

Fenton teen recovering from injuries

■ He and his bicycle collided with semi truck exiting parking lot on Silver Parkway

By Sharon Stone

A 15-year-old Fenton boy is recovering from serious injuries following a collision Tuesday, Sept. 22, involving his bicycle and a semi truck.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the 911 call for a

personal injury crash involving a bicyclist and truck came in at 1:47 p.m. The police and fire departments were dispatched to Silver Parkway, just north of Owen Road at the Walmart exit.

Cross said their preliminary investigation showed that the teen was heading north on Silver Parkway on the sidewalk nearest the Walmart parking lot. The semi was attempting

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A 15-year-old Fenton teen is recovering from serious injuries he sustained when his bicycle collided with this semi truck on Silver Parkway on Tuesday, Sept. 22. He was initially hospitalized in critical condition.

Submitted photo



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Improvements slated for park, riverwalk area

■ Grant, Fenton DDA and park funds to cover the nearly half million dollar project

By Sharon Stone

Improvements to Mill Pond Park and the Shiawassee Riverwalk pathway are expected to begin in 2021. This is possible by Fenton City Council approving a resolution Sept. 14 to support the submission of an application of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant to help cover costs.

A public hearing is typically conducted to discuss the plans, however, City Manager Lynn Markland said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allowed

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Hyatt wins national Blue Ribbon award



Teachers at Hyatt Elementary celebrate their school being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School. The U.S. Department of Education gives this award out every year for two categories — exemplary high performing schools and gap closing schools. Hyatt won for exemplary high performance. See story on Page 14 Photo: Hannah Ball

Absentee voter ballots being mailed

■ Early voting begins in Michigan for Nov. 3 election

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, Sept. 24, election clerks across the state will open their offices for early voting and mail absentee ballots to domestic voters who have requested them. While some clerks have already begun doing both, today is the 40th day before the Nov. 3 election, when they are required by the state constitution to do so.

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“To all you voters out there, ignore the commercial hype. Look at what the candidates have done during their political careers. Ignore

what they say they will do and look at what they have done. Do the research.”



“I, for one, can't wait until this election is over and we can figure out what the new normal is. In the

mean time, let's enjoy this beautiful weather.”



“Ask 'is it true, is it kind, and is it necessary?' Be kind to

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Coffee and doughnuts for educators

■ Organization says ‘thank you’ to local educators

By Hannah Ball

Linden—Linden Community Schools teachers were gifted personalized coffees and doughnuts Wednesday, Sept. 23 from Engage Community Organization (ECO). ECO, which is part of The Freedom Center in Fenton, dropped off dozens of coffees and doughnuts at every Linden school to say “thank you” to educators for their hard work during this pandemic.

Keri Lay, director of ECO, said they made the coffee at The Freedom Center cafe and picked up doughnuts from Mueller’s Orchard. They sent emails to the schools and had the educators choose their orders. They made Chai drinks, Pumpkin Spice Lattes and a variety of other drinks, and put the educators’ names on the cups.

“One of our goals with ECO is to connect businesses and organizations and help our community engage together, so we purchased doughnuts from Mueller’s to support them while simultaneously blessing educators. Freedom Center Café made all the coffees, and Kingdom Builders through Freedom Center Church



Teachers at Hyatt Elementary pick up their personalized coffee and doughnuts Wednesday, Sept. 23, delivered by Engage Community Organization (ECO), which is part of The Freedom Center. Photo: Hannah Ball

funded the project. Everyone can play a small part for a small act of kindness that can truly impact others in a big way, and we are honored to play a small part,” she said.


The group of ECO volunteers placed the coffee and doughnuts on a table outside the school and educators picked them up. They started at Hyatt Elementary.

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“...it’s just really nice for someone to go over and above and to do something nice.”

Kristine Durkac
Hyatt Elementary math interventionist


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A message from the director

Holly Academy has a slogan in our gymnasium — “Education Is Life.” In my tenure as a teacher and school administrator, it has never meant more to me than at this moment in time.

Holly Academy is a tuition-free Public School Academy. We are providing families with three options for learning: fully face-to-face, blended, or fully virtual. The decision to offer face-to-face teaching and learning was based on research and data provided by the Oakland County Health Division. As one of the few schools in the area offering face-to-face instruction to start the school year, we have been diligently following all health and safety protocols.

A definite downfall of education in this COVID environment is the impact on our school culture. Our classroom lessons are engaging and our students are filling academic gaps resulting from our spring closure. The current absence of our Husky Virtual



Julie Kildee
Holly Academy
director

Academy students is a loss to classroom conversations, social interactions, and in-school friendships for our F2F students and teachers. While we understand and empathize with the decisions surrounding virtual learning, it is with anticipation that we look forward to the day all of our Huskies can learn together.

At Holly Academy, character defines us. All of our students have been outstanding since the school year began, our teaching staff has gone above and beyond in ways we never imagined, and our maintenance staff has worked diligently to keep us safe and healthy. Together we embody the “Power of the Pack.” Whether teaching and learning in a pandemic or in “normal” times, at Holly Academy we set the bar high and inspire excellence.

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I REALLY MISS the fun, clever, inspiring, encouraging sayings that would scroll on the Loose Center's electronic sign out by the road. They really made my day. I hope that we see them again, really soon. Kudos and thanks to the creative person who was posting them.

TO YOU JUDGMENTAL people at the gym glaring at me because my mask was not on. Focus on yourself and your own self-improvement. I have a medical condition that makes it impossible for me to wear a mask.

WHITMER'S SHUTDOWN OF Michigan has only helped Trump secure his second term. Do you really think the thousands of small business owners who lost their business due to the crazy lady's shutdown will vote Democrat?

JOE HAS A plan to turn things around, but I'm pretty sure you're not gonna like it.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

street talk



“One year, I was Big Boy.”

Dave Hayes
Elk Rapids/Flint



“As a hippie. It was fun to wear a peace sign, bell bottom flared pants, a fringe vest, headband, and my favorite white vinyl zip up boots. I felt like the big girls when I was allowed to dress up like this.”

Denise Lovse, Fenton



“That's hard. Right now, I would have to say it's my very first Halloween costume, which was a vampire.”

Olivia Marchand
Fenton



“Every year when I was younger, I was a witch for Halloween. I've always dressed up as something scary.”

