This ‘blast from the past’ started with a bowl that ‘burped’ and revolutionized kitchen storage

**By Sally Rummel**

Who doesn’t remember the days of Tupperware parties when moms would get together to socialize and watch demonstrations of the newest food storage products — from sippy cups to mixing bowls and even a shape-sorting ball toy for kids.

Yes, Tupperware is a part of many of our collective memories, and it’s still here 73 years later after being invented by Earl Tupper during the post-World War II year of 1946. According to Tupperware.com, he created the first lightweight, non-breakable plastic containers inspired by the seal-tight design of paint cans.

What has changed the most over the years is Tupperware’s way of reaching customers. Many sales are conducted at the Tupperware online site, on Amazon, Facebook and at mall kiosks around the world.

Karen Ates of Linden has sold tens of thousands of dollars worth of Tupperware products over her career. She’s holding her favorite item, the Pressure Cooker.

**Photos: Tim Jagielo**

But that doesn’t mean there aren’t Tupperware parties anymore. Local Tupperware representative Karen Ates of Linden has at least a party a month, and she used to hold many more before working two jobs consumed much of her time.

“People are shocked that there are still Tupperware parties,” Ates said. “Parties are the main way hostesses get their (Tupperware) products, and it allows representatives like me to show people how to cook with new products.”

She typically makes a meal or a dessert at the party to share with the guests. “I can make a delicious hot cake from the microwave in 10 minutes,” she said.

Ates first sold Tupperware in the 1980s, after having grown up in a Tupperware-filled home. “I knew all

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about the products,” she said. “Then I got back into it about five or six years ago.”

The expansion of Tupperware products from mainly storage containers into cooking innovations has created a niche for busy people to maximize their time.

“I lost 65 pounds by cooking with different Tupperware products,” Ates said. “I use my Smart Steamer to steam dishes in the microwave, and the fat goes to the bottom. I also make homemade soups from scratch with my Tupperware Microwave Pressure Cooker and homemade salsas in less than five minutes with my Tupperware Chop N Prep.”

Ates is also a huge believer in the positive environmental impact of Tupperware. “It replaces a lot of disposable wraps and packaging and no one ever throws it away,” she said.

Some of the most iconic Tupperware items are still available, including the Bell Tumblers with sipping lids, Wonderlier Bowls, Modular Mates and the Toy Shape Sorter.

One of the biggest selling points for Tupperware today is still its lifetime warranty if a product or lid is damaged or broken. The only thing it can’t guard against is a neighbor or friend not returning it.

“Don’t ever walk away with someone else’s Tupperware,” Ates said.

Don’t ever walk away with someone else’s Tupperware.
Karen Ates
Tupperware sales representative

The Shape-O Toy has been around since 1968. Photos: Tim Jagielo

The Super Cereal Storer is part of the Tupperware food storage system, which includes stackable modular pieces.

TRI-COUNTY FUNDRAISERS
COMPiled by Sharon Stone

Benefit Dinner for Jessica Burns
For those in the Fenton area, a fundraiser dinner at the Moose Lodge, 2245 Sonora Dr., Fenton, on Lake Fenton is planned for Saturday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 11 p.m. There will be dinner, silent auction, music and more. This fundraiser is for mother of three, Jessica Burns, 35, of Fenton, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer. She has worked the past 15 years at Skipper Bud’s on Lake Fenton. Due to her treatments, she is no longer able to work. The event is hosted by the Fenton Moose Lodge. Additional details are on Moose’s Facebook page under events. Tickets are $15 per person, $5 for ages 5-12 and kids under 5 are free. A gofundme page, “Jessica Burns Breast Cancer Fight,” has also been created with hopes of raising $10,000. For more information, call Tara Goldman at (810) 429-9899.
BEST-SELLING MUSIC ALBUMS OF ALL TIME

Eagles make the top 3

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Remember the days when you and your friends would listen to your favorite music on vinyl albums? The following are the seven top-selling albums in the United States of all time, according to Business Insider (businessinsider.com; April 2019).

