Linden man awarded Officer of the Year

Canton police chief praises DeLong’s ethics, professionalism

By Sharon Stone

Matthew DeLong of Linden was awarded the 2019 Canton Police Officer of the Year award.

Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh said DeLong was selected as the 2019 Officer of the Year because he is an exceptional employee. “He’s a true professional, has the highest integrity and just a great police officer,” he said.

Baugh said DeLong was hired by the Canton Police Department in 2014. Some of his duties include being on the search warrant team, rapid response team, a shift leader.

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Matthew DeLong joined the Canton Police Department in 2014. Submitted photo

Argentine Township fire destroys home

Sunday blaze at local principal’s house started in the early morning

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp. — An early morning fire in Argentine Township caused the destruction of a home on Majestic Wood Drive.

Police and fire departments were called at approximately 2:50 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20 to a four-alarm fire on Majestic Wood Drive, said Jeremy Kurtz, Argentine Township interim fire chief. Ten departments responded to bring water and manpower, Kurtz said.

“The homeowners said the fire started on the back deck, possibly from a portable fire pit that may not have been completely out,” Kurtz said. The home was engulfed in flames when I arrived on scene with our tanker. Unfortunately, the home was a total loss.”

Everyone in the house during the time of the fire got out safely. Kurtz said he’s not exactly sure how many people were in the house, but he believes it was two adults, one young adult and two dogs.

The owners of the house are Mark and Kathleen Conover, who is the principal of Torrey Hill Intermediate School in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district.

“We are devastated yet so incredibly grateful for the outpouring of community support,” said Conover.

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Fenton City has new clerk

Jennifer Kienast takes over following retirement of Sue Walsh

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City has a new clerk.

In a Sept. 11 memo from City Manager Lynn Markland to Mayor Sue Osborn and the city council, Markland said he appointed Jennifer Kienast to the position. On Monday, Sept. 14, city council confirmed Markland’s appointment of Kienast.

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Meet the new Linden Board of Education member

Business owner has been Linden resident since 2001

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Board of Education approved a new trustee to the board during a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 14.

David Haney of Linden and owner of Resolute Insurance and Financial Services in downtown Linden was voted in by a ballot ranking system. He was one of five choices to become the new board member.

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“My family and I moved to Fenton two years ago because of the great community and downtown area. Thank you for the blocked off streets on Thursday and Friday nights. We’ve been down there every week, and the kids have loved spending the extra time with their friends.”

“Just one quick question — why do the people who design and build pick-up trucks insist on putting the headlights up so high?”

“Things we fear, COVID-19, election and if our town clock will ever get fixed. Asking for a friend.”
Neuropathy Treatment Breakthrough

By Erica Rainer

If YOU are suffering from Neuropathy, the feeling of Pain & Numbness in your Hands and/or Feet, then we have some good news for you! Though commonly prescribed Drugs, Surgeries and Injections are failing, there is now new hope for you and anyone suffering with this life altering condition.

Neuropathy is a term used to describe the break down and damage to the nerves in the hand’s and feet, that continues through the legs and arms at times due to a lack of blood supply, nutrients and oxygen reaching the nerves. It can be due to Diabetes, Peripheral Vascular Disease, poor nutrition, Chemotherapy, Agent Orange, misaligned spinal bones placing vast amounts of pressure on the nerves and so on.

Patients experience a multitude of symptoms such as extreme sensitivity, loss of feeling or even no feeling in their hands and/or feet from slight pressure to severe muscle spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance,” says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center.

This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage causing complete loss of legs and/or arms leading to amputation, death or brain injury due to falls, burns or other injury that will not heal, along with organ failure in some cases.

Are you or someone you love suffering with loss of balance, numbness or pain from nerve damage in your hands and/or feet?

You are not alone.

More than 24 Million people in the U.S. are dealing with some form of Neuropathy so please, share this information with your friends and family because everyone deserves to know there is hope. “Most commonly noticed first in the fingers and feet, causing weakness, numbness and tingling pain with debilitating balance problems, often times resulting in falls. Most people end up feeling helpless with no hope of recovery. By the time they come see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their primary care doctor put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy medications like Gabapentin, Neurontin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to learn to live with the pain,” said Dr. Ide.

That is until now.

With recent advancements in nerve regeneration technology and treatment options, their affiliated clinics all over the world are seeing average success rates of 97% with faster results then ever before in the majority of their neuropathy patients.

The development and success of the Painless Neuropathy Protocol has been the talk of the town in recent months.

“We are the only clinic that offers this highly successful protocol and technology, paired with a multifaceted approach, it has been life altering for our clinic and our patients. We have seen an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting, in such a short amount of time... is truly amazing. Our patients are happy and that makes us happy,” said Kaitlin Johnson, the patient coordinator of the clinic.

