Weekend Times

51st District State Rep. keeps his seat

- Mueller wins second two-year-term

By Hannah Ball

Republican Incumbent Mike Mueller will stay in his position as the state representative for the 51st District following the results of the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

Mueller defeated Democratic challenger Brad May in a vote of 29,173 (60.10 percent) to 17,181 (35.39 percent).

This will be Mueller’s second term in this seat, which is a two-year term.

May said, “I am very proud of our effort. No one knew who I was in April. By August we had 5,000-plus supporters and we will end up with 21,784 votes. We spent $930 total against a campaign that spent around $45,000, so in the

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Fenton Township man charged

- Admits responsibility to sheriff’s office on recent larcenies

By Sharon Stone

Joel Rundell, 32, of Fenton Township, was arraigned Oct. 31 in Genesee County 67th District Court on two counts of larceny and two counts of home invasion. He is being held at the Genesee County Jail with a $15,000 bond and a State of Michigan parole hold.

According to Det. Sgt. Andrew Snyder, sheriff’s deputies, with assistance from Linden police, responded to a suspicious person call from a resident on Wood Duck Court in Fenton Township on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The complainant reported that a green Chevrolet pickup truck was seen in the area. Snyder said the driver of the truck was wanted for questioning related to recent

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Sheriff, animal groups urge residents to seek help if needed

- Organizations expect rise in animal neglect as weather cools

By Hannah Ball

Flint — Genesee County Animal Control expects to deal with more abandoned and neglected animals as the weather cools and winter approaches, and as people deal with economic issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson held a press briefing aimed to help and highlight animal rescue organizations to let residents know help is available.

He told the story of one dog, a pitbull now named Ruby, who had been chained outside for so long that the chain was embedded into the animal’s neck. Photo: Hannah Ball

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson speaks to the press about an animal neglect case in front of Genesee County Animal Control on Wednesday, Nov. 4. A dog was chained outside

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Voters decide Fenton Board of Education

- Rossmaessler and Welch win six-year terms, Pushman wins partial term

By Sharon Stone

Combining the results in Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, Emily Rossmaessler received the most votes at 4,693 and Matthew Welch had the next highest number of votes at 3,971 in the Fenton Board of Education race. Rossmaessler, 35, and Welch, 53, won the two six-year seats on the Fenton Board of Education. Five candidates sought

Linden Board of Education adds new trustee

- Four people ran for three seats

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Board of Education keeps its incumbents and added a newcomer following the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

Four people ran for three seats, and incumbents Shari Luck, who received 4,630 votes, and David Haney, who received 4,668 votes, won the most votes. Haney was appointed by board vote Sept. 14 to fill a vacant seat. This See FENTON on 9

Virtually you can enjoy our Chamber Celebration week as we recognize businesses and individuals who unselfishly give back to the community, award acceptance videos will be posted all week!

Visit fentonlindenchamber.com to register early for the Silent Auction and check back to view videos all week long!
Thankful, grateful and blessed

With the holiday season upon us, it is a wonderful time to reflect on all the positive things in our lives.

For this article, I decided to walk the halls and visit classrooms to ask staff and students to share the things that make them feel Thankful, Grateful or Blessed. I hope the responses bring a smile to your face.

“I am thankful for my family.”
“I am grateful for my family and my family includes my coworkers.”
“I am thankful when I get to build things that light up.” (preschool)
“I am blessed because God blesses everyone.”
“I am grateful for Fridays.”

“I am thankful when my new puppy licks me.” (preschool)
“I am blessed because my family is healthy.”

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing staff, students and our entire Lake Fenton Family. During this holiday season, I encourage you to take time to appreciate the little things, focus on family and friends and be sure to take care of yourself.

Julie Williams
Lake Fenton Community Schools superintendent

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What’s the funniest or your favorite thing about your pet?

“I don’t have a picture of my past dog. She loved Tootsie Rolls. Every time we hid them she would find them. We decided to put them in the highest cupboard above our stove thinking she couldn’t get that high up. Nope, she got them. We had to stop buying Tootsie Rolls.”

“One of my cats Thelma would take a ‘shortcut’ to the basement by diving down the laundry chute. We couldn’t figure out how she was doing it because the basement door was closed. One day I was walking past the chute and up pops her head! Scared the living daylights out of me. She is now 18 and still does it every now and then.”

“Our dog Duke is a chocolate lab. He doesn’t like water. Like seriously is scared of water. Baths. Kiddie pools. Lakes. Rivers. Nope. He’s scared of all bodies of water.”

“My cat will only drink water from a hanging water bottle or a dripping faucet. She would rather dehydrate than drink from a bowl. She’s 13 years old.”

“Our boxer mix enjoys being picked up and cradled. Our pug watches TV and gets angry when other animals are on.”

Norma Sue
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times’ Facebook followers

“What’s the funniest or your favorite thing about your pet?”

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Swanson wins sheriff race

Christopher Swanson, 47, of Fenton Township, is the winner of the Genesee County sheriff race.

The Democratic incumbent received 150,785 (67.34 percent) of the votes, while the challenger, Republican Stephen Sanford, 40, of Linden, received 64,718 (28.90 percent) of the votes. These results are unofficial at this time.

According to the Genesee County Clerk’s office, elections division, 62,257 residents in Genesee County voted for Swanson in person on election day. Another 88,428 voted by absentee voter ballot.

According to the county clerk, 39,490 residents in Genesee County voted for Sanford in person on election day. Another 25,228 voted by absentee voter ballot.

