

# COVID cases rise locally, countywide

■ Health experts recommend wearing masks while in public

By Hannah Ball

Cases of COVID-19 continue to rise nationally, statewide, countywide and locally.

Genesee County now has 7,697 confirmed cases of coronavirus, 329 deaths and a fatality rate of 4.3 percent. The positivity rate is 9.1 percent. These numbers are updated by the Genesee County Health Department daily at 2 p.m. This information is from Tuesday, Nov. 10.

**Fenton Township:** 373 cases, 4.9 percent of cases in Genesee County (Fenton Township is the most populated municipality in the tri-county area.)

**City of Fenton:** 244 cases, 3.1 percent of cases in Genesee County

See **COVID** on 11



Dozens of vehicles overflowed onto Silver Parkway Tuesday, Nov. 10, as drivers and their occupants wait in line for COVID-19 testing at Ascent Urgent Care and Walk-in Clinic in Fenton. **Photo: Sharon Stone**



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## And the next president is...

■ Clerks provide stats showing who would have won had only tri-county area votes counted

By Sharon Stone and Hannah Ball

Joe Biden is projected to be the next president of the United States. Most states have called the winner in their election, however, President Donald Trump and his campaign have filed multiple lawsuits alleging voter fraud and election irregularities. Election officials don't expect these lawsuits to have an impact on the presidential election results.

As in past presidential elections, the Times requests local stats from our clerks to see how voters in this area compare with the rest of the nation.

See **PRESIDENT** on 10

## Dog days at the park



Dogs play at the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park on Monday, Nov. 9. Local residents brought their furry friends to enjoy the days of nice weather with temperatures in the 70s before colder weather sets in.

**Photo: Hannah Ball**

## City provides construction update on Shiawassee

■ Consumers Energy to take two months to replace gas main, will notify any residents affected

In August, the city of Fenton began water main update work along Shiawassee Avenue from Bent Oak to Adelaide in preparation for upcoming road resurfacing work. Several residential water service connections were relocated from an old, galvanized water main to a newer water main that runs along the north side of Shiawassee Avenue.

A new water main was installed on George Street and the project included some sewer repair work under Shiawassee.

See **SHIAWASSEE** on 11

“We should thank the Holly postal workers who deliver to Rose Township, not criticize them. Since August, they have driven extra miles and change routes due to road closures, yet they always delivered my mail, even if it was 7 p.m. Saturday. They deserve our appreciation and some time off.”

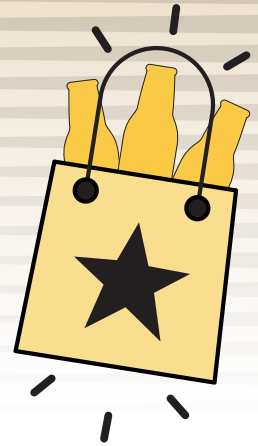
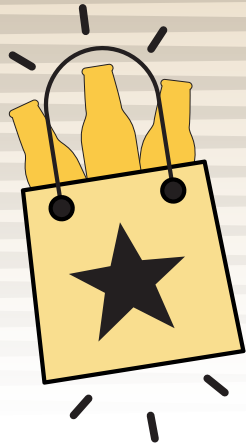
“I would like to thank the people who stopped to help me last Wednesday, Nov. 4 as I laid in the west lane of S. Holly Road, after my motorcycle and I hit that 10 point. Two surgeries to fix my elbow and ankle, and lots of rehabilitation ahead. God Bless you all.”

“A huge thank you to the anonymous patron at the Fenton Hotel last Thursday who picked up the tab for our romantic 65th anniversary dinner and to the hotel for the champagne and dessert. It was a memorable evening including a Sinatra love ballad by their talented guitarist.”

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# Checking with our buddies on Veterans Day

■ American Legion national commander pens column to give thanks to all our veterans

By National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford

Alexander Hamilton understood. "Justice and humanity forbid the abandoning to want and misery men who have spent their best years in the military service of a country or who in service had contracted infirmities which disqualify them to earn bread in other modes," the architect of America's financial system said.

The men and women who have earned the title "veteran" during modern times are a much more diverse group than the continental troops that Hamilton led during the Revolutionary war. But nonetheless, the sentiment is still valid.

The organization that I lead, The American Legion, believes no veteran should be abandoned. We believe veterans have earned the opportunity to thrive. To succeed. To live the Ameri-

can dream. In short, veterans are our nation's greatest asset.

Veterans Day, November 11, can be traced back to the 1918 armistice, which ended World War I. That great moment which was intended to usher in a new era of world peace, also occurred in the middle of a global pandemic.

The veterans of a century ago did not have a state-of-the-art health care system to respond to their wounds and ailments. They did not have a GI Bill to help them obtain higher education or home loans. They did not have veterans' preference laws to help ensure meaningful job opportunities. But they did have a brand new organization of wartime veterans known as The American Legion. It was the advocacy of this group that would help veterans achieve all of these things and much more.

Today's veterans are hurting once again. Military suicides have increased 20 percent this year. Veteran-owned

businesses have closed or struggled immensely during the pandemic-related shutdowns. Instead of returning to the warm embrace of an appreciative nation, veterans feel even more isolated as they come home to a society changed by social distancing and a healthcare system that is at times overwhelmed by the coronavirus.

Patriotic citizens often ask The American Legion about the appropriate way to honor a veteran. The simplest way is to thank one. Flying the American Flag on Veterans Day or donating to a veterans charity also are appreciated gestures. Those in a position to do so should consider hiring veterans, which not only benefits the job-seeker but is often a smart business move.

The American Legion has developed an extensive Buddy Check program, in which we encourage our members to regularly communicate with their See **COMMANDER** on 23



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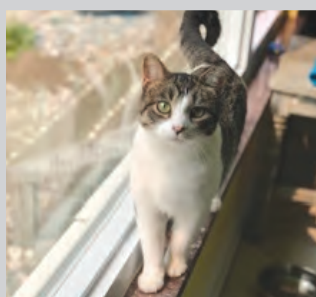


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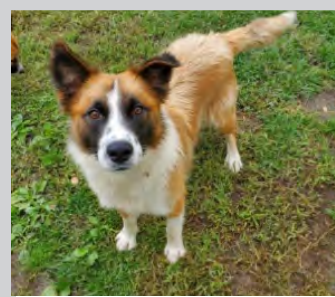
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# Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

The editorial staff at the Times worked diligently last week to gather all of the election results for the tri-county area. This involves collecting data from our local clerks, as well as from Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, along with the Secretary of State. We started watching for results when the polls closed at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3. Slowly, results started trickling in.

As the country and world keep an eye on the presidential race, we also were keeping track of local races, like the school boards, village councils, township boards, sheriffs, county commissioners and more. All of these local races have local impact.

It's so encouraging to see that none of our local clerks for Fenton City, Linden City, Fenton Township, Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, Rose Township, Holly Township and Holly Village had issues with reporting all of the election results.

As the Times has done in the past,

# Kudos to our tri-county area clerks for a job well done

we dug a bit deeper into the local results in the presidential race. We've tallied the results to see if the Republican Incumbent Donald Trump would be re-elected or if his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, would be elected if only the tri-county area voted. That story is in today's issue of the Midweek Times.

To all of our local clerks and the hundreds of election inspectors and workers they oversaw, thank you.



Sharon Stone

Many workers clocked in by 6 a.m. on Tuesday and didn't leave until midnight, or shortly afterward. I was impressed when I observed Fenton Township workers literally running from one election voting table to the next to disinfect it for the next voter. With this election so important locally and for the nation, I'm

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**AFTER AN ELECTION**, the winners stay and the losers go home. It's the American way.

**TO THE PERSON** questioning why they do not use CDC stats. If they did then they would have to give up the control and fear they present to us each and every day. They would no longer be able to tell us what to do, when to do it and if we can do it at all. It has everything to do with the control the liberals want to keep on us.

**IF BIDEN REALLY** is declared the next president after all the lawsuits are resolved, you do realize how much your taxes are going to go up, right? Wish only the ones who voted for him had to pay more. Now, that sounds fair.

**THE FAT LADY** has not sung her song yet. How many days did it take for Al Gore to concede? He didn't concede until Dec. 13, 2000. Everyone needs to relax and let the legal votes be counted.

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

# Do you have faith in the U.S. election process? | streettalk



"It's worked up until now. Wonder why?"

Judith C Parsons  
Swartz Creek



"With what's all over Twitter, FB, Instagram? OK."

Connie Lewandowski Beebe  
Holly



"Nope."

Jason Baroni  
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"No comment."

Cathy O'Neill Muzzin  
Ann Arbor





Military veterans with electrical experience are encouraged to join Consumers Energy's new Basic Electric Lineworker Apprenticeship program. Submitted photo

## Consumers Energy seeks veterans for apprenticeships

■ **Qualified workers' starting pay is \$35 per hour after free 10-day apprenticeship**

Building on its legacy as a top workplace for veterans, Consumers Energy is recruiting military veterans with electrical experience to join its new Basic Electric Lineworker Apprenticeship program, earning \$35 per hour following 10 days of free training.

"We value the skills and strengths our country's military veterans bring to work every day," said Guy Packard, vice president of electric operations for Consumers Energy and Navy Reserve veteran. "Electric lines work is a high-demand occupation that is physically challenging and requires a high degree of mental discipline. Veterans have an excellent track record of career success at Consumers Energy."

Consumers Energy ranks highly as a workplace for veterans. The energy provider is recognized as a Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Gold-Level Employer and ranked third in Michigan in the Military Times Best for Vets Employers 2020 list.

