. Fenton's roundabout only has one lane, while those on Lee Road in Brighton have three lanes.

Allsafe Drivers Ed owner Marie James said students aren't required to learn about roundabouts in Segment 1 of training. She said some students are initially more nervous about roundabouts than four-way stops, but they usually find them to be simple enough.

Anatomy of a roundabout

Roundabouts are made of only a few parts — the circle itself, lane splitters, the center island and the truck apron.

The splitters are wedge shaped and divide directional traffic at each approaching street.

The truck apron surrounds the center circle. This area in Fenton resembles the parking pads downtown, but it's made as a buffer for large vehicles. A tractor-trailer can allow the rear tires to travel over the truck apron to navigate the roundabout.

There are also directional arrows at each entry point and regular street signs.

Roundabouts versus traffic circles

In general, traffic circles are significantly larger than roundabouts. Traffic circles also have traffic lights, unlike roundabouts.

Why use roundabouts?

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), they are safer for motorists, pedestrians and they reduce traffic delays and maintenance costs. They increase the traffic capacity of that intersection.

“The purpose of a roundabout is to keep traffic flowing, therefore you enter when there is an adequate gap in traffic.”

Lorrice Miles

Allsafe Drivers Ed lead instructor

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His favorite color to use is magenta and his favorite subjects to draw are wild animals. He carefully tears out his desired page to color from advanced level adult coloring books, and meticulously works on his piece of art from 10 a.m. to about 6:30 p.m.

Each page takes him about seven hours to color. "This is my job now," he said. "People are always stopping by to see what I'm doing. It brought people back in my life. I love sharing. It if puts a smile on someone's face, that's even

better. It makes other people forget their problems."

Savoie's "work day" begins at 9:30 a.m., when staff gets him out of bed with a patient lift and into a geriatric chair, where he will spend his day coloring. He uses only his best functioning two fingers on each hand. He doesn't know exactly which colors he will use until he begins to draw. That's when the magic happens.

He doesn't hesitate to admit that coloring has totally changed his life. "I don't have any bad thoughts when I'm drawing. Now I look forward to getting out of bed and getting my day started," he said.

Gary Savoie uses fine-tipped markers and colored pencils for his intricate colorings.

Photo: Tim Jagielo



Our Future

Meet

Savannah Bremer

- Equestrian team leader
- Dance team leader
- 4-H member

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

Savannah Bremer, 17, is a senior at Holly High School. Her parents are Jeannette and Richard Bremer (deceased 2008). She has one sister, Karly Hyde. Savannah is captain of the Holly Varsity Dance Team and Equestrian Team, a 4-H member and president of Oakland County Horse Youth Council.

If you were given \$1,000, what would you do?

I would donate it to Camp Casey, which is an organization that does horse house calls for kids with cancer.

Of what achievement are you most proud?

I am most proud of my equestrian team achievement because I have had a very successful year going to states for the first time and winning every class I was in at the 3 district meets.

If your could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would love to travel to India to see all the different culture.

If you could open a restaurant, what kind of restaurant would you open?

If I could open a restaurant, it would be Mexican restaurant.

How is school different now from previous generations?

School is very different because kids do very bad things now like vape and fight and school systems need more security because of shootings.

What do you do for fun?

I like to ride my horse and dance for fun.

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

A superpower I would like to have is invisibility.

What is your favorite school subject?



My favorite school subject is English; my least favorite is math.
How would you handle the issue of bullying?

I handle bullying by addressing it myself and if it continues, I tell an adult.

How have you changed over your high school career?

