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Work ethic, drive make for successful farm

■ Dwight Eichelberg shares history of farm and popular Eichelberg corn, pumpkins

By Sharon Stone

You'd be hard pressed to find someone from the tri-county area who hasn't had an ear of Eichelberg Farm corn. Since 1978 when he first started planting corn on his Linden Road property in Fenton Township, Dwight Eichelberg, 77, has gained a reputation for himself and his expanding vegetable stand.

Last year he farmed on 18 to 20 acres. He's using more land this year, up to 25 acres to keep up with demand. Last year's growing season was up 50

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“If you have no drive, forget it. It's a business. You've got to stay on top of things, deal with the weather.”

Dwight Eichelberg
Eichelberg Farm owner



(Above) Dwight Eichelberg, owner of Eichelberg Farm in Fenton Township, shows off his pumpkin patch. (Below) Eichelberg repairs a fence to help keep the critters out of his cornfield.



A hearty and colorful display of extra long handled pumpkins can be seen from the road as you drive by Eichelberg Farm in the fall.



(Above) Dwight Eichelberg loads up a tractor full of sweet corn. (Below) Second only to the sweet corn are the tomatoes grown at Eichelberg Farm.



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or gym membership). If money is tight, cancel non-essential subscription services temporarily. You can always restart them when things get better. The silver lining of this pandemic is that since most of us are practicing social distancing to minimize contagion, you may already be saving money by not going out.

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percent and Eichelberg attributes that increase to more people cooking at home because of the pandemic.

Last summer, there were days when his parking lot wasn't big enough for all of the customers.

Eichelberg's sweet corn is the number one crop, followed closely by tomatoes and pumpkins. They also grow green beans, squash and peppers. Eichelberg's extra long handled pumpkins in all sorts of colors are his favorite items to grow and sell.

Eichelberg has not always been a farmer. He was a teacher for Flint schools for 31 years. He said one of his best art students was Terry Crews, actor, activist and artist among other things.

He and his wife Marlene moved out to the country (Fenton Township) in the late '70s and he retired from teaching in 1996. His vegetable farming started small and has grown steadily to what it is today.

In the late '80s, he installed an irrigation system and in 2002, fencing was added.

When he first started selling sweet corn, it was 65 cents per dozen. He will be selling a dozen for \$7 this year. He said farms on the west side of the state are selling corn for \$10 per dozen and in Rhode Island, corn is selling for \$12 a dozen.

It takes Eichelberg and a handful of people to maintain the farm. His daughter and two sons have helped over the years, but he does not expect any family to take over Eichelberg Farm when he wants to retire. Eichelberg admits to doing most of the work and doing a lot of picking and spending time working on his knees.

He planted a small two-row section of sweet corn insulated with plastic sheeting. He doesn't sell this corn,

but gives it to his closest friends and family. He will start planting corn to sell around April 15. Staggered planting will continue throughout the summer to keep the corn coming in. It takes between 70 to 80 days for corn to be ready for picking.

Eichelberg grows 10 varieties of corn and uses only the best varieties he can find. His used to have a favorite that came from Peru, but it's no longer available. He said all of his varieties are "pretty good."

Being a small farm, technology over the years has focused on fertilizers, which has improved and become more specific to needs. Fungicides have become more available, less toxic and more organic. No GMOs (genetically modified organisms) are used at Eichelberg Farm.

One product Eichelberg is excited to test out this year is for bird control, which has always been a major problem. It's a \$20,000 experimental machine that interrupts the communication between flocks of birds and they fly away, with no harm to them. "The bird pattern has gotten better, but some years it was horrible," he said.

Eichelberg is happy with how his extra long handled pumpkins have become so colorful and popular. He's said he's proud of the fall decorations he has displayed at the Fenton Township hall. He said last year's harvest was the best and he's noticed older people really tend to like all of the different colors of pumpkins.

