Shiawassee River named National Water Trail

Designation comes more than three years after original efforts began

Compiled by Hannah Ball

The Shiawassee River has been designated a National Water Trail by the U.S. National Park Service.

David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, announced the news Saturday, Oct. 24.

"We are excited to have been informed that our application, first submitted in April 2017, to the U.S.



National Park Service for consideration as a 'National Water Trail,' has finally been approved by the agency," Lossing said. "We applied for a grant from the NPS in August 2015 for technical support to begin pulling the needed data and information together for the application. We appreciate all of the support we've been given during that process, and since, to move our Water Trail forward."

The Shiawassee River Water Trail is 88 miles in length stretching See **WATER TRAIL** on 2



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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday

■Most of U.S. will gain one hour — set clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night

By Sharon Stone

Depending on how you look at it, you'll either get an extra hour of sleep or an extra hour for whatever activity you might enjoy when Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends this Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 a.m.

For any clocks that need to be manually changed, you are advised to set the time one hour earlier when you go to bed Saturday night. This will ensure that See **TIME** on 7



Colton Szmagaj, 5, of Holly, walks with his mom, Brittany Szmagaj, at the Mission Point of Holly Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 22. Approximately 200-250 children walked through to collect candy. **See story on page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball**



Generatulations Emily Gilbert of Lake Fenton (Kearsley Lake Fenton swim and dive) on setting two new by records on Thurs-

KLF varsity records on Thursday, Oct. 22. — From Holly swim and dive"



CE Thanks to everyone who helped to give the benches at

the Linden Mill Pond a fresh coat of paint. They look wonderful."



L Thank you to the two lovely young ladies who bought three veterans their breakfast at Fen-

ton Coney last Friday. It was greatly appreciated."



Road resurfacing begins Nov. 2

Motorists using N. Holly Road and Grange Hall Road intersection to see delays

By Sharon Stone

The Road Commission for OaklandCounty (RCOC) expects to begin resurfacing the Grange Hall and N. Holly roads intersection in the village of Holly on Monday, Nov. 2. The work is weather-dependent, and the start date could change.

During the work, the intersection will remain open to traffic with flaggers directing traffic. Motorists should expect delays and should seek an alternate route if possible.

The work is expected to be completed within a few days.

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WATER TRAIL

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from Holly to Chesaning, crossing through four counties in mid-Michigan. The agency's water trail program was formed to "... protect and restore America's rivers, shorelines, and waterways; conserve natural areas along waterways; and increase access to outdoor recreation on shorelines and waterways. The Trails are a distinctive and national network of exemplary water trails that are cooperatively supported and sustained."

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National Park Service's announcement of the expanded trail program: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/ 10-22-20-trump-administrationadds-1-275-miles-to-nationaltrail-system.htm

For more information about the National Water Trail program: https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ nationaltrailssystem/national-watertrails-system.htm

We appreciate all of the support we've been given during that process, and since, to move our Water Trail forward. **77** David Lossing

Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition chair

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition began meeting in the fall of 2017 and organized itself to start working toward the implementation of the plan that was submitted as part of the water trail application. To date, the Coalition, through its individual member organizations, have completed the following projects to support the Shiawassee River:

1. Created additional launch locations on the Shiawassee River

2. Worked with Terrain360 in 2019 to photograph the river in a 360-degree format. The story can be found at myfenton.com.

3. Worked with Hyfi, a company created through the University of Michigan's School of Engineering, to install 30 water sensors on the Shiawassee River to report, in real time, the depth and flow of the river. The story can be found at myfenton.com.

4. They're working with Headwaters Trails, Inc., in an ongoing project to install paddling mile markers along the river downstream of Fenton.

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition is made up of the following organizations:



HONORING

LFHS announces homecoming court

Christina Lamb and Cameron Wright are the 2020 homecoming queen and king

By Sharon Stone

Just like everything else this year, Lake Fenton High School had to change its homecoming celebration to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

On Friday, Oct. 23, homecoming representatives selected in each of the grade levels at the high school posed for photos.



Junior homecoming representatives are Mason Furey (lower left), Colton Dietrich, Samantha Slocum (lower right) and Mallory Shustock.



The Lake Fenton High School senior homecoming court is (from left) Jillian Forbush, Sydney Johnson, Kaylie Terburgh, Bailey Wilson, Queen Christina Lamb, King Cameron Wright, Mason Cook, Ty Callison, Ryan Murany and Collin Wade.



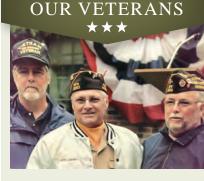
Sophomore homecoming representatives are Lucas Storm (lower left), Cole Storm (upper left), Faith Kent (lower right) and Paige Harvey (upper right).

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Sharin' the spotlight Thank you, election workers

By Editor Sharon Stone

ny Election Day can make for a long day for clerks, election inspectors and other workers, but it's apparent that the election next week will surely be a day for the record books.

For those of you who plan to vote in person Tuesday, Nov. 3, take notice of the many election inspectors working tirelessly to make your voting experience safe and quick. These workers, likely your neighbor or relative, tend to be retirees, since they can work this day

into their schedule easier than those who work full-time. They have gone through training to be working that day and this year they have the added burden of face coverings and social distancing.

My mom is an election worker for Fenton Township. She's been working elections for years and really enjoys helping and being part of the election process. Fenton Township will have nearly 40 people working at the polls at the high school and another 18 workers processing absentee ballots.

Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, said all workers must go through a COVID-19 health screening process

> before entering the buildings. Workers bring their own lunch, but the township will provide dinner. Whether the workers are at the high school or processing absentee ballots at the township hall, it will indeed be a long day.

> Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said this election has been very

busy. She has 21 election has been very plus others to sanitize and direct voters to their correct precinct. Argentine Township has 10 trained election inspectors who will work with other inspectors. Workers will be provided with doughnuts, coffee and cider in the morning, while lunch and dinner will be donated by local restaurants. COVID-19 prevents their typical potluck this year. Argentine workers will begin Election Day at 6 a.m. and work until midnight if necessary. They will be paid \$14 per hour.

The clerk said she has issued more than 2,400 absentee ballots so far and she expects Argentine to have the highest voter turnout at 80 to 90 percent.

In-person voting will be available in every jurisdiction. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

According to the Associated Press on Sunday, Oct. 25, with nine days before Election Day, more people already have cast ballots in this year's presidential election than voted early or absentee in the 2016 race as the start of in-person early voting in big states led to a surge in turnout in recent days.

For those of you voting in person Tuesday, be sure to thank the election worker as you pick up your "I voted" sticker and head back to your car and remember that their day won't end until everything is processed and counted correctly.

Sharon Stone is the editor of the Tri-County Times. To contact her, email her at sstone@tctimes. com or call her at (810) 433-6786.

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

Hotlines

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COVID-19 IS NOT a political issue, it is a health issue. Pandemics require strict measures to protect the population and reduce exposure to others. Won't you do your part to save a life?

SO I SEE the Holly Post Office has put on a second shift. We now get our mail at 8 p.m. here in Rose Township.

NOT WANTING TO be disturbed by booming speakers from your church doesn't make me anti-Christian.

MASKS HELP PREVENT the spread of COVID-19 (and the flu). They aren't 100 percent, so other measures are needed as well: physical distancing, limiting indoor exposure to non-household members, etc. Just look at how the states with good quarantine measures compare with the states that haven't taken these measures.

WHAT IN THE world is 'authentic America?'

Will you get the flu shot this year?



"Got mine, partly because I'm required to for work and also because I had influenza when I was in my early 20s and I'd rather not be that ill ever again. Fever of 105 and then pneumonia — no thanks."



Sharon Stone

"Had mine like I do every year, I listen to my doctor, not a Facebook doctor."

Bruce Makinen

Bay City



"Why would anyone? If Governor Whitless says her mandates will stop Covid, then the common flu doesn't have a chance."



"Yes, family of six, already received them last week."

streettalk



"I will not get a flu shot. I have never had the shot, nor the flu in all my life. I do not intend to begin now."

Angela Smith Fenton

Kevin E Washburn Holly Lisa Holden Fenton

Mike Hoedeman Linden

Creative DIY costumes using household finds

Get the kids involved with last minute ways to celebrate Halloween in disguise

By Vera Hogan

With Halloween this weekend, don't worry about not having a costume yet. Last minute costumes can be conjured up almost as fast as you can say hocus pocus.

Has the COVID-19 pandemic drained your "fun stuff" budget? No worries, local thrift stores like Goodwill (Fenton and Holly locations) and Community Threads of Fenton, and area resale shops, feature a wealth of items perfect for creating homemade costumes.

But first, look around your home, dig through drawers and you're sure to find some great ideas. Homemade costumes take imagination, but chances are they are the ones that come out on top in Halloween costume contests. If sewing skills are minimal, costumes can be basted, safety-pinned, glued or stapled together.

Flannel and knit pajamas can be the basis of a wide variety of costumes. They can be transformed with paints, dyes and a variety of embellishments.

White sheets can be cut into strips and bound on the body for a mummylook. They are perfect for creating ghosts, angels and many other outfits.

Colored sheets can be utilized for any number of costumes, from an orange pumpkin to a pink elephant or yellow bird.

Old lace curtains or other curtain sheers or panels can be utilized to make gowns for Halloween brides, queens





and princesses.

Scarecrows, bums, hobos and tramps are easy costumes to create.

Colorful fabric patches can be sewn on old jeans or pants. Raggedy shirts and antiquated hats of any description can be used and makeup can be literally "smeared on."

Clown outfits can be easily created from items found around the houses and the "clown paint" on the face is unlimited in creativity.

Puffy white fabric on a black shirt and pants can create a scary skeleton. Follow through with black and white face paint.

A mime can easily be created with black and white clothing and white face paint.

Create feet and paws for animal costumes with old tube socks, mittens and gloves. Glue on toenails cut from felt or paint toes and pads on the bottom.

Old prom, bridesmaids and flower girl gowns can be recycled into works of art with fabric, glue ribbons, sequins, trims, beads and feathers.

Antiquated costume jewelry becomes royal jewelry, or can be glued on old shoes to accessorize a king, queen, lord, lady or fairytale costume.

A gypsy girl costume can be created in a jiffy with a skirt, peasant blouse, colorful scarves, gold hoop earrings and an abundance of bangle bracelets and beads.

Lenses can be popped out of old

sunglasses and the rims can be decorated with glitter, rhinestones, sequins or feathers to coordinate with certain costumes.

A person can be transformed into a bunch of grapes by wearing a green shirt and tights and a hat made form green-dyed cotton. Inflated purple balloons are then attached to the tights and shirt. Leaves and curly stems can be created from green felt.

Halos can be formed with wire hangers of sturdy wire wrapped with silver foil. Old bumblebee wings can be transformed into the wings of an angel by dusting them with glitter.