I have matured by gaining leadership skills that I use in my daily life and with my sports.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

COMMUNITY LEADERS, BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS HONORED AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL ART OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce and the Flint & Genesee Convention and Visitors Bureau presented Art of Achievement Awards to 17 exemplary businesses, community leaders and hospitality professionals for their significant contributions to the region's success in 2019. A sold-out crowd of nearly 375 people packed the Flint Institute of Arts where Master of Ceremonies Steve Landaal presented the awards to this year's honorees. Now in its sixth year, the awards' gala is a community-wide celebration of the accomplishments that are helping to move Flint and Genesee County forward. In addition, the late William S. White was honored posthumously with the Charles Stewart Mott Award, which recognizes a citizen who has made significant contributions to the advancement and well-being of Flint and Genesee County in the tradition the man for whom the award is named.

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Overall, an additional 1.6 million more people will travel compared with last year a 2.9-percent increase. The vast majority of holiday travelers will drive to their destinations and, INRIX, a global transportation analytics company, expects Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 27, to be the worst travel period nationally, with trips taking as much as four times longer than usual.

By the numbers: 2019 Thanksgiving travel forecast

Automobiles: The vast majority of travelers in Michigan — almost 1.6 million — will hit the road this Thanksgiving, the most since 2005 and 2.7 percent more than last year.

Planes: With 5.4-percent growth, air

travel will see the biggest increase in travel volume during the Thanksgiving holiday, with 151,744 Michiganders expected to fly.

Trains, buses and cruise ships: Travel by other modes will reach 46,312, a slight increase of 1.4 percent from 2018.

Nothing worse than Wednesday: Times NOT to be on the road

For the 49.3 million Americans traveling by automobile, INRIX, in collaboration with AAA, predicts major delays throughout the week, peaking Wednesday with trips taking as much four times longer as commuters mix with travelers.

Lower gas prices fuel road trips; AAA to rescue more than 368,000

Gas prices have been fluctuating as of late but are currently cheaper than the national average at this time last year, giving

Americans a little extra money to spend on travel and motivating millions to take road trips. For the majority of Americans, AAA expects gas prices to be fairly similar to last year's Thanksgiving holiday which averaged \$2.57 per gallon.

Meanwhile, more than 368,000 motorists will call AAA for assistance at the roadside this Thanksgiving holiday.

Dead batteries, flat tires and lockouts will be the leading reasons AAA members will experience car trouble. AAA recommends motorists take their vehicles to a trusted repair facility to perform any needed maintenance before heading out on a road trip. And remember to slow down and move over for stopped emergency vehicles at the roadside.

Travel tip for the friendly skies: Fly Monday before Thanksgiving

A recent analysis of AAA's flight booking data from the last three years revealed that flying the Monday before the Thanksgiving travel rush is the best option for travelers. It has the lowest average ticket price (\$486) prior to the holiday and is a lighter travel day than later in the week. Travelers can also save by traveling on Thanksgiving Day, which has the week's lowest average price per ticket (\$454).

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN THE HEAD of your local church starts firing people based on their age, it's time to push for a new head of your church. To the family of the latest victim, we, your fellow parishioners, will always love you and miss all you did for our church and community.

THANK YOU, STATE Bank for finally removing the signage in your second floor windows. Now you look more like a bank instead of a billboard.

I WOULD LIST the untruths (lies) of this president but there is not enough room in this paper. However I will list one. He said, 'I will build a wall and Mexico will pay for it.'

DOGS ARE BRED to be trained by their owner. If the owner fails to intentionally train their dog, they will unintentionally train their dog. Your dog behaves badly because your dog thinks you want him/her to behave that way.

I WILL TELL you one thing, when Emile Bair was constable, he took care of blight in Rose Township.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

Custodial interrogations and the admission of a suspect's statements

When a crime is committed and the police conduct an investigation, there is typically an interview of the suspect.

When this happens, certain procedures must be followed to ensure that whatever is said by the potential defendant is admissible in court.

Case law tells us that before the statements (or confessions) of an "in custody" suspect can be admitted into evidence it must be shown they were given "Miranda warnings" as to their self-incrimination rights and the right to counsel, they waived the rights, and then agreed to answer questions.

