

Gaines man killed in motorcycle crash

■Harley-Davidson veers from road in Argentine Township

By Sharon Stone

A 54-year-old Gaines man was killed in a motorcycle crash early Sunday, Sept. 12.

Ronald Wetherell's body and Harley-Davidson motorcycle were located at 9:33 a.m. Sunday approximately 30 feet from Seymour Road, between Whitney and Ray roads in Argentine Township.

Sgt. Paul Honkanen of the Argentine Township Police

Department said Wetherell left a restaurant/bar in Deerfield Township at approximately 2:20 a.m., Sunday.

After he did not return home, family and friends started searching for him. At 7 a.m., his wife filed a missing person report with the Michigan State Police (MSP).

Honkanen also was backtracking Wetherell's route home when he was notified that family located the crash site.

The MSP crash reconstruction team was called in to investigate the crash, which remains under investigation.

A Gofundme "In Honor of

Ronnie Woo Woo" has been created if anyone would like to donate to his family. According to the Gofundme, details of his funeral arrangements, as well as his Celebration of Life party will be posted to Wetherell's Facebook page once they are finalized.



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Police Appreciation Picnic planned for Saturday

■Concern Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.) expects 800 to 1,200 people

By Hannah Ball

A Police Appreciation Picnic is planned for this Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3-7 p.m. at Mueller's Orchard and Cider Mill in Fenton Township.

Hosted by Concern Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.), this event's purpose is to show appreciation for law enforcement.

The public can expect food, games, live music, a bounce house and more. They will play the national anthem at 4 p.m., and they

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Bands took turns playing the two main stages at Barnfest at Stoney Acres on Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11. Organizers say approximately 6,000 pounds of food was collected to donate to local churches. Photo: Hannah Ball

Barnfest attracts 1,500 people

■Musical fest/fundraiser plans to downsize next year

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Music and laughter were in abundance at the 11th

annual Barnfest at Stoney Acres off Lobdell Road this past weekend, from Friday, Sept. 10-12.

The popular music festival featured nearly 20 bands on two stages and

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City approves \$20,000 commitment

■Non-binding pledge will assist LAFF Pathway with future grants

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Sept. 13, Fenton City Council unanimously approved \$20,000 for a non-binding commitment for matching funds to the grants for Phase 3 of the trail extension project of the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton Township, Fenton) Pathway. This commitment will assist in the application for grants.

Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and Fenton Community & Cultural Center, said it's an approximate non-binding \$4,000 commitment for five years.

In related news, Fenton City

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“So excited to see that Bottles, Brews & News is back in person this fall. When I saw the ad this weekend, I scanned the QR code and bought my tickets right away. Cheers to Oct. 23rd.”

“Went to the Shakespeare festival at Rackham Park last night. Wonderful play. My family and I really enjoyed it. Everyone should come out and enjoy it.”



Missing teen located

■ Tyrone Township girl located in Burton

By Sharon Stone

A 14-year-old Linden girl went missing Saturday, Sept. 11.

Jeff Bailey posted on his Facebook page Monday morning, Sept. 13 that his

daughter Lexus Bailey was last seen Saturday at her mother's house in Tyrone Township, northern Livingston County.

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said they did not suspect foul play but were still concerned because of her age. Information of her disappearance was shared widely on social media Monday.

At 3:45 p.m., Monday, Murphy said he received word that Lexus had been located in Burton and her mother was picking her up to bring her home.



Lexus Bailey

MCC seeks new trustee to fill vacancy

■ Will replace Matthew Norwood who will step down Oct. 1

Mott Community College (MCC) is seeking a new trustee to replace Matthew Norwood, who will resign from the Board of Trustees effective Oct. 1. His resignation was announced at the Aug. 23 meeting of the MCC Board of Trustees.

"It has been a pleasure to serve with Matthew on the MCC Board of Trustees," said Anne Figueroa, board chair. "His commitment to the college has helped MCC create the ideal learning environment to deliver a high-quality and life-changing education for all our students."

Norwood of Fenton Township was originally appointed by the Board in 2013 to fill a vacancy created by Trustee Pam Faris' election to the Michigan House of Representatives

and subsequent resignation. In 2014, he was elected to serve the remainder of Faris' term, and he was elected to his own full term in 2018.

As a member of the board, Norwood served as a member of the personnel committee, goals and objectives committee, and was elected Board Secretary earlier this year.

A Flint-area attorney and third-generation MCC alumnus, Norwood is a member of the Michigan and Genesee County Bar Associations, and currently serves on the board of the Hundred Club of Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer counties. He is the founder and former chairperson of the Flint Cultural Center's Young Professional Council, and was vice chair of The Foundation for Mott Community College. Norwood also has worked with the Greater Flint Arts Council, McFarlan Home, and several other groups and organizations.

Beginning Sept. 13, the MCC Board will accept applications from those

interested in filling the vacancy. To be eligible for appointment, applicants must be:

- A registered voter at least 18 years of age;
- A U.S. citizen;
- A resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days;
- A resident of the College District for at least 30 days. The College District consists of the 21 school districts contained within the Genesee Intermediate School District.

The appointment will expire Dec. 31, 2022. Applicants may apply via the following form <https://forms.gle/Em9cY6xgQXxkfpKr9> by no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22. They also may submit their application to mccboard@mcc.edu or mail/drop it off at the College's Board Services office at 1401 E. Court St., Curtice-Mott Bldg. Room #1021, Flint, Michigan 48503.

Applications must include:

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HollyDays

By Sharon Stone

Last weekend, the Holly area was abuzz with HollyDays activities.

Unofficially, HollyDays got its start as the Carry Nation Festival years ago, celebrating this American prohibitionist who was famous for using a hatchet to demolish barrooms. The event was revamped in 2015, when the village of Holly celebrated its Sesquicentennial.

Ever since, the festivities have only grown.

This most recent event did not disappoint. The event featured a farmers market, a community play, a parade, disc golf, a color run and much more. Festivities began at 8 a.m., Saturday with a prayer for first responders.

Nick Klemp, secretary of Main Street Holly and the Holly Downtown Development Authority director, said, “HollyDays went very well this year. The committee and volunteers worked hard in a short amount of time to pull things together and it seems like everyone had a great two days celebrating Holly. It was great to see so many people in town having fun and making the community connections we haven’t been able to have lately.”



Participants of the Color Run get ready for their race during HollyDays. Submitted photos



The annual tug-of-war between village of Holly police and fire departments was won by police this year. See more photos with this story online at [tctimes.com](#)

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Sharin' the spotlight

Chili, football, marching bands and more

By Editor Sharon Stone

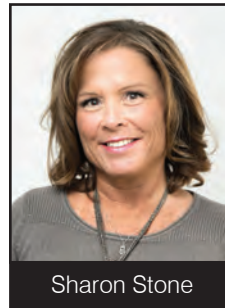
As soon as I feel the chill from a crisp breeze and smell the beginning of leaves turning, it's time that I make my first pot of chili of the season. My recipe, Nichols worth of chili, is an old family favorite that I have tweaked over the years. The pot simmering on the stovetop signifies that summer is ending and fall is quickly approaching.

Just as chili brings in a new season, football at any level is typically playing on our TV and in my house, this past weekend was filled with college football. Being college sweethearts from MSU (Class of '82 and Class of '83), my husband and I planned our day around State's game. Since the weather was perfect and Jeff managed to get the day off work, we hung our flatscreen TV outdoors on our patio. We enjoyed the entire game, from pre-game, the marching band, the snacks, the excitement we could see in the stands, to the half-time show and of course all of our touchdowns and our second win of the season.

I love watching the marching bands. I was in marching band for four years in high school and played the clarinet. I love that so many of our local high school students are in their schools' marching bands. They are going to remember these years for the rest of their lives. I give them all so much credit since I know how hard they work with playing in key in hot and cold weather, staying in step and remembering where their squad is supposed to be positioned. Non-marching band people have no idea how difficult it can be.

With Saturday falling on the anniversary of 9/11, I so appreciated seeing our military members, first responders and health care workers being recognized on the fields. I loved seeing our military walking out onto the fields displaying huge American flags. I give kudos to the massive American flag displayed on the field over in Ann Arbor during Michigan's game. From the cheers in the stands, it was apparent that it meant a lot to many people.

High school and college football



Sharon Stone

brings everyone together. Everyone is there for the same reason — to see their team win and playing the game under the lights on a Friday night brings so much excitement to every hometown. I look forward to reading Sports Editor David Tropens' recaps of our local games. I'm even starting

to remember some of the players' names. So whether you're tailgating at your favorite college campus or getting together with a group of friends and family members to cheer on your team, the bonding over a mutual interest is comforting and good for the soul.