Swanson has served the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office for the past 27 years, working in a multitude of roles from corrections, patrol, paramedic, investigations, over a decade as undersheriff, and now as your sheriff. He has said that his focus has always been protecting the most vulnerable. Combating elder abuse, financial exploitation of seniors, animal cruelty, opioid addiction among the youth, and sex trafficking in Genesee County are top action items for him.

Sanford is a reserve police officer, and medically retired from the U.S. Army.

When only 71 percent of the precincts had reported, Swanson said he believed he is the projected winner. He said since he became sheriff, the county has seen where his heart is, which is to help all people, regardless of political party.

“I’m going to continue that mission and set the tone of a new generation in police leadership,” he said. “Great days are ahead.”

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larcenies and attempted home invasions in the Fenton Township area.

A Linden police officer observed the truck and initiated a traffic stop on the truck. Police placed the driver, identified as Rundell, under arrest.

Rundell was turned over to sheriff’s deputies. He was interviewed and Snyder said Rundell admitted responsibility for the larcenies. Rundell was observed on video surveillance committing the crimes.

A probable cause conference is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 8:30 a.m.
Voters approve millage renewal with .5 mill increase

Yes votes outpace no votes by 8,834 to 6,426

By Sharon Stone

Voters in the Holly Area Schools district passed an operating millage proposal Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The vote was 8,834 yes votes and 6,426 no votes.

This approved millage will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law for 10 years.

Superintendent Scott Roper previously said that this proposal is considered a “renewal-plus.” It renews the existing 17.9047 non-homestead millage, and increases it by .5 mills so that the school district would continue levying the maximum 18 mills required to receive its fair share of funding from Lansing.

The estimate of the revenue the school district will collect is approximately $4,323,146.

Cherry reelected treasurer

Defeats Republican challenger in Genesee County race

By Sharon Stone

Democratic Incumbent Deborah Cherry was reelected treasurer for Genesee County during the general election on Nov. 3. She defeated the Republican challenger, Deborah Hoss.

Cherry, 66, of Burton, received 124,122 (55.43 percent) votes and Hoss, 70, of Flint, received 86,527 (38.64 percent) votes.

Rose Township Board of Trustees

Voters reelect four incumbents, elect one newcomer

Scheib-Snider received 3,084 votes, while Miller received 3,086 votes and Gambka received 3,008 votes.

Glen Noble, the Republican incumbent sought reelection for trustee. Republican Patricia Wells and William McDonald Sr., who listed no party affiliation with the Oakland County Clerk’s Office, ran for the two trustee seats.

Noble and Walls won the two trustee seats with 2,619 votes and 2,668 votes, respectively. McDonald Sr. received 611 votes.

Election results are unofficial.

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By Sharon Stone

Residents in Rose Township voted for their Rose Township Board of Trustees Nov. 3.

Dianne Scheib-Snider, the Republican incumbent supervisor, Debbie Miller, the Republican incumbent clerk and Paul Gambka, the Republican incumbent treasurer ran uncontested.
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Tyrone Township elects board

Two Republican newcomers win trustee seats

By Sharon Stone

Voters in Tyrone Township cast their ballots Tuesday, Nov. 3 to decide who will serve on the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted and Treasurer Jennifer Eden ran unopposed. Six individuals sought the four trustee seats and the top four vote getters were elected.

According to the Livingston County clerk, Republicans Kurt Schulze received the most votes at 4,740 (20.04 percent). Following Schulze were David Walker at 4,721 (19.96 percent) votes, Herman Ferguson at 4,710 (19.91 percent) votes and Zachary Tucker at 4,592 (19.41 percent) votes. Election results are unofficial.

Upon hearing the election results, Walker said, “I want to thank the residents of Tyrone Township for their vote of confidence in the recent election. After being a trustee for eight years, I thoroughly enjoyed serving the community and look forward to another four years. While not always simple, I do enjoy the challenge.”

Schulze said, “I would like to thank the residents of Tyrone Township for the confidence they have placed in me as a Board trustee. I am very encouraged that the residents have shown an interest in how their local government serves them. I will continue to do my best to ensure the service they receive from Tyrone Township is efficient and reliable.”

Tucker said, “I’m thrilled that I have been selected by the voters in Tyrone Township and I thank them for their support. I’m looking forward to serving the community as a trustee. I encourage all residents to reach out to me anytime they would like to discuss Township issues. An open dialogue with the community will be a tremendous asset to me as I work to make sure that residents have a voice in their government.”

Democrats Laurie Halbritter received 2,501 (10.57 percent) votes and Greg Nastwold received 2,388 (10.10 percent) votes.

Running unopposed, Cunningham received 5,572 votes, Husted received 5,588 votes and Eden received 5,544 votes.

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Heather Rousseau, president of Saving Tails Animal Rescue (S.T.A.R.), stood with Swanson and held up a chain similar in style. The chain that was embedded in Ruby's neck caused an infection, and the dog underwent surgery to remove it. After being cared for at GCAC, she was adopted and now lives with a new family.

The sheriff showed before photos of Ruby when the chain was embedded in her neck, and photos of her recovering with her family.

"This is the kind of work that animal control does with the sheriff's office in order to find these animals," he said.

The previous owner was a 46-year-old man who, due to medical issues, entrusted the care of Ruby to a 9- and 10-year-old. The 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with animal cruelty neglect, a four-year felony. He's out on a $7,500 bond.