1. **EAGLES — “THEIR GREATEST HITS”**
   - Featuring songs: Take It Easy, Witchy Woman, Lyin’ Eyes and One of These Nights.

2. **MICHAEL JACKSON — “THRILLER”**
   - Featuring songs: The Girls is Mine, Thriller, Beat It and Billie Jean.

3. **EAGLES — “HOTEL CALIFORNIA”**
   - Featuring songs: Hotel California, New Kid in Town, Life in the Fast Lane and Victim of Love.

4. **BILLY JOEL — “GREATEST HITS VOLUME 1 & VOLUME 2”**
   - Featuring songs: Pressure, Allentown, Tell Her About It and Uptown Girl.

5. **LED ZEPPELIN; “LED ZEPPELIN IV”**
   - Featuring songs: Stairway to Heaven, Black Dog, Rock and Roll and Four Sticks.

6. **PINK FLOYD — “THE WALL”**
   - Featuring songs: Another Brick in the Wall, In the Flesh, The Thin Ice and Mother.

7. **AC/DC — “BACK IN BLACK”**
   - Featuring songs: You Shook Me All Night Long, Back in Black, Hells Bells and Rock and Roll Ain’t Noise Pollution.

8. **GARTH BROOKS — “DOUBLE LIVE”**
The article in today’s edition regarding vinyl record albums really brought me back to when I was in my late teens and very early 20s. My boyfriend at the time worked in the distribution warehouse of United Artist Records in the Chicago suburbs. He had an amazing vinyl collection, thanks to a generous employee discount.

One of our favorite pastimes was to sit in his mom and dad’s basement and listen to our favorite albums over and over. Although they recorded under a different label, my personal favorite was “A Question of Balance,” by the Moody Blues. I loved all their music and my second favorite was “Days of Future Past.” We listened to them for hours and later attended their live concerts.

As of this date, I have seen the Moody Blues in concert more than a dozen times, first in the Chicago area and after I moved to Michigan. Several years ago, my husband of 31 years and I saw the Moody Blues in concert at The Palace. His cousin worked for a company that had a suite on the mezzanine level. We were invited in to enjoy hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, and watch the concert from the balcony. I was in heaven.

My other favorite vinyl record albums included the very first one I ever bought with my own money “In a Gada da Vida” by Iron Butterfly. Nothing to this day compares to the drum solo in that song performed by Ron Bushy.

Other all time must-haves included music by The Doors (L.A. Woman), Jethro Tull (Aqualung), as well as albums recorded by Neil Diamond, Santana, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Eagles — there were just so many. I was never much of a Beatles fan, although I did like their earlier music.

I saw Jethro Tull in concert once and it was fabulous. At the start of the concert, the venue turned off the house lights. Then starting out very low and getting increasingly louder we heard the song “Locomotive Breath.” Suddenly, the house lights came back on and Ian Anderson (flautist) came flying out of the ceiling wearing what looked like a Sherlock Holmes outfit. It still makes the hair on my arms stand up thinking about it.

One Christmas, a vinyl record album by Emerson, Lake and Palmer was on my wish list. My dad, who was very frugal (cheap) seized this opportunity to convince a younger family member that there really is a Santa Claus.

He told her, “Do you actually think I would waste my own money on something called ‘Brain Salad Surgery?’ Well, think again.” That did the trick.

Opinions offered in Just Sayin’ are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.
Tips for hosting houseguests over the holidays

Hosting houseguests over the holidays? For happier guests and hosts alike, you’ll want to be sure you’re equipped to accommodate all your overnighters. Here are a few pointers:

**Special considerations**

You’ll likely know of any special considerations you will need to make for individual guests, but if you aren’t sure, ask in advance. For older guests, be sure the floor is free of tripping hazards and that walkways are well-lit. For families, offer a room away from noise so small children can sleep undisturbed at their regular bedtimes. Anticipating and accommodating allergies, dietary restrictions and mobility issues can help keep guests health, happy and safe during their stay with you.

