Fenton has quite the left turn problem as of late. Seems like at every intersection now at least one car jumps the light and turns left in front of all the oncoming traffic instead of being patient and obeying the traffic laws.

Thank you, to the man in the white vehicle in front of me who paid for my breakfast at the McDonald’s in Holly on Sunday, May 31. So very nice of you. I will pay it forward.

I’ve been meaning to write for a while. Would like to say thank you and congratulations on the beautiful signs entering Holly. Very nice.

Lake Fenton’s goal is to have face-to-face setting with a somewhat normal routine

By Sharon Stone

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Julie Williams sent a letter to parents in her district to give them an update on reopening the school district to students in the fall.

This came after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said last week that Michigan’s public and private K-12 schools will reopen in the fall for in-person learning, as long as the status of the coronavirus pandemic remains the same or improves.

The governor added that no one should expect the schools to look normal since there will most likely still be remote learning, reduced class size and fewer students on buses.

See SCHOOL on 7

School administrators are continually adjusting their plans for reopening schools this fall as new information becomes available regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Do you have what it takes to serve on a board of education?

Area citizens have until July 21 to file as a candidate in November General Election

By Sharon Stone

Local school board elections are held biennially on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even years. Intermediate school board elections generally are held on the first Monday in June, every other year.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters in the tri-county area will vote on expiring school board seats. Term expirations are staggered in order not to have an entirely new board at every election.

American education is primarily a function of the states. According to the Michigan Association of School Boards, in Michigan, the Constitution directs the Legislature to “maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools.” Bylaw, the state is divided into approximately 545 local school districts, each governed by a school board.

Under state law, school board members are state officers who carry out the state’s educational obligations at the local level. Every school board member must take an oath of office promising to uphold all laws.

What are some of the powers and duties of a local school board?

• Educate students
• Provide for the safety and welfare of students

See SERVE on 10

Farewell fire chief

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty will step down from his role as fire chief effective Dec. 31. He’s served in the position for five years and hopes to continue working with the fire department.

See story on page 5. Photo: Hannah Ball
Genesee County Animal Control urges avoiding confrontation

By Hannah Ball

On June 1, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office (GCSO) responded to a report of an aggressive dog that killed another dog and bit a man in Fenton Township.

With dog owners letting their pets outside without a leash because of the warmer weather, knowing how to handle encountering a stray dog is important. During the June 1 incident, a man who tried to separate the dogs was also injured.

Det. Sgt. Curt Harrington from the GCSO said residents should call 911 and get away from the animal.

“Get in a house, car, etc. Do not confront the animal. The owner of any dog that is loose and bites someone or another dog will be cited for ‘Animal Running At-Large.’ This is a misdemeanor charge,” he said.

If an incident does occur and a dog bites someone or another animal or damages property, the victim can file a civil lawsuit. The owner of the dog in the June 1 incident was issued a citation.

Paul Wallace, director of Genesee County Animal Control, said calls about stray animals increases during the summer. If you encounter a stray animal that could be aggressive, he recommends getting to a safe place, like the inside or on top of a car or in a tree.

“Call 911. Officers can help them. 911 Central Dispatch has a direct line to our dispatch center and if we have cars on duty, we will respond immediately to capture that dog. It’s what we do. If we’re not on duty and police at the scene feel it’s indicated, Center has my personal cell and can call me 24/7 and I will get someone going if it’s an actual emergency or a dangerous animal,” he said.

Those kinds of incidents happen maybe three to four times a year.

GCA has been operating more now after the COVID-19 shutdown. They see more kittens and puppies this time of year.

“Since we’ve been closed to the public, though, we haven’t had our usual run, yet. Today (Thursday, June 18) will be day three of the re-opening, and folks have been coming in to get licenses more than anything,” he said.
New canoe/kayak launch to be built off Fish Lake Road

By Hannah Ball

The Shiawassee River is getting a new canoe/kayak launch in Oakland County thanks to a $50,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Local non-profit Headwaters Trails will build this new launch midway between Holly and Fenton on the east side of Fish Lake Road in Holly Township, aided by a local land conservancy as fiduciary.

“People have been waiting for a long time for a safe and accessible landing on this stretch of the river,” said Sue Julian, executive director of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC). “Thanks to an additional $80,000 in private funds, we hope to have this launch site up and running in 2021.”