Be trashy! Take a basic oversize garbage bag and cut leg holes in it and get in. Then stuff with newspaper (already read and recycled Tri-County Times issues). Tie the bag at the neck with a giant twist tie made from a hanger covered with green florist tape or green crepe paper. Tear small holes in the bag and attach some favorite garbage with fish line (virtually invisible) so it appears to be floating out of the bag.

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McLaren Flint welcomes vascular surgeon to medical staff Jennifer Baker, MD, vascular surgeon, has 5

joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Baker is seeing patients at Michigan Vascular Center, 5020 W. Bristol Rd., Flint. Baker completed her fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her residency at the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She earned her medical degree from the University of Toledo Medical College in Toledo, Ohio. Baker is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 732-1620.

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Trunk-or-Treat lets families enjoy Halloween

Event also lifts spirits of residents in nursing and rehab home

By Hannah Ball

Hundreds of children and their parents were able to celebrate Halloween early with Trunk-or-Treat at Mission Point of Holly on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The trunks were filled with skeletons, witches and, most importantly, candy. Jeff Bowen, director of marketing at Mission Point, said they wanted to give parents a safe option to let their kids enjoy Halloween during the CO-VID-19 pandemic. Approximately 200 to 250 kids came to the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center for the event.

"That was good for us. It was the first time we ever did it. Hopefully, we'll double that next year. I want it to be a big annual thing," he said. "The parents were happy. The fire truck enclosed the space. It was safe."

The Holly Village police and fire departments came out to pass out candy,



More than a dozen cars and trucks were lined up, many with decorations, to pass out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat event in Holly last week. Photo: Hannah Ball

too. Kids, and some parents, came dressed as princesses, hot dogs, movie characters and other spooky creatures. A group of "witches" performed a flash mob to the delight of onlookers.

Local businesses and organizations helped by donating candy.

"We had great community involvement. We had a lot of people who donated candy," Bowen said. "It was a good village endeavor. Everyone pitched in and helped out and it was awesome."

Participants were able to walk around the building and see the residents through the windows in the skilled nursing and rehab home.



The village of Holly police and fire departments were on scene to pass out candy to kids. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

Environmental Director Josh Bandruska said, "Our residents, right now, they can't leave, they can't get visitors so this is really for them to see all the kids. In the past, we've brought kids into our building. We've done events like this. This is great for them to walk around and see everything. And it's giving back to our community. We're in the neighborhood, and some people don't love having a business in their neighborhood. So this is giving back and trying to make that a good thing."

In the future, Bowen said they plan on hosting this event possibly before Oct. 15, and they want to make it a huge event.



A group of "witches" performed a flash mob dance at the Trunk-or-Treat event. Many onlookers took photos and videos. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



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Financial Plus Credit Union welcomes new vice president

Financial Plus Credit Union has announced that Rachelle Kippe has joined the company as the vice president of mortgage lending. In this role, she is responsible for establishing, leading and executing the strategic initiatives for mortgage lending.

"Rachelle brings extensive mortgage knowledge and experience to our organization," said Brad Bergmooser, CEO. "At Financial Plus Credit Union, she will develop and implement a comprehensive mortgage lending growth plan which includes oversight of originations,



servicing, support and sales staff, and portfolio management. She will also lead mortgage loan production while working

Rachelle Kippe

collaboratively with other leaders in order to meet lending objectives, manage risk, and support operations."

Kippe is connected to the community and an active participant serving on various professional associations. She is an affiliate member of East Central Association of Realtors, a member of Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association and affiliate member of Women's Council of Realtors. Since 2003, she has served on the board of Metro Community Development, Inc. a local non-profit. She is currently serving as the board chair.

Kippe said, "The work Metro Community Development does in the community is amazing including: helping homelessness as the lead organization in Genesee County for Continuum of Care, homeownership counseling and opportunities for our low/moderate income borrowers; and entrepreneurship training and access to capital for small business owners."

For information, visit myfpcu. com or call 800-748-0451.

POLICE & FIRE

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

TEEN CAUGHT BREAKING INTO KARL RICHTER CENTER

On Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a report of someone breaking into some maintenance buildings at the Karl Richter Campus. Holly officers responded and upon arrival observed a male subject on the property. The

TIME

Continued from Front Page your schedule won't be affected Sunday.

On Nov. 1, the time will change in almost all of the United States, except for Hawaii and most of Arizona. Also unaffected are the U.S. dependencies American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Marina Islands, the U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Recently, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), an organization representing sleep scientists and clinicians, called for abolishing DST. In a statement in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, they wrote, "seasonal time changes should be abolished in favor of a fixed, national, year-round standard time."

In a July 2020 survey, the AASM found that 63 percent of U.S. adults

RESURFACING

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This intersection carries approximately 28,400 vehicles daily. The work is being done by Cadillac Asphalt of Clarkston.

This work comes after members of the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC), Holly Township, the village of Holly held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 15 to mark the completion of the \$4.3 million N. Holly Road resurfacing project. The project was funded in part by a special federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant with the remainder shared by RCOC and Holly Township. person was detained and identified as a 14-year-old Holly youth. The youth had evidence on his clothing consistent with the entry and damage to the out buildings. In addition, he was carrying an item removed from one of the buildings. The buildings were checked and secured. The youth was arrested for breaking and entering and processed at Holly Police Department. Charges are being sought through the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

surveyed supported the elimination of DST. Another <u>survey from 2019</u> found that more than half of Americans typically feel tired after the clocks move forward an hour for DST.

Several U.S. states are proposing or have passed bills in favor of permanent DST. However, none have received congressional approval to abolish the time change. For this to happen, Congress first has to pass a federal law allowing states to observe DST yearround, because today's law only allows states to forgo DST.