Looking ahead to this season, he said he can already work the ground since it's been so dry and we've had a lot of sunshine. He compares the current weather to that of South Dakota. He remembers the flooding of 2019 when he was nearly drowned out and couldn't start his planting until May of that year. "That was a horrible, rough year," he said.

When asked if he would advise anyone to get into farming, Eichelberg said that person would definitely have to have the right work ethic and drive. "It's a lot of work, with books to keep," he said. "If you have no drive, forget it. It's a business. You've got to stay on top of things, deal with the weather."

When Eichelberg Farm is open this spring, summer and fall, be sure to check out all the vegetables as well as the colorful pumpkins.

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Sports Times

Devils' basketball teams earn spots in district title games

■LF boys crush Chesaning in third, win 75-34 in semifinal

By Dale Smith

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team turned what appeared to be a close game into a rout Thursday night against the Chesaning Indians at Lake Fenton High School. The Devils used a 33-2 advantage in the third quarter to win 75-34 in a district semifinal game.

Both teams are young. Chesaning started only one senior and Lake Fenton two. The two teams battled throughout a turnover-prone first half. But, two early three-pointers from Lake Fenton senior Carter Foerster was only a small slice of what was to come. He had eight points in the first quarter and junior Max Muenzer hauled down four rebounds



Lake Fenton's varsity boys and girls basketball teams earned spots in district championship games during the week. These photos are from recent games against Goodrich. (Left) Carter Foerster scored 34 points in the Lake Fenton boys' victory against Chesaning. (Right) Savannah Fellenbaum scored seven points in a win against Owosso. Photos: Mark Bolen

to give the Devils a slight edge at 15-14.

In the second quarter, both teams struggled to score and two free throws from Chesaning's freshman, Mason

Struck, finally broke the ice. A steal and an easy basket by Muenzer put the Devils up 23-19 with 1:25 left in the half. Lake Fenton took a 25-23 lead into the locker room.

And then, there was the third quarter. The Devils turned up the full court pressure to their advantage. An "and one" from Foerster

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■LF girls looking to win second straight, defeat Owosso

By David Troppens

For a quarter, Owosso was able to keep up with the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team's uptempo style.

The result was a competitive 18-14 score after the first quarter, with the Blue Devils enjoying a slight edge.

But the tempo eventually got to Owosso in the middle two quarters as Lake Fenton outscored its foe 48-13 during those periods, eventually earning the Blue Devils a 77-43 Division 2 district semifinal victory at Owosso High School.

The win means the Blue Devils will play in their third straight district title game in three seasons when they face Corunna Friday at 7 p.m. at Owosso High School.

"They came out running with us and matching us basket for basket," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "Their point guard Kendall Anderson doesn't score a lot but when it comes to handling the ball, they are a very different team when

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Lady Eagles show progress during 2021 season

By David Troppens

Linden — One can forgive Wednesday's district semifinal contest against the Hartland Eagles.

The Hartland Eagles are a team looking to win a state championship. The Linden Eagles are trying to re-establish a history of winning with second-year varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling.

And while no team wants to lose a district contest 51-6, as Linden did against the Hartland Eagles, the contest can't change what the Eagles have done this season.

Linden beat teams they haven't defeated in a long time. They defeated the Fenton Tigers, the Holly Bronchos twice and Flint Kearsley.

"We've had some success. This was the first time we beat Fenton in what I believe was the first time in six years, so that was an amazing game," Darling

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By David Troppens

Linden — It was a first half that the Linden varsity boys basketball team would've liked to forget.

Playing a D1 district semifinal contest on their own home court, the Howell Highlanders came out pretty free flowing and comfortable against the Linden Eagles Thursday night.

The results of their intensity and comfort was reflected by the scoreboard. Linden trailed just 17-13 after a layup by Matthew Wisniewski. However, the rest of the half was Howell as the Highlanders finished the half on a 16-5 run taking a 33-18 lead into the half.

However, the Eagles didn't give up. Led by Blake Lund's 33-point performance Linden overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half to earn chances to tie the contest or even take the lead. However, Howell held on down the stretch to earn a 66-62 victory against the Linden Eagles.