By the same token, if a suspect isn't in custody and they answer questions, with or without Miranda warnings, their statements are admissible.

This is why it is important to determine a suspect's custody status when the police conduct an interview if Miranda warnings aren't given.

Most of the time it's clear when a suspect is in custody, but when it isn't, the law has developed certain factors for a court to use in deciding

the custody question.

The starting point in reaching a decision is to ascertain if, in light of the objective circumstances of the interrogation, a reasonable person would have felt that they were not at liberty to terminate the questioning and leave. This is called "freedom of movement."

The United States Supreme Court has held that the objective circumstances are as follows with no single circumstance being controlling:

- The location of the interview — Was it at a police station or jail?
- Duration — Was the interview lengthy or short? The longer it is the greater the chance that there was custody.
- Statements made during the interview — Was the suspect told they were free to leave? Did the interview become accusatory?
- Physical restraints — Was the suspect in handcuffs? Were they brought to the interview in a police car? Was there an armed officer present?
- Release — Was the suspect released after the interview or were they taken to jail?

The court must also determine if the interview was in a "coercive environment" based upon the totality of the circumstances presented including if coercive pressures were applied.

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Luna's in Fenton was crowded during Ladies Night Out with hundreds of attendees. Customers browsed, looked at the fun items, made purchases and enjoyed free drinks. Photo: Hannah Ball

Hundreds shopped for Ladies Night Out

Businesses have sales, welcome women during one of their busiest evenings

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — More than 700 people walked downtown Fenton for the annual November Ladies Night Out on Friday, Nov. 15.

Dozens of businesses participated by staying open later, offering free drinks and having sales to attract customers. Nearly every store was packed with shoppers.

The event kicks off holiday shopping by encouraging people to shop local.

"It went fantastic. It was a very very busy night. We had a lot of fun. We had a lot of women come through," said Patti Lenoir, a manager at Northern Country Chic. They had 500 koozies made with the store logo to give out, and all were gone before the event ended.

Women of all ages attended.

Harper, 6 months old, daughter of Rose Township resident, Annette Rutkowski, won the award of Youngest Lady to attend Ladies Night Out.

"It was a nice evening and the weather was nice to walk around town and get fresh air and mingle with family and friends," Rutkowski said, adding that Harper's favorite place was Fenton's Open Book.

Bridge Street Exchange offered 15 percent off merchandise storewide, and

they gave away a Michigan "Great Lakes, Great Times" wine glass if a customer spent over \$10.

Connie Foley, clerk at Fenton's Open Book, said they gave away 400 books in "blind date with a book." They wrapped books in brown paper and wrote clues about the topic and plot. Customers didn't know the title, and picked a free book based on the clues.

"It was a fun night. We were very busy. We still had people here at 9 when it was supposed to be over," Foley said. "We made more money this year than we did last year."

Chip Beltnick, owner of Sawyer Jewelers, said, "This year was an absolute success for the ever-growing Fenton Ladies Night Out. Our store saw more ladies in the first hour than we have seen for the entire event in past years. It was a great opportunity not only for local vendors to show what they have to offer, but also to remind people of the experience and comradery that comes with shopping in the store instead of on our computers or phones. And the women love it because it provides a fun and worry free night to think about themselves before heading into the busy holiday season."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REMEMBER WHEN HILLARY said, 'If I go down, half of Washington will too.' Maybe it's time to convict her and clean out all the career politicians.

THE COMMENT BY the high school coach was made with the athletic director standing by and then laughing about it. So, what good would a meeting with either of them do? From a grandparent who went through the same 'favorites' crap myself with my son and now with my grandson.

BIG THANK YOU to the people who helped my disabled vet husband capture our Alaskan Malamutes when they 'escaped' the backyard fence Friday. They were headed down the path I walk them on to the Mill Pond Park. Three escapes in 15 years living in Fenton and they lose their minds in fresh snow and head straight to chase ducks.