SET CLOCKS BACK OR AHEAD?

To remember which way to set your watch, keep in mind one of these sayings: "Spring forward, fall back" or "Spring ahead, fall behind." The clocks spring ahead (equals losing one hour) in the spring when DST starts, and they fall back one hour equals gaining one hour) when DST ends in the fall.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ABSOLUTE STANDARDS FOR right and wrong don't take the circumstances of a situation into account. For instance, 'Thou shalt not kill.' If someone is shooting a rapid-fire weapon into a crowd of people, wouldn't it be justifiable to use force to stop them, even if it ended up killing them?

FOURTEEN ROBO CALLS yesterday. None were political. Make the phone companies stop this madness. Oh wait. They're making money. Do not call list is a joke.

I LOVE THE article about the Fenton soccer team's final game. Even though they lost in districts, you can clearly see they love to play and they are a true team, whether they win or lose. Amazing coaches will do that. Good job, Fenton.

THE FIRST HOT line comment that I read on Saturday's front page was someone complaining that one church was getting too much recognition for the good they were doing. I thought we were all wanting more positive news than negative. Sounds like a jealousy problem and someone who likes to complain.

OH GIVE ME a break 'ol grumpy one criticizing the whimsical designs of some people's masks. If more people did wear them, we wouldn't be where we are today. Telling people not to wear them, now that's serious.

WHY IS IT OK to count ballots two or three days after the election? Does your boss say it's OK to come in two or three hours late? It's not like everyone doesn't know there is an election this year.

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Lake Fenton grad is 2021 military engineer of year

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Dill, a 2001 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, was selected as the Military Engineer of the Year. He was selected from a competitive field of talented engineers. Capt. Gregory Vinci, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Washington commanding officer, make the announcement Oct. 14.

Dill was honored to be selected for the award and acknowledged that the accomplishment was not his alone. "Thanks and gratitude are equally appropriate to the staff at Public Works Department Washington, particularly the Production Division that executes the daily work to operate and maintain critical systems throughout (Naval Support Activity) Washington," Dill said.

With a little over two years at NAV-FAC Washington, Dill has been a successful production officer. He leads more than 80 civilian and military personnel who deliver utility engineering, facility sustainment and maintenance, and special construction services to NSAW's seven fence lines within the National Capital Region.

Dill, a graduate of U.S. Naval Academy and Florida Atlantic University with degrees in electrical and ocean engineering, became an engineer because he's always been interested in solving problems, building things, and understanding the fundamentals of how systems work.

"I wanted to be a pilot, but I also wanted to know how science, math, and their application come together to make a system work, such as an aircraft," Dill said. "Becoming an engineer was a natural choice. Whether I was assigned to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, NAVFAC, or NAVSEA, I've had the pleasure to work with talented

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HOW COME WHEN I do the 25 mph speed limit in Linden I get tailgated, flipped off and beeped at? When is the last time Linden police gave a speeding ticket out instead of a warning?

RECEIVED ABSENTEE BALLOTS for me and the family. Noticed metered



Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Dill

people operating and constructing base infrastructure, develop weapons and intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance (ISR) systems, and search for unexploded ordinance in places like the Baltic Sea and off the Alaskan coast."

Dill believes younger people should consider engineering as a career path. "Engineering is a great career field because it opens people to possibility," Dill said. "It provides a foundation to understand how inventions of civilization work and we can utilize all the knowledge we've acquired to continue solving interesting problems and pushing humanity forward."

Dill has been nominated to compete in the overall NAVFAC Engineer of the Year program for even further recognition. NAVFAC Washington participates in the annual National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Federal Engineer of the Year program to recognize the exceptional contributions that engineers make to the profession, to the supported commanders, and to the community.

postage was 50 cents on one and 70 cents on another. Wonder who is wasting our money.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton High School varsity football team. Loved reading about them being Metro League champs in the Times. Next stop, Ford Field. Good job to everyone involved.

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FLINT

Creepy, and local, books to read during Halloween season

incident, she annotates it and the

reader can go to the back of the book

to find the relevant headline from a

while some towns

may be small,

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Flint" is an im-

pressive mix of

ghost stories and

history. Rhoads

and Schipani

The book is a great reminder that

"Haunted

Two local, nonfiction books tell tales of tragedy and ghosts By Hannah Ball

During spooky season, which is the month of October, I like to find some creepy books to read. This year, I bought two books by local authors during Witches Night Out at Fenton's Open Book. (I got them signed, too.)

The first is "Clarkston's

Curse: One Child's Quest to Make Sense of the Tragedies in Her Hometown" by Ann Margaret Johns. The second is "Haunted Flint" by Roxanne Rhoads and Joe Schipani. I devoured both of them within hours.

"Clarkston's Curse" was unnerving to me. Between 1969 and 1982, Clarkston had more than 40 unex-

plained accidents and murders. Teenagers drowned in lakes. People were hit by cars. A mother killed two of her children. One person was involved in three motorcycle accidents.

This book was named a Gold Winner in 2018 from the Nonfiction Authors Association.

It's chilling because it's nonfiction, and Clarkston

is only about 20 minutes away. In a small community, everyone knows everyone, which makes these incidents seem heavier.

The book flows very well, and while it's a history lesson, it doesn't feel like one. Ann Margaret Johns wonderfully encapsulates the feel of small, rural town living with stories, some hilarious and some sad, about cows escaping their pens, pranks gone wrong, teen heartbreak, barn cats and more.

I'm incredibly impressed with the amount of research she put into this book. When she explains a certain



news source.

not.