All you have to do to receive a comprehensive neuropathy consultation and examination with the most advanced PAIN FREE testing and a full, easy to understand report of findings with their highly experienced team is call 810-214-2532. Mention this article Code:NEURO920 and the team has agreed to reduce the usual consultation and exam fee of $210 to just $49. Due to the number of new patients the clinic it able to see, this is a limited time offer with only 20 appointments available, on a first come first serve basis at this discounted rate.

My advice is don’t wait around suffering a moment longer... If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps or burning in your toes, feet, legs, fingers or hands, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition plagues people with, please... take action. Find out if the Painless Neuropathy Protocols can help you regain the feeling in your hands and or feet, stop the pain and start living your life again!

The program is effective and lasting because it actually treats the nerves at the root, full circle; allowing them to repair and heal.

For those who are candidates for care the Treatment Protocols boast about a 97% success rate. They are based on the patients results, and a multi-faceted approach to decrease neuropathy by nurturing the nervous system from the inside out, increasing circulation, and blood flow, strengthening and balancing the body as a whole, while stimulating the damaged nerves. Depending on your testing the program may or may not include injections, chiropractic care, prescribed durable medical equipment or home care with a large variety of products and options as each patient is different. The process engages and revitalizes the damaged nerve areas of the body, enabling them to reanimate and function at an increasingly higher rate over time, while increasing the patients quality of life dramatically.

On a weekly basis, the team and theiraffiliate offices across the country treat thousands of patients with chronic conditions of neuropathy, neurological disorders, chronic knee pain, sciatica, back & neck problems, whiplash and traumatic brain injuries along with vertigo and childhood illnesses. The office is very well known, is rapidly growing and has a good reputation. The vast majority of patients enjoy superior, lasting relief.

In fact, many who have suffered have tried other treatment options with no luck and been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have now credited the Painless Care Team for giving them their lives back! Call their Fenton location now, for a full, thorough consultation and extensive Neuropathy Examination at just $49 (saving you $161) to determine the severity of your nerve damage. Learn if you are a candidate for care and how the team can help you recover, just as they’ve helped so many others. CALL 810-214-2532 and please if you reach the voicemail, leave a message. The team is very busy and will get back with you and they promise to count your message and add you to the limited number of available spaces. Use Code: NEURO920. The clinic is open Mon-Fri. with a new location coming soon!

Numbness or Pain in the Hands or Feet

“I had burning pain in my feet for years, my balance was starting to go and I had to do something. I didn’t want to be a burden on my wife and my doctor told me the clinic after I broke down in his office. I was 4 months and I walk just fine without my cane and the pain has been gone for about 2 months. I have my life back! ~Mark A. Fenton

The doctor explained that healing nerve damage is an all-encompassing process that will require dedication and lifestyle changes along with guidance in setting up the proper protocol for you from a medical professional that is experienced, skilled and board certified in treating neuropathy. There are many offices and cheap alternatives that claim to help but in most cases, you get what you pay for. I am told to let people know to proceed with caution when choosing treatment options because the wrong approach can actually cause more harm then good.

Dr. Ide’s clinic is making big moves in the future and adding on new service options and a larger staff that will allow the clinic to help everyone and provide much greater value then ever before so keep your eye on this place because they are growing, changing & adapting!

Your invitation for a comprehensive Neuropathy Consultation and Examination to determine the level of progression your neuropathy has reached and if you are a candidate for treatment...

Our paper has teamed up with the Painless Team once again in order to help local residents learn about the new options for finding relief from this horrible condition!
Applefest 2020

Well received despite the COVID-19 pandemic but profits take a significant hit

By Sharon Stone

Just like nearly every event in 2020, St. John’s Applefest was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The traditional festival that spreads out over the entire grounds of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton for three days was modified to comply with social distancing and other adjustments in order to keep everyone safe.

One aspect of the weekend’s activities was beautiful fall-like weather.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, Applefest co-chairs Miriam and Ryan Sage went live on Facebook to announce the winners of the raffle.

Fr. Robert Copeland drew the ticket for the grand prize. Dave and Judy Campbell of LaCrosse, Wisconsin bought the winning grand prize raffle ticket. They had a choice of a three-year lease on a vehicle, a pontoon or $12,000 cash. Miriam Sage said she believes the couple chose the cash.

David and Jolie Whiteman of Fenton Township won the first place raffle prize, which was a $1,500 gift card donated by Fenton Home Furnishings.

Paula Crelley of Fenton won a $1,000 Electronics Package, donated by Cislo Title Company.

The third place raffle ticket was won by Joseph Conrad of Oak Park. The prize was a 65-inch TV, donated by Edward Jones - Kevin Messing.