One last thanks goes to the couple attending the Miami game at the Hard Rock Stadium in Florida. They have been season ticket holders for years and the husband is a veteran of the U.S. military. They told news organizations that they always take an American flag with them to the game. Because of their tradition, there is one very lucky cat, which fell from the upper bowl of the stadium. They caught the cat with their American flag.

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

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WHILE IT'S GREAT to see so many people out walking their dogs up and down Margaret Drive, it's amazing that some are lazy in 2021 and expect others to clean up after their dogs. Clean up your own mess or walk somewhere else.

LINDEN JV FOOTBALL coaches, spectators are tired of only two players participating in every play. There are 11 kids on the field.

JUST WONDERING WHEN the museum is going to open again? Everything else is open, why aren't they?

IT'S ALL ABOUT me. The intersection of North Road and Poplar is challenging enough without the added frustration of self-centered people. They won't let you in. You can sit through multiple lights without an opportunity to move. They will go as far as turning into the intersection and blocking any movement.

HERE IS FENTON'S plan to fix the streets: keep letting the streets crumble in disrepair until citizens finally pay up through a millage.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

Do you think aliens exist?



"They are just us from the future after we discover time travel. That's why they don't interact and the government kept Roswell a secret."

Ryan Rockman
Flint



"No!"

Denise Glaspie
Linden



"No. It is my opinion using logic and reason, further based on reconciliation of much readings and study. I also don't believe there are cucumber plants in the Sahara though I've not traversed it whatsoever. Again, my opinion based on same."

Paul Anibal, Fenton



"It would be only the greatest example of human arrogance to think that the wonders of science created this giant universe strictly for life to exist on this planet."

Tony Engelberg
Holly



"It's far more frightening to think they don't. The idea of us being the only sentient beings in the entirety of all galaxies is a very lonely thought."

Jeremy Batson
Fenton

streettalk

Linden Cub Scouts seeks members

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Cub Scouts are looking for more members and more adult volunteers.

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, Pack 111 in Linden will hold a recruiting event at Hyatt Elementary at 6 p.m. for those interested in learning more.

The pack is accepting applications through October, said Cubmaster Bo Browning.

"Scouting offers a chance to get into the outdoors, builds bonds and teamwork skills. It

gives the kids an opportunity to have experiences that they may not normally be able to experience. Scouting provides a safe environment for our scouts to dive into their own natural curiosity through hands-on experiences," he said.

Cub Scouts are split into six groups, which are called dens, one for each grade from kindergarten to fifth grade.

"Not too long ago in Linden, there

were so many Cub Scouts that they had to be divided up into three different packs, one for each elementary school. Now we barely have enough scouts to make one pack. I personally would love to see this pack live on,"

Browning said.

Scouts programs across the country are dealing with declining membership. AP News reports that membership for the Boy Scouts of America cub scouts and other scouts programs

dropped from 1.97 million in 2019 to 1.12 million in 2020, which is a 43% decrease.

The Linden Troop currently has 17 scouts, but nine will age out and transfer to the Boy Scouts at the end of this scouting year. They currently do not have any scouts in the youngest two dens, kindergarten and first grade.

"I think COVID was a big factor for

the decline in membership, not to mention the lawsuit that the Boy Scouts are going through," Browning said.

They're also seeking more adult volunteers.

"If we get recruits in kindergarten or first grade, we will need leaders and assistant leaders for each of those dens. We also are in need of volunteers to help organize and facilitate our committee meetings, popcorn sales, Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, etc. Any

volunteers would be great," he said.

Cub Scouts is open to male and female scouts and leaders.

The group meets once a month on the last Tuesday of each month at the Linden Middle School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Individual dens meet twice a month.

For those interested but unable to attend Wednesday's meeting, they can contact Lindenpack111scouts@gmail.com. They can also sign up at scouting.org.

“Now we barely have enough scouts to make one pack. I personally would love to see this pack live on.”

Bo Browning

Cub Scout Pack 111 of Linden cubmaster

Linden schools to break ground Friday

■ \$55-million bond project consists of multi-purpose center, media center at Linden Elementary, expansion of LHS media center and more

Linden Community Schools will officially kick off construction on its \$55-million 2020 bond program Friday, Sept. 17, when administrators, students, the Linden Board of Education, and community members gather for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of the district's forthcoming multi-purpose center. The groundbreaking will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"We're excited to begin transforming Linden Community Schools," said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski. "These bond improvements won't just allow us to continue to provide an exceptional learning environment for district students, but offer key resources for the greater Linden community as well."

The multi-purpose center is a 44,000-square-foot new build that will connect Linden Middle School and Linden High School. Planned amenities

include a fitness room, a community space for parties and events, an elevated running track, wrestling room, batting cages, a gymnastics space with 300 seats, and a traditional gymnasium with 300 seats.

Other notable projects included in the 2020 bond program are the addition of a media center to Linden Elementary School, expansion of the Linden High School media center, the addition of secure entrances to all district schools, relocation of the Early Childhood Center to Hyatt Elementary, and creating collaborative STEM space, among others.

Southfield-based Barton Malow will serve as the construction manager on the bond program.

About Linden Community Schools

Linden Community Schools is a six-school public school district consisting of one high school, one middle school, three elementaries, and an early childhood center. For more information, visit lindenschools.org.

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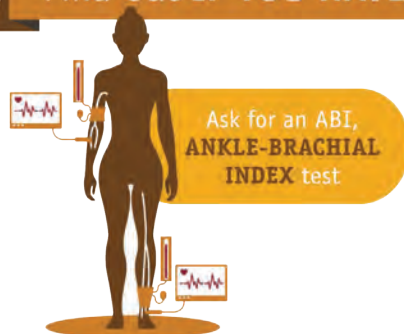
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No time to read a book?

■ Audiobooks can provide a host of benefits to people who can't wait to begin that next story

By Sharon Stone

People who love to read often get lost in a good book. Reading is a beloved hobby across the globe. But even avid readers cannot be immersed in books all of the time. Or can they?

Reading while driving or engaging in other tasks is challenging or even dangerous, but audiobooks provide a way to enjoy a good story even when you're otherwise engaged. Though dedicated readers may feel like they're "cheating" by turning to audiobooks, these alternatives to traditional books can be beneficial in various applications, particularly among learning-disabled individuals or second-language learners. People who spend much of their time on the road or long hours at the gym can also benefit from audio books.

Audiobooks have grown in popularity. Data from the Audio Publishers Association indicates that audiobook sales reached \$1.2 billion in 2019. That figure supports the notion that audiobooks can provide a host of benefits to people who can't wait to begin their next page turner.

• **Improve punctuation and fluency:** Audiobooks tend to be read by professional narrators or even well known actors and actresses. Listening to audiobooks can help people learn proper pronunciation of words, how to read with punctuation in mind and also to take notice of speed, stresses and pauses that are important in developing reading fluency.

• **Introduce new material:** Reading Rockets, a resource for teaching reading, says audiobooks may introduce readers to books above their reading levels or to subjects they may not normally delve into.

• **Expand vocabulary:** Listening to audiobooks can introduce readers to new words and teach readers how to pronounce unfamiliar dialects or old

literary styles.

• **Experience vivid images:** Audiobooks may evoke feelings of what it was to be read to as a child. According to Psychology Today, listeners can use the narrator's words and form mental pictures of characters and the plot.

• **Escapism:** Rather than listening to music while commuting, exercising or doing work that doesn't require much concentration, people can use audiobooks to stimulate their minds.

• **Relax and relieve stress:** Audiobooks can help people feel happy, thus improving their overall health. Relaxing voices and vivid scene descriptions can soothe a person and even help them get ready to sleep.

• **Manage time more effectively:** A notable benefit of audiobooks is that they can be utilized as people perform other tasks, helping to free up time throughout the rest of the day while still ensuring people get to enjoy a good story.



Audiobooks may be the answer for busy book lovers.

Genesee District Library and audiobooks

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The GDL also offers Hoopla app, which features a vast collection of e-books, audiobooks, and more.

The **Holly Township Library** also offers electronic resources at hollylibrary.org.

Residents of Michigan also can go to **mel.org** to explore public libraries and resources.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Aug. 6.

The House and Senate remain on summer break, so rather than votes this report contains some recently multi-bill legislative “packages.” These are often introduced when some purpose requires large or small modifications in more than one existing statute. They may represent part of a “platform” promoted by either the Democratic or Republican caucuses in the House, Senate or both bodies, but can also be bipartisan. Separate bills in a package typically have different lead sponsors.

