Initial eGift cards sell out in a day

■City of Fenton and DDA's matching gift card program 'more successful than imagined'

By Sharon Stone

Purchase a \$100 eGift card to use at a participating Fenton business and receive

a bonus \$100 eGift card to give to someone else or to keep and use yourself at a participating business. It's a win-win for the buyer and the Fenton business.

The city of Fenton and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) wants to encourage residents to keep shopping local.

Michael Hart, Fenton assistant city

manager and DDA director, and Chelsea Mills, owner of Behind Your Design, have been working on this project. On Monday, Hart said, "This program is way more successful than imagined. It's all about helping local businesses."

According to a Dec. 28, 2020 press release from the city, small businesses are

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Board agrees on Sheriff's Office contract

■ Agreement includes five full-time deputies to patrol, enforce laws in Fenton Township

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trust-ees unanimously voted Monday, Dec. 21, to renew the municipality's contract with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office for police protection services.

The new contract states the town-ship will pay \$782,811 per year for services through the period of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2022.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said he met with multiple people from Genesee County, including Sheriff Chris Swanson, to discuss the contract.

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Library services still available



Linden Branch Librarian Katie Badgley hands an order of books to Jan Hartranft of Linden on Tuesday, Dec. 29. See story on Page 17. Photo: Hannah Ball

Pandemic leads to 3,791 missed roll call votes

■ Michigan Votes releases voting records of Michigan state senators and representatives

By Sharon Stone

Michigan's 38 senators and 110 representatives missed 3,791 roll call votes in 2020, according to the Missed Votes Report. The information was compiled by Jack McHugh, editor of Michigan Votes.org, a project of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

The Times regularly publishes MichiganVotes reports and the votes of our local legislators.

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Loving the eGift card program that Fenton is doing. Bought several hundred dollars of eGift cards and they

matched our purchase. This is a great way to help our local businesses. Wish other areas could do the same thing."



thanks to the Fenton St. John Catholic Church for

their beautiful lights. What a joy this season in the midst of COVID. A real uplift."



ff Thank you to the person at Taco Bell on Tuesday Dec. 22 at 11:40

a.m. who paid for our lunch. I'm a veteran and it was much appreciated. Merry Christmas."



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No 'fowl' play suspected

■ Frankie the goose reunited with his family after two days in the wild

By Hannah Ball

The story of a missing domestic goose captured people's attention earlier this week after an area resident posted the plea on the Tri-County Times' Lost and Found Facebook page.

It had more than 232 shares.

On Monday, Dec. 28, Barbara Trollman wrote that her domestic breed,

ing the day before on Sunday, Dec. 27. "The neighbor's dogs got loose yesterday and attacked the ducks and geese

greylag goose Frankie had gone miss-

in my pond (I keep a hole in the ice with an aerator), which caused them all to go flying off, including Frankie. However, he can only fly so far, because he is a domestic goose," she wrote.

Frankie has white with grey and black feathers, a lobe that droops down, blue eyes and a rosy, pinkish orange beak and feet.

Trollman hoped that he made his way to an open water source and expected him to be west of Hickory Ridge Road in one of the lakes that wasn't frozen.

"It was my hope that he'd made it to Wilson Lake, Tremper Lake, or even as far as Westman Lake, because without open water, I can't see how he will have survived two nights away from home," she wrote. "I am extremely worried that coyotes or something have gotten him, but I need to know that too, if that's what has happened. The longer he is gone, the more I am freaking out. Thanks so much for your kind words and for sharing this post. I will update if I find him, regardless."

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A message from the director

Here's to a happy and healthy 2021

s we say good-bye to 2020, most of us do so with a sense of relief. The past nine months have proven to be the most difficult in terms of what we have lost. So many of us have lost loved ones, our income, our sense of security and our family traditions.

Educators lost that special relationship that forms with students when they see them each day. For those of us that get the privilege of being part of a young person's life, this pandemic has taken away what we do best, face-to-face teaching. However, 2020 also made us stretch and challenge ourselves as educators to make remote learning a viable and

As 2020 began, most of us didn't know how to Zoom, Loom, or use Google Classroom effectively and efficiently. Within mere days of our March lockdown, we began to tap into new ways of teaching and challenged ourselves to learn more and more so that our students still felt connected and supported. With nine months behind us, we can

meaningful option.



Julie Kildee Holly Academy director

look back and be proud of how we reacted to a situation we never thought we would face.

Each school district makes decisions based on its unique culture and circumstances. This fall, Holly Academy prioritized face-to-face teaching and learning. We sustained F2F education for 14

weeks, which was a tremendous benefit for our students. Huskies return in-person on Jan. 19, when we will again prioritize sustained F2F teaching and learning.

We look forward to 2021, and hope that it will be a year that brings us closer and closer to our educational norm - that of teachers and students working together inside the classroom for the benefit of all. Here's to a healthy and happy 2021!



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MY WIFE AND I wish to thank Paul who stopped to help us when our car broke down. He waited patiently while I arranged for a tow truck, then gave me a ride home so I could get another vehicle to put our groceries in. We greatly appreciate it. Merry Christmas.

THE COVID RELIEF bill has almost 6.000 pages to it, most of it pork. The National Highway bill signed by Ike had three pages and no pork.

IN REGARDS TO the end speed zone sign on East Holly Road. I went and spoke with the Holly police and they told me that it means 55.

TWO DAYS SINCE it snowed and Fenton main streets are still slippery. It was like this last year too. You leave town and any direction is clear. I think administration is trying to save money on salt.

SOMEONE PLEASE PUBLISH 'How to be an American for dummies.'

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

What's a goal you have for 2021?



"To make it to 2022."



"To survive."



"Travel as much as possible and see a pro football game in person."

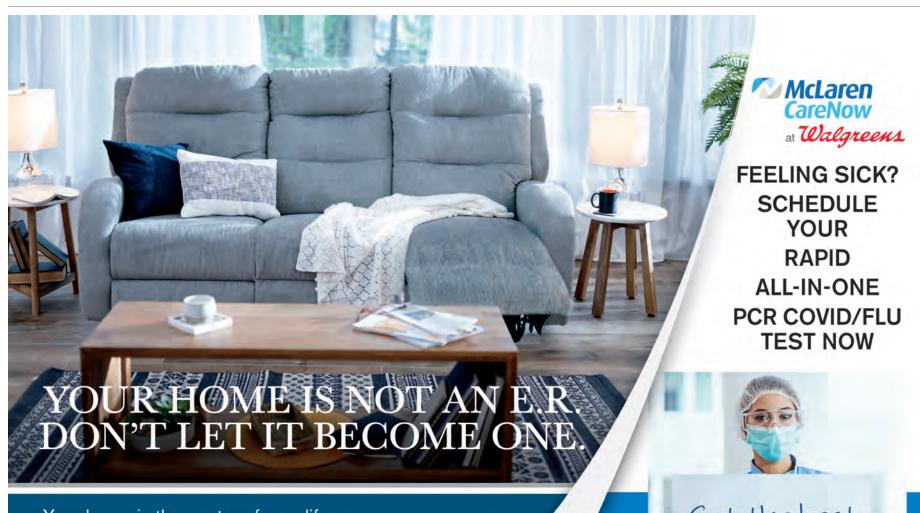
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"I believe that even though there's an increased cost to the township, the GCSO has been an asset to the community for over three decades," Lorraine said. "The benefit that the township receives and the residents of Fenton Township for the money we pay is fair."

Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker said the cost is a 12-percent increase compared to the last

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Vince Lorraine

Fenton Township supervisor

contract. The significant increases in cost come from healthcare, retirement costs due to the county's ongoing issue with underfunded retirement plans, and this was the first time the county implemented an administration fee.

Broecker said the contract is "still a pretty good deal."

Clerk Robert Krug said they usually get "very good officers" to cover Fenton Township.

Over a Zoom meet-

ing, the board discussed the contract. The sheriff's deputies that will cover the township will remain employed by the GCSO. Their duties include traffic enforcement, license inspection, enforcement, and more.

The agreement includes five full-time police deputies and a part-time detective sergeant to provide patrol and investigative services as needed. These officers will submit daily activity reports and monthly activity reports to the township and the GCSO.

"...the Sheriff and County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervi-

sion, equipment, communications facilities and dispatching, and supplies necessary to maintain the level of service to be rendered hereunder," the contract states.

The township will not be called upon to assume any liability for direct payment of any salaries, wages or any compensation to any county personnel. The county will not be liable for any intentional or negligent acts of the township, and the township will not be liable for intentional or negligible acts made by the county.

The contract extends from Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2022, with the option to extend it for two, one-year terms. Any party can terminate the agreement upon written notice to the other parties not fewer than 60 days prior to the date of termination.

The township will pay the county the cost of these services, which shall not exceed \$782,811 for the first calendar year.

"The foregoing cost shall include all salaries

and wages, sick leave, vacations, supervision, Public Employees' Retirement Contribution Insurance premiums, Social Security, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, and all other indirect costs," the contract states. The township also agrees to pay any incurred overtime costs.

"The Township is not obligated to pay costs attributable to services or facilities normally provided or available to all cities and townships within the County's as part of the Sheriff's and the County's obligation to enforce state law," the contract states. On Dec. 31 of each contract year, all unused vacation benefits that accrued during that contract year will be totaled and billed to the township. The township will pay that amount annually to the county to be held in escrow until the employee who earned the vacation benefit leaves employment and is entitled to a vacation benefit payout.

When officers arrest people under township ordinances or civil infractions, they will be prosecuted in the District Court by the township attorney. Resulting fines will be paid to the treasurer of the township.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THOSE WHO CONTROL the information, control the population. Don't believe what you are being spoon fed. Do your own research unless you're scared of what you might find.

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WHERE ARE ALL of those Hotliners that in the spring complained about the way Owen Road was patched? Obviously, someone knew something they didn't. Thank goodness, this is not Germany where they patch (dig up the road) every week and repair it.





POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON NORWAY SPRUCE COURT

On Friday, Dec. 25, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 13000 block of Norway Spruce Court in Fenton Township for a domestic report. Deputies made contact with an 18-year-old Linden resident who said he was assaulted by his father, a 40-year-old Flint resident. The incident stemmed from a family argument. This incident remains under investigation.

WOMAN'S DEBIT CARD STOLEN DURING PARTY ON ENID BLVD.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to 13000 block of Enid Blvd. in Fenton Township for a larceny report. Contact was made with a 20-year-old Fenton Township woman who said she

had a few friends over to her parents' house the previous night and the following morning, she noticed her debit card was missing. She said as the evening progressed, several uninvited guests showed up and a total of 25 people were inside the residence. She said when she logged on to her account there were several purchases made in the Lansing area. This incident remains under investigation.

FIREARM FOUND IN FENTON TOWNSHIP INTERSECTION

On Sunday, Dec. 27, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to Acorn Way and Oak Leaf Trail in Fenton Township for a found property report. Upon arrival, deputies were met by a resident who informed them that he saw a cased firearm in the intersection. The firearm was turned over to deputies who secured it. If this firearm belongs to you or someone you know, contact the sheriff's office to recover it. You will be asked to show proof of ownership.





Operating under the influence of marijuana – Part II

The court began its analysis of the meaning of the phrase by indicating that a statutory interpretation of the interplay between the MMMA and Michigan's Motor Vehicle Code (MVC) was required.

For legislatively enacted statutes such as the MVC, the primary goal of statutory interpretation is to ascertain and give effect to the Legislature's intent as expressed by the language of the statute.

If the statutory language is clear and unambiguous, judicial construction is neither required nor permitted. The statute must be enforced as written.

As to voter-initiated statutes, the intent of the electors governs the interpretation of the statute.

The statute's plain language is the most reliable evidence of the elector's intent.

The court cited the 2013 case of People v Koon, where the Michigan Supreme Court previously examined the interplay between the MMMA and the MVC and found that a defendant, who was charged with having the presence of marijuana in his body with no effect on his driving,

was protected by the immunity section of the MMMA. Therefore, the charge was inconsistent with the MMMA and the MVC was superseded.

The Dupre court then turned to the ultimate issue — does "under the influence" of marijuana have the same meaning in the MMMA as it is defined in the OWI section of the MVC?

After reviewing applicable case law, the court concluded that in 2008, the electors intended that marijuana be treated similar to alcohol. It also found the phrase "under the influence" was ambiguous and further judicial construction was permitted.

It determined that under another section of the MMMA there are limitations as to immunity when a person undertakes any task under the influence of marijuana when doing so would constitute negligence.

A driver operating while visibly impaired puts public safety at risk and is negligent. This is in direct conflict with the electors' additional intent of improving the health and safety of citizens.

As a result of these findings, the court held that the phrase "under the influence" of marijuana in the MMMA is not limited to the meaning found in the MVC and includes "impaired driving." Thus, the MMMA does not supersede the OWVI section of the MVC and Mr. Dupre's conviction was upheld.

Part I of this column was published Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SAW ON THE news that a 3-second video of a girl saying a racial slur several years ago resurfaced when a person that didn't like her wanted to get revenge. Kids take note, no more mistakes or it will stay with you forever in social media. How sad.

WHY DO THE same people always feel compelled to give their 'opinion' on someone else's Facebook page? It's always the same people. Why do they think their opinion matters? We don't care what you think.

THE MILITARY SENT me where needed, far away from our hometown area. As I read these posts, please remember a very fundamental thing — we win or lose together. Love each other with one thing in mind; a strong foundation is based on tolerance of difference. Try and break 'plywood.'

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Sue Osborn

Fenton mayor

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trying to weather the COVID-19 storm and needs the community's support more than ever.

The Fenton Community eGift Card Program is a community-based digital gift card that makes it fun and easy to keep local spending local.