The conservancy holds the easement to the future landing site and has been working closely with Headwaters Trails to secure funding for a landing. “It’s a great partnership between two like-minded organizations,” Julian said.

This year, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan awarded nearly $1.7 million in grants to 73 organizations through the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds. The majority of this year’s grants have been designed to support organizations as they adapt and adjust during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Due to the stress of COVID-19, people are turning to nature and outdoor See LAUNCH on 8
The Class of 2020 needs a do-over

By Editor Sharon Stone
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T he end of a school year is an emotional and oftentimes stressful time for the students, parents and teachers. It’s an important milestone to let everyone know of the accomplishments of the youngest members of our society. The last day of school is a day of celebration for students as they begin their summer vacations to enjoy the lazy days of summer.

Graduating seniors typically have so many exciting events to experience. Athletes on high school sports teams make their way through playoffs and championship games, musicians in the band perform their final concerts. Most students worry about scholarships, exit projects, prom, Project Graduation, backyard graduation parties and more.

I recall those last days of grade school and relishing the fact that I could sleep in and just play with neighbor kids, swim in our backyard pool and ride our bikes around the block. As I got older and taught the woodwind section during summer band I picked up more responsibility and can still remember those hot, muggy classrooms at the high school because there was no AC.

This year’s graduating class was dealt a heavy blow this year because of the coronavirus. Their “senioritis” didn’t even get a chance to set in when the schools closed down. Instead of a natural sense of finishing one chapter of their life and looking forward to college or trade school, or working to save money for something they’ve been wanting to buy or taking a year off to explore Europe, they found themselves completing classroom work at home, surrounded by just their family.

I bet most of them would want a do-over for 2020 so that they could appreciate the same experiences of their parents and older brothers and sisters.

The Times has been running weekly pages featuring photos of our area graduates. These pages, sponsored by The State Bank, have been an overwhelming success based on the number of parents who submitted their graduate’s photo. I have enjoyed looking at all those smiling faces each week knowing that these seniors are tough. If they can make it through a global pandemic, I’m sure they can navigate the unknown adventures ahead of them.

This weekend, the Times will be publishing our annual Graduation Section, listing all of this year’s graduates. Be sure to check out those pages. Congratulations to this year’s graduating class!

Should gyms be allowed to reopen?

“Feel free to tan and get skin cancer but by all means, don’t go to the gym and get healthy.”
Leslie Block
Fenton

“If child day camps and day cares can open, so should a gym.”
Katie Morris
Southfield

“Sure. If people are worried about getting COVID from the gym, don’t go.”
Davette Nicole Boring
Fenton

“They should be open, and let people decide if they want to go or not, or wear a mask or not.”
Coreena Storms
Fenton
Matt Lafferty has been in the position for five years

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty will step down from his role effective Dec. 20, 2020.

After five years as fire chief, Lafferty announced the decision on Facebook on June 14.

He started in the fire service in 1998, which is when he learned “this is the best job,” he said.

“When I started the position of fire chief five years ago, I committed myself to the core values of pride, honor and integrity. I didn’t take the position for the badge, the title, or the money. I wanted to better this department, move it forward, and instill a family atmosphere,” he said.

The end of 2019 was the hardest time of his life and career, he said in the post. “It made me reevaluate things, leading me to make some personal changes. I looked back on the core values again … pride, honor and integrity,” he said.

“For over 20 years, I’ve taken pride in my work. The best job you’ll ever have’ is what I was told when I started on this path. They were right, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to be in the position of fire chief for the last five years.”

The fire chief position requires “all-in effort,” he said, and the necessity of balancing different careers makes the job “much more difficult and, honestly, is unfair to me, my family, the department, its members and also the community.”

Lafferty is co-owner of McNab’s Hardware in Waterford.

“I respect this profession enough to realize this position cannot be successfully filled on a part-time basis. When I came to this realization, it’s then that I realized ethically I had to make the ‘right’ decision to step down from the position of fire chief, effective Dec. 31, 2020,” he said.

Until he steps down, Lafferty will continue to do his best in leading the department. He’s willing to set up an interview board composed of fellow fire chiefs and members of the Argentine Township Board so he can help find the right choice in a full-time chief.

“Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad said, “He is such a noble man. Matt will stay on as a volunteer firefighter and we commend the challenges he has overcome in the last couple of years.”

Local dentist reopens

■ Measures taken to provide safe environment for patients and employees

By Sharon Stone

There’s no need to fear the dentist when you come to Dr. Patricia McGarry’s office in Linden. Her office is the small town dentist office that produces big smiles. Her staff prides itself on providing the finest in dental care while keeping patients relaxed, comfortable, and smiling bigger and better than before you walk in our doors.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, McGarry’s office has made some changes for patients and employees as it reopens. They have a new check-in process, social distancing of patients, and increased personal protection equipment (PPE) usage. Patients are required to wear a mask and employees sanitize after every patient.

The office also has added Plexiglass around the front desk area and increased its screening process.

McGarry’s office is at 200 Lindenwood, Linden. To reach the office, call (810) 735-9426.

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Dr. Patricia McGarry’s dental office in Linden is now open for appointments. Call and schedule yours today.
Dr. McGarry’s office welcomes new dentist

Looking forward to meeting patients and providing high level of care they are accustomed to

By Sharon Stone

Dr. Patricia McGarry’s dental office in Linden has announced the hiring of their new Associate Dentist Dr. Justin Schultz.

Schultz earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan where he was awarded the Comprehensive Care Award for astounding patient care.

Growing up in another small Michigan town, he found Linden to be a perfect fit. He married his wife Aubree in 2018 and they have a dog named Blitzzen. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, fishing, golfing and going up north. He is excited to begin meeting all of McGarry’s wonderful patients and maintaining the level of care patients are accustomed to at Dr. McGarry’s office.

Witness oaths

Under our legal system, there are trials to determine the outcome of matters when the parties cannot reach their own resolutions of disputes.

At these trials there are witnesses who are under oath and testify as to their knowledge of what happened. Although most people are already aware of this, what probably isn’t as well known is the history of the oath and the current state of the law.

Accordingly, the following is a brief summary of both.

The practice of swearing to tell the truth in a courtroom dates back to Roman times.

However the word “oath” actually comes to us from the Middle English word “oth,” which means “judicial swearing, a solemn appeal to a deity in witness of truth.”

The courts in England used this procedure and in the 12th century added a requirement for a witness to take the oath by both placing their hand on and then kissing the bible. This was done to impress the sanctity of the oath upon the witness.

This requirement made its way to the colonies and then the United States, but over time has mostly been eliminated.

Today each state has its own specific laws as to oaths.

In Michigan, there are two statutes and a Rule of Evidence.

The first statute provides that a witness must raise their right hand to take the oath, which is to commence with “You do solemnly swear or affirm.” The judge then adds his or her own words to ensure the witness promises to tell the truth. Some judges including the phrase “so help you God” at the end.

For people with religious objections to an oath, a second statute allows a witness to affirm to tell the truth. Case law allows them not to raise their right hands.

The evidence rule doesn’t provide a specific oath, but does require that the form of the oath or affirmation used awakens the witness’ conscience and impresses upon them the duty to testify truthfully. If a witness does not testify truthfully, they can be charged with perjury.

The key to all this is to make sure the witness is being truthful. Mark Twain once said, “When in doubt, tell the truth.” I couldn’t agree with him more.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOVEMBER 2020 IS not going to be about Donald Trump. November is going to be about the hearts and minds of the American voters. It’s going to be about the direction voters want to go, the ideology and cultural consciousness of what voters want to embrace.

SADLY, YOUR EGO and arrogance does not permit you to realize we are stating the same thing. Protecting the rights of the individual by extension protects the rights of the many (individuals). I will not respond to your Hot lines again. Unfortunately, there is no cure for stupidity.

TO ‘WHEN IS’ something going to be done to free up the congestion of cars on Silver Lake Road, between Silver Parkway and Fenway Drive? As soon as you invest the extra 60 seconds it takes to use Owen or North roads for your trip.

BIDEN AND HIS Socialist/Democrat party are anti-American, anti-jobs, anti-police, anti-church, anti-constitution, anti-history, anti-low taxes, anti-border, anti-worker, and anti-birth (abortion proponents). They have failed Americans on every level.