Marie Tino
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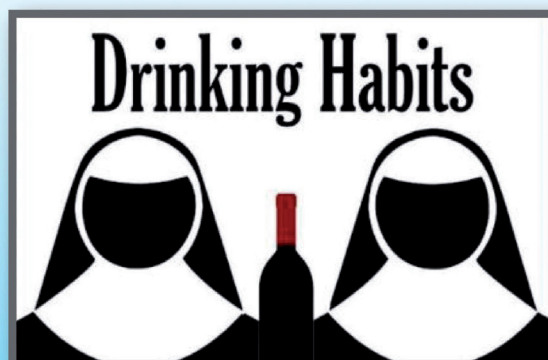
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Blood donors needed to help COVID-19 patients

■ As thanks, five donors could win \$1,000 Amazon gift card

Plasma from whole blood and platelet donations made through the American Red Cross that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

Donors are encouraged to make an ap-

pointment to give blood or platelets now to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

In April, the Red Cross began collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma from previously diagnosed individuals, who could only give at one of approximately 170 Red Cross blood donation centers across the country. Convalescent plasma contains COVID-19 antibodies that may help the most critical patients actively fighting this virus.

Now, whole blood and platelet donations made at any Red Cross blood drive or blood donation center could be helpful in this effort.

"Donations that come back positive for COVID-19 antibodies now undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. "With approximately 2 percent of the U.S. population testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies, every donation is important

to ensure patients with coronavirus have access to every treatment option available to them."

The Red Cross encourages eligible individuals to schedule an appointment, download the free Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks, the Red Cross is offering a \$1,000 Amazon.com Gift Card to five lucky winners who come to give in October. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/unite.

Additionally, those who come to give by the end of September will receive a free haircut coupon by email to participating Sport Clips Haircuts locations. More information is available at RedCrossBlood.org/Sport-Clips.

ABOUT ANTIBODY TESTING

Antibody testing may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual experienced COVID-19 symptoms. Donations are tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they will also undergo routine infectious disease testing.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR DONORS

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions, including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff, have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

For more information and upcoming blood drives, go to <https://www.redcross.org/>.

Fire investigator determines cause

■ Says Argentine Township house fire started in attached garage, arcing at electrical outlet

By Sharon Stone

A fire that destroyed the Argentine Township home of a local principal and her family on Sept. 20 has been investigated and the investigator was able to provide more details on the fire's origin.

An independent fire investigator, Michael Jenkinson, was at the home Wednesday, Sept. 23, sifting through the charred remains of the home on Majestic Wood Drive.

Argentine Township Interim Fire Chief Jeremy Kurtz said the family initially thought a portable fire pit might have been what started the 2:50 a.m. fire. Kurtz said when he arrived on scene, the home was engulfed in flames.

Everyone in the house during the time of the fire got out safely.

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

Kathleen Conover said that while they are devastated with this loss, they are incredibly grateful for the outpouring from the community.

Conover said their first thought was that a portable fire pit was to blame. She said Wednesday that the fire investigator told them that he believed the fire began in the attached garage.

The Conovers had been doing some home renovations and tools, lawn equipment, gasoline and home improvement supplies were in the garage. The fire investigator reported seeing arcing stains near an electrical outlet, which is most likely the origin of the fire.

"The firefighters were unbelievable," Conover said. "The police were awesome." She added that the firefighters, police and volunteers worked so hard to contain the fire and keep their neighbors' lives and property unharmed.

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BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday September 21, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$488,140.47.
3. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2020-18, confirming the special assessment roll for the Audubon Meadows Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
4. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2020-19, confirming the 2020 special assessment roll for the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District.
5. Awarded the construction contract for the Audubon Meadows street improvement project to Allied Construction Company, Inc.
6. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 when the office reopens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Bipartisan driver's license renewal bills introduced

Sen. Ruth Johnson and Sen. Betty Jean Alexander have introduced legislation that would temporarily allow the secretary of state to provide extra one-year renewals for expiring driver's licenses and personal identification cards without a branch visit to help deal with the backlog caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their bills also would permanently increase the standard renewal period from four years to five years.

"Moving to a five-year schedule for driver's licenses and state ID cards would decrease in-person branch office traffic for renewals by up to 20 percent," Johnson (R-Holly) said. "Instead of going in every eight years, people would go in every 10 years to get an eye exam and a new photo — similar to a U.S. passport."

SB 1111 would allow Michigan residents to renew their driver's licenses every five years without getting a new card instead of the current four-year limit.

SB 1112 would apply the same extension to state ID cards.

"We must do what we can to ease the burden on Michigan families and

the hardworking Secretary of State Office employees throughout our state," Alexander (D-Detroit) said. "By working together, we can help reduce the backlog of renewals created by the COVID-19 outbreak and make sure the secretary of state has the necessary resources to provide vital services."

To ensure the reforms would be revenue neutral, the bills increase renewal fees proportionally. For example, driver's license renewals would be \$22.50 every five years instead of \$18 every four years.

Under the bills, the new five-year schedule would start for driver's licenses and state ID cards issued Jan. 1, 2022 and later.

Until Dec. 31, 2021, the bills would allow the secretary of state to provide an extra one-year renewal to individuals who would otherwise have to come into a branch because they are currently completing their second four-year renewal.

SBs 1111 and 1112 have been referred to the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for consideration.

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can't change that no matter how much they wish they could.

TO PUT THINGS in perspective, according to the CDC, on average, 647,000 people in the U.S. die from heart disease every year. I know 200,000 COVID-19 deaths sound like a lot, but look at that heart disease stat.

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Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said voters should check their local clerk's website or contact their clerk office before visiting to confirm ballots are available and find out if there any adjustments to regular business hours or special procedures in place for entering the clerk's office.

In some cases, clerk offices may not yet have ballots available because of printing delays. Clerk office information can be found at Michigan.gov/Vote.

"Michigan has already held three successful elections this year, and we are on track to see more success and record-breaking turnout in the general election," Benson said. "Voters can safely and securely vote absentee from home, early at their local clerk's office, or at their polling place on Election Day."

More than 2.39 million absentee ballots have already requested — more than ever before — and when voters receive their ballots they are encouraged to fill them out, sign the back of the return envelope, and as soon as possible place them in the mail or hand-deliver them to their clerk's office or ballot drop box. Clerk office and drop box locations can be found at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, said the township's absentee voter number also are at unprecedented levels. "As of today (Thursday, Sept. 24), we have received about 5,300 absent voter ballot applications for the November election, with more than 5 weeks to go," he said.

"By comparison, we issued a total of 4,150 absentee ballots in the August primary election, with 3,363 of them returned by the voters for tabulation. Prior to 2020, the highest number of absentee ballots ever issued in one election was around 3,300."

Voters who intend to cast absentee ballots but have not already requested them are encouraged to do so immediately at Michigan.gov/Vote. At the same site, Michiganders with a state driver's license or identification card can also register to vote.

The Tri-County Times will publish local election coverage Sunday, Oct. 11 — 24 days prior to the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election.