Senate Bill 273: Prescribe absentee ballot “drop box” rules and restrictions

Introduced by Sen. Ruth Johnson (R), to establish rules on the use of absentee ballot drop boxes by cities and townships. Among other things, a drop box would have to be approved by both the Secretary of State and the county board of canvassers. Drop boxes would have to be monitored at all times with video cameras, with the recordings kept for at least a month after the election. This is part of a Republican election integrity package comprised of Senate Bills 273 to 311. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5191: Make statute language gender-neutral for proposed marriage amendment

Introduced by Rep. Tim Snelser (D), to replace current terms in various statutes with gender neutral terms. This bill amends a state “foreign marriage act” and repeals its ban on recognizing homosexual marriage. It is part of a legislative

package comprised of House Bills 5191 to 5243 and linked to House Joint Resolution J, which would repeal the state constitution’s recognition of marriage as only between one man and woman adopted by voters in 2004. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5049: Suspend ban on social promotions of third graders who can’t read

Introduced by Rep. Lori Stone (D), to suspend during the 2020-21 school year a law that prohibits advancing a third grader who has not attained basic reading competency to the next grade, with a number of exceptions and alternatives. This is part of a Democratic package of bills comprised of House Bills 5049 to 5052 that would suspend school accountability measures in the 2020-21 school year. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5032: Subsidize government broadband projects

Introduced by Rep. Rachel Hood (D), to amend a 2020 law that authorized state subsidies to certain private sector “broadband” companies but not government ones, to instead also permit the subsidies for government entities including “public-private partnerships.” This is part of Democratic package of bills comprised of House Bills 5049 to 5042 that would suspend school accountability measures in the 2020-21 school year. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4792: Ban requiring COVID vaccination “passports”

Introduced by Rep. Beau LaFave (R), to prohibit a “place of public accommodation” from requiring an individual to show evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or immunity status to gain access to or receive a service. This is part of a bipartisan legislative package comprised of House Bills 4789 to 4794 prohibiting COVID vaccination “passports” and similar measures. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

‘Raise the Purse’ to benefit local hospitals

■ ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact to host event Friday, Sept. 17

The ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact is set to host “Raise the Purse,” a fundraising event to benefit Hurley Children’s Hospital — Flint’s own Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) hospital, on Friday, Sept. 17 at Sugarbush Golf Club in Davison. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets in

advance, as the event is expected to sell out. Tickets can be purchased online at eventbrite.com. A direct link to purchase tickets also is available on ELGA Credit Union’s Facebook page.

“Hurley Children’s Hospital is an incredible resource to the children of our community,” said Lori Hawk,

Foundation board president. “We know that every dollar raised will go directly to impact children receiving treatments at Hurley, whether they’re spending their first days of life in the NICU or receiving treatment for cancer. We are proud to be raising funds to support Hurley as our first ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact fundraising event.”

Funds raised at the event will directly support pediatric patients at Hurley. Children’s Miracle

Network is the charity of choice for credit unions across the United States. The event will feature new and used purses for sale — with many brand new designer purses up for grabs. Guests will also enjoy a taco bar and a margarita.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and available online.

“Hurley Children’s Hospital is an incredible resource to the children of our community.”

Lori Hawk

ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact board president



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Social Security projects depletion one year early

■ Board of Trustees announces combined trust funds to be depleted in 2034

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, the Social

Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds.

The combined asset reserves of the

Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance (OASI and DI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, one year earlier than projected last year, with 78% of benefits payable at that time, according to a press release by Vonda VanTil, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration.

The OASI Trust Fund is projected to become depleted in 2033, one year sooner than last year's estimate, with 76% of benefits payable at that time.

The DI Trust Fund is estimated to become depleted in 2057, eight years earlier than last year's estimate, with 91% of benefits still payable.

In the 2021 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

- The asset reserves of the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds increased by \$11 billion in 2020 to a total of \$2.908 trillion.
- The total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed total annual income, for the first time since 1982, in 2021 and remain higher throughout the 75-year projection period. As a result, asset reserves are expected to decline during 2021. Social Security's cost has exceeded its non-interest income since 2010.
- The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 — one year earlier than last year's projection. At that time, there would be sufficient income coming in to pay 78% of scheduled benefits.

"The Trustees' projections in this year's report include the best estimates of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Social Security program," said Kilolo Kijakazi, acting commissioner of Social Security. "The pandemic and its economic impact have had an effect on Social Security's Trust Funds, and

the future course of the pandemic is still uncertain. Yet, Social Security will continue to play a critical role in the lives of 65 million beneficiaries and 176 million workers and their families during 2021."

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

- Total income, including interest, to the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds amounted to \$1.118 trillion in 2020. (\$1.001 trillion from net payroll tax contributions, \$41 billion from taxation of benefits, and \$76 billion in interest)
- Total expenditures from the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds amounted to \$1.107 trillion in 2020.
- Social Security paid benefits of \$1.096 trillion in calendar year 2020. There were about 65 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.
- The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 3.54% of taxable payroll — higher than the 3.21% projected in last year's report.
- During 2020, an estimated 175 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.
- The cost of \$6.3 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2020 was a very low 0.6% of total expenditures.
- The combined Trust Fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 2.6% in 2020.

The Board of Trustees usually comprises six members. Four serve by virtue of their positions with the federal government: Janet Yellen, secretary of the Treasury and managing trustee; Kilolo Kijakazi, acting commissioner of Social Security; Xavier Becerra, secretary of Health and Human Services; and Martin J. Walsh, secretary of Labor. The two public trustee positions are currently vacant.

View the 2021 Trustees Report at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2021/.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR PINE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN PINE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within Pine Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2 benefited by the proposed continuation of a lake improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Pine Lake, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$76,410.99.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday September 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said revised special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days, and on the Fenton Township website at www.fentontownship.org, until the time of said hearing, and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE
FENTON, MI 48430-8817

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO, I SEE the township is receiving funds from the federal government, which they are going to use for the sewer system. They raised our sewer bill from \$87 to \$255 quarterly many years ago for upgrades. Does this mean our bill will go down?

HEY NURSE; YEAH, I get that ventilator death isn't pretty. But are you suggesting death by other means is pretty? Your argument doesn't hold water.

AS SOMEONE WHO was born and raised in Fenton, I really did not appreciate being screamed at while driving past the 'protestors.'

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY POLICE FIND TEMPORARY HOME FOR DOG

On Saturday, Sept. 4, at 3:39 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a business on N. Holly Road for a report of a tan female dog sitting in front of the business door. The officer responded and took custody of the dog, placing her with a local resident who agreed to care for the dog until the owner could be located.

CREDIT CARD RETURNED TO OWNER IN HOLLY

On Sunday, Sept. 5, at 11:49 a.m., a person found a credit card and brought it to the Holly Police Department. An officer was able to locate the owner who responded to the police department to recover their property.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP WOMAN PICKED UP ON WARRANT

On Thursday, Aug. 26, at 3:39 p.m., a Holly police officer was parked at a local business on N. Saginaw and observed a parked vehicle and occupant that was known to the officer to have an open arrest warrant from another police agency. The officer approached the person and identified her as a 32-year-old Holly Township woman. The

officer verified that the warrant was still valid, detained the driver and contacted the neighboring agency of the arrest.

HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED ON OPEN WARRANT

On Thursday, Sept. 2, at 11:41 a.m., a Holly police officer made contact with a 43-year-old Holly woman who had an open warrant for her arrest. She was processed at the police department and then transported to the Oakland County 52/2 district court and arraigned on the charges.

CELL PHONE RETURNED TO OWNER IN HOLLY

On Saturday, Sept. 4, at 5:10 p.m., a person found a cell phone and turned it into Holly Police Department. Officers were able to determine the owner and delivered it to their Holly home.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 9:57 p.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic safety enforcement stopped a vehicle on N. Saginaw Street near Airport for a traffic violation. The driver was identified as a 53-year-old Holly man. As the driver spoke, the officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants, and recognized other signs of intoxication. The driver failed roadside sobriety tests and was determined to be over the legal limit to drive. The driver

was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED ON ASSAULT, PROPERTY DAMAGE WARRANT

On Thursday, Aug. 26, at 4:33 p.m., a Holly police officer received

information on a local person who had an open warrant for an assault and property damage crime. The officer made contact with the 43-year-old Holly woman. The woman was taken into custody and processed on the charge to establish an appearance date with the court.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE COTTAGE COVE EROSION CONTROL IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE COTTAGE COVE EROSION CONTROL IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Cottage Cove Erosion Control Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed erosion control project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of constructing a new seawall for the Cottage Cove subdivision, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$149,000.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE HOT-LINER whining that we don't listen to health professionals. The problem is that we have been listening very closely. The 'professionals' changed the narrative so often their words no longer have value.