"We are in the midst of an unprecedented crisis, Mayor Sue Osborn said. "Helping these small businesses, who are the backbone of our economy, get through these tough times is a priority. In this critical time, we need to support our local businesses so they can continue to support their families and keep their employees working."

On Monday, Dec. 21, the city of Fenton



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

BITING FORCE When your upper and lower teeth bite together they can exert a lot of pressure. Naturalupperandlowerteethcanproduce upward of 240 pounds per square inch. This force allows us to adequately chew anddigestthefoodweneedforidealhealth and nutrition. When teeth are lost most of this chewing power is lost as well. Studies show that the average bite force for those folks with dentures is often times less than 10 pounds persquare inch. With minimal residualbitingability, denture wearers are unabletochewanddigesttheirfoodasbefore. This can lead to poor nutrition and controllingofotherdiseaseconditionslikediabetes and heart disease difficult. There is good news, however. I'm happy to report that the placementofspecialdentalimplantanchors underanexistingdenturecanGREATLYincreasethebitingandchewingefficiencyof adenturewearer.Infact,animplantretained denturewearerhasvirtuallythesamebiting efficiency as they did when they had their naturalteeth.Thiscangreatlyenhancetheir qualityoflifeandimprovetheirhealthand nutrition.lfyouorsomeoneyouknowand love is a denture wearer contact my office today at 248-634-4671 to schedule a free, noobligationconsultationandseeifdental implants are right for you.

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and DDA launched the BOGO (buy one, get one) matching program where they matched dollar for dollar the eGift cards purchased by consumers.

This program sold out of the first available \$100,000 within 24 hours. Due

to the overwhelming response, the DDA authorized an additional funding of \$200,000 into the program Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.

"Immediacy sometimes is more important than quantity. We need to get the funds out so people can start spending the eGift dollars at our local businesses as fast as pos-

sible," DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt said. "By matching the DDA funds with customer dollars, we will be able to double our \$300,000 to \$600,000 to support our small businesses."

According to the press release, state of Michigan law only allows the DDA to use funds for a marketing plan within the DDA district. The city council, administration and city attorney have sought ways to include businesses outside the DDA district, however, at this time none exists.

The city is seeking corporate or private sponsors to partner with to help the other businesses in the city.

Once this matching BOGO funding is



depleted, the Fenton Community eGift program will continue at face value so consumers can purchase Fenton Community eGift cards to gift to friends and family in 2021. Although consumers will not receive a bonus gift, city officials hope

> people will continue to support local businesses by sending eGift cards.

> Purchase a Fenton Community eGift Card at www.fentonlinden.com/eGift to use at any of the eligible participating shops in the DDA district. With this card, you can write a personal message and send it to family, friends and col-

leagues via email, text, or physical copy. Recipients can choose to spend it at one of the participating merchants (the number is continuously growing) or spend flexibly at multiple locations. Digital and always available on your smartphone, the Fenton Community eGift Card could be used as a gift or a way to support your community.

Hart and Mills said feedback from residents has been overwhelming. They said it allows people to have a direct impact on local businesses.

Mills said as of Monday, Dec. 29, 250 eGift cards had been redeemed, which means \$20,000 was already put back into the local economy.

For travelers, other cities have similar eGift card programs. To see if the city you are traveling to has a program, go to yiftee. com, the company that Fenton is using.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OTHER THAN BEGGING for federal handouts, Whitmer has done absolutely nothing to get COVID-19 vaccines for Michigan. Oh, and the Michigan Republican leadership has done even less.

HOT-LINER WITH ADVICE on living a long and happy life hit the nail on the head. Plus, making your bed is so important. If you don't do anything the rest of the day, you did accomplish a task by making it.

WISE WORDS FROM my momma. Be sure to have some friends who are younger than you are. As we all age, there's nothing more depressing than losing all your friends around the same time.

Why supporting local businesses is so important

Participating in this program means supporting the heart of what makes our community unique.

The purchase of a Fenton Community eGift Card creates a pool of cash that local businesses in Fenton can rely on. Studies have shown that local independent retailers recirculate 47 percent of their revenue back into the community, while only 14 percent of national chains' revenue stays in the community. More dramatically, restaurants recirculate 73 percent of their revenue back into the community, versus only 30 percent for national chains.

By supporting local businesses, more money continues circulating through the local community — this is achieved through a combination of profits paid to local business owners, wages paid to local workers, goods and services procured locally for internal use or resale, and charitable giving within the community.

For more information or to participate as a merchant in the program, visit www.FentonLinden.com/Merchant

ABOUT THE FENTON DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority is under the supervision and control of a board consisting of the mayor and eight to 12 members appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the City Council. A majority of the members are persons having an interest in the property located in the downtown district.

The purpose of the DDA is to:

- Improve the Downtown District through effective planning and implementation of public improvement projects
- Promote and coordinate activities aimed at improving the business climate within the district
- Retain existing businesses and attract new operations that complement the existing commercial offerings
- Foster development, redevelopment and expansion within the Downtown District
- Establish a defined, attractive, and distinctive character for the Downtown District
- Conserve and revitalize existing private operations by eliminating incompatible uses of land or structure
- Support high standards for the future site improvements and new developments as a method to upgrade the quality of life within the City in innovative ways that are beneficial to all facets of the community

FRANKIE

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Frankie thinks he's a Canada goose, Trollman said, so he won't come when called, and she urged people to share the post and send her a message if they see him.

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, Trollman posted that they found Frankie and he is home safe.

"This morning, I was hiking through reedy bogs, sobbing inconsolably, looking for Frankie's remains,

because I had lost hope when I found that the lakes around here had frozen overnight. I was sure it was too late," she wrote. "But so many people had shared my missing pet posts and one of the people who saw the post had seen Frankie this morning, in her yard, almost in Fenton."

She hiked back home, got her neighbor, who's also a good friend, and they drove to where Frankie had been seen last. They cornered him and got

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Barbara Trollman

Fenton resident

a blanket over him to calm him.

"He is back in the water in my pond, with his family," she said.

Frankie found a mate three years ago and they had goslings this past spring. Trollman call's Frankie's mate "Iade."

Trollman said Frankie first came to their pond in February 2016. He flew in with the Canada geese that typically migrate down south when it's colder. Trollman could tell he was a domestic breed and wouldn't be able to fly south with them.

She reached out to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and she was told to use an aerator in the pond to keep it from freezing.

"So, \$1,500 later, I had an aerator and diffusers and was able to give Frankie a safe haven with a hole in the ice," she said.

The first winter, he was by himself.

"Some mallard ducks would hang out with him, but that was it. The next winter and every winter since, a female Canada goose has stayed with him. They are mates ... geese mate for life. They are more faithful than many human couples."