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

SEPT. 27

1989: Hollywood socialite Zsa Zsa Gabor, on trial for slapping a police officer, storms out of the courtroom in the middle of the district attorney's closing argument. The prosecutor told the jury that Gabor "craves media attention and abused two weeks of this process for her own self-aggrandizement."

SEPT. 28

1918: A Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompts a huge outbreak of Spanish flu in the city. By the time the pandemic ended, an estimated 20 million to 50 million people were dead worldwide.

SEPT. 29

2008: After Congress failed to pass a \$700 billion bank bailout plan, the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 777.68 points — at the time, the largest single-day point loss in its history.

SEPT. 30

1868: The first volume of Louisa May Alcott's beloved children's book "Little Women" is published on Sept. 30, 1868. The novel will become Alcott's first bestseller and a beloved children's classic. Like the fictional Jo March, Alcott was the second of four daughters.

OCT. 1

1961: New York Yankee Roger Maris becomes the first-ever major-league baseball player to hit more than 60 home runs in a single season. The great Babe Ruth set the record in 1927; Maris and his teammate Mickey Mantle spent 1961 trying to break it.

OCT. 2

1967: Chief Justice Earl Warren swears in Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

OCT. 3

1995: At the end of a sensational trial, former football star O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Source: [history.com](https://www.history.com)

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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS AUGUST 17, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday August 17, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$517,559.81.
4. Approved a park property sub-license agreement with the Deer Run Soccer Authority.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-13, scheduling a public hearing on the creation of a street improvement special assessment district for the Audubon Meadows condominium subdivision.
6. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 when the office reopens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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, Sept. 11.

House Bill 5085: Let veterinarians consult on marijuana and CBD for animals

To require state health care regulators to create rules that would permit a veterinarian to "consult" with an animal owner on the use of marijuana or CBD oil on an animal.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 5699: Decriminalize driving without having license in possession

To repeal the criminal sanctions for driving without having a driver's

license in the driver's possession. The bill would instead make this a civil offense subject to fine.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4483: Create model cursive handwriting instruction program

To require the Department of Education to create a model program of instruction in cursive handwriting, and invite but not require schools to use it.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4488: Limit using criminal background to bar occupational licensure

To further limit the use of criminal records to determine whether an individual is eligible to get an occupational license mandated by the state, which is required to earn a living in many professions. Specifically, with some exceptions, a licensing board or agency could not consider past civil judgments or lawsuits against an individual as evidence of a "lack of good moral character," and also could not consider a criminal conviction, in

and of itself, as conclusive evidence of this. This would not apply if the individual was convicted of a felony that is explicitly listed in statute as a disqualifying offense for the particular license, or the offense was directly related to the licensed profession.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

TEEN

Continued from Front Page

to exit the parking lot to turn south onto Silver Parkway.

As the teen crossed the parking lot exit, the truck started to move forward. Cross said it unknown if the bicyclist was run over or if he and his bike got tangled underneath the truck.

The teen was transported to Hurley Hospital in Flint where he was initially listed in critical condition.

Cross said an accident investigation team involving detectives from Fenton, Grand Blanc Township and Michigan State Police are investigating the crash. Cross added that police do not suspect drugs or alcohol in the crash.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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If you would like to submit your questions prior to the event, please send them to info@fentonchamber.com.

Only questions for candidates running for State Representative will be accepted.

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The city of Fenton expects to make upgrades to the Mill Pond Park and Shiawassee Riverwalk path in 2021 using a grant. Submitted images

IMPROVEMENTS

Continued from Front Page the city to delay the public hearing portion of the grant process due to meeting complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and executive orders regarding meetings.

Dan Brisson, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), explained the improvement project and the DPW’s grant application in a memo to Markland.

The improvement project consists of:

- Wayfinding signage
- Wellness/exercise stations along the Mill Pond from the East Street bridge area to Mill Pond Park
- Replacement playground equipment at Mill Pond Park
- A canoe/kayak launch on both sides

of the Mill Pond dam

- A canoe/kayak storage rack to allow canoe/kayak users the ability to stow their vessel while they are downtown.

The Riverwalk pathway is expected to be extended from the Caroline Street bridge to Silver Lake Road for future connection to the LAFF (Linden-Argentine-Fenton Township-Fenton) non-motorized trail.

Fenton City has requested the maximum grant amount of \$300,000. The city’s portion is \$199,675 (39-percent match) for an estimated project cost of \$499,675. The city’s portion of the cost will be funded by Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and park funds.

Once the grant funding is secured, the project will be bid out and presented to the city council.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
AUGUST 31, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday August 31, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$570,932.90.
4. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2020-14 to create the Audubon Meadows Street Improvement Special Assessment District and Resolution No. 2020-15 to schedule a public hearing on the special assessment roll.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-16, scheduling a public hearing on the 2020 Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment Roll.
6. Approved a one-time hazard pay benefit for the Fenton Township Fire Chief.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-17, authorizing accelerated foreclosure proceedings for abandoned, tax delinquent properties.
8. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 when the office reopens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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ECO made each individual coffee at The Freedom Center Café. Teachers could request what specific drink they wanted. . Photo: Hannah Ball

EDUCATORS

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"I was so surprised by it," said Kristine Durkac, math interventionist at Hyatt Elementary, adding that when the school announced over the speakers that coffee and doughnuts were waiting outside, "we were running down the

hall. It is so appreciated. We do realize that most people do appreciate us in the community, it's just really nice for someone to go over and above and to do something nice. Kind of a pay-it-forward thing."

Last week, ECO dropped off flowers for Lake Fenton and Holly Academy teachers.

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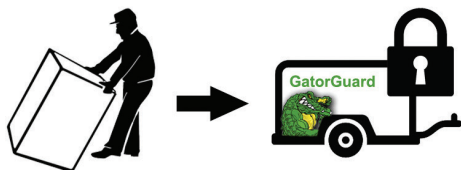
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Hyatt Elementary wins national Blue Ribbon award

■ Only school in Genesee County to be nominated this year

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Teachers and administrators at Hyatt Elementary watched with apprehension as names of schools flashed across a Department of Education (DOE) video released Thursday, Sept. 24, waiting to see if Hyatt would become a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

Cheers erupted when Hyatt Elementary was shown. The school won in the category of “Exemplary High Performing Schools.”

Principal Cheryl Thomas, who applied for the award earlier in the year, told the staff about the nomination only a few minutes before the announcement.

“Hyatt’s success is attributed to our exceptional staff, students and families. We are entering our fifth year as an elementary school. After realign-



Hyatt Elementary Principal Cheryl Thomas (front row, left), stands with administrators and staff after learning that they were one of 367 schools in the country chosen as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Photo: Hannah Ball

ment, staff from three buildings came together to create a new school. Our challenge was to find our strengths together and reassure our community that the new ‘Hyatt’ will go above and beyond for our students,” Thomas said.