Military veterans with documented electrical experience are encouraged to

get more information and register for the Electric Lines Boot Camp at [www.ElectricLinesBootCamp.com](http://www.ElectricLinesBootCamp.com).

Those accepted to participate will receive 10 days of free pre-apprenticeship training from Power for America, which will be followed by a four-day pass/fail assessment. Successful candidates will then begin as paid Basic Line Apprentices at Consumers Energy, earning a starting wage of \$35 per hour while completing an 11-week pass/fail climbing school.

Qualifications include honorably discharged veterans, the ability to carry up to 50 pounds of tools and gear, documented experience working with electricity, and the ability to work at heights.

All training will take place at the UWUA Power for America Training Center in Eaton County.

"We look forward to welcoming military veterans who take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to join our union's ranks and provide for their families with well-paying careers," said Craig Wright, president of the Michigan State Utility Workers Council. "Veterans often find that the skills they gained in the military are valued at Consumers Energy and embodied in their coworkers."

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## 67<sup>th</sup> District Courts to conduct hearings remotely

■ In response to surge of COVID-19 cases

By Sharon Stone

Marie Clifford, communications and brand coordinator for the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, made an announcement Monday, Nov. 9, regarding the Genesee County 67th District Court.

With the surge of COVID-19 cases in Genesee County and throughout the state, effective Tuesday, Nov. 10, the 67th District Court will be conducting all hearings via Zoom until Monday, Nov. 30.

Due to such short notice, parties appearing in-person will be given information on how to appear remotely.

The court will remain open to the public to conduct court business (i.e. payments, filings, etc.).

For more information, contact the court or visit 67thdc.com.

## An annual reminder from AAA

■ Don't veer for deer – use extra caution as firearm deer hunting season approaches

With nearly 550,000 hunters preparing to head out for the start of the firearm deer season, it is important to remember that over 43 percent of vehicle-deer crashes occur in Michigan during the months of October, November and December. In 2018, 42 percent of all vehicle-deer crashes occurred in the fall.

As reported in the police and fire report at right, a Tyrone Township man was injured when his motorcycle struck a 10-point buck on S. Holly Road, just east of the Fenton/Holly border on Nov. 4.

Last year, 12 people were killed in deer crashes. About 75 percent of the fatalities, eight, were on motorcycles. Another 1,429 people were injured in vehicle-deer crashes.

In Michigan, vehicle-deer crashes are expensive, causing at least \$130 million in damage annually.

The state has a 1.7 million-strong deer herd. Deer frequently travel in groups. If you see one deer cross the road, chances are there are more nearby.

In 2019, there were 54,254 vehicle deer crashes, up 1.5 percent from 53,464 during 2018. Oakland County had the most crashes with 1,928. The remaining top nine were Kent (1,684), Jackson (1,630), Lapeer (1,394), Ot-tawa (1,288), Sanilac (1,226), Genesee (1,212), Allegan (1,210), Calhoun (1,195), and Clinton (1,174).

### AAA OFFERS THESE FIVE FALL SAFETY TIPS:

#### Motorists

- Stay awake, alert and sober.
- Always wear a seat belt.
- Be especially alert at dawn and dusk.
- If you see one deer, slow down. Chances are there are others nearby.
- If a crash is unavoidable, don't swerve, brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, stay in your lane and bring your car to a controlled stop.

#### Motorcyclists

- Stay awake, alert and sober.
- Slow down and be alert for deer whenever you ride.
- Cover the brakes to reduce reaction time.
- Use high beam headlights and additional riding lights when possible.
- Wear protective gear at all times.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**TO THE PERSON** driving by honking at the Biden signs. Congratulations, but be careful what you ask for.

■■■  
**A HOT-LINER WHO** doesn't understand CDC statistics very well suggested that children and 70+ adults have a very small chance of death due to COVID-19. The actual death rate is 0.5 percent to 1.0 percent. The number of people hospitalized and/or suffering from long-term or permanent damage is even higher.

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**I DON'T THINK** Underoos come in my size, but I could be wrong. I'll have to look into it. Maybe I can find some with matching Looney Tunes characters.

■■■  
**YOU'LL FIND THE** missing ballots when you find Jimmy Hoffa. Just as much chance.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### 70-YEAR-OLD SUSTAINS TRAUMATIC INJURIES IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

On Saturday, Nov. 7 at 4:17 p.m., North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to a vehicle crash involving a motorcycle on Hickory Ridge Road and Demode Road in Rose Township. Upon arrival, responders found a motorcycle and two passenger cars that were involved. NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz said, a 70-year-old man from Linden was the driver of the motorcycle and he sustained severe multiple traumatic injuries. It appears that the motorcycle was struck from behind by a Chevy Equinox traveling northbound at a moderate rate of speed. The driver of the motorcycle was thrown from the bike and the motorcycle then caught fire. The third vehicle involved was traveling southbound and was struck by the Chevy Equinox as well. None of the occupants in the two passenger vehicles were injured. NOCFA transported the driver of the motorcycle to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township. The fire chief said the man's condition was unknown.

### MOTORCYCLIST INJURED AFTER HITTING 10-POINT BUCK

A 62-year-old Tyrone Township man was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries after the motorcycle he was driving struck a 10-point buck on S. Holly Road, just east of the Holly/Fenton border, near Matdell Lane. North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Chief Jeremy Lintz said NOCFA responded to this crash Nov. 4.

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# Podunk House and Museum to be upgraded

■ \$5,000 grant from Fenton Community Fund will support restoration of historical museum

The Pioneer Memorial Association of Fenton and Mundy townships has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Fenton Community Fund to support the improvement of exterior sidewalks, repair of the interior of the Podunk House and better interpretive signing of the museum artifacts.

There was a problem with interior ceiling and wallpapering of the 1830s era Podunk House and unsafe porch and sidewalk entrances to the museum.

Because of the generosity of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF), and internal funds sponsored by the William and Alberta Close Memorial, the Richard A Beardsley Memorial, and the Fenton Community

Fund, upgrading the facility and preserving the local history for future generations is possible.

## About Pioneer Memorial Association of Fenton and Mundy townships

Founded in 1969 by Clarence Miller, Harvey Swanebeck, Russell Judson and George H. Judson, the Association has sought to preserve the local history of the Fenton and Mundy townships. The second oldest home (from the 1830s) in Genesee County is the cornerstone of the Association. It was originally built in the now ghost village of Podunk near Torrey and Ray roads, moved to a site along Torrey Road in the 19th century, and then in 1969 was relocated to its current site off N. Long Lake Road in Fenton Township. It also has a museum building and a pavilion near the Lake Fenton Middle School, and has recently partnered with Fenton Township to

See **PODUNK HOUSE** on 23



(Above) The Podunk House

(Left) An historical bell is on the Podunk House property.

Submitted photos

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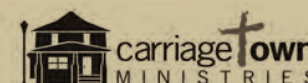
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## Fenton man injured in motorcycle crash

■ Was struck by Ford Escape  
in Deerfield Township  
Monday afternoon

By Sharon Stone

A 65-year-old Fenton man sustained non-life threatening injuries in a crash in Livingston County on Monday, Nov. 9.

At approximately 12:12 p.m., deputies from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to car versus motorcycle personal injury crash at the intersection of N. Latson and Faussett roads in Deerfield Township.

The investigation revealed that a 2017 Ford Escape, driven by a 77-year-old woman from Howell, was northbound on N. Latson Road. The Escape stopped at the stop sign at Faussett Road, did not see a westbound motorcycle on Faussett Road and proceeded into the intersection. The Escape collided with the motorcycle.

The motorcycle was a 2016 Polaris Indian Chief driven by a 65-year-old male from Fenton. He was transported by Livingston County Ambulance to Genesys Ascension Hospital in Grand Blanc Township for non-life threatening injuries. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

The driver of the Escape complained of a possible injury but refused medical treatment on scene. The driver was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash. The investigation is still ongoing and the driver could face a civil citation for failing to yield. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the crash.

Deputies were assisted by the Hartland/Deerfield Fire Authority and the Livingston County Ambulance Service.



In 2019, Linden Holiday Happening parade participants dressed as Cindy Lou Who and the Grinch. This year's events are canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. **Times file photo**

## Linden winter events canceled

■ Happening in Linden  
announces decision  
this past week

By Hannah Ball

Linden winter events have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Happening in Linden, the organization that puts them on, announced the news this past week. Canceled events include Fire and Ice, and the Linden Christmas Parade and fireworks.

"The committee has thought long and hard before canceling its popular holiday parade and fireworks," said Sue Turpen, member of Happening in Linden. "The committee considered a reverse parade. The floats would be up on the roadside and onlookers would drive by. After a survey of past parade participants, it did not seem to be of great interest."

Turpen said it would be difficult for people to maintain social distancing guidelines while watching the fireworks, which are usually set off over the river while people watch from on the bridge and surrounding areas.

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be held this Friday, Nov. 13 in downtown Fenton. The public is invited to come shop and support local businesses. The event begins at 4 p.m.



# Be aware of top 10 violations

## ■ Firearm deer hunting season begins this Sunday, Nov. 15

As Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers gear up for the 2020 firearm deer season, they are expecting that this year's higher hunting license sales will mean more new and experienced hunters in the woods.

Here's a list of the 10 most common hunting violations.

### 1 – Using the wrong tag or improperly filling out a tag

Before field-dressing or moving the deer, kill tags should be filled out (including the month and date the deer was taken and the deer's gender and number of antler points) and properly placed on the deer.

### 2 – Not wearing orange

Commit to wearing hunter orange to keep yourself and others safe. Hunters are required by law to wear hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing at all times. Orange and other bright colors do not affect a deer's behavior.