**Better bedding**

Whether you are hosting one guest or many, it’s important to ensure that everyone under your roof has a comfortable place to sleep. Thanks to the latest updates in air mattress technology, that’s easier than ever these days. Before the holidays, get equipped with a compact, high-quality air mattress — which are a must-have for travelers who need to pack a car compactly, as well as hosts who want to store guest bedding between uses.

**A stocked bathroom**

Not only will a well-stocked bathroom help avoid last-minutes trips to the store, it will make guests feel comfortable and welcome upon arrival. You’ll always want to provide a set of linens for each guest, as well as shampoo, conditioner and soap in the shower. Having a few additional items on hand — disposable razors, cotton swabs, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste — is a nice touch. For many reasons, guests often arrive with certain essentials. Maybe they forgot them at home. Maybe the airport made them toss something in the trash. Whatever the reason, you’ll want to prepare for this common occurrence.

A full holiday house does not need to be overwhelming. With a few considerations, you can create a joyful holiday experience for you and your houseguests.

Source: statepoint.net

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Compiled by Vera Hogan**

**ROBERT G. HARRIS**

**BOOK SIGNING ON DEC. 7**

Robert G. Harris, 96, of Fenton Township, has completed his seventh Village Players book on Fenton history. The book, “The Village Players in the Mid-’60s,” will be available for purchase at Fenton’s Open Book, 105 W. Shiawassee Ave., in downtown Fenton on Saturday, Dec. 7, during the Jinglefest celebrations, from 12 to 4 p.m. Harris will be at the store for a book signing. While his books normally sell for $20 each, they will be on sale that day for $10.
ends of an underwater tunnel linking Great Britain with the European mainland for the first time in more than 8,000 years.

**DEC. 2**
1972: The Temptations earn the last of their four chart-topping hits when “Papa Was A Rollin’ Stone” reaches #1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

**DEC. 3**
1947: Marlon Brando’s famous cry of “STELLA!” first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams’ play “A Streetcar Named Desire.”

**DEC. 4**
1952: Heavy smog begins to hover over London, England. It persists for five days, leading to the deaths of at least 4,000 people. It was a Thursday afternoon when a high-pressure air mass stalled over the Thames River Valley. When cold air arrived suddenly from the west, the air over London became trapped in place. The problem was exacerbated by low temperatures, which caused residents to burn extra coal in their furnaces. The smoke, soot and sulfur dioxide from the area’s industries along with that from cars and consumer energy usage caused extraordinarily heavy smog to smother the city.

**DEC. 5**
1945: At 2:10 p.m., five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission. Flight 19 was scheduled to take them due east for 120 miles, north for 73 miles, and then back over a final 120-mile leg that would return them to the naval base. They never returned.

**DEC. 6**
1884: Washington, D.C., workers place a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive monument to the city’s namesake and the nation’s first president, George Washington.

**DEC. 7**
1941: At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

Source: history.com

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

RIP, STEPHEN BALE. Bless you and hopefully you’ll find your angel wings since you will no longer need a wheelchair.

I DID NOT realize coaches were off limits for anonymous comments. After all, aren’t all these comments anonymous? Is everyone who writes in a coward? I think the intimidating response is interesting and I think it reinforces what is really going on.

WHEN IS U of M’s endowment fund going to be forced to divest its $2 billion investment in China over human rights abuses of its citizens? They divested in South Africa at the drop of a hat. Why not China? My guess it’s the return on investment vs. concern of citizens.