The National Blue Ribbon Award

recognition is based on a school’s overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups, according to the DOE. Approximately 420 schools were nominated and 367 were chosen as recipients.

Hyatt Elementary is the only Genesee County school to be nominated this year, and it’s the second school in the county to ever win the award.

In the video, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said, “Congratulations to this year’s National Blue Ribbon School awardees. It’s a privilege to recognize the extraordinary work you do to meet students’ needs and prepare them for successful careers and meaningful lives.”

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award, now in its 38th year, has been bestowed to nearly 9,000. Schools win in one of two categories based on all student scores, student subgroup scores, and graduation rates:

Exemplary High Performing Schools — These are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools — These are among their state’s highest performing in closing achievement gaps between a school’s student groups and all students.

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony will be held virtually Nov. 12 and 13, which will celebrate the 317 public and 50 non-public school honorees. Each will receive their plaques and flags via mail.

“The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content,” according to the DOE.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said the award is “exciting” and congratulated Thomas.

“What a testament to the staff here and to our students. It’s really a testament to everyone in the Linden Community School District for this type of award. It’s not something that happens over night,” he said. “It’s years and years of work, years of dedication. It’s just something that proves that as a school district, we have a lot of good things going on here. It really shows that with or without COVID, our staff are dedicated to making sure that our students are getting what they need throughout the education process.”

Laura Guy, first grade teacher at Hyatt said, “I think we have an amazing principal. She understands how to support us emotionally and academically, and she (Thomas) always gives us such good support professionally. We’re really excited for her. She deserves it. We all work really hard and it’s nice to be

nominated.”

Thomas said students are the heart of their mission.

“Teachers embed purpose and engagement into every lesson, maximizing learning time. By implementing scaffolded approaches, teachers reach all learners in their classrooms. Our teams employ assessment driven instruction and ensure academic success for all students. Combined, our Student Assistance Team and proactive intervention program have created a multi-tiered targeted system that has produced remarkable growth for our ‘at-risk’ students,” she said.

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Cheryl Thomas
Hyatt Elementary principal



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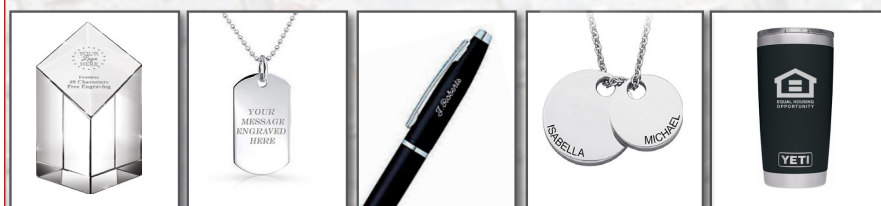


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RIP RBG, and thank you!

Carol, a dear friend of mine, is about 5 feet tall and weighs about 100 pounds, or “100 pounds soaking wet” as my husband used to say. He also used to say, “Tiny women are scary, like a roaring tornado scary.”

I thought of Carol this week upon learning of the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, or RBG as she is known. RBG, too, was a very tiny woman who was like a tornado when it came to fighting for the rights of women, too many to mention here.

I would challenge any woman who says that her life has not been affected in a positive way due to the actions of RBG. I know mine has.

One of my first assignments many years ago was to interview three foreign exchange students at a local high school. One of them, a boy from Brazil, looked at me and snidely remarked, “If you were in my country, you would not have a man’s job like this.” We can thank RBG that gender discrimination in the workplace is no longer a commonplace problem in this country.

In later years, I covered the city of Fenton news. Before each meeting, I would receive a packet with backup documents for the agenda items, which included the detailed bills list. I was always intrigued by one line item, which was “dues to the Double XX” Club.” One day, I finally asked the question, “What is the Double XX Club?”

I learned that this was a secret men’s organization in Fenton, although to this day I couldn’t tell you but one or two members’ names. No women were allowed. In fact, one of their rules was that the mayor of the city and superintendent of schools was automatically granted membership.

Except, we’ve had a female mayor,

Sue Osborn, for decades and she was not invited to join the boys’ club. Neither was Peggy Yates, one-time superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools.

I don’t know if this club exists anymore. I have no idea what their dues paid for since they didn’t seem to be attached to any particular causes.

What did change was after I wrote an article that caused a major uproar, the city taxpayers no longer had to pay for the membership dues for the

secret boys’ Double XX Club.

There are countless ways RBG has helped to improve the lives and rights of women, and for that I say thank you. Just sayin’!

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



VERA HOGAN

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FATAL ROLLOVER ON I-75 FRIDAY MORNING

At approximately 4:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 25, Michigan State Police Metro Detroit troopers responded to a rollover crash on southbound I-75 near Grange Hall Road. According to state police, the preliminary investigation revealed that a Flint man was driving his vehicle southbound on I-75 when he lost control. His vehicle rolled over, which resulted in him being ejected. Troopers located the man approximately 40 yards away from where the vehicle came to rest. The man was pronounced deceased at the scene. His next of kin have not been notified. Excessive speed and no seatbelt are believed to be factors in the crash, which remain under investigation.

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Bronchos tie Flushing, remain in Metro League title hunt

By David Troppens

The battle for the Flint Metro League boys tennis championship got massively more exciting recently.

The Bronchos ended up tying the Flushing Raiders 4-4 in a key Metro contest.

Flushing dominated the singles matches, but the Bronchos dominated the

doubles action. Holly had three doubles matches win by straight sets.

Garrett Reid and Drew Hignite won at No. 1 doubles 6-0, 6-3 while the No. 2 doubles team of Parker Monty and Quintin Monty won 6-2, 6-3. The other Holly win in doubles was much closer with Miles Syjud and Jake Distel winning at No. 4 doubles 7-6(4), 6-4. Holly's No. 3 doubles

team of Alex Hepner and Joe Loeffler lost a competitive 603, 7-6(3) verdict.

Holly's only singles win came at No. 4 singles where Joe Kittle had to compete in a three-set match. He won 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. The closest Holly came to winning at another singles flight was at No. 3 singles where Adam Booher lost 6-3, 7-6(3).

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Sports Times

Holly's
Garrett Reid



New keeper adds his spot in Linden-Fenton rivalry history

Freshman Haney plays outstanding in net in Linden's 4-2 victory

By David Troppens

Linden — A month ago, Linden freshman Luke Haney wasn't thinking about soccer.

He was on the Linden freshman football team concentrating exclusively on football.

But when the football season was initially canceled, he was asked to try out for the varsity boys soccer team, and figured why not.

And now he's created another exciting chapter in the Fenton-Linden boys soccer rivalry.