### 3 – Being unfamiliar with a firearm and how it functions

Take the time to familiarize yourself with your firearm and make sure it is properly sighted and functioning before you go hunting. Being able to safely handle your firearm is an important part of being a responsible hunter.

### 4 – Committing safety zone violations

Rifle rounds travel long distances – hunters are responsible for where their bullets end up. No one may hunt with a firearm within 450 feet of an occupied structure (including buildings, dwellings, homes, residences, cabins, barns or structures used for farm operations) unless they have permission from the landowner.

### 5 – Trespassing

Respect landowner rights and posted trespassing signs. If you'll be hunting near someone else's property, contact the landowner ahead of time; don't wait until you're tracking game. Most of the time, a friendly call or visit to your neighbor will remedy the situation.



Conservation Officer Richard Cardenas listens to a successful hunter explain how he legally took his deer on opening day of the 2019 firearm season in Barry County. Submitted photo

### 6 – Staking claims to public land hunting blinds

Hunters should research and scout the land they plan to hunt — before hunting day. Tree stands used on public land must be portable and have the hunter's name, address and Michigan driver's license number or DNR sportcard number affixed in legible English that can easily be read from the ground. Hunting platforms cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws or bolts.

### 7 – Littering

Practice the "leave no trace" ethic. Whatever is brought into the woods should be taken back out. It is the responsibility of all hunters to be environmental stewards and clean up after themselves.

### 8 – Baiting/attracting deer

Know the law. Baiting and feeding are banned in the entire Lower Peninsula and portions of the Upper Peninsula, except for hunters with disabilities who meet specific requirements.

### 9 – Hunting out of hours or off-season

A hunter may legally shoot game 30 minutes before sunrise or until 30 minutes after sunset.

### 10 – Harassing hunters

Conservation officers investigate acts of hunter harassment – which is when

a person or organization intentionally sabotages another hunter's quality opportunity to take game.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

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### McLaren Flint welcomes neurosurgeon to medical staff

Idara Edem, MD, MSc, FRCSC, a board-certified neurosurgeon, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Edem is seeing patients at Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience, 4800 S. Saginaw St., Suite 1800, Flint. Edem completed her fellowship in Neurosurgical Oncology from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston, Texas. She completed her residency at Ottawa Hospital at the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She earned her medical degree from Queen's University School of Medicine in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Edem is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 732-8336.

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## PRESIDENT

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Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Kienast said the election by far exceeded their expectations. "We have wonderful residents in the city of Fenton and it certainly showed on election day," she said. "Everyone was patient, respectful, and enthusiastic. Our political choices may differ, but we are still a tight community that stood together in peace. We are so appreciative to our phenomenal election workers who helped run a successful election in the midst of a continuing pandemic."

It appears that if only the tri-county area residents had a vote in this election, our next president would be Trump. See how your area voted below.

### FENTON CITY

Source: Jennifer Kienast, clerk

Registered voters: **10,245**

Absentee voter ballots: **3,915**

People voted in person: **3,039**

Voter turnout: **68 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **2,116**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **813**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **1,517**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **2,314**

**Trump – total votes – 3,633**

**Biden – total votes – 3,127**

### TYRONE TOWNSHIP

Source: Marcella Husted, clerk

Registered voters: **9,830**

Absentee voter ballots: **4,743**

People voted in person: **3,040**

Voter turnout: **79.18 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **2,444**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **539**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **2,496**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **2,146**

**Trump – total votes – 4,940**

**Biden – total votes – 2,685**

### ROSE TOWNSHIP

Source: Debbie Miller, clerk

Registered voters: **5,373**

Absentee voter ballots: **2,294\***

People voted in person: **1,806**

Voter turnout: **76.31 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **1,479**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **296**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **1,190**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **1,065**

\*One ballot rejected. Signature didn't match.

Clerk's department spoke with individual.

**Trump – total votes – 2,669**

**Biden – total votes – 1,361**

### FENTON TOWNSHIP

Source: Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk

Number of registered voters: **14,611**

Number of Absentee Voter Ballots: **7,137**

Number of people vote in person: **4,489**

Voter turnout percentage: **79 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **3,569**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **847**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **3,507**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **3,507**

**Trump – total votes – 7,076**

**Biden – total votes – 4,354**

### LINDEN CITY

Source: Ellen Glass, clerk

Number of registered voters: **3,356**

Number of absentee voter ballots: **1,469**

Number of people voted in person: **1,125**

Voter turnout percentage: **77 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **862**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **239**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **694**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **755**

**Trump – total votes – 1,556**

**Biden – total votes – 994**

### ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Source: Denise Graves, clerk

Number of registered voters: **5,405**

Number of Absentee Voter Ballots: **2,686**

Number of people vote in person: **1,802**

Voter turnout percentage: **83 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **1,471**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **292**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **1,396**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **1,229**

**Trump – total votes – 2,867**

**Biden – total votes – 1,521**

### HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Source: Karin Winchester, clerk

Number of registered voters: **9,962**

Voter turnout percentage: **70.22 percent**

Residents who voted for Trump in person: **2,585**

Residents who voted for Biden in person: **832**

Residents who voted for Trump by AVB: **1,521**

Residents who voted for Biden by AVB: **1,916**

**Trump – total votes – 4,106**

**Biden – total votes – 2,748**

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## COVID

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**Argentine Township:** 171 cases, 2.2 percent of cases in Genesee County

**Gaines Township:** 142 cases, 1.8 percent of cases in Genesee County

**City of Linden:** 59 cases, with 0.8 percent of cases in Genesee County

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone wear a mask while in public.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services says these steps are the best to take to prevent a virus from spreading:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
4. Avoid contact with people who are sick.
5. Stay home if you are sick and contact your healthcare provider.
6. Keep at least 6 feet away from one another to the maximum extent possible.
7. Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

### WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 have had

a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

### People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

## SHIAWASSEE

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All galvanized water main in the project area has been abandoned where this phase of the project was completed in late October.

Consumers Energy will begin a gas main replacement project along Shiawassee from Rounds to Adelaide where traffic control and equipment staging started this week. Consumers Energy reports the replacement gas main will take about two months to complete and will include some residential gas

service line replacement along Shiawassee and other residential locations in the city. Consumers Energy will notify residential property owners who are affected by the gas line replacement program.

Once all underground utility upgrades are completed, Fenton City will resume the street resurfacing project that was originally planned for this fall. Shiawassee will be repaved from Bent Oak to Adelaide in spring 2021.

Project updates are posted on the city website, [www.cityoffenton.org](http://www.cityoffenton.org).

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■  
**TODAY, NOV. 5,** we had over 5,000 COVID cases in Michigan. Most of our better restaurants need reservations and they ask for a name and phone number. So what is the big deal about requiring this information if it will save even one life.

■■■  
**IN RESPONSE TO** Sunday's paper on animal cruelty. I find it very sad and disturbing to read about animal

abuse and neglect. However, I am more grieved that we put animal lives above human lives when we think abortion is okay.

■■■  
**HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS** school board — it's time to physically get into the schools and really start listening.

■■■  
**IT WOULD BE** great to see an article on COVID-19 in the area. Speak to people who have had it. Get different perspectives.

■■■

## CITY OF FENTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Fenton will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020, for the purpose of considering an application for approval of an industrial facilities exemption certificate from Niles Industrial Coatings, LLC, for property located at 201 S. Alloy Drive, Fenton, MI 48430.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Sections 3 and 3a of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, to limit the spread of COVID-19. Participants can access the hearing through the following link or via telephone:

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87463100771>  
Meeting ID: 874 6310 0771  
Dial-in: +1 (312) 626-6799 or +1 (929) 205-6099

There is no access code/password. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. All members of the Council will be participating electronically.

At the time set for public hearing, the City Council shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard on whether an application for approval of an industrial facilities exemption certificate should be granted. The public hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the application. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by submitting such comments to the City Clerk by email or by calling, at [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org) or (810) 629-2261.

The application and related documents are available for public inspection at the office of the Fenton City Clerk, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, during normal business hours. Persons with disabilities needing accommodation for effective participation should contact the City Clerk at [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org) or (810) 629-2261, at least forty-eight hours in advance of the public hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, technological, or other assistance.

Additional Electronic and Telephonic Instructions on how to connect will be posted on the City website at <http://cityoffenton.org/>. If you are unable to access the electronic hearing, please contact the City Clerk at [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org) or (810) 629-2261.