Her neighbor captured on video the reunion with Frankie and his family. His children are Beau, Brutus, Margie, Lucy, Marvel, and Pepe.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DEPUTIES HELP INTOXICATED, SUICIDAL HOLLY MAN

On Thursday, Dec. 24, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the BP Gas Station on Thompson Road in Fenton Township to check the well-being of an individual. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the caller, a 60-year-old man from Holly, who said he was too intoxicated to drive. Deputies offered to give the male a ride to his residence. During the interaction, the man made a suicidal statement. Deputies requested an ambulance and the man voluntarily went to Hurley Medical Center for a psychological examination.

ROLL CALL VOTES

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Three senators and three representatives each missed 50 or more votes in 2020. But 12 senators and 60 representatives missed no votes this year.

The 3,791 missed votes in 2020 is understandably up from recent years, as a number of lawmakers either spent time in quarantine or contracted the COVID-19 virus during the ongoing worldwide

Michigan lawmakers missed just 768 roll call votes in 2019.

Excluding purely procedural votes, the Senate held 1,002 roll call votes in 2020 and the House 757, for a total of 1,759 roll call votes by the entire Legislature. In 2019, there were 1,614 roll call votes taken by both legislative bodies.

The number of missed votes has fallen dramatically since 2001-02, the first legislative session covered by MichiganVotes. org. Over that two-year period, individual Michigan lawmakers failed to cast a roll call vote 21,162 times.

"The number of missed votes could have been a lot higher given the epidemic," McHugh said. "Legislative leaders and members had to overcome many obstacles to schedule and show up for daily sessions."

Typically missed votes occur when family, health or personal issues require a lawmaker's absence for an entire day or longer.

Missed votes tallies are just a small piece of the information MichiganVotes. org provides the public. The searchable database has every bill and all the votes for every Michigan state legislator. It contains plain-English descriptions of more than 38,000 bills introduced since 2001 and more than 35,000 record roll call votes.

The service was started to help citizens make more informed voting decisions, and its main benefit has been increased transparency and accountability. The site's database now contains 20 years' worth of legislators' votes — complete records of the full legislative careers of many lawmakers.

When asked why he missed 53 roll call votes, the most of local legislators tracked by the Times, Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) said, "After almost six years of prefect session attendance, I unfortunately came down with bronchitis in the middle of the current pandemic. I was home sick for a week of session to not put anyone else at risk."

View the complete Missed Votes Report at www.michiganvotes.org/MissedVotes.

1.002 TOTAL ROLL CALLS in 2020

Roll calls missed by local state senators

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	40
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	53
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	. 0
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	17
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	18

1,027 TOTAL ROLL CALLS in 2020

Roll calls missed by local state representatives

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	0
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	4



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MHSAA - Fall sports season could be concluded before end of January

By David Troppens

The constantly on again and off again Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) fall tournament schedule is apparently on again.

The MHSAA expects to complete the concluding rounds for football, girls volleyball and girls swimming

and diving in January. The MHSAA says they are following all of the emergency orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Football teams started practicing on Monday and the first round of rapid testing was scheduled for last Thursday. Football will return to 11-man volleyball and swimming could begin playoff football Jan. 9 with the semifinals being played Jan. 16 and the championship round being played either Jan. 22 or 23.

The MDHHS's current order is expected to expire Jan. 15, and if restrictions on sports are lifted, then

practices. Specific dates for the vollevball tournament and the state swim meets have yet to be finalized but the dates are expected to be shared with competing schools in early January. It's expected the seasons will be completed no later than Jan. 30.

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Sports Times

LF girls basketball run was top story of first half of 2020

■Before pandemic closes season, Blue Devils make deep playoff run

By David Troppens

Editor's Note: Of course COV-ID-19's impact on sports was the No. 1 sports story of 2020, but the sports staff has decided to focus on the positive stories of 2020. In this edition we'll look at the most positive sports stories of the first six months of 2020. Our No. 1 story of the first half of 2020 was the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team's state tourney run that ended, due to COVID-19.

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team had a fine 2019-20 regular season.

After a 1-2 start, the Blue Devils went on to win seven straight games but then lost a critical 49-41 contest against Goodrich. From there, the Blue Devils finished the regular season with a 14-6 record and a solid 7-3 second place finish in the Metro League Stars Division. If the season ended there, the Blue Devils could've been proud.

But Lake Fenton's senior class wasn't done. After the regular season ended, the Blue Devils went on a strong postseason run, earning its most impressive tourney run in the 21st century. And when it ended, it wasn't a team that ended it, it was the COV-ID-19 pandemic that did it.

The first two wins were predictable. The Blue Devils crushed Mt. Morris 73-15 and Brandon 51-38 to earn a spot in the district title game against Goodrich at home. Most people probably thought the run would end there. It didn't. The Blue Devils controlled the Goodrich Martians and won a 62-55 verdict en route to the D2 district tourney title. It marked the first time the Lake Fenton senior class defeated the Martians in a varsity basketball contest.

"A district title against Goodrich means so much more than any other team we could've played against," Lake Fenton's Morgan Furey said. "They've been beating on us in the past for I don't even know how long. We have made them a rival."

The tourney run didn't end there. The Blue Devils advanced to the regional semifinals and crushed Marine City 74-31 at Goodrich High School. Lake Fenton led just 10-6 but then went on a 17-0 run to blow the contest open.

"We had the same mindset we had against Goodrich — just get ready to go out and play, play together and just really hit the boards," Lake Fenton's Katelyn Siebert said.

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(Above) Lake Fenton celebrates its district title victory against Goodrich. (Left photo) Katelyn Siebert (left) and the Blue Devils defeated Marine City in the regional semifinal as well, but then COVID-19 happened, ending the team's tournament run.

Photos: Mark Bolen



Linden's Blake Lund (right) attempts a shot against Holly's Dylan Hignite in the Eagles' 67-66 district semifinal victory against the Bronchos. Photo: Mark Bolen

Basketball season ends with thrilling Linden win vs. **Holly Bronchos**

By David Troppens

The Holly-Linden varsity boys district basketball game at Howell High School went from an ultimate high to an ultimate low within seconds.

It was clearly the prep boys basketball game of the year for the tri-county area, and the game was filled with many twists and turns. Holly never trailed except at the point of the final score. With 52.8 seconds left, Blake Lund broke a 66-66 tie with a converted free throw. The Eagles held on from that point and earned a thrilling 67-66 district semifinal victory. The win meant Linden had earned a spot in the district title game against Howell, but that game never happened. About a day later, COVID-19 had

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Holly wrestling collects two more individual state champs

By David Troppens

The tri-county area has had a rich history of individual state champions during wrestling season.

The Holly wrestling program made sure that history continued in 2020 as two wrestlers earned their first individual state championship. Nathan Young capped his career with his first title while Gonzales capped his sophomore season with his first title.

Young made it to the championship bout his junior season but finished second, so Young was looking forward to this second chance. The 140-pounder took advantage of it by defeating Eaton Rapids's Chris Haynes by a 4-2 decision in the championship bout.