DON'T FOLKS REALIZE that we have responsibility along with rights? We use seatbelts, don't smoke inside, obey traffic laws. Wear your mask. It's a minor, temporary inconvenience. Let the health department do its job. If we follow guidelines and science, things would be normal sooner with less sickness or death.

THANK YOU, TO all the American patriots who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect yourself, your family, your friends and all Americans.

VACCINATIONS AND NATURALLY acquired immunity both reduce severity of COVID-19 infection, slow the rate of transmission, and elevate the overall percentage of herd immunity. The only difference between the two is that one is profitable for Big Pharma.

IT'S EASY TO see the truth if you open your eyes a little wider. Natural immunity does not generate any revenue for the medicine makers. And big medicine makers are big donors for some politicians. See the connection yet? Don't be so naïve.

THE STATE'S TOTAL blanketing of media outlets with pro-vaccination commercials reeks of indoctrination. A complete refusal to consider alternate views proves it.

THE BIBLE DOES talk about masks, read Leviticus 13, verses 45 and 46.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Aug. 13.

The House and Senate remain on summer break, so rather than votes, this report contains a selection of K-12 education related bills introduced in the current Legislature. None of these bills have received a vote at this time.

Senate Bill 56: Eliminate student outcomes in annual school teacher effectiveness assessments

Introduced by Sen. Kenneth Horn (R), to eliminate a requirement that school districts perform annual assessments of teacher effectiveness in which the progress of the students taught by a particular teacher is a factor.

Senate Bill 68: Require race, gender and ethnicity in certain public school discipline reports

Introduced by Sen. Sean McCann (D), to revise a law that requires public schools to submit annual reports containing details of each student expulsion during the past year, so as to also require they report the number of students who were truant, chronically absent, or subject to disciplinary absence, with details of the race, gender and ethnicity of each. Also, to prohibit suspending or expelling a student solely for being truant or chronically absent.

House Bill 4156: Mandate school counselor-to-student ratio

Introduced by Rep. Felicia Brabec (D), to mandate that public schools have at least one counselor for every 450 students.

House Bill 4262: Ban union bargaining over school calendars and schedules

Introduced by Rep. Pamela Hornberger (R), to add school calendars and schedules to the list of prohibited subjects of collective bargaining between school districts and public employee unions.

Senate Bill 218: Restrict gender assertions in school sports team participation

Introduced by Sen. Lana Theis (R),

to place in the state school code a requirement that only biological males may compete for a position on and compete on a boys' high school team in an interscholastic activity and only biological females may compete for a position on and compete on a girls' high school team in an interscholastic activity.

House Bill 4564: Mandate kindergarten

Introduced by Rep. William Sowerby (D), to mandate that parents send their 5 year olds to kindergarten, and revise the public school funding formula to pay school districts the same per student amount for a year of kindergarten as a year of primary and secondary school instruction. Provisions that permit homeschooling and non-public school options in other grades would apply to kindergarten also.

House Bill 4663: Mandate schools employ librarians

Introduced by Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D), to mandate that all public schools hire one or more library media specialists, and provide instruction on literacy, information research, and technology standards. Very small schools could petition state officials for permission to not do this.

House Bill 4810: Remove assessment scores from public school transcripts

Introduced by Rep. David Martin (R), to repeal a requirement that public schools must include in a high school transcript a student's score on a Michigan merit examination, and also repeal a requirement that this exam include a writing test.

House Bill 5097: Prohibit public schools from promoting race or gender stereotyping

Introduced by Rep. Andrew Beeler (R), to prohibit public schools from teaching that because of their race or gender individuals comprising a racial or ethnic group or gender all act in certain ways, hold certain opinions, are born racist or sexist, bear collective guilt for historical wrongs, or regard race or gender as a better predictor of outcome than character, work ethic, or skills. Also, to ban teaching that the cultural norms or practices of a racial or ethnic group or gender are flawed and must be eliminated or changed to conform; that racism (or sexism) is inherent in individuals from a particular race or ethnic group (or gender); that a racial or ethnic group or gender is in need of deconstruction, elimination, or criticism; or that the actions of some individuals serve as an indictment against their race or gender.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Housebreaking, burglary, breaking and entering, home invasion and more

Anyone whose home has been broken into knows the feelings of both anger and anxiety because their personal privacy and space have been violated.

Obviously, such conduct is a crime.

However, there are some aspects of this conduct that may not be obvious and therefore this brief primer.

Historically, this crime has been described in various ways including housebreaking, burglary, breaking and entering, and home invasion.

This offense dates back to the Babylonian Era and the Code of Hammurabi, Number 21 (circa 1750-1755 B.C.) which prohibited breaking a hole into a house to steal.

Fast forwarding to English common law where such an act was called "burglary" and defined as the breaking and entering of the house of another in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony therein. If this occurred during the day, it was considered housebreaking.

This common law made its way to the United States and almost all states use it as the basis for their criminal statutes in this area in some way.

In Michigan, this offense was originally called burglary and also required a showing that the act occurred at night. Night was considered to be 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise. This requirement was eliminated in 1964.

As to "breaking" and "entering," for breaking it doesn't matter whether anything was actually broken. The use of some force is sufficient such as opening a door or raising a window.

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Members of The State Bank, LAFF Pathway and Fenton City celebrate a \$500,000 gift from The State Bank for the construction of a two-mile section of the non-motorized pathway called The State Bank Trail. **Times file photo**

PATHWAY

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Council approved a contract during its Aug. 23 meeting with Nowak & Fraus Engineers for the development of the non-motorized trail known as The State Bank Trail for \$189,458.

The State Bank has made a substantial gift to the LAFF Pathway. On Monday, July 27, Fenton City Council approved an agreement with The State Bank, which offered \$500,000 for the

construction of Phase Two of the LAFF Pathway and naming rights. The State Bank Trail will be a two-mile long, 10-foot wide paved trail that will be built along the south side of Silver Lake Road from Jennings Road in Fenton west to Triangle Park in Linden, where Phase

One ends.

Phase One, the Silver Lake Road Trail, was completed in October 2020 and goes from Argentine Township to the city of Linden.

See the
MAP
online with
this article at
tctimes.com

JUDGE

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Entering through an already open door or window isn't a breaking but is a separate lesser crime.

A defendant putting any part of their body into the structure is an entry.

Under present Michigan law, the names of the crime have somewhat changed and expanded to six primary felony statutes — breaking and entering a building, entering without

breaking, burglary with explosives, and home invasion in the first, second, and third degrees. The degrees and the punishment depend on a number of factors including whether anybody was at home at the time, if the defendant had a weapon, and the intent of the defendant to commit another crime.

The old saying (slightly modified) goes "A man's or a woman's home is their castle." The law respects this and those who fail to acknowledge it are subject to appropriate punishment.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF 100,000 PACKED in like sardines in Michigan Stadium for a football game is acceptable, then why is 2,000 loosely mingling at Applefest unacceptable?

WATCHING THE FOOTBALL games (college and the NFL) I spotted about three fans wearing a mask out of 10s of thousands of people.

VISIT FAMILIES WHOSE loved ones have died alone in the wards? Not a single person passed 'alone in the wards' because of COVID-19. They all died alone due to elected official and unelected administrator policy.

FREEDOM IS NOT free. Americans are free to work where they choose, but we have to pay taxes. We are free to drive a car, but we must have insurance and obey traffic laws. We can protest peacefully, but why not protest wars, bullying or racial inequality?

LOVED, LOVED, LOVED seeing former President Trump meeting with fire and police departments in New York City on Sept. 11. The current president was too cowardly to meet with them. I did enjoy the photo op he had with the kids wearing Trump hats though.

IF WE HAVE to live with your choice

to abortion, then you need to live with our choice not to vaccinate — my body, my choice, right? For those who would respond, 'but this is about other people's health,' well, that is also our response to you.

VACCINE MANDATES ARE unconstitutional and a violation of civil liberties and personal freedoms. This is an abuse of power and an invasion of privacy. These practices are discriminatory. My body. My choice.

VACCINE MANDATES FOR millions of free law-abiding citizens and not for millions of illegals pouring across our unsecured border? Freedom is under attack. The enemy is within.