THERE HAS BEEN no military draft since the mid 1970s. No one person has been drafted into the military in roughly 45 years. You registered because our country is taking the smart path by staying prepared, in the event the draft needs to be reinstated in the future.

THE GOVERNOR INHERITED a large debt. Every state in the nation is buried in debt caused by COVID-19. It is the job of the federal government to assist states in the time of disasters and 120,000 dead Americans is a disaster of human life and money.

OBAMA ISN’T BLACK he is bi-racial and there weren’t any protests when he was president because he didn’t do anything noteworthy.
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Williams said, “These past few months have been very trying for all of us and for a variety of reasons. There has been so much happening in our country and at times, it has been difficult to understand or make sense of it. We have all had unique experiences and we have different levels of apprehension due to the previous or current circumstances in which we live. We need to respect this fact and not be judgmental of others’ apprehensions.

“As we continue preparations for the next school year, we must acknowledge the varying levels of concern that exist within our own communities. We must adhere to any rules, regulations or legislation dictated to us.”

Lake Fenton is working on three plans for the fall.

• **Face-to-face setting** and back to a somewhat normal routine is their hope, said Williams.
• **Blended schedule** would be a combination of face-to-face and virtual learning. This would be their approach if they are required to adhere to social distancing guidelines established by the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC).
• **100-percent virtual learning**

Lake Fenton’s current plan for a blended schedule includes the following:

GRADES K-5

K-5 students would attend daily, but on a half-day schedule. There would be a morning and an afternoon session. Teachers would teach half of their class in each session.

**Kids Klub** would be running to accommodate parents who need childcare. Students would also have online lessons and assignments.

GRADES 6-12

Six-12 grade students would attend on an alternating schedule.

• Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday. On Wednesdays, students who needed additional assistance would be able to work with teachers in person. This would be structured like their current late start Wednesday.

Students would also have online lessons and assignments.

100-percent virtual learning

This approach would look very different than the instruction that was provided from March to June of this year.

• Courses will be more rigorous.
• Each course will include assessments.
• Deadlines for work completion will be established.
• Grades will be issued for work.

“I can assure you, we have been working diligently on these plans,” Williams said.

In order to better understand the needs of their families, administrators have asked parents to complete a short survey once for each student they have in the district.

“I ask all parents to please be patient,” Williams said. “Districts are truly doing the best they can with the pandemic,” Williams said. “Districts are using the best they can with the information available at this time. As more guidance is provided, more definitive plans will emerge.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF BLACK LIVES matter to the activists, why aren’t Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton in Chicago protesting about the shooting deaths each week? Easy answer, because Black men are killing Black men and apparently that does not fit the racism narrative for the activists and mainstream media. Literally, the pinnacle of hypocrisy.

I WILL NEVER vote Democrat ever again. The women in my life are afraid of crime and violence. The Democrats allow looting and violence, want to ban firearms and now want to defund our police departments. Insanity.

CONFIRMATION BIAS: YOU’RE more likely to accept things as factual as long as they agree with your current beliefs. Remember that, especially when it comes to politics.

TYPICAL DEMOCRAT, DON’T remember any riots under the Black president? Forgot about Ferguson? Baltimore? Multiple police officers killed.

TO THE HOT-LINER who claims there were no riots during a Black Democratic president. Do you remember Ferguson, Missouri riots? Or how about Baltimore riots? You must choose to forget.

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

June 10, 2020

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on a virtual gotomeeting.com.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble


Approved: Consent Agenda minus HAYA and Treasurer reports.

Approved: Rose Township Legal Advertising Resolution.

Approved: Rose Township Meeting Dates Resolution.

Approved: Rose Township West Nile Virus Fund Program Resolution.

Adjourned: Meeting ended at 8:21 pm due to power outage.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MIPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor
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recreation more than ever," Juliana said. “We are very grateful to the Community Foundation for recognizing the part our organizations play in helping our neighbors stay healthy mentally and physically.”

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is a full-service philanthropic organization that promotes positive change in this region. As a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations, the foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefitting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs in the seven counties of southeast Michigan, according to the press release.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan honor Wilson’s charitable legacy by supporting efforts across the region in caregiving, design and access, and youth sports, as well as for community assets in Wilson’s home community of Grosse Pointe, according to the press release. For more information, visit cfsem.org.
Easy ways to keep your immune system strong

Sleep, diet, exercise and amount of stress all play a role

The immune system is a powerful component of the human body and right now couldn't be a better time to make sure you are doing everything you can to have a healthy immune system.