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At 1:48 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, a Fenton police observed a vehicle speeding on Owen Road and initiated a traffic stop. The officer made contact with the driver who appeared to be intoxicated. After failing field sobriety tests, the driver, identified as a 44-year-old Linden man, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated — third offense. He was initially transferred to the Fenton police station, but was later transported to the Genesee County Jail on an outstanding arrest warrant. His vehicle was impounded.

Fezziwig's Ball a growing kick-off to Dickens Fest

■ Period-era dancing, music, food and unique atmosphere at Holly Hotel

By Tim Jagielo

At Fezziwig's Ball, warm, soft lighting and period-specific costumes, music and food all create the din of the world of Charles Dickens who wrote "A Christmas Carol."

This is the third year the fundraiser will be held at the Holly Hotel. This year's event is Saturday, Nov. 23 and it's the sixth year of the event overall.

The eventual goal is to raise funds for Holly Dickens Festival, the free multi-weekend event in downtown Holly. The 2019 festival runs the weekends between Friday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 15.

While the festival attracts thousands of visitors, the ball is still a fledgling event that more celebrates and kicks off the festival than raises funds, once the venue and entertainers are paid. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, \$50 for couples and \$200 for sponsorships.

Holly Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Richard Kinnemon said they've sold approximately 40 tickets, which is on par with last year.

“It's really a time to celebrate and kick off the Dickens Festival.”

George Kullis
Holly Area Chamber of
Commerce president

Chamber President George Kullis said the original intent was to have a kick-off party for the festival. They started with approximately 12 attendees in the original location

at the community center. He said these things take time to grow.

The English Country Dancing Club from the Saint Dominic Chapel in Highland will provide entertainment



Fezziwig's Ball will be held at the Holly Hotel this Saturday, Nov. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. For tickets, go to eventbrite.com.
Times file photos



and dance lessons to the "Sir Roger DeCoverly" party dance often featured in these movies. Jon and Mary Coggins will be on hand to interact with guests as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig.

A silent auction and food such as

bread pudding will be served, as well as Holly Hotel hors d'oeuvres.

"It's really a time to celebrate and kick off the Dickens Festival," Kullis said. He said the time period and elegance of the restaurant make it a great location.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
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OF ORDINANCES
ORDINANCE NO. 708**

Please take notice that on November 11, 2019, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 708, to amend Chapter 28.5 and Chapter 28.6 of the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances to provide for the regulation of stormwater and stormwater discharges within the City and to provide for compliance and promotion of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and stormwater discharge permit, in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Fenton.

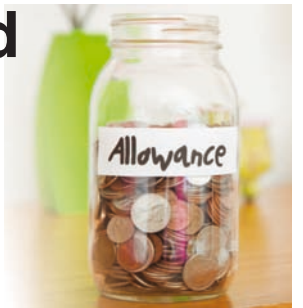
Ordinance No. 708 has the following Sections and catch lines: Section 1: amends Chapter 28.5, Section 28.5-5 of the Fenton City Code; Section 2: amends Chapter 28.5, Section 28.5-31 of the Fenton City Code; Section 3: adds a new division for Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 4: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-1 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 5: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-2 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 6: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-3 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 7: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-4 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 8: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-5 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 9: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-6 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 10: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-7 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 11: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-8 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 12: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-9 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 13: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-10 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 14: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-11 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 15: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-12 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 16: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-13 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 17: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-14 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 18: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-15 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 19: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-16 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 20: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-17 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 21: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-18 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 22: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-19 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 23: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-20 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 24: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-21 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 25: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-22 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 26: adds a new and additional Section 28.6-23 to Chapter 28.6 of the Fenton City Code; Section 27: Repeal, which repeals all conflicting ordinances; Section 28: which provides for the severability of the Ordinance; and Section 29: which establishes the effective date of the Ordinance. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the publication of this notice.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection and may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at the Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430.

Sue Walsh
Fenton City Clerk
(810) 629-2261

Allowance — should it come no strings attached?