The Applefest pie auction featured three celebrity bakers and bidding was conducted online. Celebrity pie bakers St. John’s Fr. Robert Copeland, Sean Gartland of Feast Cooking School in Fenton and Chad Brennan of CRUST – a baking company in Fenton.

R.J. Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes submitted the highest bid at $2,000 and won the pie made by Gartland. This is a 31-year tradition of the Sharp family to support the church and community.

Twenty-four children (left) took part in the free golf clinic at Coyote Preserve on Friday, Sept. 18. (Below) Pat Lockwood (second from right) and her family take part in the inaugural Ron Lockwood Memorial Golf Outing to support Applefest. Ron Lockwood died Nov. 5, 2019 at the age of 77 and was Pat’s husband.

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picked up my phone the other day to see that I missed some text messages between my two best friends. They were catching up on various topics including work. “What I do just feels so meaningless,” one said. “Ugh, I know. At least Emily helps give people news in their community,” the other one texted back.

I have to admit, it felt pretty good seeing that in writing. I don’t do nearly as much as our editors and reporters when it comes to delivering local news, but I’m so proud to work for a locally owned newspaper company that does a fantastic job of informing — and entertaining — our readers.

Perhaps their words were especially meaningful to me because when we started our careers I made the least amount of money and worked the longest hours. Meanwhile, they climbed the corporate ladder, moved to exciting cities and made lots of money. Seeing that text made me realize that they understand any sacrifices I’ve made.

And while my career has grown and changed, I’m fortunate to continue to find meaning in my work. Sometimes that’s delivering local news, sometimes that’s working on a branding project and — when I’m really lucky and a pandemic hasn’t forced us to cancel nearly every event we host — that’s helping to raise money for nonprofits while providing a fun, community outing.

I say all of this not to brag, but to say that despite all of this, there are days when I can’t find the motivation to do anything.

Pre-pandemic, my days were jammed-packed. Now, thanks to COVID-19 and the changes it’s brought, some days are hard.

Knowing I wasn’t alone, I went to Google to find some inspiration. Right away an article I found at bloomberg.com explains what we’re all likely feeling. That pull between being thankful to have a job and the struggle to stay enthusiastic about it. On top of that, says Bruce Daisley, a senior executive at Twitter who wrote “Eat Sleep Work Repeat: 30 Hacks for Bringing Joy to Your Job,” and was quoted in the article, most of us are not searching for a cure for COVID-19 or taking care of sick people, making many feel work is a waste. That said, here are a few pieces of Daisley’s advice from the article that I think we could all use right now:

IF WEARING MASKS for six to eight weeks will stop the spread, why hasn’t the spread stopped after wearing masks for six months?

SO NOW THE person who has tanked Linden travel softball is trying to control the future of varsity basketball. Lord help us.

ANYONE ELSE THINK that trying to further your ambitions on the death of your mother is just totally without class? You reading this, Elissa?

IT IS MADDENING when I call a business to order a pickup and I’m told that I must place the order online. If I try to order the product online, it is not listed on their website. You may want to consider reversing this policy or people will take their business elsewhere.

AUTHENTIC AMERICA IS at risk. The United States has been the most successful form of self-governing ever established. Events of the past several decades demand we take a stand for the retention of this valid, historic and legitimate form of government. Vote to retain, not destroy, Authentic America.

What’s the best part about fall?

“Crisp air, the colors, fires, going to an orchard and feeling like it’s a new beginning! I just love fall!! Oh, the boots too!! I could go on.”  — Delila Brown  Fremont

“Colors changing, visiting the apple orchards.”  — Kaye Harding Cornell  Holly

“Cooler temperatures and campfires at night.”  — Stephanie Brewer  Holly

“Cooler weather. No A/C and no furnace!”  — Nancy Blair  Fenton
Audubon Meadows street improvement approved

By Hannah Ball

Residents of Audubon Meadows condominium subdivision have a new special assessment to repave the streets.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the special assessment at the Monday, Sept. 21 meeting, which took place over conference call.

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately $110,000, according to meeting minutes. Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, said that if approved, the condominium association has committed $55,000 toward the project, reducing the amount that would be assessed by 50 percent. Approximately 71 percent of the road frontage, 26 out of 35 properties, was represented in the petition brought forward by residents that wanted the project to go forward. It will encompass Audubon Drive, Rolling Meadow Drive and Waterside Drive.

During the public meeting on Monday, Aug. 31, residents spoke in favor of the project. Craig Feusse said that he supports the proposed special assessment, according to the meeting minutes.

On Sept. 21, Josh Brokoff, president of their association, said the response from the neighborhood to this proposed special assessment has been “very positive.”

“The roads are in pretty bad shape right now. Everyone is excited to get the roads repaved,” Brokoff said.