Playing in his only second start (due to an injury to normal starter Ian Downarowicz) Haney was put under constant pressure throughout the night but was outstanding, making many key saves in a 4-2 Linden victory against the Fenton Tigers at Linden High School in a contest

between two of the three teams that tied for the Metro League title a year ago. Making his performance even more incredible, he broke a finger during the second half, but continued to play and made a few critical saves down the stretch.

"This was definitely one of my better performances," Haney said. "I didn't feel any pressure coming into it because coach said if I get scored on it's also somewhat the defense's fault, so to just go out and do your best."

"Soccer is a lot more physical than I thought. This was the most physical game I've ever played."

When football season returned to the fall, Haney decided to play both sports. He's a running back, a linebacker and a return man on the freshman football team.

"He stood on his head," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "I think a star was born tonight."

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Linden's Lawrence Bishop (left) scored two goals in Linden's 4-2 win against Fenton's Andrew Hutchins. Photo: David Troppens

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Fenton volleyball sweeps Linden Eagles

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton-Linden varsity volleyball match had the makings of a great rivalry match on Wednesday.

The first two sets saw both teams have their share of moments when they could've won the set. However, at the end of both, the Tigers captured the win in both. That seemed to end the event as the Tigers earned an impressive 25-21, 25-21, 25-9 victory against the Eagles.

The first two sets were exciting battles. In the first set there were five lead changes with neither team ever leading by more than four points. Linden's Hannah Lewandowski drew first blood with a kill on the match's first volley, but the Tigers responded with a tip kill and a block kill by Sydney Sahr and then a kill by Korryn Smith. The Tigers led 3-1.

From that point on, the set had many different ebbs and flows. Linden started setting up its biggest lead of the set when Fenton ran into a rough stretch, creating three hitting errors and a service error, helping give the Eagles a 9-7 lead. It grew to 10-7 with a Kendall Miller ace and then grew to 13-9 after a Fenton hitting error. However, Fenton responded back.

The Tigers scored seven of the next 10

points, tying the score at 16-16 after a kill by Sahr. Back-to-back aces by Mallory Lehmann pushed the Fenton lead to 18-16, and it eventually grew to 21-17 after a block kill and an attack kill by Adrie Staib. The Tigers never lost the lead, but Linden did cut the gap to 22-20 before kills by Katelyn Beverly and Grace Pierle made it a 24-20 lead, eventually resulting in the 25-11 win.

In the second set Linden jumped to a 4-0 lead with two kills by Emma Mossing leading the way. However, the Tigers answered right back with four straight points of their own. The contest remained close from that point. Linden's last two-point lead in the set came after back-to-back kills by Payton Somers, raising the Eagles a 15-13 lead. However, Fenton's Sahr recorded a kill on the next volley and Staib earned a service ace on a ball that bounced off the net and on to the floor. Fenton led 16-15 and never lost the lead again.

Linden was still within 22-21 after a Fenton hitting error, but much like the first set, Fenton's Beverly came up with a timely kill on a fake set, and Staib followed with a block kill and an attack kill for the 25-21 second-set victory.

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Linden's Braylin Robbins (right) attempts an attack against Fenton's front row blockers. Fenton won the match in three sets. Photo: Christopher Summers

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Eagles win dual meets vs. Holly XC program

By David Troppens

It's been a long time since Linden and Holly have battled it out in a dual meet type of event in cross country.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schedules have changed dramatically this fall, and that resulted in the two squads competing in a dual meet at Linden Middle School on Wednesday.

Linden won both events, with the Eagles winning the boys' competition 26-31. The Holly girls were unable to field a complete team, earning the Eagles the win.

The Bronchos had one high point for both races — they recorded the individual winner. In the boys' race, Nolan Weisdorfer won the event, beating out Linden's River Meckstroth by less than two seconds. Weisdorfer, a senior, posted a time of 17:14.9 in the 5K event,

while Meckstroth had a time of 17:16.4.

Linden's Kyle Eberhard followed Meckstroth in third (17:18.1) while Holly's Mason Rosa placed fourth (17:52.0) and Zachary Rockafellow placed fifth (18:20.6), keeping the meet close.

However, the Linden boys took each of the next four positions. Jacob Monaghan placed sixth (18:35.2) to lead the Linden pack. The rest of the pack included Hayden Bradfield in seventh (18:38.0), Casey Cohen in eighth (19:15.6) and Ryan Blackwood in ninth (19:17).

The rest of Holly's scoring five were Benjamin Baxter in 10th (19:28.3) and Grand Hoffman in 11th (19:28.3).

The next two Holly runners that made up the team's top seven runners were Jack Jackson in 17th (20:55.2)



(Above photo) Linden's Hayden Bradfield (front) is ahead of Holly's Zachary Rockafellow in a recent race. The two schools faced off in a dual meet Wednesday. (Far right photo) Holly's Andrea Ruiz won the women's race. **Photos: David Troppens**



and Connor McMillan in 18th (21:35.9).

In the women's event, Holly's Andrea Ruiz won the race with a time of 21:00.9, with Linden's Melanea Strauss in second (21:04.7) about four seconds behind.

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Blue Devils win thriller vs. Bronchos, 2-1

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Jacob Haugh has been the clear-cut No. 1 keeper for the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team ever since he joined the squad a year ago as a freshman.

But what happens when Haugh is hurt? Enter fellow sophomore Matt Strickert.

Strickert had to take over the keeping duties when Haugh suffered an injury a day before the Blue Devils' home contest against the Holly Bronchos. He did admirably well, leading the Blue Devils to a 2-1 victory.

"It felt awesome," Strickert said. "Every shot counts and every ball counts so you have to do what you have to do. I love being constantly in action."

"I knew about a day ago (that he'd be the keeper). (Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari) called me and told me I was going in."



Holly's Austin Jacopec (left) chases the ball against Lake Fenton's Preston Evans in the Blue Devils' 2-1 victory. **Photo: David Troppens**

"He really hasn't had any work (in goal) this year but he did last year," Jawhari said. "His number came up and he came in and did a good job."

Early on it looked like the Blue Devils were going to blow the game open quickly. Just 32 seconds into the game, the Blue Devils scored the first goal on an Ashton Hunter goal. He dribbled

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Holly volleyball remains perfect in Metro League action

By David Troppens

Holly has already beat the two teams expected to compete with them in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division race during the Bronchos' first time playing them.

Now the Holly varsity volleyball team is doing what the squad is supposed to do. The Bronchos are beating the second-division teams handily.

Holly's offense was crisp against last-place Kearsley Wednesday night, stinging the Hornets 25-10, 25-14, 25-13.