Hannah Ball

CLARKSTON'S CURSE

wrote about the original Native Americans

who owned the land, to the

city's lasting automotive roots. Their intent was clear in doing this — to make the book informative, but also to show that the best ghost stories are often the ones born from actual events.

"Flint, Michigan, isn't large and it sure isn't a tourist destina-

tion, but it has an extensive history of pain, suffering, crime, hardship and ... ghost stories," reads the introduction.

The first haunted place explained is a Georgina colonial in a Flint subdivision that's referred to as Knob Hill. The first owner was George Keller, who was the mayor of Flint in

1917. Time passes, and the multiple owners after them reported mysterious things. In 1933, a woman was bludgeoned to death by her son in the house. A similar incident occurred years later.

Other haunted places include the Holiday Inn Express, which was built on a cemetery, and The Whaley House, which reportedly contains a certain eeriness and spooky happenings such as levitating tarps, moving toys, shadowy figures and more. The Motor City Ghost Hunters have caught electronic voice phenomena (EVP) in several rooms, as well as strong electromagnetic field (EMF) readings in the basement.

Several claims have been made about The Capitol Theatre being haunted. Rhoads and Schipani wrote

Rhoads and Schipani wrote about people hearing knocks and screams coming from inside the walls, echoing singing in an empty theatre and a "ghostly glowing girl" sitting on stage.

Fenton and Holly are both mentioned in the book. Another local connection is Phil Hagerman, CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy. He owns The Dryden Building, which is a popular retail destination

that is allegedly haunted. People have reported hearing footsteps when they were alone, or seeing a man walking up and down a hall. When someone tries to approach the man, he disappears.

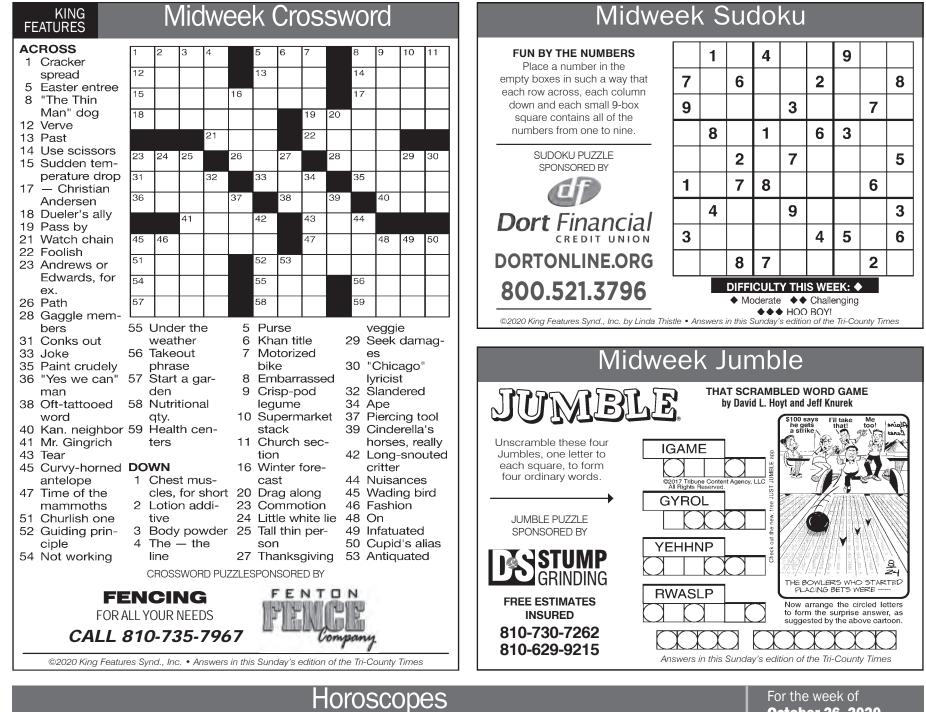


One of the most interesting haunted locations is the Sunset Hills and River Rest Cemeteries, which is home to a half dozen life-like statues that visitors sometimes mistake for actual people. Out of all the chapters, this one creeped me out the most.

I greatly enjoyed both of these books, and I urge everyone to pick up a copy if you want to read about real-life ghost stories.



MIDWEEK TIMES



ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, rest and relax now because it may be a bumpy ride over the next few days. Rely on your energy reserves to make it through. Things will calm down soon enough.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, allow friends to lavish attention on you. You deserve a little more time in the limelight because of all the hard work you have been putting in.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, by making yourself more vulnerable, you can show others how you are compassionate and in tune with your softer side. This may help create alliances.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, try a new and interesting hobby that aligns with your current interests. Don't worry if it has nothing to do with your profession. It's okay to branch out.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Make some changes to your wellness routine, Virgo. Changes could help vou feel better in vour daily life and set the course for many positive things in the future.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 It is always good knowing someone has your back, Virgo. This can be a best friend, a romantic partner, a family member, or even a colleague. It is a relief to have support.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, a pleasant routine is essential for improving your mood and outlook. It's easier to handle stressful situations when you make smart choices

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

There are many things happening around you, and it is best to focus on the positives even in the most hectic times. Immerse yourself in your favorite hobbies.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Being in tune with your feelings is a very good thing this week, Sagittarius. It can help vou focus on goals that will make you happy and avoid situations that make you upset.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

You are a natural leader who prefers overseeing projects to getting your hands dirty. But to strengthen authority, you sometimes have to handle some of the nuts and bolts.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 Now is the time to increase your income rather than the pressure on you. That means thinking outside the box in terms of additional work. Consider selfemployment.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, most of the time you like making your contributions from the background. But lately you are ready to step into the spotlight.