"This is a senior led team and they realized their backs were against the

wall," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Lance Belill said. "They came out and fought. It was nothing I said. It was them deciding to play hard. We came out and got smacked in the mouth a little bit with their intensity, but we didn't fold and for that I'll be forever grateful."

"We came out timid," Linden's senior leader Lund said. "We knew what we had to do. They made adjustments and we couldn't adjust to those adjustments, and at half-time we got it all together and got it ready to go."

Lund was held scoreless in the first half, but Lund couldn't be stopped in the second half. He hit his first shot



Blake Lund scored 33 points in the Eagles' district semifinal loss to Howell Thursday night. Photos: Mark Bolen

of the second half, but the Eagles still trailed 38-21 after a post hoop by Howell's Danny Hokala with 6:11 left in the third quarter. Lund wouldn't be denied.

Tigers fall to Howell in regional semi

By David Troppens

Linden — Fenton's first-year varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchev isn't a first-year coach for many of the players on his squad.

Kutchev has been with the Tigers' program for 20 prior years in all sorts of positions. And with this year's senior class, he has a great relationship with them. Why? Let's let Kutchev explain why.

"I'm so glad I had this group as my first year as a varsity coach," Kutchev said. "We've been through a lot together. I was their seventh-grade coach, their freshman coach and now their varsity

coach. I will never forget how hard they work. They put so much into this game and it shows. They don't turn the motor off. They just keep going, going and going, and I'm very proud of them."

Kutchev's first year as the Tigers' mentor ended Wednesday during a D1 district semifinal contest against the Howell Highlanders at Linden High School. Fenton lost 55-17.

Fenton (11-7) enjoyed two leads, with both coming very early. Fenton led 2-0 after Mallory Lehmann assisted a layup by Kyla Lynch. About a minute later, Adrie Staib assisted Korryn Smith's layup. She was fouled on the shot and Smith also converted the free throw, giving the Tigers a 5-2 lead. However, the Highlanders finished the quarter with a 10-2 run, taking a 12-7 lead entering the second quarter. Howell's Maeve St. John dominated the second quarter. She scored 10 points.

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Competitive cheer squads compete at regional events

By David Troppens

The run to the state meet has ended for the tri-county's remaining three competitive cheer teams.

Fenton and Linden competed in a D2 regional and Lake Fenton competed in a D3 regional, but none of the area schools were able to qualify in the top four and earn a spot into the state tournament.

The Flint Metro League champion Fenton Tigers finished eighth in the Walled Lake Western regional, posting a three-round total team score of 725.54, about 31 points less than needed to place fourth and qualify for the state meet. Linden placed 11th with a 698.06. Lake Fenton competed in a D3 regional at Novi and 11th with a score of 682.20.

The Tigers posted a 225.00 Round 1 score, placing them in a tie for seventh at that time. A 214.54 in Round 2 improved the Tigers to sixth place with a 439.54. However, a 286.00 Round 3 score wasn't enough to get the squad into the top four positions.

Linden started with a 216 Round 1 score and followed that up with a 193.06 Round 2 score. The Eagles finished competition with a 288.90 Round 3 score.

Lake Fenton posted a 220.30 in Round 1 at their regional but had a 199.00 score in Round 2. An eight-point penalty dropped them to a 411.30 score after two rounds.

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Tigers win battle of rivals in district opener vs. Holly Bronchos, 61-50

By David Troppens

Howell — Seth Logan enjoys just going to a basketball rim and shooting free throws.

"I always see how many I can make," Logan said. "I haven't quite gotten to my dad's record yet. I think his is in the 90s and mine is in the 70s."

Anyone who has watched Logan shoot free throws wouldn't be shocked if he owns the family's consecutive free throw record pretty soon.

Logan scored a game-high 22 points and nailed a perfect 9-of-9 free throws leading the Fenton Tigers to a 61-50 Division 1 District semifinal victory against the Holly Bronchos at Holly High School Tuesday night.