HOW TO GET me to vote for your opponent? Don’t tell me anything about you. Since you can’t think of anything good about you I’m sure I would not want to support you either.
Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 25, 2019

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.
Present: Conner, Saad, Graves and Schmidt.
Approved: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on October 28, 2019.
Approved: Budget amendment.
Approved: Payment of bills as printed.
Issued: 20 Building and Zoning permits that total $11,811.97.
Approved: Issued: 20 Building and Zoning permits that total $11,811.97.
Bonds.
Authorized: Treasurer to discuss and make decision on sake of 2 township owned parcels.
Approved: Expense of up to $6,200. for K-9 conversion of police vehicle.
Appointed: Supervisor Saad and Leslie Renckly as representatives to Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.
Accepted: Terms from Thor Environmental for Wetland Delineation for LAFF Pathway.
Adjourned@ 7:40 p.m.

Approved: Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
December 10, 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden MI 48451
(810) 735-5050

Purpose: To correct any of the errors in assessments and tax rates, to review claims of qualified homestead on properties and to review hardship/poverty/veterans claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk, Argentine Township

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ROSE TOWNSHIP DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, in Rose Township at 10:00 AM until all business is completed. This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting clerical errors, mutual mistake(s), mathematical calculations, reviewing homestead qualifications and hardship/poverty claims and any other appeals allowed by the law(s) governing the Board of Review.

Persons interested in submitting information to the Board of Review are asked to contact the Township Assessor prior to December 10, 2019 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (248) 634-7551.

Persons needing assistance to attend the Board of Review due to physical handicap should contact the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Ordinance No. _78A)

At a meeting of the Township Board for Argentine Township held at the Township offices on November 25, 2019, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Schmidt, and was seconded by Township Board Member Connor:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 78 TO EXTEND A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT, APPROVAL OR LICENSE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, INSTALLATION OR BUILDING OF ANY DRAWBRIDGE, BRIDGE, WALKWAY OR SIMILAR ITEM ON, ACROSS OR OVER ANY LAKE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS WELL AS PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, INSTALLATION OR BUILDING OF ANY SUCH DRAWBRIDGE, BRIDGE, WALKWAY OR SIMILAR STRUCTURE ON, ACROSS OR OVER ANY LAKE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP DURING THE MORATORIUM.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE (the “Township”) ORDAINS that Ordinance 78 is amended as follows:

Section 1.  Term of This Ordinance.  The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall be extended to February 24, 2020 or until the regulatory ordinance specified above is enacted by the Township Board and becomes effective.  Prior to the expiration of this moratorium, the Township may extend the moratorium to allow sufficient time to complete and enact any such ordinance.

Section 2.  Effective Date.  This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall become effective the day following its publication (or a summary hereof) in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Section 3.  All other provisions of Ordinance 78 remain in effect.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS:   Saad,Connor, Schmidt, Graves
NAYS:    0

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:  Hallman

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an emergency Ordinance adopted by the Township Board for Argentine Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By    Denise M. Graves
       Argentine Township Clerk
Applications/Resumes Requested in Groveland Township for Office Administrator / Deputy Treasurer

Applicant must have strong mathematical skills with excellent bank reconciliation skills, bookkeeping and cash handling experience. Also, a strong knowledge of Microsoft Office, Quickbooks and Excel. Knowledge of BS&A software would be helpful, but will train the right applicant. Candidate must possess good customer service skills via counter, phone and email. Willingness to take training to further knowledge of tax regulations, requirements and programs required in the treasury department. Travel may be required occasionally. Must be able to multi task, self-motivated and the ability to work well with a small office staff.

Please submit Application/Resume by December 12, 2019 to Clerk, Patricia Back at 4695 Grange Hall Rd. Holly, MI 48442 or email to clerk@grovelandtownship.net

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2020 BUDGET HEARING

The township board of the Charter Township of Fenton will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2020 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center on Monday December 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The property tax millage rates to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Fenton Township Office, located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

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Anthony Michael Bauer, Sr. - age 68, of Linden, died Tuesday, November 26, 2019. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. 