Your immune system recognizes when viruses, bacteria and other foreign invaders enter or compromise the body, and then takes action to prevent illnesses from taking over.

The average person can help his or her immune system do its job more effectively by making the immune system as strong as it can be.

A report released by Harvard Medical School indicates diet, exercise, age, and psychological stress may affect immune system response. Certain lifestyle choices can promote a strong immune system.

**Get adequate sleep.**

Doctors believe sleep and immunity are closely tied. A study of 164 healthy adults published by the National Institutes of Health found those who slept fewer than six hours each night were more likely to catch a cold than people who slept for more than six hours.

**Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables.**

Fruits and vegetables supply the powerhouse antioxidants that are essential for protecting a body against free radicals. Free radicals may play a role in heart disease, cancer and other diseases.

**Consume fiber and fermented foods.**

Fiber can help feed the gut microbiome, which is linked to a robust immune system. The microbiome also may prevent harmful pathogens from entering the body through the digestive tract. Data also suggests that eating more fermented foods can further strengthen and populate healthy bacteria in the gut.

**Exercise regularly.**

Aim for 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day, advises the American Heart Association. Thirty minutes of exercise each day can go a long way toward keeping the body healthy. The U.S. National Library of Medicine reports that physical activity may help flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways. Exercise causes changes in antibodies and white blood cells. These antibodies and white blood cells circulate rapidly, so they may detect illnesses earlier than they would if you do not exercise. Body temperature also rises during exercise, which could naturally prevent bacteria from growing.

**Try to minimize stress.**

According to Simply Psychology, when people are stressed, the immune system's ability to fight off antigens is reduced, making people more susceptible to infections. The stress hormone corticosteroid can suppress the effectiveness of the immune system. Limiting stress through meditation and breathing exercises, or trying to remove stressors from one's life, may help.

A healthy immune system is vital to fending off or recovering from illness.
Who is eligible to serve as a school board member?

Any person registered as a voter in the school district may run for election to the school board. Men and women who become school board members may be taxpayers, parents, business people and community leaders. They may be young or senior citizens and come from all races, creeds and ethnic groups. In short, school board members are people representative of the community they serve.

A candidate must be a registered voter, at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, have been a resident of Michigan for 30 days and a resident in the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election.

To become a candidate, an Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing must be submitted to the local clerk, with either $100 filing fee or a completed nominating petition. Visit mi.gov/elections for details.

The following is a breakdown of our four local school districts.

### FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Current board members**
- Keith Reynolds, president
- Kimberly Gruber, vice president
- Dana Jones, secretary
- Pamela Dickie, treasurer
- Lynn Hopper, trustee
- Scott Pushman, trustee
- Emily Rossmaessler, trustee

**AVAILABLE SEATS**
- Two 6-year terms
- One partial term ending Dec. 31, 2020
  - Hopper’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Pushman’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Rossmaessler’s term expires 2022, but since she was appointed in March 2019 to fill an empty seat, she would need to be a candidate in November to finish the term.

### LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Current school board**
- Scott Maker, president
- Shari Luck, vice president
- Michael Murphy, treasurer
- Michelle Shayna, secretary
- Steven Losey, trustee
- Steve Murphy, trustee
- Jason Rowden, trustee

**AVAILABLE SEATS**
- Three 6-year terms
  - Michael Murphy’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Luck’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Rowden’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020

### LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Current board members**
- Chris Fletcher, president
- Larry Godlewski, vice president
- Heidi Howieson, secretary
- Bob Hutchins, treasurer
- Katherine Carswell, trustee
- Mike Cicalo, trustee
- Michelle Curtin, trustee

### HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS

**Current school board**
- Michael Newcomb, president
- Robin Carne, vice president
- Linda Blair, secretary
- Peter Deahl, treasurer
- Amanda Wowra, trustee
- Leigh Jackson, trustee
- Teri Weisdorfer, trustee

**AVAILABLE SEATS**
- Four 4-year terms
  - Blair’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Deahl’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Wowra’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020
  - Jackson’s term expires Dec. 31, 2020

**Indicators of effective boards and board members**

- Ethics are essential to the successful operation of the educational system. MASB has developed indicators of effective boards and board members that encompass the most important responsibilities of a board of education. Ethics are intended to ensure that the conduct of a school board holds the respect and confidence of the community, staff, students and all constituents. It’s the belief of MASB that high ethical standards translate into a focus on student achievement, culture and conduct at board meetings and consistent accountability.