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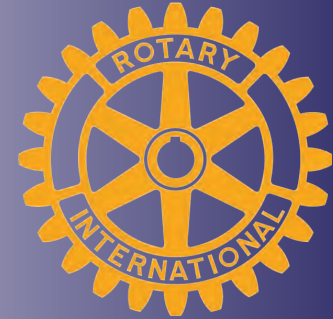
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## A History of Veterans Day

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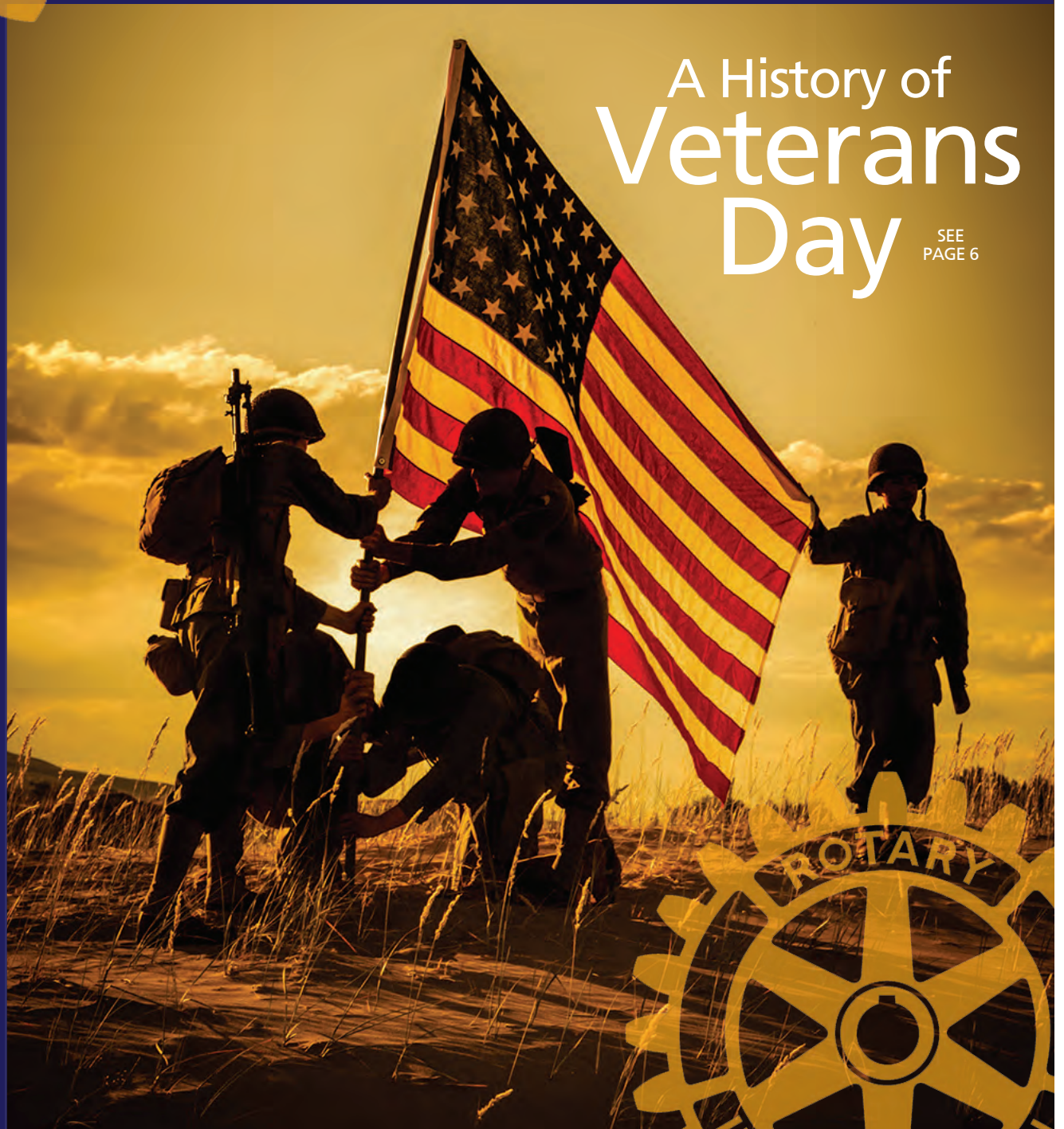
- **We see differently:** Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.
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## From the PRESIDENT

DAVID DIXNER



## What it means to be an American

What does it mean to be an American?

The immediate reaction and answer to the question is both emotional and very meaningful to explain.

My first thought is how blessed we are to be able to live in such a great country all the while being able to do so at the hands of those military personnel that have paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our daily freedoms.

My second thought, especially during these challenging times in the United States, is that we should not be taking anything for granted and appreciate all the opportunities that we have been given. I firmly believe that in order to honor our flag, we as individuals must earn our fruits of labor and protect our shores coast to coast.

Lastly and probably the best way to express my feelings of being an American, is that I am very proud to say that I will always stand for our national anthem and make sure that I will forever be grateful for all that I have been blessed with.

*David Dixner is the president of the Rotary Club of Fenton. He is the owner of Woodhaven Senior Living Community.*

## COVID-19 cancels Veterans Breakfast

■ Rotary co-chairs look forward to bigger, better event next year

For the last six years, the Fenton Rotary Club has sponsored a Veterans Breakfast event on Veterans Day at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden to honor our Veterans.

We have had wonderful keynote speakers each year, with entertainment and breakfast. This popular event has grown yearly. We are sad to announce that we will not be having it this year because of COVID-19.

We look forward to a bigger and better event next year.

Once again, thank you, Veterans, for your service.

*Noah Morgan and Scott Ward  
Rotary co-chairs for the Veterans Breakfast*

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# An interview with a local hero

■ Nick Koulchar, an Iraqi War veteran, shares his inspiring, life-changing story

By Noah Morgan

Nick Koulchar is an Iraqi War veteran. He was a U.S. Army sergeant, 3rd Platoon alpha company 40th Engineer.

**Morgan:** What was your journey?

**Koulchar:** My journey to the Army was interesting. After high school, I explored the military but my father was ill at the time so we decided to postpone enlisting. My father was sick and I began taking care of him for about four years before he passed away. After that, I really tried to take care of things and be the parent for my younger brother. I ultimately ended up losing the house and did not have a place to live so I was looking for a big change in my life. I was making small changes but wasn't really where I should have been, so at that time I decided to join the Army.

I remember the recruiter asking me how soon I wanted to leave, and I said as soon as possible. I got my affairs in order and a few days later, I was on the bus to Ft. Leonard, Missouri for boot camp and basic training.

I wanted to be an engineer, which was a 16-week basic training program. I was 24 at the time so my perspective of the drill sergeants was a little different than the 18-year-old kids training alongside of me. I distinctly remember writing down my initials on my socks, shirts, pants and boots and the drill sergeant saying to us look to the left and now look to the right, "One of you will be blown up and that's the job you decided to enter. If you are not comfortable with that you may want to leave now." Little did I know I was on both sides.

**Morgan:** After boot camp, what happened?

**Koulchar:** I and one other soldier from my unit had been chosen to join another unit in Germany. That unit we joined had just gotten back from Iraq in 2006 and 2007 when the tensions in the war were really escalating. The unit was in a big transition as new privates, E1s, like me, were just entering and some soldiers were leaving so we were awaiting our next deployment. The experienced, E3, guys with combat experience, would give the new guys all the jobs and errands no one really wanted to do so I had to earn my stripes with the more seasoned soldiers.

We spent about 10 months in Germany training for deployment to Kuwait in March 2008. We were supposed to be in Kuwait doing specific training for 45 days, however after about a week they were marched out into the desert and asked to go into Sadr City, a suburb of Baghdad, which at the time was a pretty hostile area. The local militia had taken over the area at that time, so we were going into a siege the city from Al Sadr. Everyone bootstrapped and we were ready to serve.

**Morgan:** What happened when you arrived at Sadr City?



**Koulchar:** We were replacing a unit and we needed to get familiar with the lay of the land. Our job was to look for roadside bombs and make sure the roads were clear so other units and operations could navigate their vehicles. Supplies and other units depended on our unit to do their jobs. We would sweep roads and bridges to ensure they were safe travel ways. To give you the context, the movie "American Sniper" in the third scene operating out of Sadr City, Nick's crew would clear those roadways for troops and teams like Cris Kyle's.

**Noah:** How long were you there and what happened?

**Koulchar:** So after about five or six months, on Aug. 26, 2008, the vehicle I was gunning was struck by an IED. In the front we had two vehicles that were designed to shelter the person in the vehicle in case of an explosion. I was in the third vehicle as the first gunner in a MRAP RG33, which is an armored, longer vehicle used to carry additional personnel. It was a normal night when the unexpected and worst-case scenario happened.

We got hit by an Improvised Explosive Device, aka IED, roadside bomb from the side of the vehicle. Everything was clear and calm to dark and dusty. I was still upright at the time and still holding on to my machine gun. At the time, we thought I may have a broken leg. They lost lights. The vehicle had then veered off the road and hit a wall. I remember calling in that I was injured. My squad leader could not get out of the car because the bomb came in so hot it actually welded the

door shut. I remember talking with him and telling him to crawl over me when he let me know I was seriously injured. I let go of my machine gun and fell straight back and that's when I realized it for myself. At this point, I told him to crawl over me as there is nothing he could do and I dragged myself back to the back of the vehicle where I was met by a medic from the infantry. I remember the medic was trying to put a tourniquet on my legs. He couldn't get them on and I was starting to lose feeling in my arms and hands. I told them to hurry up as I needed to get out of there. I was still conscious. My driver was critical at the time and had taken shrapnel to the head and ultimately did not make it. I was lucky we got to the closest medical station.

At the medical station, I was treated and they stopped the major bleeding. They cut all my clothes off and wrapped me in a thermal blanket. I was ultimately airlifted to another major medical clinic. I went through four major surgeries and at some point, I fell into a coma and I was in a coma for a few weeks.

**Morgan:** What happened after you woke up from your coma?

**Koulchar:** I woke up after a few weeks. Honestly, I felt like I wanted to get back to my unit. I felt like I was letting them down as I was not there. The next several months, I had several surgeries. I sustained a double above-knee amputee injury. I was at Walter Reed Hospital for about 2.5 years where I had a lot of surgeries, physical therapy and learned how I was going to get my life back. During this time, I had severe bacterial infections and I coded out nine times. I joke around that a cat has nine lives, but they call me a Panda bear as they have 12.