Employees from Adopt-A-Pet and Pet Smart of Grand Blanc also stood with Swanson by a pile of approximately 300 pounds of animal food Pet Smart donated.

Swanson said all of these groups are committed to taking care of animals if a resident can't anymore.

"What we don't want is the aftermath. What we don't want is the neglect and abuse to end up causing the life of that animal," he said. "We even saw in CO-VID, people can't afford to buy food for their animal but that doesn't give anyone the right to neglect or abuse them because our companion pets are a part of our family."

He urged residents to call GCAC, S.T.A.R. or Adopt-A-Pet if they need help. Residents can call 911 if they think animal is being neglected or abused.

"If you can't take care of somebody, can't take care of something, you always have an option, and today we're focusing on the option of how to take care of animals that you can't take care of anymore. That's where animal rescuers come in," he said.

This includes dogs, cats, farm animals and more.

Rousseau said they were excited to work with the sheriff's office, GCAC and the other organizations to put together plans that will help people help their animals.

"We're working together to put plans in place so that we can help more citizens keep their animals. We want them to be healthy and safe. If there comes a time where somebody can't care for their animals, we want to step in and help," she said. "With winter approaching, we are all scrambling and trying to help how we can by providing straw insulated houses, helping people get their dogs inside. Whatever way that we can help somebody, we are all happy to help."

She urged people to reach out to a rescue organization if they are struggling or if someone they know is struggling to care for their animal.

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two expiring six-year term seats with the Fenton Board of Education. Another candidate ran unopposed for a partial term ending Dec. 31, 2022.

Incumbent trustees Lynn Hooper, Scott Pushman and Rossmaessler sought reelection. Hopper and Rossmaessler sought the six-year term seats.

Newcomers Tonya Coffin, Jonathan Crane and Welch sought one of the two available six-year term seats.

Pushman sought the partial term.

Rossmaessler, 35, and Welch, 53, won the two six-year seats on the Fenton Board of Education.

On Wednesday, Rossmaessler said, “I am humbled and honored by the support and trust of the Fenton Area Public Schools community. I look forward to serving. We are all in this together.”

Welch said, “I am very grateful to the voters in the Fenton school district for entrusting me to this important position. I will strive to make all decisions with the best interest of the students, staff and taxpayers in mind. I am proud to serve the Fenton community in this new role.”

• Lynn Hopper - 2,708 votes
• Jonathan Crane - 1,723 votes
• Tonya Coffin - 1,709 votes

Pushman, 39, was the lone candidate for the partial term seat that expires Dec. 31, 2022. Combining Fenton Area Public Schools voters in Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, he received 7,173 votes.

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was his first time running and winning the seat.

Challenger Jarrod Montague came in third with 4,077 votes, and he will be the newest Linden Board of Education member.

“Thanks to all of you who voted for incumbents Dave Haney and Shari Luck and me for the Linden school board and the Linden school bond proposal. Your kind words of support and encouragement meant more than you know,” Montague said in a statement. “I must admit that being a part of this process was much more exciting and rewarding than I expected. I look forward to getting to work to make Linden Community Schools the safest and best place for our kids to become proud and productive members of society. Go Eagles.”

Marlene Jones came in fourth with 3,906 votes.
Proposal 20-2 approved by voters

Will require search warrants to access electronic devices

By Sharon Stone

Proposal 20-2 was approved by Michigan voters on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

By a vote of 4,457,251 (88.75 percent) “yes” votes to 771,806 (15.72 percent) “no” votes, voters across Michigan approved a constitutional amendment involving search warrants and electronic devices.

Election results are unofficial at this time.

This constitutional amendment will require a search warrant in order to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications.

This constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person’s house or seize a person’s things.

Proposal 2 would add language to the Michigan State Constitution that requires a search warrant to access electronic data or electronic communications. The ballot measure would also state that electronic data and electronic communications are secure from unreasonable searches and seizures.

Proposal 20-1 passes

Voters across Michigan overwhelmingly vote in favor of constitutional amendment

By Sharon Stone

Voters across Michigan overwhelmingly voted in favor on the statewide Proposal 20-1.

With all 83 counties reporting, 4,138,945 (84.28 percent) voters said “yes” compared with 771,806 (15.72 percent) who voted “no.”

With voters’ approval, this constitutional amendment would allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities. It also describes how money in those state funds can be spent.

This constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches $800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20 percent of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25 percent of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25 percent toward land conservation.

Linden voters approve $55-million school bond proposal

Money will enhance school security, build new athletic building, add technology and more

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Community Schools $55-million bond passed in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

The vote was 5,957 yes votes to 5,573 no votes.

The money would go to enhancing school safety and security, enhancing the instructional environment, remodeling, building a new athletic building near the Linden Middle School area, and more.

The district has approximately 3.9 mills in existing bonds. With the $55-million bond, 1 mill would be added in 2020, totaling 4.8 mills. The maximum number of years for the bond is 25 years, and the increase is estimated to raise $55 million.

Linden Board of Education President Scott Maker said, “I am extremely grateful to the voters in the district for their support passing this bond. It is a huge undertaking and the Board felt it was in the best interest of the community and our students to move forward with this proposal during the November election even with the ongoing COVID situation.

“The scope of the projects being pursued with this money will touch every building, every student, every Linden family. It will have a long-lasting effect on the district and will be beneficial to our entire community for many years to come. Starting with the strategic plan and community surveys conducted over the past several years, our administration, the Board of Education and key stakeholders identified areas that needed to be addressed to improve educational and extracurricular opportunities. When complete, this investment will provide a truly 21st century learning environment, allowing our staff to leverage the best technology and educational resources to teach our children.”