**ETHICS**

- Ensure that familial or business relationships or special interest group affiliations don’t contribute to a bias in decisions.
- Ensure that solicited or received money, services, or other items of value from vendors or special interest groups don’t influence decisions or public perceptions.
- Ensure that commitments and directives are in the best interest of the entire board and district and not the individual board member.
- Create an environment that discourages micromanagement or undermining of the superintendent.

**FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

- Ensure the district has a comprehensive, performance-based plan for improving student achievement.
- Advocate for and support a strategic plan.
- Set the agenda, seek information and ask questions consistent with the plan.
- Focus on issues that improve student achievement.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Are informed about the issues before the board.
- Play an active role in committee meetings and work sessions.
- Seek information and ways the board and community can be better informed about the district’s progress through an objective analysis of data.
- Base decisions, comments and questions on objective data.
- Visit schools and other community events, in accordance with district policy, to hear from stakeholders and to help shape a positive public opinion about the district.

**CULTURE AND CONDUCT AT BOARD MEETINGS**

- Value differences of opinion and don’t let differences degenerate into personality conflicts.
- Focus the board agenda and meeting on issues related to improving student achievement.
- Publicly support the superintendent and staff.
- Seek to build consensus and an environment of trust and respect among their fellow board members.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

SALINE WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

On Wednesday, June 17, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop to a vehicle that ran a red light at S. Adelaide Street and W. Shiawassee at 11:43 p.m. The officer made contact with the driver, a female from Saline, who was suspected of drunk driving. Lt. Jeff Cross said the driver failed field sobriety tests. She was transported to a hospital for a blood draw to determine alcohol percentage. She was transported to the Genesee County Jail. Charges are pending the results of the lab result.

WOMAN SUSPECTED OF STEALING BABY SWING

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a retail fraud complaint from a big box department store in the 3200 block of Owen Road (east of U.S. 23). A loss prevention employee told police they observed a female enter the store at 6:11 p.m. on June 20. She selected several items and put them in her cart, including a $220 baby swing. The woman was observed using the self check-out and the employee said she scanned all of her merchandise except for the baby swing. She then exited the store and left in an unknown vehicle. The case remains under investigation.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, June 12.

Senate Joint Resolution G: Protect “electronic data and communications” from unreasonable search and seizure

To place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to add “electronic data and communications” to the Article I provision that recognizes the right of the people to be secure from unreasonable government searches and seizures of their “person, houses, papers, and possessions.” The constitution states that no warrant to search or seize any person, place or things may be issued without describing them, or without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ✗ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ✗ YES

Senate Bill 942: Allow bars and restaurant to serve alcohol in ‘commons area’

To allow “on-premises licensees” (restaurants with liquor licenses and bars that serve food) to sell drinks to go, for pickup or delivery; and allow establishments that were already permitted to sell drinks on a patio or outside area to expand this service in 2020 only without permission. The bill would also give these establishments a 30-percent discount off the usual price they pay for “spirits liquor,” which under Michigan’s extensive liquor control regulatory regime is all wholesaled by the state at fixed prices. Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan) was the lone dissenting vote.

Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ✗ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ✗ YES

House Bill 5141: Revise absent voter counting details

To authorize county absent voter counting boards that cities, townships and counties may form together, and delegate the absent voter ballot counting process to these boards. This would not be allowed to be used for the first time in a county during the November 2020 general election.

Passed 36 to 2 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ✗ NO
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ✗ NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ✗ YES

House Bill 5146: Revise restrictions on “telemedicine” services

To permit Medicaid and other social welfare medical assistance programs to reimburse providers for some telemedicine services if the recipient is in an “in-home or in-school setting” at the time the service being furnished, or other sites allowed by the rules or the service provider. Other bills in this package make the same or similar changes for private health insurance.