CERTAIN NEWS SITES keep posting fearful stats about COVID deaths of unvaccinated people at hospitals. What they are leaving out are the lack of deaths of those who have immunity. Immunity counts more than the jab; it just doesn't make money for the pharmaceutical companies.

IN RESPONSE TO this is not the country I grew up in. I too fought in Vietnam and totally agree with you. This is not the country we grew up in and loved. You described it very well. Thanks for the article.

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will have a large American flag hoisted on a truck.

Herman Ferguson, founder of C.O.P.S., said they estimate between 800 to 1,200 people will attend.

"It'll be a great turnout. It'll be a great event," he said. "We're going to have a lot of police agencies."

Law enforcement from Fenton, Holly, Linden, Michigan State Police, Livingston County, Detroit, Flint, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Saginaw and more will attend. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office will bring its K9 unit.

Retired Genesee County Sheriff's Capt. Casey Tafoya and his wife, Te-

resa, who own Funtastic Inflatables, will bring inflatable toys for children to play on.

Dave Lamb Heating & Air Conditioning is the main sponsor of the event.

"They've been a fantastic sponsor for us to help put this on," Ferguson said.

Other sponsors include Bren-Mar Construction, Dewey's Auto Center and Fenton Glass. VG's and Leo's Coney Island donated food, and Beauchamp Water Treatment donated 30 cases of water.

"It's just wonderful to have so many great businesses in Fenton help put this on," Ferguson said. "It's the best to have local businesses help out and give back to the community. It's a free event. If people want to donate, that's fine."

MCC

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- Assigned letter indicating the applicant's desire to be considered for appointment to the MCC Board of Trustees;
- A personal resume; and
- Proof of eligibility affirming the applicant is a resident of the College district

Once applications have been received, the remaining trustees will conduct interviews and seek to make an appointment during an open meeting. Per board policy, the board shall not be restricted to consideration of those submitting an application. Questions may be submitted by contacting Michael Simon, Board Relations Coordinator at (810) 762-5640.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP OF ROSE

ROSE TOWNSHIP OFFICE PARKING LOT (CRACK REPAIR, SEAL COATING AND STRIPPING)

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Rose, 9080 Mason St. Holly, Michigan 48442 until 3p.m. Wednesday September 29th, 2021 at which time, the bids from holders of Record for Parking Lot Repair will be publicly opened and read aloud and the different items noted, for the Rose Township Office Parking Lot Repair.

The plans and specifications are on file and may be examined and picked-up on or after 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday September 15th, 2021 at the Township Office 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bidders must supply the telephone and fax number, street address, and the name of the individual or firm whom Addenda, if any, can be directed.

Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective

The right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive defects in the proposals is reserved by the Owner.

By Order of: Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor
9080 Mason Street
Holly, Michigan



(Left) Phil Schmelter, who runs the event with his wife Deborah and other family and friends, speaks to a Barnfest attendee on Friday, Sept. 10. Photo: Hannah Ball

BARNFEST

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attracted approximately 900 people Friday night and 1,500 on Saturday, according to Phil Schmelter, who owns and runs the event with his wife, Deborah, and other family and friends.

"It went very very smooth. Everyone was safe. The bands were just unbelievable. They always perform very hard and very well. The bands are just off the charts. Our sponsorships went up a lot," Schmelter said. "Both stages were full, the sound was amazing, the volunteers were amazing. We had so many people volunteering and helping."

Organizers hired security to direct parking and ensure attendees were safe. Music lovers could park on the property or at Mueller's Orchard and take a shuttle to the festival to ensure people would not park in the road or in neighbors' driveways.

Schmelter estimates they collected 6,000 pounds of donated nonperishable

food items, along with school supplies and hygiene supplies for local churches. Two 6-by-10-foot enclosed trailers are filled "to the brim" with donations, Schmelter said.

He expressed deep gratitude for "many" volunteers and sponsors that made the event possible.

"Without them, we wouldn't be feeding the community. Although things went smooth, we'll look to do major changes in the Barnfest capacity," he said. "We are out of capacity. In the future, we will be charging admission at the door and we will be selling advance ticket sales."

Holly resident Rod Vincent, who's camped on the property in past years for the event, said, "I think it's awesome. They got security so they take care of everything. They don't worry about arguing and fights, they just kick you out. Police rarely get called. I had a great time. The bands are great."

He said it's "awesome" that the event is also a fundraiser.



Approximately 900 people attended Barnfest on Friday, Sept. 10 and about 1,500 attended on Saturday. Photo: Hannah Ball



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CAR *Care* 2021

Mileage-based vehicle maintenance intervals

■ Drivers can still rely on this basic schedule to serve as guide

Maintenance is an essential component of responsible vehicle ownership. Routine maintenance can help discover problems before they escalate into potentially costly issues. Maintenance also keeps vehicles running smoothly, making them more enjoyable to drive and extending their life expectancy.

Various factors can help to determine how often drivers should change their vehicles' fluids and take them in for tuneups. Such variables

include how frequently a vehicle is driven, the type of driving (city or rural) drivers do and how many miles are on the car. However, drivers can still rely on this basic car maintenance schedule, courtesy of Advance Auto Parts, to serve as a guide.

3,000 miles/3 months

Advance Auto Parts notes that monthly fluid checks typically are unnecessary with newer vehicles, though older vehicles should be inspected for leaks once a month. Among the fluids to check after every 3,000 miles or three months, whichever comes first, are:

- Engine oil level
- Windshield washer fluid
- Coolant
- Brake fluid level
- Transmission fluid
- Power steering fluid

Drivers also can use 3,000 miles or three months as a benchmark to check tire pressure, hoses and belts. Many vehicles now display tire pressure for each tire on the dashboard, and drivers should pay attention to those numbers and put air in their tires when necessary. When inspecting hoses, touch them to make sure they're not leaking and bulging. Hoses

See **SCHEDULE** on 21



Drivers can still rely on this basic car maintenance schedule to serve as a guide.

Ways for travelers to get more out of their devices

■ Makes long car rides more enjoyable for children

Once an uncomfortable means to a worthy end, long car trips have changed quite a bit since many of today's adults age 30 and over were children. Parents are no doubt familiar with the familiar cry of, "Are we there yet?" emanating from the backseat. But such queries are now less frequent than they once were. And that's thanks in large part to devices and the access to data that they provide.

Devices can help passengers stay occupied on long trips. Devices vary in terms of their capabilities, and that can affect just how useful they are on the road. But the following are three ways for travelers to get more out of

their devices while on the road.

• **Download, download, download.**

Downloading prior to a trip allows travelers to access content offline. That means service interruptions and Wifi dead zones won't interrupt podcasts, television shows or movies. Downloading ahead of time also saves people without unlimited data plans from having to pay data overage charges.

• **Turn your phone into a WiFi hotspot.**

Smartphones have direct access to high-speed mobile network connections that tablets and laptops won't be able to access without a little handiwork. That handiwork involves converting a phone into a hotspot, which can be done easily

See **TRAVELERS** on 21



The following tips can help drivers determine if now is the time to outfit their vehicle with new tires.

Buying new tires

Though vehicles can't function without them, tires are something few drivers think about until something goes wrong. A roadside flat tire or a tire rotation recommendation from a mechanic during a routine oil change appointment may be the only time many drivers give much thought to their tires. That no doubt leads to some confusion about what to do when tires inevitably need to be replaced.

According to the automotive resource Kelley Blue Book (KBB), life expectancy of most tires falls between 25,000 and 50,000 miles. That's a big gap, and car owners can check their vehicle manuals to see if their vehicle manufacturer recommends a more specific replacement interval. It's worth noting that mileage is not the only barometer drivers should use to determine if they need to buy new tires. The following tips can help drivers determine if now is the time to outfit their vehicle with new tires.

• **Measure the tread.** KBB notes that a tire assessment should always include measuring the amount of remaining tread. Drivers can do this on their own in various ways. One method involves looking at the tread wear bars, which are little bridges in the grooves between the ridges. If the bars are even with the tread pattern, then the tire has very little tread remaining and must be replaced. The penny or quarter test is a popular way

to determine if tires must be replaced. Insert a penny or quarter into the center of the tread between two ridges with Lincoln's or Washington's head facing you. If you can see the very top of the head or the space above the head, the tire must be replaced. If only a little bit of hair is visible, then the tire is nearing its end. The tire has sufficient remaining tread if the some of the forehead is concealed.