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Joe Graves replaces Denise Graves as clerk

By Hannah Ball

The Argentine Township Board of Trustee will have two new additions next year after the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

Supervisor Brian Saad was reelected with 3,135 votes, Treasurer Norm Schmidt was reelected with 3,106 votes, along with trustee incumbent Scott Conner with 2,838 votes.

Joe Graves, former State Representative and husband to current clerk Denise Graves, is the new Argentine Township clerk after he ran unopposed and won 3,128 votes.

Gwynne James is the new Argentine Township trustee, winning 2,839 votes.
Shumaker wins reelection

By Hannah Ball
Shaun Shumaker, Genesee County commissioner for the 6th District, which encompasses the tri-county area, won reelection in an uncontested race in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election. He received 20,435 votes. This will be Shumaker’s second, two-year term on the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. He is a former Fenton Township trustee.

Nakagiri wins reelection

By Sharon Stone
Wes Nakagiri, the Republican incumbent, was reelected county commissioner representing the third district of Livingston County. This is a two-year term. Election results are unofficial. Nakagiri, 61, of Hartland Township, received 9,688 (66.99 percent) votes.
His Democrat challenger, John Pallister, 56, of Tyrone Township, received 4,774 (33.01 percent) votes.

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Oakland County residents pass millage

The Oakland County Parks System includes 7,000 acres and 80 miles of trails preserving and protecting the environment. There are 13 Oakland County Parks and recreational activities throughout the County including campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, water parks, and mobile recreation units.

To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, Oakland County asked voters to approve the current millage be replaced and increased to .35 mills for 10 years from 2020 to 2029. The .35 mills is equal to 35 cents per $1,000 of taxable value. The millage will generate approximately $22,026,860 in 2020.

By Sharon Stone

Oakland County residents passed a millage replacement and increase in the Nov. 3 election. Locally, this affects tri-county area residents in Holly Village, and the townships of Holly, Rose, Groveland and Springfield.

The vote was 542,743 yes votes and 168,029 no votes. Election results are unofficial.

The millage replacement and increase will improve, operate and maintain parks, open space area, trails and recreation activities in Oakland County.

Holly Village residents vote on council

Thomas McKenney reelected president

By Sharon Stone

Holly Village President Thomas McKenney sought reelection in the Nov. 3 election. John Lauve challenged him.

Seven candidates sought three available council member seats. Incumbents Robert Allsop and Debra Musgrave sought reelection as councilmembers. Incumbent and write-in candidate Ryan John Shiel also sought reelection. Other candidates included Ryan J. Delaney, Josh Murphy, James Perkins and Cal Steele.

McKenney, 68, was reelected president with 1,379 votes. Lauve, 79, received 1,084 votes. Election results are unofficial.

McKenney said, “I’m both happy and humbled that the voters chose to re-elect me as Village president. I will continue to focus more on fixing problems than fixing blame. I will work with residents, councilmembers and staff to secure and enhance public safety, public works and parks. With those same constituencies, I will continue working to develop and redevelop improvements in the village consistent with our historic character and respectful of our lakes and the river.”

The top three vote getters for council member were Musgrave with 965 votes, Delaney with 868 votes and Perkins with 797 votes. These three will serve as council members for the next four years.

Allsop received 750 votes, Steel received 623 votes and Murphy received 616 votes.

Buster Winebrenner, 75, ran unopposed for a two-year term and received 1,650 votes.
Hoffman keeps commissioner seat

Receives more than twice the votes as challenger

By Sharon Stone

Bob Hoffman, the Republican incumbent serving as Oakland County Commissioner for the second district, was re-elected Nov. 3. He was challenged by Democrat Jim Williams. Hoffman, 69, of Highland, will serve another two-year term. He’s a business owner and farmer. He received 22,897 votes. Williams, 74, of Highland, is a retiree and artist. He received 11,152 votes. Election results are unofficial.

FRAUDULOUS UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM

On Wednesday, Oct. 28, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies received a complaint from a Fenton Township resident that someone submitted an unemployment claim in her name. This incident remains under investigation.

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“Most importantly, I want to personally thank everyone who voted for me, who voted for change, who took a risk on a social worker with zero political experience and a broken filter. I love you all for trying. And a special thank you to all the people who were directly involved in my campaign. You are proof that we can change our future,” he said.

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Audit shows HAS on strong financial footing

Holly Area Schools (HAS) has received a clean audit opinion for the fiscal year ending June 30, demonstrating its continued positive fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The audit found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the district’s financial operations.

The district’s 2020 audit, conducted by independent auditor Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants, provides a “clean opinion” that indicates a strong fund balance that provides flexibility to handle any unforeseen fluctuations or emergencies.

“Our audit found Holly Area Schools maintains consistent financial best practices that create the flexibility needed to plan for any potential emergencies that may arise in the district,” said Jennifer Watkins, auditor with Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants. “The district continues to demonstrate strong stewardship of its finances at a time of reduced state revenues to fund operations.”

When the district launched its 2019 bond projects — made possible by the generosity of the Holly community — its credit rating was increased from “A-” to “A,” and the district was named one of the 14 most fiscally improved districts by the state of Michigan.

“At Holly Area Schools, we take tremendous pride in our proven track record of fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency,” said Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent. “Our latest clean audit demonstrates our commitment to ensuring all tax dollars invested in the success of our Bronchos are spent wisely. Most importantly, the audit shows we are well-positioned to continue providing a high-quality, 21st century education that prepares all students to compete for the jobs of the future.”