Since that time, I have chosen not to let the injuries I sustained define who I am as a person. I have dedicated a substantial portion of my time to getting back into shape. Not only for health reasons but to break down barriers of what "disabled" looks like. I have successfully competed and completed marathons to date including Boston, New York, Detroit and the Marine Corps marathons as a handcyclist. I also have taken on a role as an adaptive athlete in CrossFit and as a public speaker, sharing my story and providing inspiration for others. I have a powerlifting background and I won the 1998 USAPL Junior National Powerlifting Championship at 15 in the 242-pound division.

I currently work full time as a veteran's service officer for Livingston County.

I met my current wife through mutual friends and got married in 2013. Life has been good especially the last seven, eight years. I had my first child, Finnegan, in 2016 and my second son, Crosby, in 2018.

I am now 38 and I have had my share of ups and downs, honestly, but I enjoy staying busy. A few years ago, I learned how to downhill ski on a mono ski, so I am looking forward to getting out west. I am passionate about working out with my kids and my family. We play catch and they are playing soccer. We like to travel and do things with our kids.





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## 'THE WALL'

■ A poem written  
by Vern White

"If you've never flown a sortie or walked on a patrol, lay your hands upon the panels, you can feel it in your soul.

Just close your eyes and stand there, very soon you'll see a face, a kid right out of high school in a scary far off place

He's not sure why he came here, why his country's in this fight, but a soldier follows orders and then

proves to God he's right.

They were sent to help a people who just wanted to be free, to have the basic human rights afforded you and me.

Vietnam was over years ago, but the memories never fade. We're here today to thank them for the sacrifice they made.

So tell them that you're grateful as they look down from above, tell them we're a nation that remembers them with love."

*Vern White is a 1970 graduate of Linden High School, and served in Vietnam. He is a member of the Linden VFW Post 4642.*

## Lt. Colonel Robert G. Harris, USMC (retired)

By Dennis Owocki and Scott Ward

Fenton High School graduate, Robert (Bob) G. Harris decided to pursue higher education at Michigan State. Harris was a freshman at State when the horrific attack on Pearl Harbor occurred Dec. 7, 1941.

Immediately following this infamous day, Harris and many of his classmates began the process of enlisting for military service. The recruiting office instructed Harris to return to school and wait for a service advocate to contact him. He was able to stay in school until March 9, 1942. Since Harris wished to join the U.S. Marine Corps, he was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina for basic training. While in the service, Harris was part of one small group of Marines, four company grade officers and eight highly qualified enlisted NCOs, who conceived, developed, and deployed the first version of ground directed bombing (GDB) during the Korean War. This small group stationed at the naval air missile test center, developed and built an all-weather close air support bombing system, which became a tactical unit in the Marine Corps and was an integral part of both marine and naval aviation.

Harris served 13 months in Korea utilizing this system. He was recognized on two occasions for his outstanding performance of duty. He served with distinction with the Marine Corps Development Center and the Advanced Research Project Agency in the Department of Defense. Harris finished out his military career serving at the Pentagon. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 25 years with the Marine Corps.

During his earlier years, Harris had received a B.A. (mathematics) from Michigan State and an M.S. in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. Later Harris earned a PhD from Michigan State University.

Following retirement from military service, he was the founding president of Johnson Community College in the Kansas City area. He later served as president of Middlesex County College, the largest col-



lege in the state of New Jersey. He later became president of McHenry County Community College in Illinois. Returning to his hometown in 1980, Harris established the Harris Financial Corporation, which provides investment, mortgage, and other financial services.

Harris was a founding member of the Fenton Rotary Club in 1985 and is past president of that organization. Harris married his high school sweetheart, Marie Durant, during World War II and together they had two children, Robert and Patricia.

Son Robert also served as a Marine Corps officer, and after leaving the Corps, the younger Harris became an FBI agent for 19 years. After leaving the FBI, Robert joined his father as a member of the Harris Financial Corporation.

At age 97, Lt. Colonel Robert G. Harris shows that he is very mentally alert and politically astute. It was an honor to interview this true American Patriot.

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# 96-year-old WWII vet shares story

## ■An interview with Bill Lindhout

By Scott Ward

The following is an interview with Bill Lindhout, a 96-year-old Navy veteran of World War II.

**Ward:** Were you drafted or did you enlist?

**Lindhout:** I wanted to join the Air Force, but struggled with the eye exam, at the age of 17. While I was attending Michigan State University, I got drafted into the Navy. I ended up as an aviation air crewman.

**Ward:** Where did you end up in the Navy?

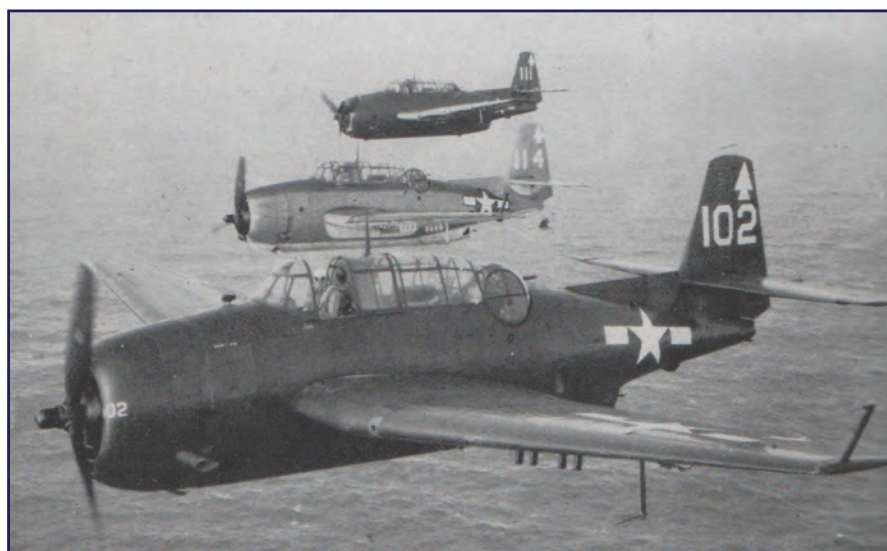
**Lindhout:** I ended up on an aircraft carrier — the USS Bennington on a torpedo bomber squadron. It was a new carrier in the Essex Class.

**Ward:** Where did the Navy take you?

**Lindhout:** The Bennington took off from New Jersey. We took a shake down crew to Trinidad and back, and then we took the big trip through the canal and out to Hawaii through the Panama Canal into Tokyo. The aircraft carrier barely fit through the canal, I remember the ship hitting the cement embankments when we went through. I will never forget that. Our first bombing mission was to hit Tokyo (it would have been the first Navy strike on Tokyo). We got clouded in, so we hit an airfield just west of Tokyo. There were 16 carriers, four groups of four. Each carrier had fighters, dive bombers and torpedo bombers. I was on a torpedo bomber.

I was a radar operator and a tail gunner, but mostly I did photography. When the Bombay doors opened up, there was a window that I looked through. I had a huge camera, a K 20, with a pistol grip that enabled me to take quick photos.

My other role was radar, which we mostly only used to return us back to the ship. I also was a tail gunner. I used a 30-caliber machine gun,



mostly used as close air support on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

**Ward:** What was that like taking off on an aircraft carrier?

**Lindhout:** Haha ... taking off wasn't so bad, it was the landing, my back is still sore! There was a cable that ran across the deck that would catch the hook off the tail of the aircraft. That was a little tricky. Many of the aircraft was stored below deck.

**Ward:** Were there many casualties in your unit?

**Lindhout:** The worst mission I was ever on was the bombing of Chichi-jima. We lost eight planes that day. That's where George Bush was shot down. Chichi-jima was so fortified, it had aircraft guns everywhere.

**Ward:** What was life like on the carrier?

**Lindhout:** Well, there were about 3,500 of us. We had 100 planes. We had a pretty soft life on our ship. I was a lucky one. Normally, the bunks were stacked three high, but because of an air condition duct above my bunk, I was just about the only person able to sit up in his bunk. I had a porthole as well. I considered myself privileged.

**Ward:** Tell me about yourself after you got out of the service.

**Lindhout:** I was discharged from Great Lakes in October of '45. I got into the University of Michigan in November '45 in the school of architecture. It was an accelerated program. We even had to go to school on New Year's Day and Thanksgiving Day. I got married two days after graduating from U of M. I was with Detroit Architect for seven years before opening my own practice, Lindhout and Associates. My family comes from four generations of architects, starting in Belgium. My son, Pete, took charge when I stepped down, but I still do work occasionally.

**Ward:** We are fortunate to have one of your partners as our fellow Rotarian, Brad Alford. We are thankful for all of your years of service to our country. We are amazed by your outlook, energy, and great sense of humor. Thanks again.





## Jim Marshall

U.S. Navy • June 1965 – May 1968 • ETR 5

I entered the Navy in June 1965, two days after high school. I had a high score on the initial testing and was sent to electronics school at Great Lakes Illinois. After school, it was on to Long Beach, California and the USS Arnold J. Isabel DD 869.

My duties on the ship were maintenance of sea and air search radar systems. In early 1967, the ship went to Vietnam and our ship's assignment took on multiple duties. At this time, we were the fastest destroyer on station and therefore spent a lot of time in plane guard duties following a carrier around Yankee Station during flight operations.

In these cases, usually two destroyers were stationed 2,000 yards off from the carrier as escorts and in case a plane had to ditch for any reason we could move to pick up the pilot if a chopper didn't reach him before we could.

There were several jets who couldn't land back on the carrier due to anti-aircraft damage to the jets during their missions. It was always alarming to watch a jet ditch close to the carrier and praying the pilot could eject and be rescued. It didn't always work out well.