■ Study finds more men reported receiving an allowance than women



By Hannah Ball

Allowance is supposed to help children understand the value of hard work and how that translates into making money.

Approximately two-thirds of parents give their children an allowance, and the average hours of chores they require to be done a week has been steady since 2016 at around 5.1 hours, according to marketwatch.com. The hourly pay rate has increased 38 percent from \$4.43 in 2016 to \$6.11 in 2019.

Jarrold Mon - tague of Linden has five kids with his wife, Stepha - nie. He believes an allowance is a good thing if there's a solid chore structure in place.

"We have never been able to adhere to a chore schedule for an extended period of time, perhaps because the kids' activities schedules are ever -changing. So, we've landed on a more event-based way for them to earn money ," he said. "For ex - ample, we'll say '\$40 is available to pull all of the weeds throughout the yard.' If one kid does it, they get the whole \$40. If four kids do it together for an equal amount of time, they each get \$10. I'm not against allowance but this way seems to work better for our family."

Montague said they're very open with their children about finances and how much things cost.

According to thebalance.com, a per - sonal finance website, a T. Rowe Price survey found that 61 percent of young adults earned an allowance as a child. Fifty-three percent had to do chores or another activity to earn it, such as getting good grades, while 8 percent received it no strings attached.

What money websites say about al - lowance

According to daveramsey .com, in an article titled "Why kids shouldn't get an allowance," kids need to learn the value of hard work and parents shouldn't act as "human ATMs."

Allowance

- Most people are 11 years or older before they get an allowance.
- Currently, the average allowance for kids age 4-14 is \$8.74 a week, which is \$454 per year.

Source: thebalance.com

"Many parents today are so centered on what their kids want that they lose perspec - tive on what their kids really need. And what kids need more than stuf f —what will benefit them most over the course of their lives — is to understand the value of hard work.

"Teaching a child to work is not for our benefit as their parents. We teach kids to work because it gives them dignity in a job well done and the tools and character to win as adults," according to daveramsey.com.

Later in the ar - ticle, the writer suggests giving kids a "commis - sion," which is when the parents would give their children money in exchange for completing a chore. Kids can start at age 3 by making their bed and getting a quarter in return.

Marketwatch outlined five mistakes parents make with allowance.

■ **Number one** is obsessing over how much money they give to kids. The amount isn't as important as the reason behind the allowance, as well as the chance to discuss the value of money.

■ **Number two** is giving an allowance too late. Marketwatch suggests starting as soon as they grasp the concept, maybe around 5 years old.

■ **Number three** is treating your sons differently than your daughters. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants found that in 2016, two in three men said they got an allowance growing up while only half of women said they got an allowance.

■ **Number four** is giving allowance with no string attached.

■ **Number five** is always giving money for completing chores. Kids should learn that helping out around the house is important no matter if they get money for it or not.



Linden's new varsity girls basketball coach Zachary Darling (right) works with his squad during a Monday practice.
Photo: David Troppens

Darling preparing to change culture around Linden girls basketball program

By David Troppens

Linden — In recent seasons, life on the Linden varsity girls basketball team has been challenging.

The Eagles haven't won a Metro League game since the 2014-15 season and roster numbers have been low.

However, Zachary Darling hopes to change that as he begins his first year as the Linden varsity girls basketball team this winter.

"Our number one goal is to change the culture of Linden girls basketball," Darling said. "We have been saying this to the girls since day one, and have kind of adopted it as a motto. The last handful of seasons have not been pleasant for the Linden girls."

See DARLING on 12

Holly's Schneider, Vicanco enjoying life as D1 XC runners

■ Trombley, other area college athletes thriving

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity cross country program has had its share of success in recent seasons.

The boys won back-to-

back Metro League championships as recently as the 2013-14 seasons.

The girls have struggled team-wise, but have had their share of strong individuals.