Trustee Christine Reid commended the resident association for being in a position to contribute part of the necessary funding to reduce the impact on the property owners.

The proposed assessment per parcel is $1,571.43. If approved, the special assessment will be spread over a 5-year period, with interest. The first of five installments is due Dec. 1, 2020, and there are early payoff options.

The contract for the project was awarded to Allied Construction Company, Inc., in a 5-0 vote. The company’s bid was $97,124.40. Broecker said the township engineering company, Lawrence Engineering, thought they were the most thorough in preparing the proposal and they’re confident Allied will do a good job.

Before the vote, Treasurer John Tucker asked Brokoff if they were fine with the board not choosing the lowest bid. Brokoff said they looked for the township for guidance in this, and if that’s the recommendation, then they have faith in the board.

Clerk Robert Krug and Trustee Mark Goupil were absent at the Monday, Sept. 21 meeting.

Ladies Nite Out in Holly is on, and extended

By Sharon Stone

Ladies Nite Out in Holly Village is still on and even extended one day.

The Holly Village Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held a special Zoom meeting Monday, Sept. 21 to discuss whether Ladies Nite Out in November should be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairperson Richard Rossef suggested that the DDA allow the merchants to proceed with hosting Ladies Nite Out on Friday, Nov. 13. “The businesses need it,” he said.

DDA member Cari Cucksey suggested they ask the merchants if they’d like to extend the event another day to include Saturday, Nov. 14. She said everyone would have to be in agreement to follow all of the safety protocols.

Rossef told the others in the meeting that he thought the DDA should offer $1,000 to go toward gift cards as prizes to encourage attendees to come back to the village to shop. “The money spent goes back to the Holly merchants,” he said.

Rossef asked if there were any objections and there were none.

The DDA approved spending up to $1,000 for gift card prizes and to schedule Ladies Nite Out for Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14. Official Ladies Nite Out bags that were ordered for the May event, which was canceled, will be available to use.
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and a field training officer.
“We see nothing but great things for Matt,” Baugh said.
The DeLongs have three children. The couple met while they were both stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Matthew is originally from Flushing and they chose to move to Michigan to raise their family after they were out of the military. Matthew is a decorated military veteran who served for eight years. He was deployed to Fallujah, Iraq with the Marines as a Navy Hospital Corpsman (medic).
“We are all so proud of him and so happy that he is getting this recognition,” Melissa said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO ONE IS really voting for Biden; they’re just voting against Trump. Why? Can you imagine if those against Trump and his accomplishments actually supported him how much better this country would be? Trump’s ideas are good for all of us.

TO THE HOT-LINER asking about the green signs. The process is called ‘group replacement.’ The process is used in a lot of places as it is cheaper than individual replacement. To replace individually requires transport, installation team and individually prepared signs.

HOT-LINER NON-wearing mask person. If you have access go to giphy.com and search ‘how mask stop the spread.’

SO, THE CDC on Monday comes out just hours after it makes an announcement about how the virus spreads in the air and reverses what it says. No wonder everyone is confused and apprehensive about believing those supposedly in charge.

REMEMBER, THE 2020 presidential election is not a junior high or high school popularity contest. Look at the platforms of parties and vote. The non-adults who are on the presidential ticket is not the party.

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John Wentworth won Brennan and Copeland’s pies with winning bids of $1,000 each.
Sage said the inaugural golf outing in Ron Lockwood’s memory was well received. It’s an event that Applefest will continue. This year they had 34 teams, which was allowed by the governor’s mandates.
The free youth golf clinic involved 24 children. The clinic was hosted by pro golfer Shane Riley, the brother of Fr. Ryan Riley. “It went over very well and it started the day off right,” Sage said.
The virtual road race generated $1,600 for Applefest. Sage said some families created their own road races.
Overall, Sage said the parish and the community rallied at the end to come up with a nice total, despite all of the challenges the Applefest committee had to deal with this year.
Sage said there is no doubt that revenue is down this year. “The parish will be down about $150,000 this year,” she said. This year’s events brought in revenue, however, without the carnival rides, entertainment tent, food, bingo and other activities from previous years, their final numbers are low in comparison.
“The parish and community really rallied and we hope to have a better idea of what we can present to St. John’s in the coming weeks,” she said.
In a 2018 Times story, then Applefest chair Will Stiverson said the 2017 Applefest netted $212,000, which was one of their best years ever.

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support,” Kathleen Conover said.
“We are so grateful that the firefighters, police and volunteers worked so hard to contain the fire and keep our neighbors’ lives and property unharmed.”
A gofundme, called Conover House Fire Fund, was created by a neighbor to help the family with costs.
“Let’s try to come together like this amazing community has done time and time again and raise funds to get them on their feet, some basic needs, and clothing on their backs, until they can get back on their feet. Every little bit helps no matter how small a donation!!! These are the type of people that will not ask for anything,” the gofundme says.