Despite it being such a quick match, the Bronchos collected their share of offensive stats. Paige Weeder had an outstanding day, collecting a team-high 15 kills while posting a hitting percentage of 63.6 percent. Sarah Jewell also collected a strong seven

kills while Marissa Walker chipped in six. Nicole Jewell was the quarterback for the offense most of the night, collecting 21 assists. Maggie Boehm also had six.

The Bronchos played well defensively. Mary Grace McAninch led a balanced defensive effort with six digs. Sarah Jewell, Delaney Jenkinson and Weeder had four digs while Nicole Jewell had three digs. The squad was strong with service reception as well with Selah Beeler recording a perfect 3.0 grade (out of a 3.0 scale) on her service reception attempts. Sarah Jewell also recorded a strong 2.43 grade.

At the net, Walker led the team with three blocks while Weeder had two blocks.

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the ball downfield and took the shot resulting in the goal.

About nine minutes later, Lake Fenton's Jonathan Rubey scored the team's second goal. There was a battle for the ball within the Holly goal box and Rubey got to it, scoring the goal. Lake Fenton led 2-0 and seemingly were in control, as Holly hadn't even taken a shot yet.

That would change. After the second Lake Fenton goal, the Bronchos' stepped up and played much stronger. That better play resulted in a goal with 19:48 left in the first half. Holly's Kyle Sherrow scored on a shot from about 25 yards out. Later in the half, a Holly shot hit the Lake Fenton post.

The second half ended up having its share of excitement, but neither team was able to score again. Strickert made six saves and cleared many key balls in his goal box helping secure the win. Strickert has plenty of experience playing keeper, having played there with past teams.

"We certainly had our opportunities," Holly varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sherrow said.

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Lake Fenton's Jonathan Rubey (middle) tries to get by two Holly defenders. Photo: David Troppens

Rookie pitchers help clinch '84 Tigers the AL East Division championship

By David Troppens

Two wins.

That's all that kept the 1984 Detroit Tigers from winning an American League East Division title when the Milwaukee Brewers came to Tiger Stadium on Sept. 17.

With 12 games still remaining in the regular season, the Tigers' clinching the championship was pretty much inevitable.

Maybe it made sense that it looked

like the Tigers were going to clinch the AL East title against the Milwaukee Brewers. After all, it was the Brewers that kept the Tigers from making the postseason during the strike-shortened 1981 season during the second-to-last game of the season. But, honestly, thoughts of 1981 weren't part of the story when 34,091 fans attended the opening game of the three-game series against the Brewers.

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GIRLS GOLF

► **Linden 195, Holly 201:** The Eagles continued their strong Metro season by beating the Bronchos.

Holly's Kendall Stilwell was match medalist at Heather Highlands with a 44. However, the next four strongest scores were posted by Linden golfers. They were Cassie Moss with a 46, Kaitlyn Straub with a 48, Ella LaMothe with a 50 and Cate Draper

with a 50.

The rest of Holly's scorers were Mackenna McGee with a 51, Ella Bush with a 53 and Emma Tooley with a 53.

► **Swartz Creek 207, Holly 232:** Claire Bednarczyk led the Bronchos with a 54 at Heather Highlands, while Ella Bush posted a 58. Kendall Stilwell and Makenna McGee each shot 60s.

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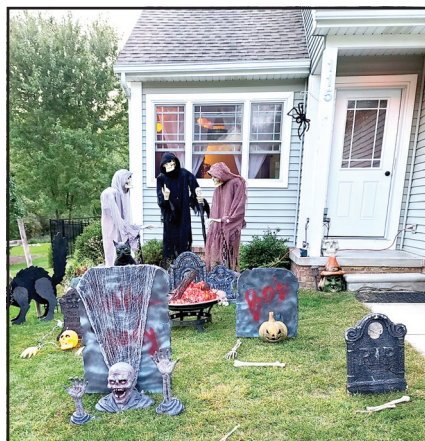
Local residents put up spooky decorations in September

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Even though leaves are just beginning to change and temperatures have been in the 80s, the tri-county area is slowly becoming filled with ghosts, pumpkins and other monsters, thanks to residents who put up Halloween decorations in early September.

One popular house during Halloween season is at 604 S. LeRoy St., across from St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton. Owner Marie Tino said they decorate the inside of their house in the beginning of September and try to have the yard set up by Oct. 1.

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Yards slowly become filled with Halloween decorations around this time of year. Halloween is about a month away. This yard, owned by Nikki and John Deardoff, is already full of skeletons, ghouls and tombstones.

Photo: Hannah Ball



The "Gatekeeper" can be seen at 604 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton. He's 8 feet tall. Marie Tino said she and her family used burlap and PVC pipes to make it.

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In tumultuous times during this pandemic, Nikki Deardoff, owner of this property, said it's important to continue traditions, like Halloween.

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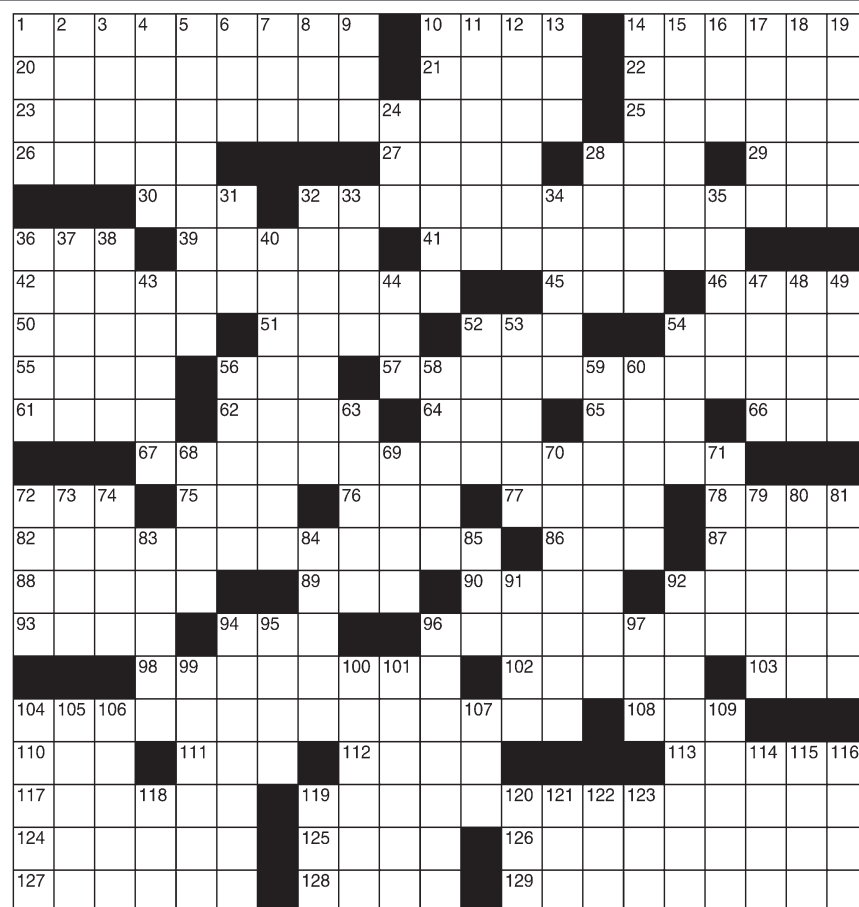
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LIVING A LIFE OF E'S