Passed 107 to 1 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ✗ YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ✗ YES

House Bill 5137: Increase heroin and fentanyl penalties

To authorize sentences of life in prison for delivering, manufacturing, or possessing with intent to deliver more than 1,000 grams of heroin or fentanyl, and penalties starting at 20 years and up for amounts starting at 50 grams. Maximum penalties for less than 50 grams would be lowered from 20 years to 10 years; and penalties on offenses related to other narcotics or cocaine would be slightly reduced. Other bills passed by the House would allow probation and plea bargaining in some narcotics prosecutions where these are now prohibited. Cynthia Johnson (D-Detroit) was the lone dissenting vote.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ✗ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ✗ YES

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Looking back: Keiser finishes Metro career perfect, Tigers win league crown

By David Troppens

Davisburg — Alexa Keiser has never known what defeat feels like in Metro League cross country action.

The same can be said about the Fenton varsity girls cross country team when it comes to winning league titles during the senior’s four-year career with the Tigers. Keiser beat the field by exactly 62 seconds, earning her fourth straight individual Metro League cross country championship on Wednesday at Springfield Oaks County Park at the Metro League Meet.

The Tigers had their entire scoring five finish within the top 12 places, enabling the Tigers to win the meet with just 38 points and earn their third straight league meet victory this fall.

Wednesday’s victory ensured the Tigers won the title outright. Keiser also broke another record. Since the Metro League has gone to the jamboree format, Keiser became the first runner ever to sweep all 12 Metro events during her prep career, usually doing it by overwhelming distances.

Wednesday’s victory in windy, wet and muddy conditions assured she was the only runner to finish with a time less than 19 minutes. Holly’s Andrea Ruiz finished second with a time of 19:36.6.

“I am so happy,” Keiser said. “This is exactly where I wanted to be at the end of the season. I had some pretty slow times at the beginning of the year but I guess you just have to trust the process.

“This is pretty memorable because all the girls did exactly what we were supposed to do so I am happy about that,” Keiser said when asked about her cross country highlights so far. “But I really liked my freshman year because I was able to run with my sister and that was memorable too.”

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Area golfers perform well at junior golf event

Three tri-county junior golfers had strong showings at the recent Callaway/Meijer Tour event held at Fieldstone Golf Course in Auburn Hills on June 17 and 18.

Fenton residents Avery Schaal, Brook Herbstreit and Katelyn Burkett each earned second-place finishes in their divisions of the event.

Herbstreit, who won the Flint Metro League’s individual championship during the girls season last fall, posted a score of 88-83-171 at the event, finishing three strokes behind champion Bryn Duncan’s final 36-hole score of 168 in the girls 15-19 division.

During Herbstreit’s first round, she recorded a birdie on the par-4 11th hole and recorded pars on six other holes. An 8 on the par-3 14th ended up being the hole that kept her from closing in on Duncan’s three-stroke lead after the first round. During the second day, she had nine pars, including six on the back nine. She finished her round with three straight pars. However, she only tied Duncan’s 83 during the second round, resulting in the three-stroke gap between the two top performers.

Herbstreit helped lead the Tigers to a fifth-place finish at the Division 2 state meet by placing in a tie for sixth in the individual standings last fall. She carded an 80-82-162, 12 strokes behind state champion Gabrielle Tapp’s 150.

Lake Fenton student Avery Schaal placed in a tie for second in the boys 15-19 division with a two-round score of 77-79-156. Kalamazoo’s Ryan Chafty finished tied with Schaal. Two two runner-ups finished six strokes behind South Lyon’s Joey Per who posted a two-day score of 150.

Schaal had three birdies and nine pars during his first-day score of 77. He played the par-3s in even par. During his second round, he had two birdies and nine pars, finishing the par 3 holes one-under-par.

During the spring of 2019, Schaal qualified for the D2 state meet by placing fifth overall with an 18-hole score of at the regional meet held at Eldorado Golf Course in Mason. He posted an 86-80-166 two-day 36-hole score at the state meet. Schaal wasn’t able to compete at the prep level this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schaal also placed fifth at an earlier event hosted by the league at The Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth on June 5 and 6.