The legal challenges to Gov. Whitmer’s executive orders — Part II

The second lawsuit was filed in federal court by certain medical providers and a patient against the governor and others.
The claims were that the governor’s “Stay at Home” orders, which included a prohibition of non-essential medical treatment, were unlawful because the time limits of the EMA and EPGA had expired on April 30, 2020, and these two statutes were unconstitutional as being a violation of the Separation of Powers Doctrine and/or the nondelegation clause of the Michigan Constitution.
The answer to how this federal case could now be before the Michigan Supreme Court is found in federal and Michigan procedural rules.
These rules generally provide that when there are unsettled issues of state law, and if a resolution of those issues will help resolve the federal case and if it won’t cause undue delay, a federal court may “certify” the issues as questions and then send the case to the Michigan Supreme Court for the answers under state law.
After the state law issues are resolved, the case is then sent back to the federal court.
That’s what happened here on the plaintiff’s claims as the Michigan Supreme Court has never ruled on these specific statutory and constitutional issues.
On Sept. 9, the Michigan Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the certified questions.
Questions were raised by the justices as to a number of issues and supplemental briefs were ordered to be filed by Sept. 16 addressing the following: (1) Whether the EPGA applies in the
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Kienast takes over for Sue Walsh who retired. Walsh had been planning retirement for some time but wanted to wait until after the August election to leave.

Kienast has worked for the city of Fenton for approximately five years. She was initially hired as a front office clerk.

In March 2018, she was appointed deputy clerk for the city. Kienast has successfully completed the Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute at Central Michigan University, she is expecting to complete an associate professional of human resources in January 2021 and she has worked several elections and is a certified election official.

Markland said Kienast is well qualified for the position of city clerk.

Walsh had worked for the city of Fenton for more than 24 years. She started working for the city in 1995 as a part-time dispatcher. In August 1995, she became a full-time dispatcher.

In 2002, she was promoted to the position of dispatch supervisor, working in that capacity until she was appointed deputy clerk in September 2012. In 2018, she was appointed to the clerk position. She replaced Renee Wilson, who resigned to become the deputy clerk for the city of Lapeer.

Markland said, “Sue was a really good city clerk. She was able to learn part of the role as the deputy clerk and then when she was elevated to the clerk’s position she excelled. I have enjoyed working with her and I hope she is able to have a long, healthy and happy retirement.”

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Cut yourself some slack: We are living in a pandemic! “This is a singular and hopefully once-in-a-lifetime experience. Don’t worry if you’re not doing Nobel-caliber work,” Daisley said in the article.

Keep a done list vs. a to-do list: From the article: “Harvard Business School professor Teresa Amabile, who studied thousands of diary entries from hundreds of workers, found that those who reported small, daily wins felt more motivated.”

Make it about people: “…you’ll be more inspired if you visualize those you’re helping, whether they’re clients, customers, or colleagues,” Daisley said in the piece.

If all else fails, text your best friends. If they’re anything like mine, they’re extremely motivating. Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

POLICE & FIRE
REPORT
COMPiled By SHARON STONE
SPEEDING WITH A SUSPENDED DRIVER’S LICENSE In HOLLY
On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 9:27 p.m., a Holly police officer was on patrol and observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Grange Hall Road to N. Holly Road. The officer was able to catch up to the vehicle and make a traffic stop. The driver was identified as a 24-year-old Holly man with a suspended driver’s license. The driver was charged with driving on a suspended license. A court date is pending.

SOMEONE STOLE HOLLY WOMAN’S LAWNMOWER
On Friday, Sept. 18, at 4:13 p.m., a College Street resident reported to Holly police that she was mowing her lawn and the mower broke down near the roadside of her property. The owner went into her home and when she returned, the mower was gone. There are no suspects at this time.

WANTON/RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT. What starts on September 28?

PRESIDENT TRUMP WAS nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for a second time last week — this time for brokering a historic peace deal between Serbia and breakaway republic Kosovo. This peace deal is incredible.

RIP, RBG. You meant a lot to a lot of women. We are looking forward to the next woman judge to fill her shoes.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
‘CUTIES’ IS NOT child porn, it’s a coming of age movie. Grow up. You obviously don’t know what porn is. All you are doing is promoting it. Twelve-year-old Brooke Shields played a child prostitute in the 1978 movie Pretty Baby. What’s the difference?

LET’S ALL AGREE to do Halloween trick or treating this year.

ONCE AGAIN, I took my dog on a walk on Horrell Court and came back with four bags of dog poop, only one of which was from my dog. If you own a dog, have a bag at all times and for the love of God, take the used bag back home and throw it away.