Other assignments required patrol of the coast of Vietnam about 1,500 yards out at 10 knots moving 10 miles north and then returning 10 miles south to monitor enemy radar sites. Both SAM missile

sites and long-range (300 miles) radar were in play at this time. The number one concern was to alert the carriers if we detected a SAM site so that the flight operations could be diverted in another direction during flight operations. They were long and very boring hours but critical for flight operation's safety. At one point during heavy air strikes, we had three destroyers stationed along the Vietnam coast for this air support activity.

One last assignment involved shore bombardment while helicopters dropped off marines on the coast for missions inland. Two or three destroyers lined up along the coast providing fire support at the same time as jets provided air cover inland.

On one occasion, a destroyer was hit by a shore battery and had to limp back to Japan for heavy damage repair. Mines in the water were always a concern but we never encountered one. A big reminder that there was always the possibility of being hit but on the ship we were never in as much constant danger as the guys on the ground or the pilots providing air support.

Everyone had a role to play but some were more dangerous than others.

By May 1968, I was discharged and spent my 45-year working career in engineering thanks to a solid start in the U.S. Navy.



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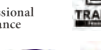
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# A HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I. This holiday is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars" marked by the

treaty of Versailles that was signed June 28, 1919. However, fighting actually ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany was signed

into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month November 18, 1918.

An Act approved May 13, 1938 made the 11th of November in each year a legal Holiday — a day to be

dedicated to the cause of world peace. As it was originally to honor WWI, but as time went on and the US fought in WWII, and American Forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd

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# Great Lakes National Cemetery

■ Second national cemetery built in Michigan, 122nd in the national cemetery system

The Great Lakes National Cemetery is approximately 50 miles northwest of downtown Detroit, in Holly Township, Oakland County. The cemetery borders Fagan Lake, and is located on a portion of a land grant from the Federal Government to Terrance Fagan in 1836.

Historically, the property served as farmland until it was acquired by the National Cemetery Administration in 2002.

In the 20th century, the property was purchased by Bryson Dexter Horton, a Spanish-American War veteran-turned-industrialist who invented the "Square D" switch. Horton's invention dramatically improved electrical safety, by encasing the switch in steel and protecting users from the live electrical current.

Horton constructed a small house on the property in 1927,

and reportedly entertained such preeminent locals as Henry and Edsel Ford, who both hunted and fished there.

Great Lakes National Cemetery was established in 2005, and the first burial took place on Oct. 17 of that year. The cemetery is 544 acres, and 92 of those acres are developed.

There are 130 National Cemeteries in the United States, and only two in Michigan. The Veterans Administration considers the Great Lakes National Cemetery among the top 10.

There is an average of 18 burials every day. Our tri-county area should be very proud to be the home of this beautiful cemetery.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony is held at 1 p.m. the Sunday before the federal holiday. The Veterans Day Ceremony is held on Veterans Day at 11 a.m. Both programs are held at the cemetery assembly area and are sponsored by the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council.

## ■ A personal story

By Dennis C. Owocki, D.D.S.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township has a very interesting Fenton connection. Bryson Dexter Horton, an 1890 Fenton High School graduate and University of Michigan engineering graduate, founded Square D company in Detroit in 1903. Horton is credited with the invention of the safety switch, which encased high voltage switches and started the company's main line of business of circuit breakers and encased control panels.

I remember seeing the Square D panels in the homes of most of my friends. In later years, Horton purchased a large farm of more than 700 acres in Holly Township and built a small house on the property. He reportedly entertained prominent people such as Henry and Edsel Ford who both hunted and fished on the property.

After Horton passed away in 1945, the property was inherited by his son, Dexter and Dexter's wife Julia.

In the 1970s, I became familiar with the property when my friend Dr. James Martin, the physician for the Hortons, invited me to go fishing with him. Very few people who were not family members were allowed to fish on this lake so it was quite a treat to be able to do so. Five-pound bass were common catches as well as large pike and perch. Tasty bluegill were another delicacy. Shortly after this time, the Hortons became patients in my dental practice.

It was a pleasure to continue fishing there with my friend, Dr. Martin, and also my two sons. We have marvelous remembrances of those years.

In addition to having great fishing, the Hortons raised Black Angus cattle. That's quite a site to see from the fishing boat. Free roaming Black Angus eating grass and alfalfa. One Black Angus was a grand champion at the Michigan State Fair. Bald eagles also were frequently present.

Upon Julia's passing, several years after Dexter died, the property was sold to the U.S. government.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery, which covers 544 acres, was established in 2005. This national treasure, which practically rests in my backyard, brings back many things positive. This will be the final resting place for me and my lovely wife, Patti. Having served three years with the U.S. Army in the 1960s and having such great experiences with many fine people here, makes it an easy decision.

## Korean War veteran reflects on service

By David Dixner

Robert Miller, residing at Woodhaven Senior Community in Flint Township, recently spoke about his two-and-a-half year experience while serving in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Miller was drafted in his early 20s in 1950. He first trained in Fort Knox, Tennessee followed by a stint in Fort Benning, Georgia before he was deployed to Germany. Miller decided to marry his blushing fiancée, Ann, just before leaving the states. Recently they celebrated their 70th anniversary.

While in deployment, Miller was a tank commander and leader of five crewmates. He spoke positively of the quality of men he served with and how they grew to be very close. The equipment they used was very dependable and they were well taken care of with provisions if requested.

When the opportunity called for a brief nap, they found the most comfortable spot within the tank and or rested under their machinery for extra protection. During brief breaks, Miller fondly remembered receiving mail from his wife and how important it was to not only him, but other servicemen as well. Mail call was often the highlight of the day.

Amongst many responsibilities, Miller oversaw his company's intramural athletics. After just celebrating his second year of war time battle, he unfortunately broke his ankle while sliding into second base during a highly contested baseball game between fellow servicemen. This was extremely hard to take as he did not want to leave his tank crew behind, but the extent of the break forced him to an early medical discharge.

Upon further reflection, Miller was very proud to serve his country. He learned a lot about himself as well as what it takes to fight through very tough situations. These life skills have assisted him during his lifetime.



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## HISTORY

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Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day

Proclamation."

Today we recognize those service members of the US Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps for serving the nation and protecting our Freedom. The veterans surviving today from WWII and all other US Military operations from that time including the Korean War, Vietnam War,

Operation Desert Storm, War in Afghanistan: the War on Terror, and the Iraq War. Our country is supported by over 1.4 million active service men and women. Veterans Day continues to celebrate the service of all U.S. Veterans, to our men and women in uniform... past, present, and future. God Bless you and thank you.



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## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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### Senate Bill 1185: Restrict epidemic-related lawsuits against medical service providers

To establish in law which, "a health care provider or facility that provides health care services in support of this state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is not liable for an injury (or) death sustained by reason of those services, regardless of how, under what circumstances, or by what cause those injuries are sustained, unless it is established that the provision of the services constituted willful misconduct, gross negligence, intentional and willful criminal misconduct, or intentional infliction of harm by the health care provider or health care facility." This liability exemption would apply only after March 9, 2020 and before July 15, 2020.

Passed 21 to 13 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**  
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**  
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **Did Not Vote**  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

### Senate Bill 910: Coronavirus epidemic response bills – minor's work permits

To authorize coronavirus epidemic-related remote application procedures in a law that restricts the hours and types of jobs that a minor may work, and that mandates minors get a "work permit" signed by school officials for many types of job.

Passed 34 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**  
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**  
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **Did Not Vote**  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

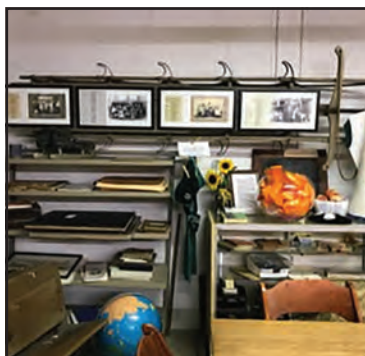
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### House Bill 5897: Preempt local fireworks bans on Juneteenth

To revise the state law on consumer fireworks to preempt local governments from banning fireworks on the day before and day of "Juneteenth" (June 18 and 19). This celebration commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought news to slaves in Texas that the Civil War had ended, and that under Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation they had been free since Jan. 1, 1863.

Passed 91 to 13 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**  
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**



The museum is filled with local artifacts. Submitted photo

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provide a park available for use by local citizens.

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### COMMANDER

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fellow veterans. We are simply telling our brothers and sisters-in-arms that we appreciate them and that we are there for them. We offer to help those in need. We listen to their concerns as comrades with a common bond.

Our Buddy Checks have resonated. Both houses of Congress are now considering bipartisan legislation, which would raise awareness about suicide prevention among veterans by promoting these peer wellness checks. It would establish a Buddy Check week and direct the secretary of Veterans Affairs to consult with nonprofit organizations, mental health experts and members of the Armed Forces to develop and implement education opportunities on conducting effective and appro-

priate checks.

So, if you're looking for another way to honor veterans this Veterans Day, you might want to contact your representative and senators. Ask them to support S. 4657 and H.R. 4290 to enact a federally backed Buddy Check program.

"Someone in your life needs to hear that they matter. That they are loved. That they have a future. Be the one to tell them," an Army veteran said this year. Unfortunately, the words were the final ones shared by Ronnie McNutt, who live-streamed his suicide on social media.

Did you catch his final plea? "Be the one to tell them."

That, more than anything else, is the best way to honor a veteran.

James W. "Bill" Oxford is national commander of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, legion.org.



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# Blue Devils place 10th at D2 state cross country meet

By David Troppens

The season started with a disappointing third-place finish at the first Metro League jamboree for the Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team.