Those desiring may make contributions to the Linden United Methodist Church. Anthony was born April 4, 1951 in Columbus, OH, the son of Carl Joseph and Alice Albert (Bruck) Bauer. He was a 1969 graduate of Linden High School. Mr. Bauer retired from General Motors Flint Metal Fab in 2008 after 40 years of service. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and attended Linden United Methodist Church. Anthony was born April 4, 1951 in Columbus, OH, the son of Carl Joseph and Alice Albert (Bruck) Bauer. He was a 1969 graduate of Linden High School.

Pauline J. Guild - age 98, of Fenton, MI, long-time resident of Natick, MA, died Monday, November 25, 2019. Private family services have been held with burial at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. She was born April 26, 1921 in Framingham, MA. Pauline was a charter member for over 50 years, of the South Middlesex Association for Retarded Citizens and was also a founding member of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Massachusetts. Surviving are three children, Kathleen Guild, Valerie (Jim) Angus, Gregory (Carol) Guild; four grandchildren, Gregory (Karen) Guild, Jr., Lisa Angus, Amy (Jason) Gamble, and Daniel Guild; and five great-grandchildren. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Donald H. Guild. She was preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

William E. Jansen, Sr. - age 85, of Linden, died Monday, November 25, 2019. A memorial service will be held 5 PM Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. The family will receive friends from 3-5 PM Saturday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. Bill was born September 27, 1934 in Caro, MI, the son of William G. and Anna (Gray) Jansen. He was raised in Caro and moved to Linden his senior year. Bill married Louise Nelson on May 12, 1955 and raised their family. He retired from General Motors U.A.W. Local 659 with 30 years of service. After retirement they moved to Lakeview, MI. Bill was a life-long Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions fan and a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Louise; four children, William (Maravic) Jansen, Jr., Cynthia (John) Smith, Steven (Brenda) Jansen, and Michael (Beth) Jansen; six grandchildren, Edwin, Catherine, Bonnie, Jennifer, Kevin, Nathan; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and four sisters. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Patricia A. Kirby - age 72, of Linden, died Sunday, November 24, 2019 at University Hospitals in Ann Arbor. Funeral service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Riverdale Baptist Church, 5151 Calkins Road, Flint, Pastor Cory Snyder officiating. Burial in Crestwood Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to the Music Program for Faith Baptist Schools in Davison. Visitation was held 12-8 PM on Friday, November 29, 2019 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Rd. Mrs. Kirby will be at the church from 10 AM Saturday until the time of the service. Patricia was born in Goodrich on November 19, 1947, the daughter of the late Richard and Elizabeth (Copeland) VanLoon. On May 1, 1970 she married John Kirby. She was a member of Riverdale Baptist Church. Patricia was a secretary at Genesee Christian School circa 1979-1992. She worked for the Genesee County Court System from 1992-2010. Surviving are husband, John; three children, Joyce (Patrick) Dillon, Jan (Michael) Cox and Michael (Martinique) Kirby; five grandchildren, Hailee, Kirby, Declan, Lochlan and Michelle; brother, Joseph (Debbie) VanLoon, Sr.; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold. Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.
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Mary Louise Toth
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Mary Louise Toth - age 97, of Fenton, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, November 30, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Visitation 2-8 PM Friday, November 29 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, where a rosary will be held at 7 PM and 10 AM until time of Mass Saturday at church. Interment at St. John Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Mary was born September 29, 1922 in Clio, the daughter of Joseph G. and Stephania (Bargou) Nemeth. She married Albert J. Toth in Flint, November 10, 1945. At a young age Mary was employed as a “Rosie the Riveter” at A.C. Spark Plug in Flint, during WW II, where she assembled bomb site targets and tested machine guns for the military. She also was an excellent homemaker and an accomplished artist. Mary owned and operated Marto’s Ceramic Shop which was established in 1968 with locations in Mt. Morris and Lake Fenton. Mary made hats and taught ceramic classes. She was a long time member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton and the Red Hat Society. Mary was a champion golfer, avid gardener, bird watcher, and very much enjoyed playing cards. Surviving are six children, Jim (Toni) Toth, Mary Pat Toth, Susan Toth, Nancy (Chauncey) Moran, Debra Scheeler, Jeanean (Donald) Hoffman; daughter-in-law, Deborah Toth; nine grandchildren, Samuel Toth, Irene Toth, Alexander Toth, Courtney Borg, Ashley Toth, Chelsea Norris, Emily Garcia, Kyle Scheeler, Jeremiah Moran; great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Brennan, Madelyn, Pepper, Jaxton, Indigo; brother, Bill Nemeth; sister Kathryn Clawson; and many nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Toth; granddaughter, Elizabeth Toth; sisters, Helen Lawrence, Margaret Scheller, Susan Toth, Nancy (Chauncey) Moran; nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Toth; granddaughter, Elizabeth Toth; sisters, Helen Lawrence, Margaret Scheller, Susan Toth, Nancy (Chauncey) Moran; nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Toth; granddaughter, Elizabeth Toth; and son, Andrew Toth. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Guess Who?**