JUST DESERTS, IF the Democrats under Harry Reid’s leadership had not destroyed the filibuster of judicial nominees, they wouldn’t be so powerless right now. LOL.

WITH ALL THE political ads on TV blocking other advertising, how is the general population supposed to find out what drugs to take?

‘BE A LADY. Be independent.’ Notorious RBG.

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context of public health generally or to an epidemic such as COVID-19 in particular and (2) whether “public safety” as that term is used in the EPGA is a term of ordinary meaning or has developed a specialized legal meaning as an object of the state’s police power and whether “public safety” encompasses “public health” events such as epidemics.

Of course, no one knows when a decision will be made but it has been suggested that it may be fairly soon. Additionally, in a case like this, the court retains the option to decline to rule at this time.

There’s a lot at stake here. To say that this case is being watched with great interest would indeed be an understatement.

We will see what happens.
**Local beer distributor raises a glass of beer**

Toasts female leaders on American Business Women’s Day

John P. O’Sullivan Distributing of Flint Township is toasting the success and accomplishments of the women who work throughout Michigan’s alcoholic beverage industry on American Women’s Business Day, which was Tuesday, Sept. 22.

John P. O’Sullivan Distributing is one of a handful of female-run beer distributors in Michigan and employs more than a dozen other women.

“The beer distribution industry has evolved immensely since I first started working for the company while still in high school,” said Joanie O’Sullivan-Butler, president and CEO of John P. O’Sullivan Distributing. “There are now more opportunities in our industry for women than ever before, and I am thrilled to see so many women apply for job openings, whether it’s to fill roles in the warehouse, the front office or on sales routes.”

O’Sullivan-Butler is a member of the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association’s newly created Women’s Advocacy Committee. The committee was created to highlight and amplify the important work women do at Michigan’s beer and wine distributors and to advocate for distributor interests in Lansing.

In 2018, O’Sullivan-Butler penned an op-ed for the Detroit News on the critical roles women are playing at beer distributors throughout the state and across the country.

“I have seen firsthand the strides women have made in the beer industry over the last several years, and there are more to come. While the beer industry still has work to do, I’m proud to have broken through the glass ceiling and hope my hard work, and that of women at beer distributors across the state, lays a foundation for future generations of women to find work in this exciting and rewarding industry,” O’Sullivan-Butler wrote.

American Business Women’s Day was first celebrated in 1982 and is held every Sept. 22. The honorary day is recognized every year and reflects on the contributions and accomplishments of the millions of women in the workforce throughout Michigan and nationwide and those who run or own their own businesses.

“I encourage women interested in a career in the beer industry to reach out and see what opportunities are available at Michigan’s independent, family owned beer distributors,” O’Sullivan-Butler said. “We’re proud to hire locally and employ thousands of Michiganders in good paying jobs with good benefits.”

Last summer, under O’Sullivan-Butler’s leadership, John P. O’Sullivan Distributing expanded its warehouse adding additional truck bays and a new, state-of-the-art, energy efficient keg cooler. The warehouse now totals nearly 80,000 square feet.

The distributor is located in an industrial development district in Flint Township near Bishop Airport and all three major interstates. It employs more than 100 people, from front office staff and warehouse workers to drivers and salespeople.
Blue Devils stampeed the Clio Mustangs in opener, 54-8

By David Troppens

A year ago, the Lake Fenton varsity football team battled to a 30-28 victory against the Clio Mustangs in what was a tight contest.

On Friday night, the Blue Devils defeated the Mustangs again, but by not such a close score. Lake Fenton crushed the Mustangs 54-8 in the team’s season-opening contest at home.

“We looked pretty crisp for a game one,” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. “We did a lot of good things offensively, defensively and on special teams.

“I had an uneasy feeling, almost like coaching my first game again. We had no idea what to expect and honestly, it went pretty well. Kids on both sides were respectful of the masks. It’s a different game in a different world but I was proud of the kids. They didn’t let it get in their heads and focused really well. For game one, I couldn’t be more pleased with the exception of 215 yards in penalties. So there are a lot of things to clean up, but I’d rather clean up after a win.”

The Blue Devils took an 18-0 lead quickly in the first quarter.

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Tigers’ defense makes statement vs. Bronchos

By David Troppens

Fenton — Everyone knew it wasn’t quite the same as the typical prep football season opener, especially considering it involved two area rivals — Holly at Fenton.

But there were other differences. First off, ticket takers found their job more difficult than usual checking off people’s names on lists allowed to enter the game. The contest only had family members in the stands.

Second, the game was happening on Sept. 18, at least three weeks later than seasons usually begin. And, of course, there was a time when the season was expected to be suspended until the spring of 2021 due to issues involving COVID-19.