It ended on Friday with an ultimate high 10th-place finish at the Division 2 State Cross Country Championships at Michigan International Speedway.

“We set out this summer not even knowing if we were going to have a sea-

son,” Lake Fenton varsity cross country coach Christopher Sobczak said. “Then once it was announced we could start with official practices I thought I would be shocked if we have a post season. We had a couple of runners say they didn’t want to run this year only to change their minds a month later (suddenly changing the team’s fortunes). It has been quintessential 2020.”

The Blue Devils finished a comfort-

able 10th place, with 354 team points. Grand Rapids Christian as ninth with 316 points while East Grand Rapids was 11th with 362 points. Yale wasn’t too far behind in 12th with 366 points. Lake Fenton was projected to finish well outside the top 10.

“We were super happy with their finish,” Sobczak said. They were ranked 16th going in via the hypothetical meet

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Lake Fenton’s  
Kevin Lewis

## Sports Times

# Eagles soaring to district title contest, defeat Bay City Western

By David Troppens

**Linden** — It’s been a rough last couple of years for the Linden varsity football team.

The Eagles were a team of great pride, earning 16 straight playoff seasons.

However, after a pair of 4-5 seasons, the playoffs haven’t been in the cards at Linden High School for a couple of years.

That’s changing this season. The Eagles are back in the playoffs, but are making some waves while doing so. The Eagles will be hosting a district championship playoff game against the Kearsley Hornets on Friday after defeating Bay City Western 24-13 Friday at Linden High School.

It was Linden’s defense, particularly their secondary that led the Eagles to victory. Not expecting Bay City Western to throw the ball too much, Linden saw the Warriors toss it 31 times. The first pass by Western QB Jack Fryzel resulted in a 59-yard TD reception to Zander Gall, but after that play Linden’s defense limited the passing game to just 11-of-30 passing for 132 yards. The Eagles also had an interception for a touchdown courtesy of

Brandon Green.

“We didn’t know they were going to come out passing but we adapted to it,” Linden senior Seth Schuyler said. “We made some great plays and we did well against it.”

“I think our secondary stepped up big time,” Green said. “We shut the run down and made them pass, and when they tried to pass there was nothing they could do.”

Linden’s offense was inconsistent throughout the night, but did enough to earn the victory.

Western scored on its first possession on the TD pass and looked to score again on another first-quarter possession, moving the ball to the Linden 43. On a fourth-and-5 play, they attempted a fake punt, but Linden’s Wyatt Gocha snuffed it out for a seven-yard loss. Linden wasn’t able to do much with the ball after the stop, but a nice punt by Gavin Wildeman forced Western to start its next possession inside its 10. Three plays later, the Eagles scored their first TD of the game when Green picked off a pass and returned it nine yards for the TD on the first play

of the second quarter. Carson Kelley’s extra-point kick tied the game at 7-all.

“Jaws (Austin Jaworski) set it up for me,” Green said. “He just rocked the kid and the ball landed in my lap. I just wanted to do whatever I could to get it in the end zone.”

Western had its final scoring drive of the game on its next possession, driving 75 yards on 15 plays for a TD. It came on a one-yard run on fourth down by Joseph Wideyk. However, the low extra-point kick was blocked and Linden trailed 13-7.

Linden would quickly respond, scoring a TD on its next possession. The Eagles drove 59 yards on 12 plays, scoring on a four-yard sweep to the right sideline by Jaworski. Kelley made the extra-point and the Eagles led 14-13 with 1:18 left in the half. The Eagles never trailed again.

The Eagles’ defense stopped Western on three plays on its opening possession of the second half. A poor punt gave Linden the ball at Western’s 33, setting up the Eagles’ next score.

**See EAGLES on 28**



(Above) Linden’s Brandon Green intercepts a pass and scores a touchdown after catching the ball in the Eagles’ 24-13 victory against Bay City Western. (Left) Ethan Gomez runs downfield during the contest. Linden hosts Kearsley for a district title match Friday.

Photos: Mark Bolen





Linden's Alexis Mawhinney (left) and Melanea Strauss were two of the Eagles' top runners this fall. Photo: David Troppens

# Linden girls place 13th at D2 state meet

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity cross country programs had its share of representation at the Division 2 state meet.

The Linden women had the team qualify while the Linden men had four individuals qualify. The girls spent the season under the radar statewide, not being ranked in state polls. However, when it came to competing against the top teams in the state, the Eagles placed 13th.

The Eagles' senior-based girls' team scored 350 points, one point less than 14th-place Pinckney (341) and 28 points better than 15th-place Marshall. Freeland finished 12th with 340 points.

Two seniors led the Eagles. Melanea Strauss finished 48th place with a time of 20:03.81, while fellow senior Alexis Mawhinney placed 52nd with a time of 20:07.22.

The next scoring three Linden runners were underclassmen. Junior Alyson Kelly placed 116th (21:02.11) while fellow junior Karyn Taylor placed 117th (21:02.29). The Eagles'

final team scorer was sophomore Colleen Blackwood who took 170th (21:41.89). Linden's final two competitors were seniors. Jessica Jablonski placed 185th (21:56.49) while Nicole Palmer placed 227th (22:52.11).

The Linden girls finished second in the Flint Metro League Stripes division, finishing third in both of the jamborees but finishing second at the league meet. At the pre-regional meet the Eagles finished second to Pinckney, earning one of the four spots in the regional meet. The Eagles qualified for the D2 state meet by placing second at the regional event. The squad the Eagles finished second to at both regional events, Pinckney, finished a spot below them at states.

Linden's boys came within a place of qualifying for the state meet at regionals but did have four runners qualify individually. Junior River Meckstroth was the tri-county area's top placing runner in either D2 race, taking 33rd with a time of 16:44.48.

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Linden's River Meckstroth

## DEVILS

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on athletic.net. Our goal is to always finish higher than projected.”

Two Lake Fenton seniors led the Blue Devils. Kevin Lewis emerged as Lake Fenton's first finisher at the meet for the first time this season. He placed 35th in 16:46.26. Not too far behind was fellow senior Joseph Gilbert who placed 41st (16:50.47). The rest of Lake Fenton's top-five runners were Colton Dietrich in 74th place (17:12.80), Nolan Pinion in 152nd place (17:55.85) and Matt Fletcher in 192nd (18:29.11). The rest of Lake Fenton's runners were Logan Whittecar in 205th (18:45.19) and Nathan Niestroy in 241st (19:44.71).

Lake Fenton's Claire Hunt was Lake Fenton's sole female competing in the girl's race. The junior placed 138th in 21:16.82.

“The weather was on the warm side Friday and the times showed it across the board,” Sobczak said. “But I will take that over what we experienced the past four years.”



Lake Fenton's Logan Whittecar

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# Lady Tigers place 19th at D1 state meet

By David Troppens

There were plenty of excuses for the Fenton varsity girls cross country team during the fall if the squad wanted to use them.

The Tigers entered the season as four-time defending Flint Metro League champions, and with a nice run of consecutive state meet trips as well. But, gone from this year's team was four-year running standout Alexa Keiser, who gave the Tigers the first-place finisher in 12 straight Metro League jamborees or meets and high finishes in regional events. Two other seniors from last year's state team — Avery Logan and Jessica Adams — also graduated. They also had to learn to adjust to a new head coach Kelley Miller.

But the girls and Miller wouldn't let the issues impact them. In fact, the Tigers used their past success to create a chart to success this season as well. And the end results became

a massive reward Friday at the Division 1 State Cross Country Meet at Michigan International Speedway. What could've been looked upon as a semi-rebuilding season, the Tigers ended up matching their 19th-place effort from a year ago. Of course COVID-19 created its own roadblocks as well.

"Just all the changes the kids had to do this year to complete the season was amazing," Miller said. "I think they wish things could've been different, but they realized at least we had this and were thankful to have been given the opportunity. It's fun to do all of the fun things and to have all of the parents at the meet (for some meets attendance was limited) but we learned no matter what it can be done.

"Fenton cross country has been top in the league and made it to states as a team last several years so I knew what the goals were going into the season. At

regionals when we made it we were ecstatic. The girls put in the hard work in to reach those goals under a whole new coaching staff. It's hard adjusting to a new coaching staff. ... They all adjusted well."

Only two of the seven Fenton state runners this season competed last year — Taylor Hunt-oon and Emily Grob. However, the Tigers made the most of the experience the pair had.

"I was relying on veterans to lead the team and explain what the course is like before getting to the meet," Miller said. "I relied on the veterans to help us to get prepared and they stepped up to the plate that day. They did a great job. They were really nervous. ... They ran together and ran in their pack as we've stressed all year. They rose to the challenge. Now that have a year under our belts and the underclassmen understand what's expected."

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Fenton's Nina Frost (left) and Emily Grob (right) were two of the Tigers' top five runners at the state meet.

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## Blue Devils fall to Williamston in regional semifinals, 35-21

By David Troppens

A slow start proved costly for the Lake Fenton varsity football team in its district semifinal contest at Williamston Friday night.

Williamston scored five first-half touchdowns eventually leading to a 35-21 victory against the Blue Devils.

The biggest offensive star for Williamston was their quarterback Luke Mahaney. Mahaney had four first-half TD passes, leading Williamston to the victory. Three of them came in the second quarter. The Blue Devils had cut a 14-0 Williamston lead to just 14-7 late in the first quarter on a 34-yard TD pass from Reid Shumaker to Walker Ridgeway. However, Mahaney had TD passes of 10 and 15 yards to Cade Conley and a 33-yard TD pass to Sullivan Sparks, setting up the 35-7 half-time lead.