• **Check for other signs of wear and tear.** Little remaining tread is not the only sign tires must be replaced. Tires with cracked sidewalls, discoloration and/or bulging need to be replaced.

• **Confirm a larger issue isn't lurking.** Uneven wear on tires is typically a byproduct of a larger issue. Though tires that have worn unevenly will need to be replaced, replacing them without correcting the larger issue will only lead to more uneven wear on the new tires. That's a costly mistake. KBB notes that poor wheel alignment or suspension issues are typically to blame for uneven wear. This issue can be fixed and should be addressed prior to purchasing a new set of tires.

Tires sometimes exhibit telltale signs that they need to be replaced. Before buying replacement tires, drivers can inspect their existing ones and ask their mechanic to confirm that a larger issue isn't affecting their performance.

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The roar of the engine and the feeling of the wind in your hair is part of the magic of taking to the open road behind the wheel of a beloved vehicle. Whether a person is the ultimate gear head who needs to have the latest aftermarket accessory or someone who simply appreciates a pristine ride, auto enthusiasts come in all shapes and sizes. Luckily, there are all types of automotive gifts that can make it easy to impress car guys and gals this holiday season.

• **Dashboard cell phone holder:** Using a mobile phone while driving is not a good idea. However, many people use their phones as GPS devices. Holding a phone while navigating is dangerous, but a phone mount near the dash can keep the phone visible without compromising the safety of drivers and their passengers.

• **Customized floor mats:** Know an auto fanatic who's also a sports fan? Offer a gift that mixes the two passions, such as floor mats featuring a favorite sports team's logo.

• **Cleansing wipes:** When drivers are short on time, a full car wash and wax may not be possible. Drop Wipes are a product made from a neutralizing acid that destabilizes stains or bird droppings for an easy cleaning.

• **Magazine subscription:** A wide selection of publications are geared to auto enthusiasts. They provide plenty of pertinent information, and some car lovers like to collect and display certain issues. Yearly subscriptions are affordable and can make ideal stocking stuffers.

• **Racing experience gift certificate:** Research racing car schools and experiences where you live. Chances are you can find an opportunity for an automotive enthusiast to get behind the wheel of a race car with



There are all types of automotive gifts that can make it easy to impress car guys and gals this holiday season.

professional drivers offering tips for navigating the course at high speeds.

• **Car cleaning kit:** Taking care of a ride means making sure it is clean inside and out. A quality car cleaning kit can ensure the job is done effectively and the car or truck always looks its best.

• **Personalized leather keychain:** Ensure that a person can drive and keep their keys handy in style with leather keychains engraved with a driver's name or initials.

• **Racing video games:** A love for the open road may not end when cars pull into the driveway. Modern racing games and consoles produce incredibly realistic graphics and action that mimics real life.

• **Automotive cufflinks:** As a nod to a love of driving, find quirky cufflinks that are shaped like everything from gear shifters to speedometers to steering wheels.

• **Roof or car racks:** When a love of driving merges with the call of the great outdoors, drivers may need something to help haul their stuff. Various racks have been designed for toting around bicycles, kayaks, luggage, and more.

When gifting automotive enthusiasts, look no further than their favorite hobby for inspiration.



Classic car restoration can be an engaging hobby. Novices are urged to learn as much about restoration as possible before they decide to fully commit to this potentially rewarding endeavor.

Classic car restoration for beginners

They're eye-catching, often exotic and always call to mind a bygone era. Classic cars are undeniably unique and their unrivaled automotive appeal has inspired legions of fans. That appeal also has compelled many to try their hand at classic car restoration.

Restoring a classic car can be a rewarding hobby, particularly the first time a vehicle emerges from its owner's garage and hits the open road. Car buffs interested in restoring a classic car of their own can consider various factors before they lift the hood on this challenging yet rewarding hobby.

Time and Money

It's hard to know if a classic car restoration will cost owners more

time or money, but restoration novices should expect to spend a lot of both as they work to restore a ride to its former glory. CarsDirect.com estimates that a restoration done by a professional shop can cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and that does not necessarily include the cost of the vehicle. If the financial commitment raises an eyebrow, perhaps would-be car guys and gals should look away from the estimated time it takes to restore a classic car. CarsDirect notes that it can take around 1,000 hours for DIYers to restore a classic car. The excitement of restoring a classic car can quickly wear off if owners don't have enough time and/or money to keep the project going at a steady pace.

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Access to devices can make long road trips feel less boring and more entertaining.

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through the settings function in most smartphones. Once the phone is established as a hotspot, other devices can typically piggyback on its network connection.

• Accessorize your vehicle.

Staring down at a smartphone or tablet for hours on end is no one's idea of comfort. Thankfully, comfort need not be sacrificed for entertainment. A headrest mount can be attached to the headrest of a front seat and

accommodate a variety of devices, including smartphones and tablets. Devices are simply slipped into the mount so passengers won't have to hold them in their hands as they watch their favorite television shows and movies. Headrest mounts may be convenient, but kids might not be able to reach touchscreens while buckled in. In such instances, parents can replace their existing headrests with headrests with built-in monitors that come with remote controls that make it easy to adjust volume and other settings without undoing a seat belt.

SCHEDULE

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should be a little flexible, especially when they are warm.

5,000 miles/6 months

Oil and oil filters should be changed at this interval. In addition, this is a good time to rotate tires and inspect lights to make sure they're still operating at peak capacity. Drivers also can check their cabin and engine air filters and replace them if need be. Changing these filters is a simple DIY project, and drivers can find an assortment of YouTube tutorials to help them complete these projects. Wiper blades also can be inspected around this time or whenever drivers suspect the blades aren't operating at

peak capacity. Replacing wiper blades is another simple DIY project that drivers can complete in a few minutes.

10,000 miles/12 months

According to Advance Auto Parts, synthetic oil is typically used in cars made since 2010. Each manufacturer is different, and drivers should check their manuals for recommendations. Synthetic oil and filters in vehicles that use synthetic oil is typically changed every 10,000 miles or 12 months, whichever comes first. Once a year drivers should ask their mechanics to check the alignment on their vehicles and the condition of their brakes.

Routine maintenance can keep vehicles running strong for years on end.

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The Car

Some car buffs may already envision which type of car they want to restore. Some may want to restore a classic Ford Mustang like the one they drove in high school, while others with a flare for automotive history might want to restore a 1930s classic. Whatever your preference, make sure you find a car that won't bust your budget. Even the initial cost to purchase the car from a local salvage yard can be deceiving. Some cars might only be affordable because they've experienced such extensive damage that the cost to restore them will be especially high. It's good to know what you're looking for as you begin to scour newspaper classified ads or visit local salvage yards. But allow yourself some room for flexibility in regard to the type of car you're willing to restore. That can ensure you aren't breaking your budget right away or overcommitting yourself to a project that may prove

beyond your range of abilities. Online car forums can be great places to get some insight into restoration, especially for beginners.

The Project

In addition to determining which car to get and how much time and money you can realistically devote to the restoration project, car enthusiasts must determine which tools they'll need, where they're going to work on the project and the availability of discounted parts. Discounted parts can help offset considerable restoration costs, so access to a local seller or salvage yard can be a significant advantage. The internet has made finding parts easier, as resources like CheapAutoParts.com can be invaluable. A place to work also is a must-have, so garages may need to be outfitted to make projects more enjoyable. Tools also can be costly, though CarsDirect notes that different steps in the process require different tools. That can make it easier to spread out the cost of buying new tools.

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13 Parisian pal

14 Former Yankee slugger, to fans Abe Lincoln's first home

17 Cello's ancestor

18 In the style of Shiny, as a photo

21 Trombone part

24 Swizzle

25 Ireland

26 Backyard structure

30 Old Oldsmobile

31 Move to one side

32 — roll (winning)

33 Theme park attraction

35 Landed

36 Mater lead-in

37 Test score

38 Spider's creation

41 Spill catcher

42 Location

43 Cozy spot on the slopes

48 Sandwich

1 shop

49 Last (Abbr.)

50 Jeopardize

51 Pieces for one

52 Evening hrs.

53 Hose woe

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1 Nev. neighbor

2 Flying saucer

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Horoscopes

For the week of
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

If you're single, get prepared to mingle, Aries. If you're attached, then your relationship will only grow stronger in the days to come. Romance is in the air, so embrace it.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, even if you're feeling a little stuck in your relationships, do not push others away. There may be a solution you're simply not seeing. Delve deeper.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, it may be time to break away from the typical routine at least for a little while. This can offer you a new perspective that puts you on an interesting path.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Someone close to you may be thinking of a reinvention and wants your opinion, Cancer. Support this person and all the changes he or she desires.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Good habits will pay off in the days to come, Leo. So if you're ready to make some changes, think about those that will improve your overall health and well-being.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

If you're feeling pressured to have fun, then you probably will not enjoy yourself no matter how hard you try. Try not to force things and take them as they come.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

A place you always enjoyed visiting may no longer hold the same appeal for you, Libra. That's okay because everyone grows and evolves. Enjoy finding a new source of inspiration.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You must make yourself available if you expect others to want to share ideas or information with you, so far you may have been a bit distant. Change this.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Figure out where your comfort levels lie, Sagittarius. Only then will you know just how far beyond those levels you're willing to push yourself to try new things.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Even though you have strong instincts about something, your emotions also may be running hot. Therefore, you might not be able to trust your instincts just yet.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your energy levels could be waning, but that's because you have been pushing yourself very hard lately. It's time to rest to be recharged for later.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't let others be your sole focus this week, Pisces. Figure out how to put yourself first without ignoring those around you.