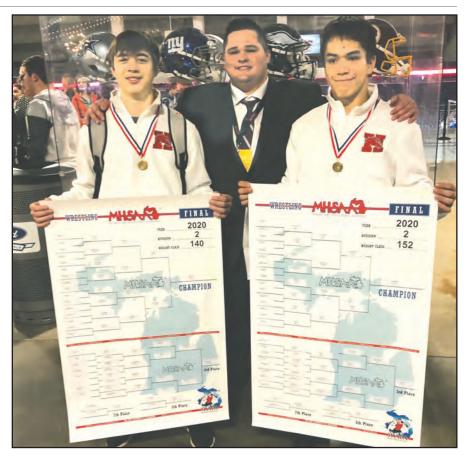
"I felt really good obviously," Young said. "I came pretty close last year, but I didn't get the job done. But this year I was able to seal the deal. I went out there and tried

not to be nervous. It is pretty nerve wracking when getting called to a match. I understand you just have to have fun, wrestle like you normally do and give it all I got. That's all I did."

Gonzales (152) trailed 5-0 entering the third period, but eventually won his bout with a pinfall victory against Lowell's James Fotis with just eight seconds left in the match.

"At the time, I was super-excited," Gonzales said. "I was thinking how hard I worked to get where I was and how hard I worked to get this opportunity to wrestle at the state finals. I thought about the people that got me there, my family, my brothers, my team and my coach and everything that got me there."

The tri-county area also had three fifth-place finishers — Linden's Bryce Shingleton (119) and Jimmy Roti (152) and Lake Fenton's Zolen Marron (215).



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Holly's 2020 individual wrestling state champions were Nathan Young (left) and Jacob Gonzlaes (right). **Photo submitted**

Tri-county area earns two more women state champions

By David Troppens

The 2019-20 school year represented the second year that the Michigan Wrestling Alliance hosted the MWA High School Girls Championships and the tri-county area had two champions. Fenton's Kendra Ryan (107) won her second state championship at the event, dominating all three of her opponents in the tourney held at Adrian College. She wasn't the only area champion. Holly's Autumn Teague earned her first-ever state championship by winning all of her four matches in the 122-pound class.

Ryan, a Fenton team captain for the varsity wrestling squad, earned a pinfall win against Forest Hills Central's

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Fenton's Kendra Ryan (right) competed at the girls state meet. Ryan earned her second straight girls state title. Ella Turnblom (left) placed third. **Photo submitted**





Eagles completed 2019-20 Metro Stripes season with perfect record

By David Troppens

Linden's varsity boys basketball team captured a second straight Flint Metro League Stripes Division crown during the 2019-20 season, but accomplished something the Eagles were unable to do the previous season.

The Eagles won the division crown with a perfect record.

Linden was overwhelmingly the dominant team in the Stripes Division, posting a perfect 10-0 mark. It was the first time since 1995 that the Linden varsity boys basketball team won back-to-back league crowns. An 80-65 road victory at Swartz Creek clinched the title for the Eagles.

"We have a great group of guys," Linden's Blake Lund said. "It's fun to play with them. We have a great coach who is fun to play for. To be with this group of guys and experience (a championship) is great."

"It's something we've been dreaming about since we were all playing together when we were 5 years old," senior Brenden Miller said. "To go back-to-back for the first time in (more than) 20 years feels so good because we've worked so hard and we deserve it."

The victory only represented the first eight games, however. Now the Eagles, who finished the regular season with an 18-2 overall record, had two more games they had to win to lock up the perfect Metro Stripes Division season.

The ninth win came in a 79-53 home victory against the Fenton Tigers and the 10th win came when the Eagles defeated Kearsley 65-38. In the contest, Lund scored his 1,000th career point.

"I give a lot of credit to my teammates and my coaches and my dad and brothers in the off season," Lund said. "The hard work has paid off."

"(As a team) we have something special. We have a camaraderie. We get along well."

"I am kind of emotional right now," Miller said. "Four years go by quick."



The Linden varsity boys basketball team finished the 2019-20 Metro League Stripes Division season with a perfect 10-0 record, earning Linden its second straight Stripes Division title. **Christopher Summers**

Fenton boys swim captures ninth straight Flint Metro League title

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swim team has quietly become one of the tricounty area's top athletic programs.

Ask people to name a team that has won nine straight league titles and odds are they won't guess the Tigers. Yet, that's what they did last winter, won their ninth straight league crown.

They were a roster that included just three seniors, but it didn't keep the Tigers from winning all six of their Metro dual meets. They also won six of the 12 events at the league meet, capturing the meet championship with 582 points, 208 points better than second-place Swartz Creek/Flushing.

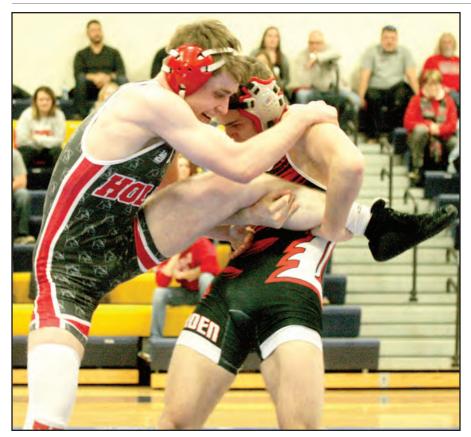
The Tigers also had plenty of swimmers qualified to compete at the D2 state swim meet. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the state meet being suspended and eventually cancelled.



The Fenton varsity boys swim team won its ninth straight Metro League championship last winter.

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The Linden and Holly varsity wrestling teams captured team district titles during the 2019-20 winter season. **David Troppens**

Linden, Holly wrestling teams earn team district championships

By David Troppens

Two area wrestling teams won team district titles during 2020. Linden defeated Lake Fenton 36-33 and then beat Fenton 43-27 to win a team district title at home at the Division 2 level.

Meanwhile, the Holly Bronchos won a team district title at Ortonville-Brandon High School, beating the Blackhawks 51-21 in a different D2 team district.

Lake Fenton gave the Eagles a strong battle. The semifinal match was tied at 15-15 and both teams won four of the last eight matches. However, Linden earned bonus point victories with Uz-

ziah Delgado (160), Wyatt Gocha (189) and Tyler McCabe (103) winning pinfall bouts.

Holly dominated Brandon 51-22 with Andrew Kolman (112), Autumn Teague (125), Jeff Preston (145) and Jacob Gonzales (152) winning pinfall matches.

Both teams were unable to advance beyond the district round, with each losing at the regional tournament. Croswell-Lexington beat both squads. Croswell-Lezington beat Linden in the regional semifinal round 43-30 while Holly beat Goodrich 37-33 in the semifinal round but lost to Croswell-Lexington 49-21 in the team title match.

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become the dominant news story in the United States and the Eagles' district title game was never played.

Even when the Eagles were still celebrating their victory minutes after the

contest, talk about how the district title game may not be played was circulating as the pandemic started taking its hold of the state.