Some of those past competitors are posting strong performances at the

college level.

Holly graduate and Oakland University cross country runner Maggie Schneider recently placed 20th in the women's 6K run at the 2019 Great Lakes Regional hosted by the University of Wisconsin.

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Holly graduate and Oakland University cross country runner Maggie Schneider



Sports Times

1995 LF softball team headed to Greater Flint HOF

By David Troppens

The 1994 Lake Fenton softball team was supposed to be the squad to possibly capture a Class C state title.

It didn't happen.

The team lost its first game, went on to win 39 straight games and then lost to Ida 6-4 in the state semifinals.

When the 1995 season began, only four seniors remained — and just three were starters. So the same goals weren't placed upon that squad as the one a year earlier. However, that changed with one tournament.

"I remember we went to a tournament at Southfield Christian or someplace like that and we lost two games both in the eighth inning by the international tiebreaker," Lake Fenton All-State pitcher Amy (Lukowski) Blair said. "We weren't able to come back in either of those games but it helped light a fire. From there on out it helped light a fire under us and I don't think we lost another game."

The Blue Devils went on to win the school's only softball state championship,

defeating area rivals Goodrich 10-6 in the title game.

Twenty-four years later, the squad is earning another honor. The Lake Fenton 1995 softball team will be one of the

2019 inductees into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The event will be held Dec. 7 at the Genesys Banquet and Conference Center. Fenton's legendary athlete Julie Decker also will be inducted. There will be a future story detailing Decker's induction.

"Seeing everybody again is pretty exciting," Blair said. "I am looking



Lake Fenton's 1995 Class C state championship softball team, pictured here during a 20-year reunion during the 2015 Lake Fenton softball season, is being inducted into the 2019 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame at the Dec. 7 banquet to be held at the Genesys Banquet and Conference Center. **File photo**

forward to seeing a few girls I haven't seen awhile. ... It's quite an honor. When you see the athletes that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame over the years, it's great to be a part of that."

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"I am happy for the girls and for Lake Fenton schools," 1995 softball coach Jerry Cowan said. "It's nice to see that team get recognized and I'm looking forward to the banquet."

The Blue Devils lost many senior starters, but still had Lukowski on the mound, giving them one of the state's strongest pitchers. However, while the team went 31-5, nothing came easy.

"We almost didn't get out of districts," Cowan said. "Probably our toughest game in the tournament was in the semifinal against Clinton."

It was a 1-0 game and Clinton was a really good team. We almost gave it away in the finals, but we came back and won it."

The championship contest was against Goodrich, which seems strange considering most seasons those squads end up in the same district. But for some reason, that year their brackets didn't run into each other until the state championship match.

"We faced Goodrich of all teams in the state championship," Lukowski said.

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basketball program and we look to change that. We want to bring excitement back to the program and get girls to want to come out for the teams and want to play basketball. We don't want Linden girls basketball to be a joke, so to speak, any more."

The Eagles will be trying to make these changes with a young program. So far, Darling says his varsity roster

will consist of more freshmen (three) than seniors (two). The rest of the players will be sophomores and juniors. Darling says there is some young talent on the JV program and that the middle school teams are looking solid as well.

"Clearly we are a very young team and this is something we are excited about," Darling said. "Not just for this season, but for the future of Linden girls basketball."

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North Carolina State redshirt freshman Jarrett Trombley (left) won a title at the Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open last weekend at North Carolina State. Trombley holds a 10-1 record this season. Photo: Gopack.com

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Schneider, a redshirt sophomore, finished her event in 20:52.9, earning her a spot in the NCAA national meet to be hosted at Terra Haute, Indiana on Saturday.

During her Grizzlies' career, Schneider placed first at the Horizon League Championships (21:53.2) in 2017, being named the Horizon League Female Athlete of the Year. She was named the 2018 athlete of the Year, earning First-team All-league honors. Schneider won the Horizon League championship this fall as well with a time of 19:45.1, becoming the first athlete in league history to win three consecutive titles.