Really, Logan's free-throw shooting was one of the secondary stories of the game. The primary story was the Tigers' sizzling shooting in the first half. After humbling start that saw the Tigers turn the ball over seven of their first nine possessions, Fenton trailed Holly 6-3 after a layup by the Bronchos' Samuel Fleischer with 5:17 left in the first quarter. However, that's when the Tigers (6-8) started to relax. From that point, the Tigers nailed 8-of-15 shots with five of them being three-pointers the rest of the half to change their fortunes around. The Tigers took the lead for the first time at 10-8 on a steal and fast break layup by Ja'Hion Bond. A 25-foot jumper by Connor Luck at the end of the first quarter gave the Tigers a 15-11 lead.

In the second quarter, the Tigers

hit on 4-of-8 shots with three of them being treys. The quarter began with a three-pointer by Logan and continued later on when Logan hit a trey and was fouled. He hit his first of nine free throws, giving the Tigers a four-point play and their first double-digit lead at 23-13. Holly would cut the lead to 32-16 on a trey by Bryce Goins, but Gavin Shepherd hit two free throws with 11.8 seconds left in the half, giving the Tigers a 34-26 halftime lead.

"We have a pretty young team and districts and the state tournament is a whole different animal," Logan said about the initial early game issues. "We got over the early hump in the first quarter and we got rolling."

Fenton's lead bounced around eight to 10 points for most of the third quarter, but occasionally the Bronchos would make a run.



Fenton's Seth Logan gets hammered by Holly's Jacob Welch while Logan tries to get a shot off in the Tigers' victory against the Bronchos. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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Lake Fenton's Noah Hall earns a pinfall in the Blue Devils' victory against Owosso in a regional semifinal bout. Photo: David Troppens

LF wrestlers advance to regional final, fall to Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team entered the season looking at it as one to earn some key experience for the future.

With 15 freshmen on the roster, it's easy to see why the Blue Devils' future looked promising, but one would think that promise may take a year to build toward.

Apparently not.

The Blue Devils took a young team and came within 14 points of winning a team regional title Wednesday. Facing a strong wrestling power, Goodrich, in the championship match at Lake Fenton High School, the Blue Devils won six matches and gave the Martians a strong battle before losing 35-21 in the title match. Prior to the championship match, the Blue Devils defeated Owosso 69-6 in the regional semifinal match.

"The kids wrestled tough," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corco-

ran said. "We had three matches within a point or two that we lost. If we win those matches, we're up 30-26. Goodrich is a very good program and we were able to tighten up the score from the last time we wrestled them.

"You know we have a very young team and they all wrestled their hearts out. I can't say anything bad about their efforts. We'll have the offseason to get back at it and I hope to really improve for next season. I'm really looking forward to it."

The Blue Devils, who finished second in the Metro League's Stars Division, lost its previous bout with Goodrich 42-22. The Blue Devils lost the first two matches with one being a forfeit in the title match. However, Lake Fenton then made a run of three straight wins. Ty Johnson (125), Zack Hall (130) and Drew Corcoran (135) each earned decision victories, cutting the Martians' lead to 10-9.

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said. "Honestly, we took second in the Metro. That may not be official. We still had Swartz Creek and Kearsley, and if we could've played those teams and won, we would've finished second in the Metro League. And that's a huge accomplishment for our girls. Of course, we are reaching for first place, but this is a great start."

Actually, win percentage wise, the Eagles did finish in second. Their 5-3 mark represents the second-best win percentage in Metro League Stripes Division play.

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Linden's Olivia Mawhinney dribbles with the ball during the Eagles' loss against the Hartland Eagles. Photo: David Troppens

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24 Mazda roadster

29 Ordinance

32 Belgrade's land

33 Vatican City

34 Suffix with surrounder

35 Retained

36 Grand — (race event)

37 Uncouth

38 Premonition

39 Film-rating gp.

40 Mall stall

41 Home to Hanoi, briefly

44 Mortgage claim

45 Quick bite

47 Kachina doll carvers

48 Dry as —

49 Birds flap them

53 Prior to, to bards

54 Get for less

57 ENT part

58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down

59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel

60 Comic Caesar

61 "Jeepers!"