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Lamar Morris Coleman  
1944 – 2020

Lamar Morris Coleman - age 76, of Fenton, died Sunday, June 21, 2020. Services will be held 1 PM Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Deacon Ron Kenney officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Lamar was born April 22, 1944 in Nashville, TN, the son of Edgar and Helen (Hester) Coleman. He married Joyce Ann Zajac June 26, 1971 in Allen Park and she preceded her in death July 31, 2019. He had resided in Fenton since 1976, coming from Brownstown. He retired in 2017 from Classic Precision in Wixom after 30 years of service. Lamar was a member of the Highland Moose Lodge #2370.

Surviving are three children, Lynn (David) Freeman of Linden, Barbara Robinson of Fenton, and Marc Coleman of Fenton; grandchildren, Brady, Gabrielle, Chase, Ashley, Erica, Cassandra, and Cody; nieces and nephews; and his friends at Red Dog Saloon in Milford. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Kurpieski; and brother, Douglas Coleman. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**ACROSS**
1. Dallas cager, briefly
4. Frat party supply
8. Prejudice
12. Expert
13. Sicilian spouter
14. St. Louis landmark
15. Flogged
17. Tardy
18. Vigorous
19. Puncturing tool
21. Fa neighbor
22. Pulverized
26. Pitch
29. Irritate
30. Foreman opponent
31. Check
32. Calendar pg.
33. Publisher’s address
34. Scepter topper
35. Fido’s foot
36. Insertion mark
37. Ran
39. Scull tool
40. Mentalist
41. Eaves dropper?
45. Deserve
48. Played in
50. United nations
51. Twistable treat
52. Singer
53. “Little”
54. Woman
55. Agrees silently
56. Banned bug killer
57. Ran down
58. Numbers course
59. Liniment target
60. Couturier
61. Wang
62. Give
63. Compass pt.
64. He loved Aida

**DOWN**
1. Poolroom supply
2. A Gershwin brother
3. “Performance”
4. “The girl"
5. “Insurance fraud factor"
6. Tussaud’s medium
7. Lubricated
8. Midwestern capital
9. Breaker of Ruth’s record
10. Performance
11. The girl
12. Chocolate sources
13. Intuitive feeling
14.中期
15. African nation
16. Give temporarily
17. Fix manuscripts
18. Recede
19. Hear quotient
20. Hearty quaff
21. Pocketed treasure
22. Heedful quaff
23. Barber’s concern
24. Otherwise
25. Mi. or km
26. Walked hard
27. Juno’s counterpart
28. Barbecue
29. Promise
30. Promise
31. Promise
32. Promise
33. Promise
34. Promise
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**Midweek Sudoku**

**FUN BY THE NUMBERS**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**Midweek Jumble**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, an opportunity to overcome past injustices or things you may have felt you did wrong presents itself this week. It may arrive out of the blue, but you won’t miss it.

**TAURUS**
Apr 21/May 21
Don’t be surprised if an old friend calls you this week and wants to catch up. Expect to reconnect as if no time has passed since your most recent encounter.

**GEMINI**
May 21/Jun 21
Try developing a project in secret and working out the kinks before you bring others in on the plan, Gemini. Conduct several trial runs before going forward.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, when people come to you for advice, it can feel gratifying that others revere you for your expertise and knowledge. This validates your insights.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 22
Leo, you feel rewarded after helping people, even if you do not get paid for your service. Your naturally generous spirit can be rewarded in different ways.

**VIRGO**
Aug 23/Sept 22
Someone understands you without having to say a word. Virgo, this is the person you want to permanently have in your camp. Do what you can to make this possible.

**LIBRA**
Sept 23/Oct 22
Financial matters take a positive spin, Libra. This means you can indulge in some creature comforts that may have been out of reach. Enjoy this good fortune.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 23/Nov 21
Scorpio, do not be afraid to be passionate at some point this week. Whether it is a pet project or a relationship, approach it with renewed passion.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if you are single, now may be a time when you spot someone new in the neighborhood who could be a match. Couples will strengthen their relationships.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 20
You have a method of expressing yourself that garners many admirers, Capricorn. Keep up the good work and allow others to express themselves as well.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 21/Feb 18
Keep a conversation flowing with a lot of great ideas, Aquarius. Avoid falling too far into daydreaming mode so you can serve as the catalyst for great conversation.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Shy away from familiar activities and try something completely new, Pisces. Study something you have always enjoyed or try a new hobby.
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