Holly graduate and Little Rock Arkansas freshman Jose Vivanco competed at the NCAA Division 1 South Central Regional and placed 151st with a time of 36:40.1 in the 10K race.

Jarrett Trombley

The Lake Fenton graduate wrestler is starting his redshirt freshman season at North Carolina State University. He's off to a great start. Trombley (133) won a title at the Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open held last weekend at North Carolina State. Trombley went 5-0 on the day, earning a 10-2 major decision victory against North

Carolina's Joe Heilmann in the finals. His biggest win of the tournament was a 3-2 decision win against Appalachian State's Codi Russell, who is ranked No. 12 in the nation.

Trombley is 10-1 for the season with one of those victories being by pinfall.

Reid Thompson

The 2017 Fenton graduate completed his redshirt sophomore season by playing in all 11 Wayne State football contests on the offensive line, starting in three games. Thompson started all 11 games his redshirt freshman season. Wayne State completed the 2019 season with an 8-3 overall record and a 7-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, finishing second in league play.

Cade Dickson and Zackary Brown

The two Linden graduates and sophomores on the Lawrence Tech University football team saw plenty of playing time this fall.

Linebacker Cade Dickson played in seven games, collecting 32 tackles and 11 assisted tackles. He had 3 1/2 tackles for loss and forced a fumble.

Brown, a defensive lineman, played in 10 games and took part in 11 total tackles. Two were for losses.

Lawrence Tech struggled this fall, going 1-9 overall.

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Holly Area School District will receive firm prime contractor bids for the Davisburg and Rose Pioneer Elementary Addition and Renovations located in Holly, Michigan.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by GMB Architecture + Engineering 85 East Eighth Street, Suite 200, Holland, MI 49423. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Jason Davis or Shawn Debo at AUCH Construction 248-334-2000 if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of AUCH Construction., 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI, 48342, 248-334-2000, on or after November 18, 2019.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Davisburg Elementary School, located at 12003 Davisburg Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350 on **Wednesday, November 27 at 9:00 AM**. The meeting will be held on-site in the cafeteria.

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly Area Schools Davisburg and Rose Pioneer Elementary Addition and Renovations" and "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open". The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Wednesday December 4, 2019** to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or AUCH Construction. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to AUCH Construction or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$24,924.00**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on December 4, 2019.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

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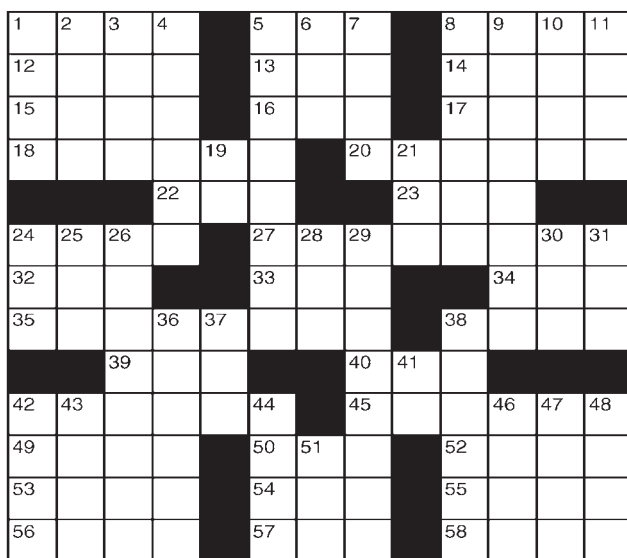
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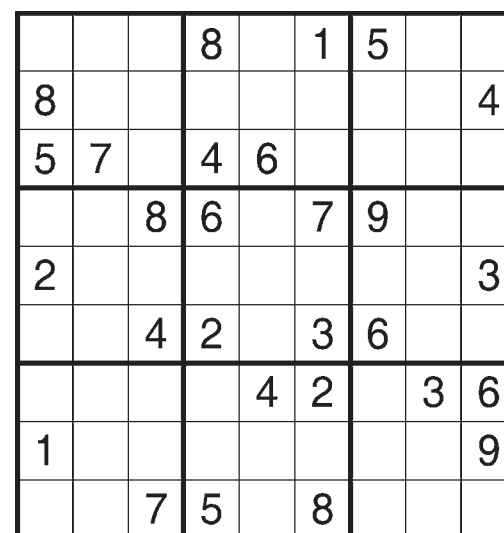
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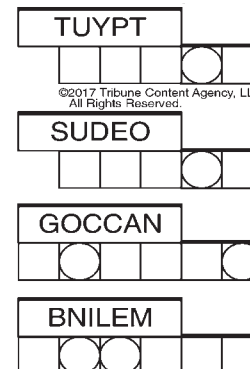
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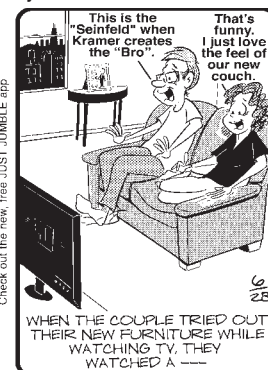
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Horoscopes