Holly jumped to a 23-15 lead in the opening quarter and never trailed until the final score.

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Hannah Becker in just 51 seconds in the state championship match. She also earned a pinfall win in the semifinal and a tech fall victory in her first match.

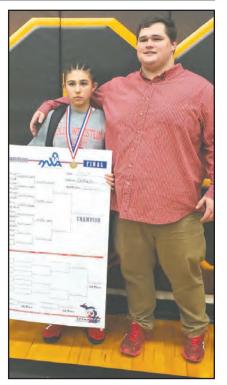
"It feels really good," Ryan said. "It means a lot. It shows how if you put some hard work into something, you can have an outcome like this.

"I just wanted to go out there, wrestle hard and see what happens."

Teague pinned her first three opponents in less than six combined minutes. She won her title by beating Bay City Western's Lydia Roope by a 6-1 decision.

"My goal was to just see how it would turn out," Teague said. "I hadn't competed in over a year, just practiced. I wanted to stay in shape and missed wrestling.

"(The title) lets me know where I am competitively. I went to a national tournament a little over a year ago and took sixth. This let's me know what the competition in Michigan is like."



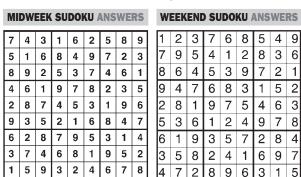
Holly's Autumn Teague earned the Bronchos' first-ever individual state championship at the girls state wrestling meet last winter, winning all four of her matches in the 122-pound class. Photo submitted



Weekend Crossword **PUZZLE CLUE: AUTO SUGGESTION FEATURES** 128 Asian nation 31 Vowel, e.g. 79 Bodily band **ACROSS** 44 Road given 94 Abbr. for 1 Halo sporter 129 Garish 32 Bull leather 80 Benes on those with a no. "Seinfeld" 6 Nest nuggets 46 Pop-rock only one 33 Capsizes 10 Had no 81 Investigates singer given name **DOWN** 35 Ending for 25 26 95 Mil. unit 1 TV title alien 83 Annul being Simpson major 15 "Vamoose!" 50 Kind of sheet 96 Tooth 2 Natal lead-in 38 Conn. hours 84 Author 28 29 19 "I wanna try!" metal anchor 3 Yukon 39 Compulsion Halev 34 32 133 35 20 Cameo, e.g. 54 Border 98 First maker 41 Inferior mags 85 A lot like **21** Lend — (pay illumination extended 4 Avian-based 45 Someone — 88 Rub oil on 38 39 40 89 Wowed attention) on some stay on the skin care problem 42 43 44 48 22 Poi source smartphones 47 Tony winner 91 Future louse International product 23 Participants 94 Bismarck is 57 Mini-Space 5 To a smaller Minnelli in a guided whirlpools Station degree 48 Writer Blyton its cap. 58 49 Huge heads 97 Realm of discussion **58** What bran **104** Spiny plants 6 Botch it up 25 Longtime provides, to 107 With 103-7 "Sheesh!" 51 More, in Oedipus 63 65 66 kids' nature Brits Down, didn't 99 PalmPilot. 8 Biochemical music magazine 60 Grads.-to-be know at all sugar 52 "Psycho" e.g., in brief 61 Basso Pinza 109 Radio knob co-star Janet 100 - Tower 27 Spanish for 9 Erma 72 | 73 75 79 80 62 Outfits anew 110 Loin steaks "bear" Bombeck's 53 Dog in "The (Paris sight) 28 McDonnell **64** "No" voter **111** Put in order "The Grass Thin Man" 101 Agenda part Douglas jet **65** "— culpa!" 113 Writer Franz 102 Like an oval Is Always **54** Bidding site 90 88 30 Refuge 66 Slender 114 "Y" athlete Greener or rectangle 55 Common 93 31 Thelma's nails 115 Annual Over the battery type 103 See cohort, in 67 Large Arizona Tank" 56 Infuriated 107-Across 97 99 100 101 102 103 59 "What You film cosmological football 10 Alert **104** — latte 105 Disney's 34 Use an aggregate game 11 Actress Ortiz Need" rock 104 105 106 107 108 109 71 Imams' God 117 New York entryway 12 Pick up on band "Little 112 113 114 **75** U.S. tax org. City fashion-**13** 1998 Winter **63** Injured-arm Mermaid" 35 Velvet or Hallow ender 76 Berlin article 106 Streamlet industry Olympics supporter 115 116 118 119 120 121 77 Ejected lava 65 Actor Paul 108 Become a **36** — hop city agency 122 123 124 125 (jitterbug) 82 Waste time 66 Yahoo parent to whose name 14 Nonkosher **37** 14- to 83 Party game is apt for this 15 More direct 68 Left the bed 112 Fence "door" 126 127 128 129 **69** Kin of a tulip **113** Swiss 18-year-84 "- not lost" puzzle 16 — terrier **86** 1980s TV's **122** Shoe fillers old in a 17 Curved 70 Once. once painter Paul CROSSWORD PUZZLE SPONSORED BY Remington 123 Conical tent British vouth 18 Sweet white 71 Mater 116 Really small association 87 1966 Wilson 124 Comics' Kett lead-in 118 Berlin article wine JENNIFER LASCO JENNIFER LASCO 40 Source copy: Pickett hit 125 "Peachy!" 24 Word after 72 Yahoo **119** Water, to 810.433.9556 90 The "I" of Abbr. 126 Sommer of film or play 73 Rearmost Somme REAL ESTATE : 42 "BTW" part www.jenniferlasco.com 75-Across Hollywood 26 Frank topper 74 It lingers in folks **43** You, in 92 Show up for 127 Lauder of 29 Musician the mouth 120 "Inc." cousin **121** — latte Rerlin 93 Farm female fragrances Brian **78** — annum ©2020 King Features Synd., Inc. • Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Puzzle Answers

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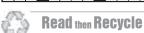
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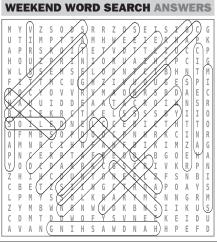
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Library services still available

■ Attendance for online programs is 'really high'

By Hannah Ball

Genesee District Libraries (GDL) are not allowing the public inside the locations, however librarians are busy organizing orders and online programming.

Katie Badgley, who became branch librarian at the Linden Library this past summer, is handling online and call-in orders.

"Door Side Pick Up is going well, but I miss having people come in and browse the collection," she said, "The number of orders I handle in a week is definitely much smaller than the number of transactions pre-pandemic."

The COVID-19 pandemic and not being able to allow people inside has changed the way patrons choose what books to read and what movies to watch.

"Instead of being able to look at our displays of new books, movies, music, and magazines, they either order things



Linden Branch Librarian Katie Badgley processes called-in and online orders for patrons who requested books. Photo: Hannah Ball

online or call me and ask me to pick things out for them. I just picked out 10 new movies for a family that wanted five new kids movies and five new adult movies," she said. "And a father and son just asked for a bunch of historical fiction, presidential biographies and books on World War II. I like helping people find good books to read, so that is always fun."