62 Pot-au- — (French dish)

63 Suffix with 93-Down

64 Popular typeface

65 Actress Jane

66 Portable bed

67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro

71 — diavolo (pasta sauce)

72 Unpaid debts

73 Steenburgen of "Ink"

74 Peruvians of old

75 Crawl (with)

76 Chemical "I"

80 Tubular pasta

81 Actress Falco

82 "I" problems

83 Email status

85 Lustrous fabric

86 Service costs

87 Wood splitter

88 Editorial page feature

90 Consents to

92 Film director Roth

93 Missouri-to-Iowa direction

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96 People using lassos

99 Bracelet part

100 Baseball's — Nomo

101 Army squads

102 Used oars

103 Sink part

106 — Sea (shrinking Asian lake)

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109 Long Spanish river

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

SORRY, BERRY, POETIC, DEBATE

Answer: The clever Hungarian exterminator named his new company — "BOOT-A-PEST"

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

MEDIAL, FREIGHT, SAVORY, PEDAL

Answer: EMPLOYED

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 22 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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GIRLS

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she's out there. As soon as the second quarter started, she got tired. And when she came back out, she didn't seem any fresher. That was key. We scored 27 points in the second quarter and I'm pretty sure that's our quarter high for the season. We got everyone involved, moved the ball well and shot really well."

Christina Lamb led the offense with in the second quarter with 10 points, while Amaya Smith netted nine points during the quarter.

Lake Fenton's young post players Savannah Fellenbaum and Cola Sisk played strong defense as well while also grabbing the key defensive rebounds.

"They've been playing well during the last part of the season until now," Van-Buren said. "Both played pretty well. They both keep their arms straight up, try to bother shots but don't really try to block shots. They don't leave their feet for headfakes. They hold their own."

The Blue Devils led 55-20 at the half, and then iced the game for sure with a 21-point third quarter that saw eight players score.

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Tigers' season ends with loss vs. Hartland Eagles

By David Troppens

Howell — For about 12 minutes, the Fenton varsity boys basketball teased its fan base against the Hartland Eagles.

Hartland entered the D1 district semi-final contest at Howell High School as the clear-cut favorite, but the Tigers had a strong opening quarter.

A Gavin Shepherd three-pointer gave the Tigers a 4-0 lead just 1:25 into the contest. Hartland responded with a three-pointer by Cole Lamberger and then a breaking layup by Spencer Bulhuis, giving the Eagles a 5-4 lead. Fenton answered back with two converted free throws by Connor Luck, giving the Tigers a 6-5 lead.

It ended up being the Tigers' final lead of the contest. But at the time that wasn't evident considering a baseline layup by Ja'Hion Bond cut the Eagles' lead to just 11-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Fenton also trailed quickly 17-10 in the second quarter, but were able to put together a seven-point run — capped by a Luck three-pointer off a Brendan Alvord assist — tying the contest at

17-all with 4:50 left until halftime. However, that's when the Eagles took over. Fenton turned the ball over on its next two possessions resulting in breaking layups. The hoops sparked a 10-2 Hartland lead, giving the Eagles a 27-19 halftime lead.

The Tigers entered the half still with a fighting shot, but that ended in the third quarter with Hartland's 27-point stanza. Hartland hit on 10-of-14 field goals, with five of those hoops being treys while Fenton hit on just 4-of-16 field goals. By the time the quarter was over, the Tigers trailed 54-28.

Seth Logan led the Tigers with 12 points and three rebounds while Bond had 10 points and five boards. Shepherd netted six points while Luck chipped in five points.

Fenton finished the season with a 6-9 mark overall with a large chunk of those losses coming in non-league contests. Fenton was 2-5 in non-league games.

Shepherd has enjoyed his senior year with the program.