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LF boys cross country makes Metro League history, captures Stars Division title

By David Troppens

The Flint Metro League season didn't begin the way the Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team had hoped it would.

The Blue Devils finished in third, seemingly already putting any chances of a league crown into serious jeopardy. But since then, life has changed. The squad has a full team and the Blue Devils rebounded by winning the second Metro League Stars Division Jamboree, giving them a strong chance at winning the crown.

Recently, the Blue Devils made it a reality, capturing the squad's firstever Flint Metro League Stars Division crown with a first-place finish at the final event held at Corunna High School.

Lake Fenton won the meet with 38 points, edging out second-place Goodrich's point total of 44. That gave the Blue Devils the Stars Division season championship by a point. The Lake Fenton girls took third in the women's race, finishing third in the final standings as well. "It was little questionable coming into our season with such a young team because at the beginning I was the only runner sub 17, especially after coming in third as a team at the first jamboree," Lake Fenton senior and meet first-place boys race finisher Joey Gilbert said. "But after the second jamboree when See STARS on 15

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Sports Times



Tigers repeat as outright Metro championship winners : Lake Fenton

By David Troppens

Fenton — The road to the Flint Metro League football title has gone through Fenton all but one year since 2011.

That trend continued on Friday night. The Tigers won the second official crossover Metro League championship football game, earning a 33-21 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks at Fenton High School.

The wins established the Tigers as the No. 1 seed in the Division 2 Region 2 District 2 bracket. The Tigers open the playoffs with a home game against Walled Lake Central (0-6) Friday at 7 p.m. As long as the Tigers keep winning, they'll be the home squad in all three rounds of the district, and even longer than that into the regional event.

With Friday's game tied at 14-all entering halftime, Fenton scored the first three second-half touchdowns, helping the Tigers cruise to the victory, earning the squad its 10th Flint Metro League title under current varsity football coach Jeff Setzke. Fenton also won the first-ever Flint Metro League championship game a year ago.

"It feels really good," senior Marcus Berkey said. "We want the legacy to keep going forward for Fenton. Winning the championship definitely give us a lot of confidence moving forward."

"This is everything for us," Fenton senior Charlie Hundzinski said. "We all grew up with each other as kids. The upper and lower classmen are together. We try to bring everyone along with us. We do everything together. It's basically family for us."

"Fenton is a football town and always was," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "It was our goal when we came here to win conference championships. ... That's nine of the last 10. I'm extremely proud of our kids. We lost one of our great players last week (Logan Angel) and the kids just stepped up...I'm super proud of these kids. It's great to be back home because we've been on the road for a month."

The Tigers dominated the contest with their offense, particularly with their ground game. Berkey ran for 186 yards on 21 carries while quarterback Dylan Davidson ran for 103 yards on 22 carries resulting in the Tigers collecting 489 yards total offense. Berkey continues to have big games, scoring on TD runs of three and 56 yards. He also caught a pass for 27 yards. He made most of his runs by exploding to the outside. Davidson collected 106 rushing yards.





XC teams, Linden squads advance to regional round By David Troppens

A perfect four of four area tri-county cross country teams experienced success at the Pinckney Division 2 Preregional Saturday.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the prep cross country season couldn't have the traditional super large fields they typically have during the regional meets. The answer — there were two preregional meets a week prior to all regional events, helping limit the regional fields to about half of the teams usually competing in them.

The Lake Fenton and Linden cross country teams had to compete at Pinckney to earn one of the top-four spots in the pre-regional event, allowing each team a spot in the Linden Regional being held at Linden Middle School Saturday.

Lake Fenton's boys placed second and the Linden boys placed fourth, allowing each See **REGIONAL** on 15

Holly's Aleczander Lewis had a big game for the Bronchos in their 44-0 victory against the Clio Mustangs. Photo: **David Troppens**

Bronchos capture first win, defeat Clio 44-0 : Blue Devils

By David Troppens

To say the least, it's been a tough season for the Holly varsity football team.

The squad started the season with 38 players and is now down to about 23 players. Injuries and departures left the offensive line in tatters.

The losses piled up. Frequently, the Bronchos would play a strong half or a strong portion of the game, only to have a rash of turnovers or penalties to reverse their fortune and result in a loss. Entering its last game the Bronchos were 0-5 and found some more bad news — the team's starting quarterback was going to be out as well.

Apparently the Bronchos have gotten mentally strong through all the adversity. The Bronchos crushed the Clio Mustangs 44-0 Friday night, earning the squad its first win

of the season.

In the process the Bronchos (1-5) jumped to the fifth seed in its Division 3 region and will be travelling to fourthseeded Bay City Western (2-4) for the opening round of the playoffs. The game starts Friday at 7 p.m.

"It was a good victory," Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. "Again, credit to the kids. They keep working and getting better each week. In the past we've played one half of football and not been able to put a full four quarters together.

"I'm so proud of this team what they've been facing and how they've handled it and have had growth they had. This team's been amazing. They could've gone into Friday and said, 'Forget it, I'm done' but instead they played four quarters of football to-

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gether, played a whole game, never stopped and took a huge step forward. It was pretty exciting."

The Bronchos dominated from the start, scoring all 44 points in the first half. Backup quarterback Bryce Goings had an outstanding game and it started with a three-yard TD pass from Goings to Jacob Chereson. Goings scored the second TD on an 18-yard run and tossed a TD pass on the third. The toss was a 24-yard reception to Aleczander Lewis. Holly led 20-0 at this point.