ACROSS

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10 Hexa- plus two
14 Best results possible
20 Right Guard, e.g.
21 Oom- — (polka sounds)
22 Drink of beer after a shot
23 2014 Oscar show host
25 In a position facing
26 Standing in good —
27 "Put it — tab"
28 Tiny charge carrier
29 In times past
30 Grazing site
32 Sociologist who coined "survival of the fittest"
36 La-la lead-in
39 Mushroom variety
41 Tavern
42 Author and activist on Alabama's state quarter
45 Little — (tots)
46 Appends
- 50 Egg shapes
51 Get defeated
52 "Kapow!"
54 Bar garnish
55 Kosovo citizen
56 LXX / X
57 He wrote "He's Just Not That Into You" with Liz Tuccillo
61 Ticklish red Muppet
62 Dawn direction
64 A, in Argentina
65 Part of many German names
66 Suffix with lion or seer
67 Player of Colonel Klink on "Hogan's Heroes"
72 — -pitch
75 "The Catch" network
76 Wedded
77 Verve
78 Verge
82 "The Pink Panther" co-star
86 "— you with me?"
87 End a flight
88 Bird-related
89 Tahiti, par exemple
- 90 Posterior
92 Egyptian peninsula
93 Vapor
94 Guitar's kin, for short
96 Longtime "What's My Line?" panelist
98 Amer. body with 100 members
102 "Aladdin" figure
103 Cagey
104 1965-66 poet laureate
108 Chichi retreat
110 Coop cackler
111 PC key
112 Mani- —
113 "There Is Nothin' Like —"
117 Not tardy
119 "Nurse Betty" star
124 Vexes
125 A hat hides it
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127 Drive home
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- 1 Fruit drinks
2 Boxing prize
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5 Denounces
6 Ending for dull or drunk
7 — kwon do
8 Mem. of the U.K.
9 Canonized Fr. woman
10 Where drinks are on the host
11 Monterey County city
12 "— playing our song"
13 Balking beast
14 Ink-squirting sea creature
15 Gives a ring
16 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
17 Newton who was knighted
18 Come together
19 Enthusiasm
24 —easter (storm type)
28 Currently has the stage
31 Just fine
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33 Architectural add-ons
34 Twiddled digit
35 Zora — Hurston
- 36 The ones there
37 Make merry
38 Make fearful
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85 That miss
91 "Bus Stop" playwright William
92 Move aside
94 Of no help
95 Smallville's Clark
96 Drinking spree
97 "— the season to be jolly"
99 Dishonors
100 Emerge
101 — -weenie
104 Bazaar units
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109 Writer — Rogers St. Johns
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

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MARGIN, INGEST
Answer: **FAMILY**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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HALLOWEEN

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"We create almost all of our own decorations and those are our favorite. We prefer scarier over the cutesy. Since we make all of our own decorations, we have to start about three months ahead of time on any new ones we want to build," she said.

Their living room is adorned with spider webs, skeletons, jars of potions and more spooky embellishments. This year's largest creation is an 8-foot statue they call the Gatekeeper made from burlap and PVC pipes.

"Almost everything we used we already had on hand. I found the burlap for \$5 at a garage sale so that's the only cost that went into it. The inside frame is PVC pipes that we had and then I wrapped them in chicken wire to give it the shape," she said.

She draped it in burlap, gave it a Halloween mask and a solar-powered lantern to hold. Their yard is a popular place for photos every year. They put an "electric" chair out that people can sit in, with skeletons and stockades, and people enjoy taking photos.

"Halloween's always been my favorite holiday. My mom would hand make costumes growing up and the first movie she ever took me to was 'Nightmare Before Christmas.' My son shares the love of Halloween with me," she said.

They usually have a big Halloween party, but due to the pandemic, they won't be this year.

"I'll invite family over individually throughout the month. I felt it was important this year to make our yard extra special for people to enjoy all month long since trick or treating might be different. I definitely want to let more

people know about the yard so they can bring their families over to walk around and enjoy it," she said.

Nikki and John Deardoff in Linden, said this is the normal time for them to start decorating. Right now, their yard is full of skeletons crawling out of the ground, tombstones and grim reapers. They'll add the lighting and the fog soon.

"We leave decorations up all year inside. We go out of state for haunter conventions also. Obviously, we couldn't go this year. We also do a huge set up of animatronics fog and lighting effects in our garage closer to Halloween," Nikki said.

The COVID-10 pandemic hasn't dampened their Halloween spirit.

"Halloween is our absolute favorite holiday. We have four kids that have grown up with our passion. We throw a big party every year. This year will

not be any different. We are more into the scary gory decorations. The only thing this dang pandemic changed was that we didn't get to go to any conventions this year, but we have already hit a haunted house," she said.

Heather Croney decorated their house Tuesday, Sept. 22. She's decorated ever since she's had kids, which is 17 years.

"I love having all of our pumpkins carved and lined up by the door. We have six total," she said.

She usually decorates around Oct. 1, but did it early this year.

"You can be silly and be someone else without judgment. This year has had so many shortfalls with being quarantined, school going online, political banter, riots, it's all been stressful. Halloween is a time to escape, have fun, be different."

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always been
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Marie Tino
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The City of Linden's Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing as part of a regular meeting agenda on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens' comments on a request for a variance from Section 154.016, (A), (6) of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance to allow a detached accessory building within the front yard (between the dwelling and Byram Lake Drive).

Petitioner: Jason Conn
Property Address: 711 Byram Lake Drive
Property Tax ID Number: 61-30-527-026
Legal Description: Lot 20 of Linden Beach Subdivision.
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This meeting will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone), due to health concerns surrounding Coronavirus/ COVID-19 under the Governor of Michigan's Executive Order 2020-154. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodations for this meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Deputy City Clerk at (810) 735-7980, or deputyclerk@lindenmi.us by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting.