For the week of
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

A bevy of ideas and tasks are bouncing around in your head this week, Aries. You may have to find a way to quiet your mind so you can focus on what needs to get done.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a benefit to having so many close friends in your life is you always have a buddy you can call when you need someone to hear your side of the story.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, even after a big shakeup in your routine, it seems like things at work are more of the same. You may need to start looking for opportunities elsewhere for stimulation.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Perfection only exists in your mind, Cancer. Change your views on how everything needs to be perfect to be successful and you will sleep a bit easier this week.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, obstacles are a part of life. The way you approach them and your attitude can go a long way toward helping you work through difficult situations.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Your curiosity will pique this week when inspiration flows, Virgo. A new creative project could be on the horizon. Friends are supportive of your efforts.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

People may be apt to judge you by the company you keep, Libra. However, once others get to know you, they will discover how you march to the beat of your own drummer.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may have an opportunity to enjoy some time to yourself this week. The alone time can be a great way to work through new ideas.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't let someone whose maturity level is beneath your own bother you, Sagittarius. Take the high road and others will notice and respect you for it.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

You may have plenty of free time on your hands this week, Capricorn. If you do not want to fill it by being productive, then bask in your ability to kick back and relax.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, even though you are full of vitality and ready to begin something new, this may not be the week for it. Hold off a little longer; the right time will present itself soon enough.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

This week serves as a starting point for new adventures in your life, Pisces. Keep your eyes peeled for the opportunities coming your way.

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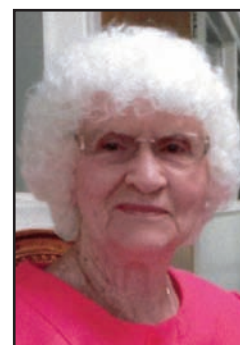
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Beatrice Stacy - age 95 of Fenton, died Sunday, November 17, 2019. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 12 PM - 3 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Beatrice was born August 22, 1924 in Belfry, KY, the daughter of Paul and Lonnie (Runyon) Swafford. She married Lawrence Stacy in 1941 and he preceded her in death in 2007. Beatrice loved to cook and bake. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Fenton where she taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed surf fishing with her husband, reading and cardinals. Her friends at Millpond Manor were like family to her. Surviving are daughter, Sharon (Don) Campbell of Fenton; three brothers, Jack (Jimmy Sue) Swafford, Amos (Carmen) Swafford, and Wendell (Barbara) Swafford all of TN; many nieces and nephews; many friends at Millpond Manor; and her granddog, Roxie. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Dannyray and Gregory; two brothers; and four sisters. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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