"I loved my time with the program," Shepherd said.



Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond drives to the bucket against Holly. The Tigers lost to Hartland on Thursday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

Blue Devils win district opener vs. Ovid-Elsie, 42-24

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team has progressively improved each week this season.

And now that districts have come, the Blue Devils are playing their best basketball of the season.

A few days after earning an impressive victory against Swartz Creek, the Blue Devils opened the Lake Fenton D2 district with what was one of its most impressive efforts of the season — a 42-24 thumping of Ovid-Elsie at Lake Fenton High School on Tuesday.

"We had a pretty strong game from

start to finish, got the win and the opportunity to advance to the next round," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "Their NPR rating (the rating the Michigan High School Athletic Association used to rank teams) was stronger than ours but we had the 20-point victory and handed our business from start to finish. We got off to a strong start and never had a dip, slowly ascending as the game continued. We did what we had to do to get the win."

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BOYS

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made it 34-23 at the 5:32 mark of the quarter. Shortly thereafter, he dropped in a three to make it 41-23 and then added a bucket courtesy of a steal from Lake Fenton senior Francis Senter. With just over eleven minutes left in the game, the

rout was on.

Foerster led all scorers with 34 points while adding six rebounds, two steals and a block. Fifteen of those points came from behind the arc.

"The press just set up a couple of things," said Foerster.

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Obituaries

Times


David Leo Kelly

1944 – 2021



David Leo Kelly - age 76, of Fenton, died Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Per the family's request cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to his family. David was born May 4, 1944 in Flint, the son of Wayne Lee and Loraine Elizabeth (Lewis) Kelly. He was a 1962 graduate of Fenton High School. He married Celia Ann White March 19, 1965 in Fenton. David retired in 2020 from Charter Communication

as a Construction Coordinator; he also was a Rodeo Announcer and Auctioneer. He enjoyed taking care of his "Bride", Celia. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Celia Ann; daughter, Andrea Kelly of Fenton. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Susan Johnson and Sharon Siebecker; brother, Dale Kelly. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert West
Robert West - age 63, died March 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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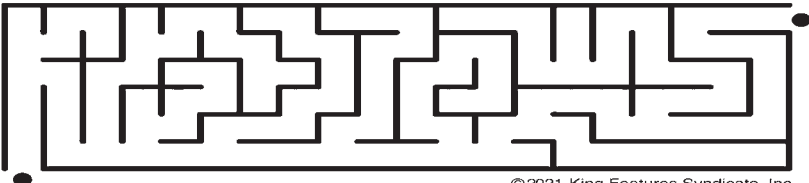
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Obituaries

Times

Donald Eugene Feldhahn

1928 - 2021

Donald Eugene Feldhahn - age 92, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 20, 2021. Private services will be held. Donald was born June 28, 1928 in Royal Oak, the son of Ernest C. and Rose (Kauer) Feldhahn. He



three children, Susan (Louis) Calandri, David Feldhahn, and Sandy Feldhahn, all of Fenton; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two

brothers; two sisters; and son, Dale Feldhahn. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

was a 1946 graduate of Hartland High School. Donald married Katherine A. Nauss on March 19, 1949 and she preceded him in death on March 15, 2017. Donald owned and operated Mid-State Equipment and Feldhahn Farms for many years. He enjoyed restoring vintage and antique cars and spending time with family. Surviving are



Mary Jo Bentley

1936 - 2021

Mary Jo Bentley - age 85, of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Holly, died Thursday, March 11, 2021. She was born on March 2, 1936 to Melvin and Inez (Measle) Bendle. She is survived by three children, Brian Bentley, Beth Bentley, and Tom Bentley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence "Bo" Bentley; and her son, Kevin Bentley. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Harry "Sonny" Snow Jr.