I am a singer born in Canada on November 15, 1974. I was in a grunge cover band before forming and becoming the frontman for what would become a successful rock band. We had five consecutive albums reach No. 1 in Canada.

Answer: Chad Kroeger

**Puzzle Answers**

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.
Fenton’s Olsen picks right time to have memorable meet

Sophomore swimmer leaves state event with two individual state titles

By David Troppens
Rochester — Gracie Olsen called it “One of the best meets I’ve ever been to.”

In Fenton’s varsity girls swim program history the Saturday efforts probably ranked as the greatest performance by an individual ever.

A D2 state champion as a freshman in the 200-yard individual medley just one year earlier, Olsen became the first Fenton swimmer to win two individual state championships at the same meet Nov. 23, earning state titles in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly at the Division 2 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships held at Oakland University.

She also helped lead two relays to championship final finishes. The finals began with Fenton’s 200 medley relay team of Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer placing fifth in 1:49.19 — a pretty nice highlight on its own. However, the meet ended with Fenton’s best relay finish in state meet history when the 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Kromer, Delaney Fries and Dolliver placed third in a school-record time of 3:34.55. The Tigers finished the meet in eighth place with 111 points, one of nine teams to score at least 100 points.

For more details on the rest of the Tigers’ performance check tctimes.com.

Fenton’s Olsen won Division 2 state titles in two individual events at the state girls swim meet — one in the 100-yard butterfly and the other in the 200-yard freestyle. (Left) Olsen celebrates her butterfly title. (Below) Olsen competes during her butterfly event.

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By David Troppens

Rochester — The Fenton varsity girls swimmers and divers weren’t the only area performers at Oakland University last weekend.

Holly’s Rebecca Costigan and Fenton’s Lara Wujciak also competed at state meets.

Wujciak, who started the meet ill with a body temperature of 102 degrees, competed in the D3 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships, competing in four events.

The junior who attends Powers Catholic High School earned All-State honors in the 100-yard butterfly with a fifth-place time of 57.41 seconds. Her finals time was a 1.03 second drop from her prelim time of 57.21.

Wujciak also competed during the second day of the meet in one more event — the 200 freestyle relay. In that event, she teamed with Olivia Camara, Lauren Taylor and Abigail Merz to place 14th with a school-record time of 1:43.37. The squad qualified for the consolation finals by posting a prelim time of 1:43.59 on Friday.

Wujciak competed in another relay and another individual event that didn’t make it beyond Friday’s preliminary rounds. Powers had its 200 medley relay team of Hannah Murawski, Merz, Wujciak and Taylor finish 20th overall in 1:55.97. Wujciak also competed in the 100 backstroke, posting a 30th-place time of 1:03.82 in the event.

Holly High School’s Costigan, a senior, qualified for the D2 state meet in one event. She finished 29th in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:13.02.