The staff of two is working on other projects, like taking inventory and rearranging the space.

"I really look forward to the days when this is all over and I can meet my patrons, especially kids, face-to-face," she said. "I can't wait to have families come back again for story times and craft programs. I think we all will appreciate the library as a community gathering place more than ever when this is all over. In the meantime, we will continue to make connections with the community and get people materials as safely as we can."

Kelly Flynn, community relations manager at the GDL, said under normal circumstances, all branches offer in-person programs, but due to COVID-19, all programs are virtual. All programming will be virtual until June 1.

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Brad Willis, library assistant, organizes book orders at the Linden Library on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

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Librarians move this cart of books in front of the library doors every day. Patrons can buy books for cheap. The public is not allowed inside the library, and they must call when they come to pick up an order. Photos: Hannah Ball

44 I think we all

will appreciate

the library as

a community

gathering place

more than ever

when this is all

over. **77**

Katie Badglev Linden branch librarian

LIBRARY SERVICES

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"Attendance is really high, much higher than in-person programs, because we are reaching a whole new audience. We also don't have space limitations online, so we can serve more people. We offer things for all ages and interests," she said.

On Jan. 8, they have a virtual Tween/ Teen Game Night. On Jan. 15, they

have a program called Needle Drop, where librarian and music buff Ivan Smith will play vinyl records and talk about New Wave pop and rock music. On Jan. 16, magician Joel Tacey will perform magic and stunts. On Jan. 21, they have a trivia program called, Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?

On Jan. 26, Rosie

Chapman will put on an educational and entertaining program about Maya Angelou. On Jan. 28, Terrance Shulman will present a program called Bought Out and Spent: Recovery from Compulsive Shopping and Spending.

Go to thegdl.org to see the entire lineup of programs.

Attendance depends on the program. Flynn said Marissa's Marvelous Story Time attracts an average of 100-300 viewers per session. They're running virtual escape rooms, and the most recent had 108 participants. An Appalachian Trail Talk with Bethany Griffin had 514 viewers.

Flynn said while they're sad to see many things closed, she doesn't anticipate a negative effect on regular library users and the community.

"Our patrons can access thousands of digital items 24/7, including ebooks, movies, television, music, magazines and comics. They can place holds on-

line, or call their local branch to place a hold, and pick items up at their branch. They can ask a librarian to choose books for them," she said.

Users can browse the catalogue and librarian recommendations at the gdl.org, and they can call and set up a tech tutoring session on using Zoom, FaceTime, or

any technology.

"We're still here for the community in a wide variety of ways," she said. "We have had nothing but positive feedback from parents about our programs and story times. Parents who are teaching kids at home are happy to have library resources available, as are school teachers who are teaching remotely. Our Children's Librarian, Marissa Boisclair, is doing an amazing job of providing fun, educational programs and information for families."





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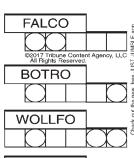
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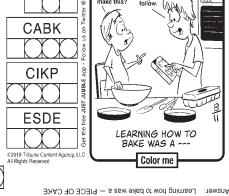
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Obituaries

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MaryAnn Dunham

1932 - 2020

MaryAnn
Dunham - age
88 of Linden,
formerly of
Southfield,
passed away
Wednesday,
December
23, 2020. A
committal
service will be
held at a later
date at Great
Lakes National
Cemetery, Holly.

Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Memorial contributions in MaryAnn's memory would be appreciated to Ascension Hospice. MaryAnn was born November 27, 1932 in Flint, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Salwasser) Maser. She married David S. Dunham in Farmington, May 31, 1952. MaryAnn graduated from Pickney High School. She was a loving wife and mother.



who enjoyed traveling, cooking, and was an avid reader. MaryAnn is survived by her husband of 68 years, David; children, Mary Brandreth, Kathy Gladkowski, and Steven Dunham;

grandchildren, John (Ginger) Gladkowski, David (Candace) Brandreth, Kasey (Michael) Calvert, and Carly (Matthew) Davis; great-grandchildren, Morgan, Ivy, Jorja, Zoey, Finnley, and Grace. She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings. Online tributes may be shared at www. sharofuneralhomes.com.



Michael Ford

Michael Ford - age 81, died December 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robbie Tucker

Robbie Tucker - age 56, died December 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Gordon

Robert Gordon - age 80, died December 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roger Sting

Roger Sting - age 78, died December 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sally Royal

Sally Royal - age 84, died December 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



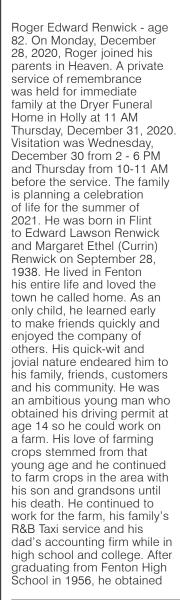
Shirley Henson

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Roger Edward Renwick

1938 - 2020





his degree in accounting from Baker Business College (now known as Baker College) in Flint. He met his wife, Ferne Pearl Parker, while in high school and married in Holly on September 16, 1961. He and Ferne were blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Roger had a special bond with his children and grandchildren and loved being an active part of their lives. Having coffee at the homes of his kids was a weekly highlight for him. Roger owned and operated two local accounting firms for 60 years, R-W Accounting and Business Accounting. He counted his customers as his friends and enjoyed sharing stories with them annually at tax time. In 1970, Roger and Ferne bought a small farm in Fenton which brought joy to them both every day. Animals of every kind and crops were raised

on the farm and sparked an interest in 4-H when the kids were young. Roger was on the Genesee County Fair Board and was a Fair Superintendent for over 20 years. He also gave back to his community as a volunteer driver. Director and Board Member for Holly Volunteer Ambulance for over 25 years. He and Ferne travelled all around the world with family and friends and couldn't wait to go on their next adventure. Their kids share this love of travel as a result. During quiet times, he loved to play solitaire on his tablet, do jigsaw puzzles, and watch black and white western TV shows and John Wayne movies. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ferne; children, Edward S. (Nancy) Renwick, Julie M. Hungerford (Grea), and Angela I. Renwick; grandchildren, Nicole (Alan) Renwick Easton, Mackenzie Renwick, Jonathan (Sarah) Hungerford, and Nicholas Hungerford; greatgrandchildren, Jackson Easton, Maverick Easton, Emma Casemore, and Olivia Hungerford; and special family member, Dan Eder. He was predeceased by his parents; and grandson, Jacob Renwick. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Roger's name to the Genesee County Agricultural Society or Adopt-A-Pet Fenton. www. dryerfuneralhomeholly.com



Obituaries

Times

Beverly Gale Walroth

1941 - 2020

Beverly Gale Walroth – age 79. It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Beverly Gale Walroth of Linden, on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Gale died at home surrounded by

her children. She was born in Union City, TN on March 15, 1941 to Raymond and Helen Deason. Gale grew up in Plainwell, active in school and sports. Following graduation from Plainwell High School, Gale worked for the Kalamazoo court system until her marriage to James G Walroth June 16, 1961. Gale was a stay at home mom for her four children until she returned to the workforce in administration at Buick in Flint. Gale was dedicated to her children and never missed an

event, dance recital or game.

were her friends which were

Gale was active in Boy Scouts,

Equally important to Gale

an extension to her family.