Yet, once the game began, none of that mattered. Football was back, and in some ways everyone participating in a game or witnessing a contest in the state was a winner. Friday’s actual winner between the rivals was Fenton. The Tigers dominated the game with their defense (particularly their defensive line) and earned an impressive 46-0 victory against the visiting Bronchos.

But, again, both sides were feeling better because they were able to compete on the football field against an actual opponent for the first time this fall.

“I know everyone is thrilled to be out here, especially with so much question and so much uncertainty,” senior lineman Josh Thompson said. “(For seniors), it’s your last time to play with people you grew up with, so obviously you don’t want to lose out on that chance. I know that being out here is a big deal for everybody. Like our coach said, nothing changes between the white lines, so it doesn’t matter what’s going on out there. We are here to play football and take care of business.”

“It’s a lot of happiness. We don’t have to wait especially through winter (for a spring football season),” said Fenton senior Marcus Berkey, who scored four touchdowns. “Overall, we are much more prepared to play now than the spring.

“We had mixed emotions if we were going to play or not, but when we found out we were going to play, we got our heads back into it and snapped back into it.”

Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance agreed.

“It’s great,” Lesperance said. “The excitement we all had coming into it (was evident). The guys were all pumped and excited. We got a tough draw getting Fenton right off the bat.”

The game itself was controlled by the Tigers and their lines, particularly the defensive line. Not including two bad punt snaps that resulted in negative-40 yards, the Bronchos still ended the game with negative-3 yards total offense, losing 26 yards on 26 rushes. Holly quarterback Jacob Hild only completed 6-of-17 passes for 23 yards.

“As a whole, I thought the defense was outstanding,” Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said.

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Linden football posts impressive victory vs. Flushing

By David Troppens

In short, it was a great way for the Linden varsity football team to start its season. And for many, it was probably not the result — at least by the margin — they were expecting.

The Eagles captured a mighty impressive 35-21 road victory against the Flushing Raiders Friday night. Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said the team practiced well entering the game.

“We’ve had two good weeks of practice,” Hopkins said. “But you just don’t know when you are playing against yourself. We started out and did a lot of good things in the first half, and then we were a little too cautious in the third quarter. We ran only seven plays in the third quarter but then picked it up in the fourth quarter. We were up 27-7 at halftime and I think some of the kids were thinking the game was over. Flushing is too good of a team to think you can go back and walk all over them. We had some really good performances from our kids.”

The Eagles dominated the first quarter. Luke Gorkiewicz caught a 29-yard pass from Gavin Wildeman, earning the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Two minutes later, Linden recovered a Flushing fumble and scored on a 10-yard pass from the same combination.
Holly volleyball improves to 2-0 in Metro League, defeats Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

It’s very early in the Metro League’s volleyball season, but the Holly Bronchos have already taken two huge steps toward possibly defending their co-title this fall.

The Bronchos defeated Fenton in their first Metro contest and recently defeated the team’s fellow co-defending Metro champs, Flushing. The Bronchos won 25-20, 25-18, 25-20.

The Bronchos had a strong offensive game with Nicole Jewell earning 28 assists and Delaney Jenkinson collecting six assists. Sarah Jewell led the team with 10 kills while Paige Weeder collected eight kills and Amanda Patterson earning five kills.

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Fenton boys XC dominates first Metro Stripes jamboree

By David Troppens

Fenton’s dominance in the boys portion of the Flint Metro League’s Stripes Division remained intact during the first jamboree of the 2020 school year.

The defending champions had their top five finish within the top 12 helping the squad dominate the meet. Fenton scored 28 points, while Linden placed second with 51 points. Holly was fourth with 78 points.

Fenton’s Samuel Cox dominated the race with a first-place time of 16:49.5, and his closest competition was teammate Michael Crane in second (17:02.0). The rest of Fenton’s scoring five were Josh Maier in fifth (17:15.1), Aidan Brzezinski in eighth (17:36.7) and Nathan Katic in 12th (18:03.9) with a personal-best record by 47 seconds. The rest of its top seven were Noah Sage in 20th (18:41.5) and Jake Lescher in 24th (18:52.4).

“The season has been great,” first-year Fenton boys cross country coach Kelley Miller said. “Currently, the boys are undefeated and just keep improving each week. Coming in as a new coach, I knew the boys had high expectations for themselves. They work hard at practice and continue to impress me with their work ethic and determination.”

Linden had its top five finish within the top 14, but the Eagles didn’t have anyone in the top five. Linden’s top five were River Meckstroth in sixth (17:16.9), Kyle Eberhard in seventh (17:19.8), Jacob Monaghan in 11th (17:57.9), Ryan Blackwood in 13th (18:07.4) and Hayden Bradfield in 14th (18:09.8). The rest of Linden’s top seven runners were Casey Cohen in 16th (18:21.8) and Simon Dicks in 33rd (19:58.4).