1929 - 2021

Harry "Sonny" Snow Jr. - age 91, of Oak Harbor, OH and formerly of Argentine, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Riverview Senior Healthcare Campus, Oak Harbor, OH. He was born August 30, 1929 the son of Isabell Bittner and Harry E. Snow, Sr. From a very early age, Sonny was raised by his aunt Emma (Bill) Campbell. Sonny was an artist and liked automobiles and had an extensive collection of model cars. Sonny worked for several years at Riverview Industries and was liked by everyone. Sonny is survived by several cousins. A Memorial Service will be held 11 AM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden. Burial will follow in Clough Hill Cemetery. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Page

Ruth Page - age 91, died March 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Benjamin Shannon

Benjamin Shannon - age 87, died March 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carolyn McCoy

Carolyn McCoy - age 76, died March 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dale Parks, Jr.

Dale Parks, Jr. - age 65, died March 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edwin "Ted" Hartz

Edwin "Ted" Hartz, of Teanau, NZ, formerly of Holly, died Monday, March 22, 2021 in New Zealand. He is survived by his wife, Mary of 53 years; a sister, Kaye (Hartz) Thompson of Clarkston; and his aunt, Sue (Chamberlain) Vess (Fred) of St Louis, MI. Mary will be returning to Michigan and residing with her brother, John Brummeler in East Tawas. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



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As you look in awe at the mighty sky and it's grand majesty, remember me.
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Jennifer Alice (Beno) Hunter

1974 – 2021

Jennifer Alice (Beno) Hunter - age 46, of Linden, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021. A private service will take place immediately, with a celebration of life memorial service to take place at a later date. In Lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to the family for the children's college funds, The Rock Church or the Linden Pay It Forward Project. Jennifer was born on November 17, 1974 in Pontiac, the daughter of George and Patricia (Young) Beno. She was a graduate of Milford High School, class of 1992. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan, Flint. She worked a number of years as a nurse



for Genesys Hospital. Jennifer was united in marriage to Chris Hunter on May 25, 2002 in Milford. She was a member of The Rock Church. In her free time she enjoyed supporting

her children's sporting events, gardening, camping, boating on the lake, and spending time with family and dear friends. She is survived by her husband, Chris Hunter; children, Julia, Seth and Sophia Hunter; parents, George and Patricia Beno; brother, George Beno III; and several aunts; uncles; cousins; and friends. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dean Edwards

Dean Edwards - age 19, died March 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Deborah Ward

Deborah Ward - age 63, died March 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Madeline Bright

Madeline Bright - age 95, died March 22, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael Gellings

Michael Gellings - age 73, died March 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Allen Loveland

1942 – 2021

Robert Allen Loveland - age 78 of Fenton, formerly of Brighton, passed away from complications of cancer Friday, March 19, 2021 at home surrounded by loved ones. He



was born on April 13, 1942, in Grand Rapids, to George E. and Eleanor L. (nee: Albright) Loveland. Bob graduated from Brighton High School in 1960 and then served his country for four years in the U.S. Air Force. He worked 30 plus years at General Motors in Flint, until retirement. Bob loved playing golf, taking daily walks with his dog and traveling with his wife, Julie. Bob is preceded in death by his parents; son, David A. Loveland; and brother, George

Loveland. He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann; children, Laura(Tom) Rogers, and Jeff Loveland both of Bellaire; daughter-in-law, Karen Loveland of Howell; two step-children, Kristen Miller

of Fenton, and Craig Cox of CA; seven grandchildren, Megan(Jason) Barnett, Marcus Rogers, Lauren(Dylan) Buffman, Joshua Paul, Jeffie Loveland, David Loveland, and Sawyer Miller; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bill(Helen) Loveland of FL, and Cindy(Jerry) McGrain of Harrison. He will be missed by his family and friends. He will be interred with full military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Mikhail Kurkis

Mikhail Kurkis - age 87, died March 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Phillip Benore

Phillip Benore - age 93, died March 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Hutchison-White

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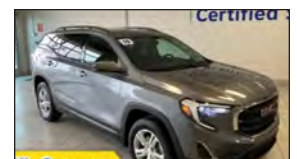
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