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By Sharon Stone

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Obituaries

Times

Patricia “Pat” Jane (Flanigan) Parhat

1927 – 2020

Patricia “Pat” Jane (Flanigan) Parhat - age 92, of Fenton, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Visitation will be held 4 - 6 PM Thursday, October 1 and 9 - 10:30 AM Friday, October 2 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A private Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, October 2 at 11 AM. Those desiring may view Pat's service on her obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. In Lieu of Flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Genesee County or American Red Cross, please include her name when making donation so the family can be notified. Pat was born on September 27, 1927 in Flint, the daughter of Virgil Henry Flanigan and Anna Mary (Eck) Flanigan. She spent many years in the Flint and Grand Blanc area. As a young girl, Pat belonged to the Stepping Stone Club (which was similar to Girl Scouts). As a young teen she started her volunteering as a member of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. She wanted to do her part to support the war effort. Pat also was an usher at the Palace Theater in Flint. She graduated from Flint Northern High School, class of 1945. Prior to getting married, Pat worked as a long distance and mobile telephone switch board operator at Michigan Bell Telephone Company in Flint. Pat met her husband



Norman (a great dancer) at Club Mayfair in Flint where live Big Band music was played. He asked her to dance and it became a dance that lasted a lifetime! They courted, Pat and Norm fell in love, eloped and married on February 5, 1949 in Angola, IN. Pat worked with her husband, mother-in-law, and Norm's grandmother at their family owned restaurant, Nancy's Spudnut Shop on S. Dort Hwy in Flint until the restaurant was sold. Her greatest joy was working at home raising their children. When her kids were grown, she began working in retail at Grant's Department Store and then at Nicole's Women's Clothing Boutique in Grand Blanc. Pat loved volunteering at the kid's school, Lewis Elementary School of Flint where she was a member of the PTA; as a gray lady (volunteer nurse) at Flint St. Joseph Hospital, and the American Red Cross where she was a blood donor giving 188 pints (over 23 gallons)! She also volunteered for the

Humane Society of Genesee County earning the volunteer of the year award in 1996. She went to training to have their Golden Retriever, Lisa, certified as a Therapy Dog. She had a lifetime commitment to fitness her entire life. Hurley Health and Fitness put Pat's name on their wall due to her fitness commitment. Pat continued her workout at home 60 minutes a day on her treadmill until she was 89 years young. She became vegan in 1966 exclusively eating turkey, chicken, fish, leafy greens and a variety of fruits and vegetables, and high fiber foods. Pat practiced this regimen throughout her entire adult life incorporating it into her husband and children's daily diets, along with lean cuts of beef. Pat was a lifelong student, who loved reading and keeping up with current news and events. She loved flowers and gardening. The seeds of love Mom selflessly sowed throughout her lifetime will bloom forever in all that crossed her path. Surviving are son, Scott Parhat of Grand Blanc; daughter, Nancy Parhat of Fenton; brother-in-law, Martin and wife Judy Parhat of Phoenixville, PA; sister-in-law Marie (Parhat) and husband Wayne Williams of Malvern, PA; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Thank you to The Medical Team and to Fenton Lockwood and both their staffs.



William R.T. Cowan

1934 - 2020

William R.T. Cowan - age 86, of Linden, died Saturday, September 19, 2020. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, September 29, 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 at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



David Harvey celebrant. Burial immediately following at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Monday, September 28 from 4 - 8 PM and at church Tuesday from 10 AM until the time of Mass. A vigil service will be held at the funeral home Monday at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. William was born April 30, 1934 in Flint, the son of Everitt M. and Madelon E. (Teachout) Cowan. He was a 1954 graduate of Mandeville High School and attended Leelanau School for Boys. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He married Rose Ann Andry November 21, 1964 in Linden. William was employed as a Senior Marketing Consultant for Consumers Energy retiring in 1990. He

had resided in the Linden area for most of his life. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church and the Lake Fenton Sailing Club. He enjoyed sailing, golfing, ice boating, but most of all spending time with his family. He also loved animals. William won the 1948 Flint Soap Box Derby. The family wishes to extend

special thanks to the staff at Ascension at Home Hospice, especially Lizzie, Julie, Bob; Dr. Michael Zerafa, MD; and Halie Backman. Surviving are his wife, Rose Ann; children, Tammy (Albert) Gramer of Linden, Jennifer (Douglas) Bradley of Novi, William (Dawn) Cowan of Linden, and Christopher (Jennifer) Cowan of Bolingbrook, IL; grandchildren, Albert (Cortney) Gramer, Jr, Ellie (Dustin) Adams, Bethany (Patrick) Crunk, Matthew (Sarah) Gramer, Andrew Bradley, Connor Bradley, Kennedy Cowan, Paxton Cowan, Keira Cowan, and Dillon Cowan; great-grandchildren, Jack, Owen, Sophia, Genevieve, Evalyn, and Colton; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Sally DeCarie. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Obituaries

Times


Robert L. Sansam 1945 – 2020

Robert L. Sansam - age 75, died Friday, September 18, 2020 at his home in Linden. He is the loving husband of Geraldine "Geri" Sansam. Also surviving are his daughters, Susan (Doug) Ford and Robyn Kennedy; and grandchildren, Kyla, Andrew "AJ", Camryn and Olivia. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3, at 3 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. Friends may gather from 12:30 PM until the time of the service at 3 PM. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (<https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/>) or your local food pantry. We all know Bob loved to feed people whether it be farming or making a pot of soup big enough to feed an entire neighborhood. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Alissa C. Coleman

Alissa C. Coleman - age 30, died September 23, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Charles Girard McCloskey 1928 – 2020

Charles Girard McCloskey - age 92, died Thursday, September 24, 2020. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, September 28, 2020 at St. Augustine Church, 6481 Faussett Rd, Howell, with Fr. Gregg Pleiness celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery. Visitation will be held 9 AM - 11 AM Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Charles was born March 7, 1928 in Detroit, the son of Wilford and Louise (Long) McCloskey. He attended Nolan Catholic High School in Detroit and served in the U.S. Merchant Marines. Charles married Mary T. Zavicar on May 1, 1948 and she preceded him in death on June 16, 2011. Charles retired in 1975 from the Detroit Fire Department after 25 years of service. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Charles belonged to the First Friday Club of Detroit, St. Florian Society, and Retired



Police and Firefighters Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an amateur Radio Operator. Surviving are children, Diana (Tom) Plewka, Dr. Chuck (Cathy) McCloskey, Ron McCloskey, Pat (Kathy) McCloskey, Kathleen (Paul) Bristol, Michael (Cindy) McCloskey, Brian (Brenda) McCloskey; 23 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by son, Tim McCloskey. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Scott M. Holmes

Scott M. Holmes - age 55, died September 17, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com



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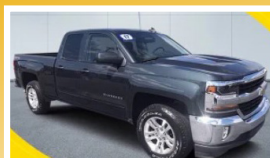
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