Mayor, two councilors reelected

Linden City to fill vacant councilor seat

By Sharon Stone

In Linden City, voters saw a few Linden City Council members on the ballot on Nov. 3. This is a non-partisan race.

Mayor Danielle Cusson ran unopposed in the mayoral race. She was elected mayor in November 2016. On Nov. 3, she received 1,489 votes. Cusson said, “Our whole staff pitched in to help out with the new procedures. I am excited to start my third term as mayor. We continue to improve as a council and community and that work will continue. This month I will be accepting and reviewing applications for boards and commissions to make recommendations for next year.”

In the Linden Councilor races, two people were on the ballot for three spots. Incumbents Ray Culbert and Heather MacDermaid ran again for four-year terms. Culbert received 1,082 votes and MacDermaid received 1,237 votes.

The city will be in the process of filling the vacant seat.

Kullis reelected supervisor

Holly Township voters reelect Steve Ruth, elect Derek Burton as trustees

By Sharon Stone

With 100 percent of precincts reporting in Holly Township, voters reelected George Kullis, 65, as supervisor. The Republican incumbent received 3,959 votes, while his Democratic challenger, Sherlynn Everly, 65, received 2,582 votes.

The Tuesday, Nov. 3 election results are unofficial at this time.

Clerk Karin Winchester and Treasurer Mark Freeman ran unopposed.

Winchester received 4,845 votes and Freeman received 4,746 votes.

Steve Ruth sought reelection for Holly Township trustee and faced Robert Mask and Derek Burton. Burton received 3,940 votes and Ruth received 3,748 votes. Mask came in third with 2,586 votes.
Fenton Township elects new supervisor, trustee

By Hannah Ball

Vince Lorraine will be new Fenton Township supervisor in 2021

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees will have a new supervisor and new trustee.

These unofficial results are from Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk of Fenton Township.

Current Trustee Vince Lorraine won the supervisor position in an uncontested race with 7,797 votes. Clerk Robert Krug, running unopposed, was reelected with 7,824 votes.

Treasurer John Tucker was reelected with 7,745 votes, and three incumbent trustees, Mark Goupil (6,924 votes), Christine Reid (6,847 votes) and Robert Kesler (6,891 votes) were reelected.

Newcomer Kade Katrak ran for the fourth trustee position and received 3,034 votes.

Broecker said the township had an approximate 80-percent voter turnout rate.

“The turnout of almost 80 percent is the highest in the past 26 years (maybe longer),” he said.

He said the election went “very well” at the polls.

“It was extremely busy most of the morning, but the volume evened out after that. Our election workers performed exceptionally well and Clerk Krug and I were very pleased with how the day went. After all of the media coverage of potential confrontations, disruptions, etc., it was a pleasant surprise that we had zero incidents of any kind. The voters were amiable and cooperative. We even received some compliments on our polling place setup,” he said.

“I voted in person early in the morning and it was inspirational to see so many people at the polls. It is my understanding that turnout was similarly up across the country and across the political spectrum,” Katrak said. “I look forward to trying to live up to the expectations of all citizens of the Township by both learning from my more experienced soon-to-be fellow trustees and trying to bring an additional perspective to the Board.”

See Katrak’s full comments at myfenton.com.

Health department relaxes latest mandate

Contact tracing at bars and restaurants across state now recommended, not required

Compiled by Sharon Stone

One day after new contact tracing regulations were imposed on Michigan restaurants and bars, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services softened requirements for collecting customers’ names and phone numbers, according to a Nov. 3 article in bridgemi.com.

Under the new guidelines released Tuesday, Nov. 3, the state recommends — but does not require — dining establishments deny entry to customers who won’t provide contact information. The state also said it would not hold restaurants or bars responsible for patrons who provide false information, and will not require businesses to ask for proof of identification.

The clarifications were issued after the state restaurant industry expressed frustration Monday on how to interpret safety rules announced last week that were intended to slow the spread of COVID-19.
Gracie Olsen, a three-time individual state champion during her first two trips to the D2 state swim meet, will continue her swimming career at Indiana University after she finishes her time at Fenton High School.

Gracie Olsen has just started her junior season at Fenton High School, but if someone wants to make a list of greatest athletes in the institution’s history, she’s already on that short list of outstanding candidates.

She’s already won three individual Division 3 state swim championships and owns the majority of the school record times at Fenton High School.

She also did something else recently — she verbally committed to continuing her swim career at Indiana University when she graduates after the 2021-22 school year.

“It’s so exciting. It’s such a big motivation to me,” Olsen said.

“Now, I have something to really look forward to. I knew that if I didn’t make a decision now I’d still have a lot of time to do it. But with COVID I think it was smarter for me to make an early decision. I wasn’t sure if I would go to college or not,” Olsen said.

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The Metro League champions had never won one district game. We knew it was going to be tough and we put in the hard work but we just didn’t get it today.”

“We accomplished good things. We accomplished what we wanted to in our league, but we were better than (today’s performance),” Deena Maher.

This game did not show (it), which is unfortunate. I am still very proud of this team. We accomplished good things for Holly. We were just dreaming bigger and unfortunately that never came with this senior class. In the future, I hope it can, but it just hasn’t happened yet.”