Fenton’s Delaney Fries was one of 12 Fenton swimmers and divers who competed at the D2 state girls swim meet.

Fenton swimmers post strong first day at state meet

By David Troppens

Rochester — The Fenton varsity girls swim team had an outstanding day during the first day of the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships Nov. 22 at Oakland University.

The Tigers had competitors in each of the 12 events during the preliminary event.

Gracie Olsen provided some of the biggest highlights. She earned the top seed for Saturday’s championship meet in two events. She posted the top time in the 200 freestyle (1:49.90) and in the 100 butterfly (55.24). Olsen helped two relay teams earn spots in the finals as well. Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer earned the fifth seed in the
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in the event in a school-record time of 3:34.55, becoming the first-ever Fenton relay to leave a state meet with a top-three finish.

Overall, the Tigers had an outstanding meet, placing eighth in the final standings with 111 points, just one of nine teams to score at least 100 points at the event. The relay performance may have meant more to Kromer, a senior, who was competing in her final race as a Fenton Tiger. The other three girls are underclassmen. The Tigers entered the race as the fifth seed after Friday’s prelim time of 3:36.21. However, on Saturday, the Tigers had outstanding performances by all four swimmers, and actually led the race for the majority of the event before finishing in third.

“Going into it we had to pull out every last bit of energy we had,” Kromer said. “(Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad) Jones told us ‘Third place is yours. You just have to work for it’ and we did. Gracie pulled out and I don’t even remember swimming. I just remember going off the wall, touching and suddenly it was over. Delaney swam faster than I ever saw her swim before and Abby — I just haven’t seen that type of energy from them before. It was absolutely insane … watching Abby touch, see No. 3 on the scoreboard and see it was a record-breaking time was amazing.”

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then winning the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.24 (more than a half-second ahead of the rest of the field). She entered Saturday’s finals knowing she’d be the top seed in both races.

“(Friday) was a huge adrenaline rush,” Olsen said. “Going to bed that night all I could think about was swimming today and what would happen. My nerves were going crazy. I had no idea what to expect.”

She ended up finishing with two overwhelming championship performances. First, came the 200 freestyle. Olsen led by a half-second at the halfway point with a time of 52.42 seconds, and then crushed the field in the second 100 yards, finishing with a time of 1:48.98, beating Grosse Pointe South’s runner-up finisher Oliva Yoo (1:51.13) by a considerable margin.

“That race has always been one of my most nerve wracking races, so today all those nerves came back to me,” Olsen said. “I was (wondering) what’s going to happen, what am I going to do. I got up in the ready room, I calmed down and I was like, ‘This is it. This is the last day’ and I just went for it.

“It’s definitely the most painful (event).”

About an hour later, Olsen was competing for her second individual event title (and third of her young prep career) against a familiar foe. Olsen led the first 50 yards of the 100 butterfly finishing in 25.43 seconds and she never lost the lead. She won with a time of 54.62 seconds. Yoo came in second in this event as well with a time of 55.57 seconds. Her performance also earned her a spot in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association’s Dream Team.

“It was a lot like the 200 freestyle,” Olsen said. “The 100 fly is my favorite event so I’m always super-excited for it. I definitely got up there with the pain a couple of times, but once you get to that third 25 all I can think about is getting to the wall and everything I have to put in the last 25 (to finish). It was exciting.”

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championship race in the 200 medley relay (1:49.02) while Olsen, Kromer, Delaney Fries and Dolliver earned the fifth seed in the 400 freestyle relay (3:26.4).

Diver Emma Jump earned a spot in the diving finals as well. She was in 13th place after Friday’s preliminary and semifinal action (230.80).

The Tigers earned some athletes in the consolation finals races as well. Kromer placed 14th in the prelims with a time of 24.77 seconds and 10th in the 100 freestyle (53.71). Abigail Dolliver earned a spot in the consolation finals of the 100 breaststroke as well. She placed 12th in the prelims (1:09.36).

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