The Blue Devils were able to slow

down Williamston's offense in the second half, not allowing a single Williamston point, but by then it was too late. That said, the Blue Devils were able to cut into the lead. Lake Fenton did have two fourth-quarter TDs, cutting the final gap to 35-21 with Shumaker completing his second and third TD passes in the contest. The second one was a seven-yard score to Collin Wade. The third was the second TD toss to Ridgeway, a 39-yard score.

Williamston scored the game's first two TDs on a Sparks one-yard run and a five-yard TD pass from Mahaney to Jacob Dunckel.

The Blue Devils had 230 yards total offense while Williamston had 292 yards. Lake Fenton converted just 2-of-15 third downs and 1-of-5 fourth downs. The ground game was able to manage just 36 yards on 23 rushing

**See REGIONAL on 28**



# Late first-half TD dooms Tigers vs. North Farmington, 44-28

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity football team has been the Metro League's most dominant team for a long time.

The Tigers have won the first two Flint Metro League championship games, and before that won seven straight Flint Metro League titles from 2011 to 2017. The Tigers have also made the playoffs 12 straight seasons, and were the top seed in their portion of the Division 2 football playoffs bracket this fall. That meant the Tigers would play at least the first three games at home during the state playoff series just as long as they continued to win.

That didn't happen. The Tigers' playoff run ended frustratingly short of their lofty expectations again this fall as Fenton lost a 44-28 verdict against North Farmington Friday night at Fenton High School. A key moment came

near halftime.

The Tigers (7-1) trailed at one time 16-0, but cut the gap to 16-14 after an 11-yard TD reception to Marcus Berkey with just 13 seconds left in the half. The Tigers were riding high, apparently poised to go into the halftime break down just two points.

That didn't happen. Two complete passes and a face-mask penalty enabled North Farmington to score a touchdown on the final play of the half from 35 yards out. The Tigers trailed 23-14 entering the break.

"It was one of those things that happen unfortunately," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "We were in the wrong coverage and they made a good play before that."

The Tigers were unable to cut into the lead in the second half. North Farmington scored the game's next two touch-



Fenton's varsity football team finished the season with a 7-1 record this fall. The Tigers lost to North Farmington 44-28 Friday night. Photo: David Troppens

downs and led at one time 37-14 with 9:05 left in the game.

Fenton did have some offensive highlights in the final quarter. Seeing extended playing time due to COVID precautions involving other players Kash Russell took advantage catching two touchdown passes. Dylan Davidson completed

a seven-yard TD pass and a nine-yard TD pass to Russell, cutting the gap to 44-28 late in the fourth quarter.

Early on, North Farmington controlled play, kicking a first-quarter 31-yard field goal. The Tigers trailed 3-0. The lead grew to 10-0 after a 36-yard TD pass, and then

was upped to 16-0 before the end of the first quarter on a nine-yard TD run.

The Tigers played stronger football in the second quarter, getting their offense going. The Tigers' first touchdown was provided by Seth Logan on a five-yard pass by Davidson.

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## TIGERS

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With Keiser gone, the Tigers were without a true front runner, at least on paper. Huntoon has become that runner and led the Tigers at the state meet, placing 35th in 19:15.6. She placed 132nd with a time of 20:07.5 a year ago. The rest of Fenton's scoring five runners were Nina Frost in 125th (20:27.62), Grob in 140th (20:39.28), Sophia Resa in 146th (20:43.02) and Emma Dubie in 207th (21:37.47). The team's other two runners were Allie Michewicz in 225th (22:02.79) and Maty Temrowski in 226th (22:05.84). All seven runners are underclassmen.

Fenton's Michael Crane also competed for the Fenton boys team at the state meet. The junior placed 66th with a time of 16:26.58. Samuel Cox had to scratch from the race. Holly's Nolan Weisdorfer also competed and capped his Holly career by placing 181st with a time of 17:19.79. Holly's Andrea Ruiz qualified for the women's race but did not compete.

"Mike Crane stepped up, won a



Holly's Matt Weisdorfer (left) and Fenton's Mike Crane were the area's two male runners at the Division 1 state meet. Photo: David Troppens

league championship and competed for the first time at state," said Miller. "He had never run in a big race with 200-plus kids. The biggest race this season was 70 going out and learning how to run a big race was important. The best is yet to come for him."

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Linden's defense prevents a touchdown on a run play during the Eagles' victory against Bay City Western.  
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It came on a 15-yard TD pass from Wildeman to Schuyler with 8:03 left in the third quarter Kelley converted the extra-point and Linden led 21-13.

Western had four more possessions with a chance to possibly tie the game with a touchdown and two-point conversion, but failed to capitalize. Maybe their best chance ended after a completion to Jaxx Barrett. However, Linden's Bryce Eliuk forced a fum-

ble and Ethan Jeffrey recovered the ball, giving the Eagles possession.

During this juncture, the Eagles seemed poised to score several times, but failed to do so. However, with 6:51 left in the fourth the Eagles started the final scoring drive of the game. The Eagles scored on a 32-yard field goal by Kelley, giving the Eagles a 24-13 lead with just 1:32 left.

Western tried to put together an improbable comeback, but its next possession ended when Schuyler

broke up a fourth-down pass.

"The ball came out of (the quarterback's hand and I knew it was coming to him. I made the play," Schuyler said.

Offensively, Wildeman completed 14-of-25 passes for 130 yards. Schuyler caught five of those passes for 48 yards.

The Eagles play for the district title against Kearsley Friday.

"It means a lot," Schuyler said. "I've been looking forward to it my whole life and I'm ready for it. I want that trophy."

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Lake Fenton's Max Muenzer catches a ball in a past game. The Blue Devils lost to Williamston Friday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

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attempts. Shumaker completed 11-of-29 passes for 154 yards. Williamston turned the ball over three times. Zachary Hemsall intercepted a pass. John Grigg caught four passes for 41 yards while Ryan Murany had three catches for 32 yards.

Defensively, Hemsall also led Lake Fenton with nine total tackles, including one for loss. Joshua Wright had eight tackles.


The Blue Devils finished the season with a 3-5 overall record. Lake Fenton has played Williamston seven times since 2013, going 3-4 in those contests.



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### Alton Adley Jackson

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Alton Adley Jackson - age 71, of Linden, died Sunday, November 8, 2020. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Friday, November 13, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Willis Hurley officiating. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday, November 12, from 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM and Friday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project. Alton was born January 29, 1949 in Buchanan County, VA, the son of Glenn and Katherine (Estep) Jackson. He was a 1967 graduate of Hurley High School in Hurley, VA and he received an associate's degree from the Detroit College of Business. Alton married Kathleen Ann Webster on March 29, 1968, they were happily married for 43 years and she preceded him in death on November 15, 2011. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the U.S. Army. Alton retired from GM Pontiac Motors. He was a



member and associate pastor of Free Unity General Baptist Church in the Fellowship Association. He also was a member of the Fenton V.F.W. Curtis Wolverton Post #3243. Alton enjoyed baking, cooking, gardening, fishing, and was an animal lover. Surviving are three children, Dennis (Jody) Jackson

of Linden, Stephan (Nichol) Jackson of Swartz Creek, and Alisha Jackson (Rick Sisk) of Cumming, GA; four grandchildren, Kaytie Kelly of Grand Blanc, Carly Jackson of Linden, Blake Jackson of Swartz Creek, and Marisa Jackson of Swartz Creek; brother, Raybon (Narda) Jackson of Holly; sisters, Bolena Coleman of Linden, Juda Jackson of Linden, and Nadine (Tony) Justus of VA; and several nieces, nephews, and grand dogs. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Benny, Eddie, and Danny Jackson. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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I won’t go into any other history here, but will simply say that our

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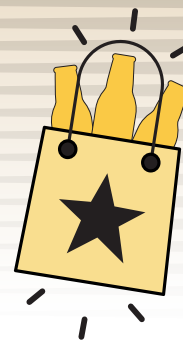
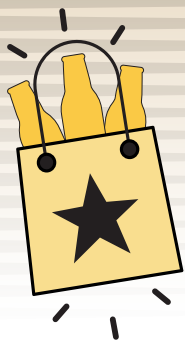
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Horoscopes

For the week of  
November 9, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, balancing work and family is important. Sometimes one or the other should take priority. Communicate often and openly about your needs.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Others may be making certain assumptions about you lately, Gemini. Their intentions are good, so don't hesitate to reach out and lend them an ear.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, the stars are putting out some strong energy that can keep you grounded when you face adversity this week. You will stay calm and focused.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your life is going to start to equalize a bit. That means you can feel more relaxed, healthy and balanced. This is a great time to examine relationships and make plans.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Glowing compliments reach your ears, Leo. You will finally learn how much others respect you. Take the spotlight with grace and remain as composed as possible.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Planning an event or party will be lots of fun for you, Virgo. All the details are in order and you are a master of timing. Others may enlist your help, too.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, now is your time to encourage others to turn their goals into reality. You're a positive force in the lives of so many people, and others recognize that.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it may not be apparent to you, but you often make a very good role model. You tend to be driven and organized, and young people in your life can learn much from you.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sometimes it's a battle between two sides within you, Sagittarius. Your patient and impatient sides might be at war this week. Take a step back and reconsider your approach.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, let someone with high energy inspire you to be a go-getter in the week ahead. They may be on to something, and you can benefit from the extra hop in your step.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Even though change is good, it isn't always comfortable, Aquarius. Transitions in your life may feel a bit challenging this week, but surround yourself with support.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Dreams may have you tossing and turning, Pisces. Just remember that dreams are not necessarily indicative of what's to come. Rest easy.





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