The next score was provided by Maxwell Keurejian on a one-yard run. The first quarter's final points came on Zayne Denny's 22-yard field goal. The Bronchos led 30-0.

Holly scored two more over.

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By David Troppens

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After a 2-0 start to the season, the Lake Fenton varsity football team hasn't played a home game in its last four contests. Three of the Blue Devis' road games were against teams with • a combined record of 14-4, and all were at least .500 teams.

With the tougher foes, the results started to falter. The Blue Devils are headed into the playoffs on a four-game losing streak after losing a Metro League crossover game to Swartz Creek 62-15 Friday.

Swartz Creek scored four first-quarter touchdowns, effectively ending the chances of a Blue Devils' upset within the • first 12 minutes of the game. By the time the Blue Devils scored their first TD on a 20-yard TD times before the half was . run by Reid Shumaker, Lake Fenton trailed 35-0.

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Eagles defeat Corunna, earn top seed team's of-

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team has had a few ups and downs this 2020 season, but it's obvious the squad finished the season on a massive "up" move.

The Eagles, who were at one time 1-2 this season, won their third straight game, defeating Corunna in a tight 13-6 Metro League crossover victory Friday night at Linden High School.

The win means the Eagles (4-2) will be the No. 1 seed in the Division 3 Region 3 District 1 bracket, giving the squad a firstround bye in the seven-team tournament. The Eagles will host a semifinal game against the winner of the Holly-Bay City Western contest slated for Friday.

"We have some bumps and bruises we can take care of," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said when talking about the first-round bye. "I think I'd like to play to be honest. We've been playing well. I just hope there is not a drop off for not playing. We'll work on some things to shore up on and go from there."

The Eagles scored two first-half TDs and led 13-0 at the break. However, the

fense struggled in the second half and was unable to score again. Corunna did close the gap to 13-6 after a Jaden Herrick 13-yard TD run in the third quarter,

but that's as close as Corunna would get. The first

> score came on an Austin Jaworski fiveyard TD run. The second was a nine-yard reception to Jaworski from quarterback Gavin Wildeman.

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Fenton's Tristan Bakker was one of the Tigers' top five runners at the pre-regional meet Saturday. The team will compete at the regional meet. **Photo: David Troppens**

Fenton XC program, Holly boys headed to regional meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area will have three teams headed to the Division 1 Saginaw Heritage regional Saturday.

That's because both Fenton varsity cross country teams and the Holly varsity boys cross country squad qualified at the pre-regional held at Cummings Center on Saturday. The Holly girls also had an individual qualifier earn a spot.

The Fenton girls were the area's top performers at the event, taking second place with 56 points. Grand Blanc edged Fenton by winning the event with with 46 points. The Holly girls took seventh with 179 points.

The Fenton boys placed third at the meet with 87 points while Holly took fourth with 97 points. The top four squads in each race automatically qualified as a team. Flushing made it interesting, placing fifth with 98 points, just one less than the Bronchos. Hartland easily won the pre-regional with 35 points while Davison was in a comfortable second with 61 points.

The Fenton girls had its top five fin-

ishers within Grand Blanc's top four finishers, but Grand Blanc had three of the top eight finishers, including the top two finishers helping them earn the win.

Grand Blanc's Lola Thomas took first (18:21.61) and teammate Sophia Thomas (19:08.99) earned second. Fenton's Taylor Huntoon followed in third (19:30.99) while Holly's Andrea Ruiz qualified individually for the regional meet by taking fifth (19:50.28). The rest of Fenton's runners were Emily Grob in 11th (20:12.02), Kaitlin Bayer in 13th (20:18.64), Sophia Resa in 18th (20:42.24) and Allie Michewicz in 30th (21:31.72).

Hartland dominated the men's race, posting its entire seven runners within the top 15 positions. The winner was Hartland's Riley Hough (14:57.24). Davison had the next two runners, with Brady McArdle in second (16:07.65), and Kenny Minto in third (16:14.41). Hartland's Connor Joyce was fourth (16:14.68) followed by Fenton's Michael Crane in fifth (16:21.79). He was the Tigers' only top 15 finisher. The rest of Fenton's finishers were Nathan Katic in 16th (17:08.39), Noah Sage in 23rd (17:37.10), Tristan Bakker in 26th (17:44.90), Remington Stapp in 31st (17:48.43) and Brody Stack in 37th (18:14.99).

Holly's battle with Flushing for fourth was tight. Flushing enjoyed two top-10 finishers while Holly only had Nolan Weisdorfer in seventh place (16:36.17). Flushing also had its entire scoring five finish within the top 30 points, while Holly didn't finish scoring until 33rd place. However, Mason Rosa's 12th place effort (16:50.57), Zahary Rockafellow's 21st-place finish (17:29.78) and Grant Hoffman's 27th-place performance (17:46.10) gave Holly four finishers before Flushing's fourth. Holly's Benjamin Baxter finished in 33rd (17:53.05) earning the Bronchos the tight fourth-place finish. And he needed to finish no worse than 33rd otherwise Flushing would've won the tie between Flushing on sixth runner finish. Holly's other two runners were Jack Jackson in 50th (19:04.92) and Brandon Strickert in 52nd (19:14.48).

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Fenton's Rose Haney was one of the members of the Tigers' winning 400 freestyle relay team in Fenton's win against Owosso. **Photo: David Troppens**

Tigers crush Owosso in Metro action By David Troppens relay to a first. She teamed with So-

Fenton's Flint Metro League dominance continued Thursday in girls swimming and diving when the Tigers faced Owosso, recently.