Athletic boosters and other organizations that her children were involved in. Gale was also active in the Shi-Spinsters. She retired from Buick in 1998 and began working in the public school system assisting children

with disabilities. Gale was thrilled when she became a grandmother to Shane and Brady and loved nothing more than being a grandmother. Gale was preceded in death by her husband, James G. Walroth; father, Raymond Deason; mother, Helen Deason; brother, Charles Deason; son-in-law, Brad Ellis; and niece, Martha Kelly. She is survived by her son, Anthony (Tony) Walroth; daughters, Amy Walroth, Ann Walroth, and Allison (Mark) Andrews; grandsons, Shane and Brady Ellis; and her brother, John Deason; and sister, Cleta Rowley; as well as nieces: nephews: and beloved cousin. Deanna Pifer.

Carlton "Wayne" Timmons

Carlton "Wayne" Timmons - age 91, died December 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gregory Hull

Gregory Hull - age 61, died December 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Heather Bonner

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Helen Horcha

Helen Horcha - age 103, died December 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Janet Holzwarth

Janet Holzwarth - age 80, died December 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Janette Vallaire

Janette Vallaire - age 72, died December 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Virginia "Gynnie" Ackerman

Virginia "Gynnie" Ackerman - age 73, died December 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joseph Baumkratz

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Joyce Harms

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Kenneth Hodgson

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Lawrence Whitaker

Lawrence Whitaker - age 70, died December 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Martha Hurley

Martha Hurley - age 69, died December 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Mitchell Scott Graff

1961 - 2020

Mitchell Scott Graff - age 59, of Harrison, formerly of Byron, died Saturday, December 26, 2020. Private services will be held with interment in Flint Memorial Park. Those desiring may make contributions to the Clare County Humane Society. Mitchell was born October 31. 1961 in Flint. He is survived by his sons. Jonathon and Justin; mother, Patricia; father, John; sisters, Ronda, Brenda, Betsy, and Tiffany; nephews, Zachary, Scott and Miles. He was preceded in death by his grandmother. Alberta Frazier and grandfather, Frank B. Frazier. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wilma Kalakay

Wilma Kalakay - age 84, died December 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.







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Violet Ruth Baird

1929 - 2020

Violet Ruth Baird - age 91, of Fenton, died Thursday. December 24. 2020. Funeral services were held 2 PM Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes. Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd.,

Fenton. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation was held 5 - 9 PM Monday, December 28 and 9 AM - 2 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Fenton First Presbyterian Church or Ascension Hospice. Violet was born February 17, 1929 in Fenton, the daughter of Roy William and Helen Lucille (Jarvis) Thornton. She was a graduate of Fenton High School Class of 1947 and married Harold Bert Baird on May 22, 1948. He preceded



her in death on November 6. 2007. Survivina are children. Leslie (Deanna) Baird, Ruth Ann Baird, Roy (Susan) Baird, Jeffrey (Melodie) Baird, Laura (Doug) Hecox, James (Lynn) Baird, and John Whaley:

26 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; brother, David Thornton; two sisters, Helen Compeau and Vera Thornton; many nieces; and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Whaley; two sisters, Marjorie, Mary Sue; and two brothers. Charles and Clyde. Online condolences and tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Ann Marie (Patsie) Waggett

1946 - 2020

Ann Marie (Patsie) Waggett - age 74 died in the hospital on Sunday, December 27th, 2020. A private family service was held on Thursday, December 31 at Sharp Funeral Home in Linden. A Funeral Mass

and interment of ashes service will be held on Friday, February 19 at St. Catherine of Sienna in DuBois, PA. Condolences may be addressed to Barb Jacques at 16429 East Horseshoe Trail, Linden MI 48451 or bwjacques@gmail. com. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden, Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden. She is survived by many who loved her deeply including her four daughters, Barbara Jacques, Kathleen Nunnelly, Hope Waggett and Jerri Lynne Smith: as well as twelve grandchildren, Freya, Lance, John Richard, Sydney, Ann Marie, Dale, Duncan, Warrin, Lydia, Rileigh May and Patton who brought her great joy. She is also survived by her three sisters and brother, Geraldine Weilacher. Therese



Cofer, Christine Tyler and Joe Weilacher, Her first greatgrandchild will arrive in 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years John Henry Waggett in 2013; her sister, Dorothy Jean Shaffer:

her brother, Paul Weilacher; and her parents, Barbara (Liedl) and Herman Weilacher. She lived most recently at Lockwood of Fenton and previously at the Mount Nittany Residences in State College, PA. She and John enjoyed living in Orange Park, FL from 1987 through his death in 2013. Patsie and John grew up and met in the DuBois, PA area and raised their four girls in Edinboro just south of Erie, PA. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in their memory to Lions Club International - Empowering Service Fund at lionsclub.org/en/donate. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

WHAT CAN I DO TO **HELP LATER?**

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

Source: Thefuneralsource.org

Horoscopes

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, it may take time to make a nutritional overhaul, especially if indulaina in drinks and sweets has become habitual. Be patient with yourself and you'll be successful.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you've been considering a move lately, you may find yourself putting the wheels in motion pretty soon. Begin to make a list of what you need to pull this off.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Direct communication does not always come easy to you, Gemini. Give it a try and convey your feelings to someone you love. Be honest and welcome the response.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, even if you're feeling out of sync this week, you will manage to find someone who is marching along to a similar beat. This person can become a true friend.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Start to clean house, Leo. Avoid any distracting habits that might get in your way. You don't need anything to derail your positive plans for the future this week.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, find a new muse and begin a creative project. There may be some obstacles along the way, but you will see creative endeavors through to completion.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

A former flame may try to heat things up again, Libra. If you're single, you may be interested. But steer clear of this person if you're attached because it spells trouble.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, embrace healthy debate and don't try to bowl anyone over with your big ideas. Afford others their own right to have an opinion, even if it differs from your own.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You have learned many lessons about financial responsibility. Sagittarius. When an item catches your eye, it might be very tempting to indulge. Stay the course.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20 Personal affairs often make you a closed book, Capricorn. But you may have to spill a few secrets to a trusted friend to get the advice you need right now.

AQUARIUS

For the week of **December 28, 2020**

Jan 21/Feb 18

Clean up any unresolved parts of your life before the year draws to a close. Aquarius. It's a large undertaking, but you have the means and the support to get it done.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Cease to compromise on your core values, Pisces. You do not have to sway to the desires of others. Stand your ground on important issues.



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