Blue Devils lose thriller vs. Brandon Blackhawks, 48-40

By David Troppens

The game had everything one would expect of a thriller.

It had a controversial call. It had a lot of offense. The game also remained close throughout the contest.

However, when the final horn sounded at Lake Fenton High School, the Lake Fenton varsity football team suffered a tough

loss to the expected favorites in the Flint Metro League Stars Division, losing to the Brandon Blackhawks 48-40.

"We did some really nice things (offensively)," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "Our running game was really good. Our passing game was very good. We definitely grew up a little bit. Honestly, as a team I'm incred-

ibly proud of these kids.

"Hats off to Brandon. Obviously they are an excellent football team. They lost their quarterback and they replaced him with who was probably their best athlete and best runner. The last I heard he ran for 353 yards."

The Blue Devils never led, but were

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Lake Fenton's Lucas Storm runs with the ball in a recent contest.

Photo: Mark Bolen

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Sports Times

Tigers open Metro season with victory vs. Flushing

By David Troppens

Fenton — Now that's what Fenton varsity football fans have grown more accustomed to.

After an 0-2 start, the Tigers scored their first victory for the 2021 season in front of a large Heroes' Night crowd. The Tigers' offense was impressive all night long, resulting in a 39-20 Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory against the Flushing Raiders.

"It feels amazing," senior Kash Russell said after his night that included eight receptions for 121 yards. "We have a lot of people scoring and catching the ball. We all played great."

Of course, one can't forget who those two losses came against. The Tigers faced two highly ranked D2 teams in Mid-

land Dow and East Lansing, but did lose in those contests by a combined 76-21 score. In fact, the Tigers had lost each of their last three games, extending back to the 2020 playoff loss to North Farmington 44-28. It seemed coming back to the Metro was exactly the medicine the Tigers needed, as Fenton won its third straight game against the Raiders.

"Even though the outcome wasn't what we wanted, when you look back at the film you could see we made improvements (against East Lansing)," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "We played two top 10 teams in the state right there and people forget that. We are not shying away from

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Fenton's Daniel Mott made this one-handed touchdown catch in the Tigers' victory against Flushing. Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles' offense soars vs. Kearsley Hornets, 47-21

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team has had troubles scoring points during the first two weeks of the season, scoring just a combined 14 points in those two contests.

The Eagles' offensive fortunes turned around during a road contest against the Kearsley Hornets, Friday.

The Eagles, led by five TD runs by Bryce Eliuk, recorded a dominating 47-21 victory against the Hornets.

"Everything we tried we were successful with," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said about his offense. "Our offensive line played really well. We've been waiting three games for it. They did a nice job."

Eliuk had TD runs of 3, 3 and 32 yards in the first quarter as the Eagles led 20-0 after one quarter. He also had a 77-yard TD run in the second quarter and a 30-yarder in the fourth quarter. The other Linden touchdown came on a Monte Keener nine-yard TD recep-

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Bronchos lose Metro opener vs. Swartz Creek Dragons, 28-6

By David Troppens

Simply stated, the Holly varsity football team needs to find a consistent offense if the squad wants to post a few more wins during the 2021 season.

The Bronchos scored 23 points in a 23-0 victory against Auburn Hills Avondale during week two. However, the offense, which scored just seven points in

its opener at Fraser, scored just six at Swartz Creek, resulting in a 28-6 loss to the Dragons.

The Bronchos trailed 14-0 at the half and trailed 28-0 after the Dragons scored their final TD with 8:06 left on an 18-yard run by Tristan Hinkley. After the final Dragons' TD, the Bronchos set up their only scoring drive. The drive actu-

ally ended and the Bronchos were punting. However, a fumbled punt reception and recovery by Holly's Ashton Dehart gave the Bronchos the ball back. A few plays later, Dehart threw a 33-yard TD pass to Jacob Chereson in the endzone. The Bronchos missed the extra-point and trailed 28-6.

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Fenton swimmers open Metro season impressively vs. Holly

By David Troppens

The Fenton and Holly varsity girls swim teams opened their Flint Metro League seasons together and the Tigers showed their traditional dominance over any other league squad.

The Tigers, who field one of their strongest teams ever, defeated the Holly Bronchos, 145-40.

Fenton had someone take first in all but one of the events. The Tigers won all three relays and had seven different swimmers earn individual first-place finishes.

Tess Heavner had two of them. She won the 200 individual medley (2:08.82) and the 100 backstroke (58.53). Other Tigers earning individual firsts were Sophie Stefanac in the 200 freestyle (2:03.96), Sana Saab in the 50 freestyle (26.84), Rose Haney in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.16), Ella Koch in diving (185.00), Halee Alexander in the 100 butterfly (1:04.81) and Addison

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Eagles win Silver Division of TCC tourney

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team made its trip to Traverse City well worth it.

The Eagles won the Silver Division championship at the Traverse City Central Invitational.

The Eagles beat North Bay, split with Grayling and lost to Traverse City Central in pool play, putting them in the Silver Division. While there, the squad beat Pine River 25-10, 25-13; North Bay 25-19, 25-15 and Escanaba 25-15, 25-22.

"We battled back in the second game after being down 18-6," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said about the second game against Escanaba. "It was a pretty exciting finish

"Gracie Pierscinski was on fire. They couldn't stop her. It was fun."

For the day Olivia Nester paced the offense with 23 kills while Pierscinski had 20 kills. Kelsey McLennan and Korryn Moore had seven kills each. Kendall Miller was the primary setter and had 64 assists while Hannah Wasilewski had 10 assists. Defensively, Ava Siegwald had 30 digs while Wasilewski had 21 digs and Nester chipped in 19 digs. Nester and Pierscinski had five blocks each. On the service line, Wasilewski had seven aces.

Linden returns to Flint Metro League action with a road contest at Flushing on Thursday.



Linden's Kendall Miller (left) sets a ball to Gracie Pierscinski in a recent match. Photo: Christopher Summers

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tion from Brandon Green. Michael Bush made four of his six extra-point kicks.

Green completed 11-of-20 passes for 145 yards. Ethan Gomez caught four passes for 67 yards while Keener caught four passes for 48 yards. Green also ran for 110 yards on 14 carries. Eliuk ran the ball 17 times for 119 yards.

Defensively Wyatt Gocha led the squad with 14 tackles.

The Eagles are now 1-2 but 1-0 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division.

"We won and we'll take it," Hopkins said.

The Linden Eagles continue Flint Metro League action when the Eagles host the Holly Bronchos (1-2) on Friday.

Linden's Bryce Eliuk ran for five touchdowns and 119 yards on just 17 carries in the Eagles' victory against the Flushing Raiders. Photo: Mark Bolen

Area XC teams compete at Bath Invitational

By David Troppens

The Bath Invitational had three area cross country programs compete at the event and the Linden varsity boys squad had the most reason for bragging rights.

The Eagles won the Boys Class 2 event with just 40 points, 62 less than second-place Capital Homeschool. Lake Fenton placed third out of the 13 team field with 127 points. The Linden girls placed eighth in the 13-team Girls Class 2 field while Lake Fenton took ninth. Metro League foe Goodrich won the race while Owosso was third.

In Class 1 action, the Holly girls took eighth out of 11 teams while the boys took ninth.

Linden's victorious men had their top five finish within the top 15 positions. River Meckstroth won the race (16:25.95), while Kyle Eberhard (16:34.31) was second. Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion placed seventh (17:15.38) earning the Blue Devils' sole top-10 finisher, while Lin-

den's Clayton Akerman was 10th (17:29.84). Linden's other team scorers were Hayden Bradfield in 12th (17:34.06) and Ryan Blackwood in 15th (17:49.41).