The Metro League champions had

Fenton volleyball falls in four-set district match vs. Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

Grand Blanc — The Fenton varsity volleyball team gave the Davison Cardinals a pretty solid battle Tuesday night in the squad’s Division 1 district semifinal battle.

However, a slow start may have doomed the team as Davison earned a 25-8, 23-25, 25-17, 25-22 victory at Grand Blanc High School.

The Tigers were impressive at times during the match, particularly in the second set. After struggling in that opening set, the Tigers looked like a different team in the second set.

Davison jumped to an early 3-0 lead in the second set, but the Tigers quickly got back into the contest. A Korryn Smith kill cut the Davison lead to 3-2 and then a Davison hitting error tied the set at 3-all. From that point on, it was a competitive battle.

The Tigers took their first lead at 5-4 on a Davison hitting error. Davison jumped back to a 6-5 lead on an Amanda Glanton kill and a Fenton hitting error, but then the Tigers retook the lead with a block kill by Sydney Sahr and a kill by Adrie Staib. Fenton led 7-6.

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Holly’s Kennedy Hogan attacks a ball during the Bronchos’ district semifinal loss to Clarkston on Wednesday. Photo: Christopher Summers

Historic Holly volleyball season ends in district semifinals with loss to Clarkston

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Holly girls swim makes the most out of season during COVID era

By David Troppens

Holly — It was a swim season that didn’t start in a pool.

But the Holly varsity girls swim team ended it with great pride within its pool.

The Bronchos concluded their dual meet portion of their season recently, defeating the Waterford United team 132-25 at its renovated facility which includes outstanding lighting and new set of bleachers.

“Obviously, it was a super crazy season,” Holly varsity girls swim coach Jessica Drogemuller said.

“The team made the most of it and they really put in the effort and when they needed to they worked super hard. That paid off. We didn’t have as many wins in the dual season as we did last year but we’ve had more personal bests this year and we are looking forward to the league meet. We’ll see how that goes.”

The season started with practices at Karl Richter campus where, of course, there isn’t a pool. Due to COVID-19, practices couldn’t start at the high school pool.

“We were over at Karl Richter and doing dry land for two hours there every day,” Drogemuller said. “We did more cardio and ran around a lot. ... They did more push-ups than they wanted, but it was necessary. They were happy to get back in the water.”

Once in the pool, there were still some differences. There’s more social distancing than past seasons. There are masks as well. But the team has maintained its enthusiasm.

“They are all so enthusiastic and they all have so much pride in their school, their sport and each other,” Drogemuller said. “It’s a wonderful environment to be in. They are very supportive and I’m happy to be here.”

The Bronchos took 10 of the 12 first-place finishes against Waterford United. Katie Sanders and Ella Althaver provided two individual firsts and also had two relay firsts

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The Tigers didn’t keep the lead. Back-to-back kills by Davison’s Sydney Jones put Davison up 11-9, and eventually the lead grew to 14-11 with back-to-back block kills by Glanton.

Fenton fell behind by as many as 17-13 after a Fenton hitting error relatively late into the set.

But the Tigers battled back. Davison had a service error and a hitting error immediately after that, cutting the gap to 17-15. After a Fenton service error, the Tigers returned the gap to just two points with a kill by Staib. After that kill, Davison started to struggle and had four straight hitting errors giving the Tigers a 20-18 lead.

Fenton grew its lead with three straight service points by Sienna Sahr. The points were scored by a Jordyn Bommersbach kill and back-to-back aces by Sahr. Fenton led 24-20.

Davison made it a thriller down the stretch, cutting the gap to 24-23 before the Tigers won the set on a mishandled ball by the Cardinals.

Fenton’s Mallory Lehmann makes a dig in a recent contest. Photo: Christopher Summers

Fenton started strong in the fourth set as well. The Tigers took a 5-4 lead on a kill by Sydney Sahr, giving her the service. The Tigers responded by scoring three points on her service on two kills by Smith and a kill by Sienna Sahr. Fenton led 8-4. The Tigers led by as many as 10-5 after a Davison hitting error, but Davison steadily cut into that lead.

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their moments against Clarkston, and usually competed point-by-point with the Wolves of a reasonable period of each set.

Holly jumped to a 3-0 lead to start the match with Amanda Patterson and Paige Weeder collecting kills during that run. However, the Wolves’ potent offense fought back and quickly tied the set at 3-all. Holly had its final lead of the first set at 7-6 after a Clarkston hitting error, but the set remained close for awhile. The Bronchos were tied 10-10 after a kill by Weeder but Clarkston’s Paige Giehtbrock collected a kill and that set up a seven-point Wolves’ run. The Bronchos ended the run with a kill by Kennedy Hogan, but Holly trailed 17-11 by that time and Clarkston never lost control of the set, collecting 14 kills in that first game.

In the second set the Bronchos jumped to a 2-1 lead on a Mary McAninch service ace and to 4-3 on a block kill by Hogan. However, Clarkston responded with a block kill by Giehtbrock, and that started a 5-1 Clarkston run. Trailing 10-5, Holly was able to work back to a 13-13 tie with kills by Paige Weeder and Patterson helping spark that run, but Clarkston dominated the final stretch of the set, outsoring Holly 12-3 the rest of the way. Clarkston’s offense was too demanding, collecting eight kills during that stretch.

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at the meet. Individually, Sanders won the 200 freestyle (2:29.38) and the 100 breaststroke (1:32.81), while Althaver won the 50 freestyle (28.58) and the 100 backstroke (1:13.00). Both were members of the winning 400 freestyle relay with Lauren Costigan and Allison Rockafellow (4:26.04). Sanders also teamed with Gale Bullard, Julie Brantley and Costigan to win the 200 freestyle (2:02.28) while Althaver teamed with Costigan, Brantley and Bullard to win the 200 medley relay (2:17.05).