The Tigers won all three relay events and took 10 of the 12 firsts overall, resulting in a 123-60 victory.

Three-time individual state champion Gracie Olsen won two of Fenton's individual events and helped a relay to a first. She teamed with Sophie Stefanac, Rose Haney and Halee Alexander to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:55.00) while winning the 200 freestyle (2:07.35) and the 100 breast-stroke (1:08.00) individually.

The Tigers opened the meet by winning the 200 medley relay with the team of Stefanac, Rose Haney, Alexander and Sara Saab (2:00.64). Later, See TIGERS on 15 Kevin Lewis broke 17 and Colton and Logan returned to varsity I could start to see the team doing better than what I had previously thought. After seeing our growth and success as a team these past races I can say that I am extremely proud of the team and I don't think any of us thought we would accomplish what we have thus far. I cannot wait to see how we do in this post season."

If there was an unofficial individual champion of the Metro League, it would be Gilbert. He was the only runner to finish with a sub-16-minute time in the Stars Division or the Stripes Division race, posting a time of 15:59.3. Goodrich's Gabe Trudeau was second with a time of 16:23.3.

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the 200 freestyle relay team of Abigail Dolliver, Dalaney Fries, Madeline Kazmierski and Logan Harrison also won with a time of 1:51.94.

Others to earn individual firsts were Emma Jump in diving (215.75), Alexander in the 200 individual medley (2:31.39), Saab in the 100 freestyle (1:00.05), Abigail Carrigan in the 50 freestyle (27.52) and Stefanac in the 100 backstroke (1:03.51).

Swimmers earning individual seconds were Saab in the 200 individual medley (2:33.02), Stefanac in the 100 butterfly (1:04.37), Molly Blanchard in the 100 freestyle (1:00.48) and Logan Harrison in the 500 freestyle (6:01.20).

mance Saturday, it was a beautiful day for a race and it was a perfect course to PR on," Gilbert said. "It would've been nice to see the races combined between the stars and stripes divisions for my final Flint Metro League meet and it would've been very beneficial for our underclassman to experience a bigger race. This season I've been getting caught up with going out hot the first mile with the other competitors but my second mile has really been my sweet spot and it showed on Saturday. My coach told me to go out more conservative around 5:15 and consciously tell myself to go faster which I did. My second mile being where I put a gap on Goodrich's Gabe Trudeau then kept rolling from there."

"I am very pleased with my perfor-

The Blue Devils had their top five finish within the top 15 positions, while

Holly girls swim team loses tight dual vs. Kearsley Hornets, 88-82

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls swimming and diving team had itself a thrilling Metro League battle against the Kearsley/Lake Fenton co-op squad.

The Hornets took the top two spots in the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — resulting in a 88-82 Bronchos' loss.

One of the reasons Holly had a chance to win the dual involved their first two relays. The 200 medley relay team of Katie Sanders, Lauren Costigan, Ella

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squad to qualify for the regional meet easily. In women's action, the Eagles placed second while the Lake Fenton girls placed fourth.

In men's action, Pinckney won with 36 points while second-place Lake Fenton scored 49 points. Goodrich placed third (67) with Linden taking fourth (69). Ortonville-Brandon finished a distant fifth (158), meaning both area teams easily qualifed for the Linden regional meet.

Lake Fenton had its entire top seven finish within the top 26 places, and its entire scoring five runners within the top 18 places.

Joey Gilbert was Lake Fenton's

Althaver and Gale Bullard won their race with a time of 2:09.67. Later in the meet, the 200 freestyle relay team of Lauren Costigan, Sanders, Althaver and Bullard also won (1:54.81). Holly also won two individual events and took second in five individual events as well. Althaver won the 100 individual medley (2:35.35) while Emma Coggins won the 500 freestyle (7:06.67).

Costigan had two seconds. CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM

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top individual finisher, placing fourth place in 17:06.89. Pinckney's Gavin White (16:45.63) earned first place. Teammate Kevin Miller placed fifth with a time of 17:17.79. Lake Fenton's third tunner was Nolan Pinon in 10th (17:49.41) and Colton Dietrich was 12th (17:57.51) which meant the Blue Devils trailed Pinckney by just eight points with the fifth runners still not finished. That was where Pinckney was strong, getting its last three runners to finish within the top 17. Lake Fenton's Matt Fletcher finished 18th (18:20.22), which was before Goodrich's fourth runner in the field. The last two Lake Fenton runners were Logan Whittecar in 22nd (18:56.85) and Nathan Niestroy in 26th (19:33.12).

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the top 14 positions. The difference was Lake Fenton had four of the top nine runners, with Lake Fenton's fourth runner beating Goodrich's third runner to the finish line. Kevin Lewis took sixth (16:50.9)

Goodrich had its top five finish within

while Colton Dietrich was seventh (16:59.4). Nolan Pinion placed ninth (17:15.7) and Matt Fletcher was 15th (17:59.1). The Blue Devils had their top seven finish within the top 25. Logan Whittecar placed 20th (18:16.0) and Na-than Niestroy was 25th (18:50.8).

The girls placed third in all three races, but with each event their point totals progressively lowered. The Blue Devils had 71 points compared to first-place Goodrich's 47 points and Corunna's second-place total of 63 points.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the vacation of a portion of Ellen Road pursuant to the City's authority under Section 7.6 of the City Charter. Electronic remote access is being implemented in response to COVID-19. The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting at the following link:

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 629-2261 or jkienast@cityoffenton.org at least 2 days in advance of the date of the hearing. Additional information will be posed on the City website at http://cityoffenton.org.

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