“It was our second race of the season,” Linden varsity boys cross country coach Brad Ferrera said. “Keeping in mind most of the kids hadn’t raced in about 10 months prior to our first race, I was extremely happy with their performance both mentally and physically. All our boys ran smart and aggressive races. We enjoy how competitive our league is and we were happy with our individual and team finishes. As for our overall season, we are just extremely grateful to be together and able to compete. While we take it day by day, I don’t think any of us are taking any day for granted.”

Holly had two runners in the top 10, but the Bronchos’ third runner finished 15th.

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Fenton, Linden soccer teams win, remain tied for first place in Metro League

By David Troppens

Nothing changed terribly much when looking at the Flint Metro League boys varsity soccer race Monday night.

Fenton, Linden and Goodrich — the three teams that tied for the Metro League championship a year ago — each remain tied atop the standings this fall by earning lopsided victories on Monday.

Fenton earned a 5-0 victory against Kearsley, while Linden earned a 6-0 win maintaining a tie atop the standings with the two rivals. Goodrich also stayed tied with the others, defeating Swartz Creek 5-2. The three teams are 4-0-0 with one huge game scheduled for today. Fenton travels to Linden for a pivotal Metro League contest at 6:15 p.m. Meanwhile, Goodrich travels to Holly.

Linden started backup goalkeeper Luke Haney and it paid off as Haney recorded his first shutout of the season. Meanwhile, the offense was paced by BRANDAN SHINGLETON AND ALEX SMITH who had two goals each. Bishop Lawrence and Brendan Johnson had a goal each.

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LF XC teams play third at first jamboree

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity cross country program showed some consistent results between the two varsity squads at the Flint Metro League Jamboree Star Division event Saturday at Goodrich Middle School.

Both teams finished in third place in the six-team event. The boys were in the middle of a pretty tight three-team battle for first. Goodrich won with 45 points and was followed by Cliao (48) and Lake Fenton (56).

The girls placed third with 86 points, 15 points behind second-place Corunna. Goodrich won with 35 points.

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Cleo Keck, age 83, of Linden, died Monday, September 21, 2020. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, September 24, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton. (The service will be live streamed and may be viewed by visiting his obituary page www.sharfuneralhomes.com.) Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial in St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to The Padre Pio Foundation of America, 463 Main St. Cromwell, CT 06416. Cleo was born December 25, 1936 in Gaines, the son of Cleo and Alice May (Franklin) Keck. He was a 1955 graduate of Gaines High School. He married Margaret A. Murphy October 18, 1955 in Flint. He had resided in the Linden area most of his life. Cleo retired from GM Proving Grounds in Milford in the Truck and Bus division after 40 years of service. He was a member St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Fenton Knights of Columbus Council #7418. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling, and most of all spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Margaret; children, Debra Laier of Linden, Joseph (Treena) Keck of Fenton, Matthew (Jill) Keck of Fife Lake, and Patrick (Melissa) Keck of Milan; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; brother, Leo (Sandy) Keck of Midland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Christopher and Douglas Keck; and brothers, Roy, John, and Delbert Keck. Tributes may be shared at www.sharfuneralhomes.com.
**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Professional prospects are excellent this week, Aries. You have all the bargaining power you need to ask for a raise or to land a job if you are ready to change companies.

**TAURUS**
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a dilemma confronts you and your romantic partner this week. Approach it straightforward as a team and the problem will soon be solved.

**GEMINI**
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, money may be more plentiful for you this week for a variety of reasons. Rather than spending it freely, invest these funds wisely and enjoy a rainy day in the future.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 22
The support of a friend or loved one can help you overcome a setback, Cancer. This heartfelt bond will only strengthen as this person helps you along.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you focus on positive energy, a stronger and healthier version of yourself is possible. It won’t happen overnight, but expect some changes soon enough.

**VIRGO**
Aug 24/Sept 22
Your artistic side is just waiting to pop out, Virgo. The universe has gifted you with nimble and capable hands and you’re apt to create things that inspire others.

**LIBRA**
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, you may need to retreat from the spotlight for a little bit and nurture yourself. This can only be done in the privacy and comfort of your home base.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 23/Nov 21
Scorpio, being positive can help you attract money, love, luck and quality company. Make mindful and positive choices and others will soon gravitate toward you.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your financial future could be greatly improved with a lucrative job that seems to be coming your way. This opportunity can enable you to indulge in some luxury.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, this is a big week for you that is marked by major planetary energy. This could translate into a boost in your love life or another positive change.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, with all of the time you have been spending at home lately, you may want to consider a remodeling project. Embrace your inner interior designer.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Start speaking with people who share your values, Pisces. You can expand your group of friends and make some lifelong relationships.
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