The Bronchos had four other individuals earn first-place finishes. They were Riana Kivari in the 200 individual medley (3:10.99), Megan Hollopeter in the 100 butterfly (1:24.97), Costigan in the 100 freestyle (1:01.63) and Parry Liberty in the 500 freestyle (7:56.96).

The Bronchos had four individual firsts. They were earned by Emma Coggins in the 200 freestyle (2:39.87), Brantley in the 200 individual medley (3:15.94), Bullard in the 50 freestyle (28.82) and Lily Koen in the 500 freestyle (8:20.56).

The Bronchos took each of the top three positions in four individual events. The third-place finishers in those events were Rockafellow in the 200 breaststroke (2:46.19), Eryn Bayer in the 200 individual medley (3:40.53) and in the 500 freestyle (8:22.43) and Coggins in the 500 freestyle (3:13.00).

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She was looking at many other schools, with the University of Florida being one of the other major candidates.

“For a few years I thought I’d go to the University of Florida. That’s where I thought I wanted to go,” Olsen said. “When I took an unofficial visit to Indiana, immediately it felt like home. I was so excited and I got to talk to a few of the girls on the team and they were so welcoming. Even before I made a decision they were like so welcoming. They weren’t pressuring me into anything they were like this is what I think of it. They were freshmen too so they had their own opinions.”

Indiana University is one of the elite NCAA Division 1 swim programs. The program has finished no worse than 16th at the NCAA National Championships since 2001 and has finished in the top 10 during 10 of those years, including every season starting with 2015.

It’s a program that has had many Olympians, including a two-time gold medalist in 2016, Lilly King.

“It’s going to be so crazy,” Olsen said. “They train with the pros over there. They have Lilly King and Cody Miller (a gold and bronze medalist from the 2016 Summer Olympics from the men’s team), and I think that is so cool. It’s definitely going to be a thrill. There is going to be a ton of adrenaline and I’m so excited for it.”
Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

Check the batteries, keep generators outside, check furnace

By Hannah Ball

As the weather gets colder, local fire chiefs are reminding people to check the batteries in their carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke detectors.

"It could save your life and the lives of your family."

"I will give you six good reasons to check your carbon monoxide detectors — in memory of the Quasarano Family," said Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz. "You would be surprised of the alarms we run for both carbon monoxide and smoke detectors that could be avoided with simple housekeeping."

The area community mourned the loss of the Quasarano family of six who were found dead in the Fenton Township home from carbon monoxide poisoning in February 2016. After the tragedy, the Fenton Township Fire Department launched campaigns to install new detectors in area homes and for residents to do the same.

"In the area community, moisture and smoke detectors that could be avoided with simple housekeeping."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports hundreds of deaths from carbon monoxide a year.

Volz said residents should, once a month, use a vacuum to go over the surface of the detector to keep it free of dust of dust. Change the batteries every six months.

"Some of the new detectors are sealed so you don’t have to change the battery," he said. "But most of all check the date on the detector and after 10 years replace it. These devices will save your life if properly maintained."

Fall and winter is the busy time for carbon monoxide and smoke detector calls.

"Residents are firing up their furnaces and fireplaces. You can call a service company to inspect or clean your equipment to make sure it is functioning properly as well. Remember that the high efficient furnaces vent out the side of the home and people need to keep snow cleared away from the inlet and exhaust pipes," Volz said.

"Typically, you have less than two minutes to make it out of a home after a fire starts,"

Bob Cairnduff
Fenton fire chief

"It could save your life and the lives of your family."

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said it’s especially important to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors during late fall when people start to use their furnaces and fireplaces.

"It’s recommended that a carbon monoxide detector should be placed on each level of the home just outside the sleeping areas. Replace the batteries once a year. Daylight Saving Time is a good time to remember to do this," Will said.

He recommends testing all of the detectors often throughout the year, every month is possible.

"We get CO alarm calls throughout the year, but again, late fall is when we get the most calls when residents start up their heating device, furnaces, fireplaces or temporary space heaters," he said.

Will also added, "Please stress, under no circumstances, do not operate a generator inside a garage or basement of a home."

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said it is "extremely important to make sure smoke detectors are working and that the batteries are checked twice a year and replaced annually."

He recommends using 10-year lithium batteries.

"The fires in today’s homes burn hotter and faster than ever. This is due to the type of plastic materials used to make almost everything in the home. Typically, you have less than two minutes to make it out of a home after a fire starts," he said.

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Smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced due to the buildup of dust and dirt in sensors, which makes them less effective. “Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless gas that can kill you. Having working CO alarms on each level of the home is very important,” Cairnduff said, adding that they see an uptick on these calls when the weather gets colder. “People need to understand that CO is a result of incomplete combustion. Any flame-producing appliance like a gas water heater, gas dryer, or gas furnace can have a CO issue. We typically see issues with furnaces and water heaters.”

Carbon monoxide issues can also stem from issues with ventilation, improper plumbing of ventilation pipes or blockages. “Also, people should never use a generator in a home or garage. They need ventilation and can quickly become deadly if the emissions from the generator make it into the home. They need to be used outside and away from the home,” Cairnduff said.
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### Weekend Scramble Answers

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**Answer:** When the hula dancers entertained the sailors, the sailors said — **HIP HIP HOORAY**
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David Dean

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Jacqueline “Jackie” Wolf

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George “Rookie” Adams

Ellen (Stoddard) Sorensen
Ellen (Stoddard) Sorensen - age 84, of Holly, passed away peacefully in the warmth and comfort of her home, on Tuesday morning, November 3, 2020 with her family by her side. The daughter of the late Burrell and Margaret Stoddard, Ellen was born April 30, 1936 and was a life-long resident of Holly. She met the love of her life, Harvey Sorensen, while attending Holly High School. They were married May 20, 1956 at Hadley Methodist Church in Grand Blanc and spent 64 wonderful years together filled with true devotion and commitment to one another. Ellen obtained her bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University and began her career as a substitute teacher for many schools in the area. Her love of children guided her in her passion for elementary education. She later began a career she loved, working for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department from which she eventually retired. Ellen considered her family to be her most rewarding achievement and the source of the greatest pride. She was never happier than when she was spending time with her loved ones. She was always calling her loved ones and never missed a birthday or holiday with a special note or gift. Ellen is survived by her devoted husband Harvey; her four children, Harvey, Jr. and his wife Rhonda, Brenda and her husband Lew, Jeff and his wife Anne, Kevin and his wife Heather; eight grandchildren she so dearly loved, Brody, Brittany, Van, Curran, Ian, Brent, Addie, and Max; and five beautiful great-grandchildren, Gage, Harvey, Coral, Nova and Niko. The immediate family is holding a private Celebration of Life in remembrance of the loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who gave her love unconditionally. It is the wish of the family that in lieu of flowers donations be considered to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Ellen’s memory at memorials@stjude.org. www.dryerfuneralhomelolly.com.

Lois Binge Chapman
Lois Binge Chapman - age 96, died Friday, October 30, 2020. She was born June 8, 1924, in Galva, IL. Her parents, Harold L. Binge and Adeline Curtis Binge; brother, Harold C. Binge; and sister, Marjorie Binge Lack preceded her in death. Lois graduated from Galva High School and earned a degree in vocal music from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. After teaching for a year at a private school in VA, she received vocal tutoring from a faculty member of Juillard School of Music in New York City. In 1953 she went to teach in Howard City, where she met and later married Lyle Chapman. Acquiring a Master’s Degree in education from Michigan State University in 1970, she taught elementary school music and then middle school English in Fenton until 1992. Lois’s wish, there will be no funeral service. She requested that after her cremation, her ashes be deposited in the Colorado Springs Park where daughter Martha’s ashes lie. Memorial gifts may be directed to Heartland Hospice, 6211 Taylor Drive, Flint, MI 48507, from whose staff Lois received compassionate and skillful care through her final months.

Gerald Bila

James Matejcek

Jimmy Jozwitak

Michael Slamka
Donald L. “Doc” Reed
1929 – 2020

Donald L. “Doc” Reed - age 91, of Fenton, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020. A private celebration of Life will be held on a future date. Burial will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Homes For Our Troops (hfotusa.org). Donald was born on July 2, 1929 in Jerome, the son of Norman and MayBelle (Westfall) Reed. He grew up in the Fenton area and attended Fenton High School. Donald served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He married Carolyn Jones in 1952, sadly she preceded him in death March 2019. Donald was a lifelong resident of the Fenton area and spent many winter months in Bradenton, FL. He spent 20 years as a printer at The Flint Journal and 20 years at AC Spark Plug in Flint. He is survived by his children, Donald M. (Janice) Reed, of Linden, Lori Bireta, of Davison, and Cindy (Randy) Swain of Flushing; grandchildren, Melissa (Brendan) Jonland, Michelle Reed, Brandon Swain and Shalie (Sam) VanderKolk; and great-granddaughter, Sloane Jonland. Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, his parents, three sisters and five brothers. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Bobay – age 71. It is with great sorrow that the family announces the passing of Charles Bobay. He passed Friday, October 30th. Chuck was born in Sturgis, on June 26, 1949 to Robert and Alphonsa Bobay. After completion of high school, Chuck attended and received a degree from Central Michigan University. He later continued his education and received two masters degrees from the University of Michigan in education and urban planning. He worked for 30 years as an educator for Bendle Public Schools in Burton, teaching computer science, English, and later a high school counselor. He also served the community in which he lived as a city council member and was elected Mayor of Linden, for eight years. After retiring, Chuck and his wife moved to The Villages, FL where they have resident for the last 16 years. Chuck enjoyed golfing, pickle ball, gathering with friends, playing games, and reading books. He organized golf leagues in The Villages and was active in his community. Charles is preceeded in death by his brother, Ronald Bobay. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Dawn Bobay; his daughter, Lindsey Bobay (John); grandson, Tucker Bobay; sister, Marilyn Mayes; and several nieces and nephews, Jonathan Mayes, Robbie Bobay, Todd Jared Bobay, Tarrah Cooper, and Megan Spurlock. Now that Chuck is finally at rest and hopefully at peace, our family still holds him close. We ask that all of you whose lives he has touched in a special way, also hold him close in your minds and your spirit. www.Baldwincremation.com
Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
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James Seidel
James Seidel - age 78, died November 1, 2020.

Kenneth Kreger
Kenneth Kreger - age 78, died November 4, 2020.

Jeffrey Smith
Jeffrey Smith - age 65, died November 4, 2020.

Anita Hodgeman
Anita Hodgeman - age 91, died November 5, 2020.

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