The rest of Lake Fenton's scoring five were Colton Dietrich in 20th (18:07.76), Matt Fletcher in 25th (18:15.4), Cooper Hnilica in 36th (18:53.64) and Jamison Chenett in 39th (18:57.43).

In the women's class 2 race, Lake Fenton's Marielle Hatfield was the area's top finisher, taking 10th in 20:55.70. Her teammate Claire Hunt wasn't too far behind in 12th (21:05.56).

Linden had four runners placing from 20th to 36th. They were Colleen Blackwood in 20th (21:28.24), Ava Fahrenkoph in 24th (21:42.09), Alyson Kelly in 30th (22:20.38) and Stelah Strauss in 36th (22:32.97). The other scoring runner for Linden was Reagan Brooks in 59th (23:43.09).

Lake Fenton's other scoring runners

See BATH on 27



Hayden Bradfield (front) and Clayton Ackerman helped lead the Eagles to a first place finish at the Bath Invitational. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton tennis remains perfect in Metro, defeats Clio

The Fenton varsity boys tennis team remains atop the Flint Metro League standings.

The Tigers improved to 4-0 in league play with a 5-3 victory against the Clio Mustangs.

Fenton won three of the four doubles flights. The No. 1 team of Nate Dymond and Gavin Stuber won their match 6-2, 6-1, while the No. 2 team of Joe McCarthy and Trey Hajec won 6-1, 7-6(3). Finally, Noah Gurnsey and Isaac Gurnsey won at No. 3 doubles 6-2, 7-6(4). The No. 4 doubles team of Tate Webb and Zach Michelson lost a tight 6-4, 7-6(1) verdict.

In singles matches the two teams split. The Tigers had No. 2 player Josh Brott win his match 7-6(5), 6-3 while Remy Book also won at No. 3 singles 6-2, 6-3.

Fenton's No. 1 singles player Sheldon Hand lost in three sets 4-6, 6-0, 6-0, while No. 4 singles player Cam Ruiz lost 6-4, 6-4.

Lake Fenton volleyball off to strong start to 2021 season

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team is off to a pretty solid start the 2021 season under first-year coach Brent Maynor.

The Blue Devils won their first Flint Metro League Stars Division match of the season when they defeated Brandon by a thrilling 26-24, 25-19, 26-24 score.

During weekend action, the Blue Devils finished third out of 14 teams at the Flushing Invitational, defeating John Glenn and Perry in pool play. The lost a three-set match to Milford.

In the gold medal bracket, the Blue Devils beat Clio in the quarterfinals and lost a tight battle to Class A Mt. Pleasant 25-13, 21-25, 15-13.

Finally, the Blue Devils won a thriller in Monday's second Metro contest, defeating Cournna in five sets 25-9, 29-27, 11-25, 17-25, 15-12.

In the match against Brandon,

Kelsey Corkran was a perfect 14-for-14 with three aces on the service line. She also had seven kills. Cola Sisk had seven kills and four aces while Mia Bicego led the defense with 16 digs. Paige Harvey had four blocks.

"It was way closer than I would've liked," Maynor said. "The fans got their money's worth."

At the Flushing event, Sisk led the offense with 44 kills. She also had 11 aces on the service line. The Blue Devils' setters were Ruby Todd who had 37 assists and Cam McMillan who had 35 assists.

Defensively, Bicego had 24 digs while Jahleiza Mitchell contributed five blocks at the net.

Against Corunna, Sisk had 16 kills, four aces and four blocks while Corkran was a perfect 30-for-30 serving with three aces and seven kills. Ruby Todd had 21 assists.

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 playing good competition.”

The passing game was particularly impressive. Starting quarterback Seth Logan had his best game of his career at the signal-caller spot, completing 21-of-30 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns. He was particularly efficient in the first half, completing 18 of his 20 passes he attempted during the first 24 minutes. He completed all 10 of his pass attempts during the Tigers’ first possession, capping it with a 13-yard TD pass to Jake Nichols. Adam Barcome made the extra-point and the Tigers led 7-0 with 7:39 left in the opening quarter. Before the quarter was over, Flushing tied it up with an 80-yard TD run by David Hutchinson. The squads were deadlocked at 7-all with 1:58 left in the first quarter.

Another area the Tigers dominated was against Flushing’s punt team. The Tigers’ John Dixner blocked a Flushing punt, setting the Tigers at the Flushing 39. After a 37-yard completion to Russell, Logan scampered two yards for the go-ahead TD. Fenton led 13-7 and would never lose the lead again.

On Flushing’s next possession, the Raiders were forced to punt and this time Ja’Hion Bond returned a poor punt 44 yards to the Flushing 6. On the next play, Logan completed a six-yard TD pass to Daniel Mott. The Tigers led 19-7 with 5:05 left in the opening half.

The Raiders (1-2) closed the Fenton lead to just 19-13 after a sweep right for a seven-yard TD by Nathan Sanders. The Tigers weren’t done, scoring one more time before the half was over. Completions of 10 and 11 yards to Logan Neurohr and Sam Claborn, respectively, started the drive. Later, completions of 22 and 16 yards to Nichols and Claborn, respectively, set up Logan’s four-yard TD run up the middle. The Tigers (1-2) led 25-13 and kept that lead into halftime.

Any chance of a Raiders’ comeback ended when the Tigers scored the first two TDs of the second half in the fourth quarter. An interception by Fenton’s Bond helped set up the first second-half score. Immediately after the pick, Nichols scampered 56 yards for a touchdown. Fenton led 32-13 with 9:45 left in the contest.

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Fenton's contest against Flushing was their annual Heroes game. Being honored here is veteran Harold Krueger (left) with his jersey worn by Fenton quarterback Seth Logan. (Below) Fenton's Kash Russell.
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tied with the Blackhawks at three different times. Brandon quarterback Micah Miller scored on a two-yard run early in the first quarter, but the Blue Devils responded with a 28-yard TD run by Lucas Storm. The teams were tied at 7-all.

Brandon retook the lead with 1:42 left in the first quarter on a 14-yard TD pass from Miller to Gavin Greil, but the Blue Devils responded with the tying score just 45 seconds into the second quarter. It came on a 11-yard pass from Reid Shumaker to Jack Conley. The game was tied at 14-all.

Brandon then answered back with what was the most controversial play of the game. Dylan Dickens appeared to be tackled but the refs didn’t blow a

whistle. Instead, he ran for a 70-yard TD run. Lake Fenton trailed 21-14.

“We alligator rolled him and his knee was clearly downed,” Borski said. “He raised himself back up off of his knee. It was kind of a bang, bang play. They didn’t blow the whistle, and our kids stopped. It’s a tough break. That’s a bad break. We had thousands of opportunities to overcome that and we came up just short.”

The Blue Devils would tie the game one more time. It came when Storm recovered a fumble and returned it five yards for the score. However, before the half was over, Brandon’s Lance Briolat threw a 25-yard TD pass from Damon Warren. Brandon took a 28-21 lead into the half.

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were Evelyn Riley in 45th (23:13.26), Kaitlyn Hatfield in 54th (23:31.48), and Marcella Jenio in 66th (24:04.11).

Every Holly girl to compete finished with a personal record. Freshman Ashley Sobczynski continued her strong start to her varsity career with a second-place time of 18:48, the second fastest time in Holly history. She was followed by Jessica Booher (22:59), Alison Rockafellow (24:21.4), Abrielle Hoffman (24:21.6) and Hannah Lee (25:09).

The Holly boys were paced by Mason Rosa in 15th (17:01). The rest of the scoring five were Zach Rockafellow in 23rd (17:10), Ben Baxter in 47th (18:04), Grant Hoffman in 54th (18:24) and Adam Booher in 68th (18:46).



Lake Fenton's Marielle Hatfield finished 10th at the Bath Invitational. Photo: David Troppens

SWIMMERS

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Dolliver in the 100 freestyle (58.38). The Tigers won the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:59.64, and also won the 200 freestyle relay (1:53.31) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:58.14).

Holly's solo first was earned by Ella Althaver. She won the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:40.66. The Bronchos also took two individual seconds. Althaver

was the runner up in the 200 freestyle (2:08.85) while Megan Dahlin placed second in diving (171.15).

Seven Tigers took seconds in individual events. They were Lilah Falvo in the 200 individual medley (2:30.02), Saab in the 100 butterfly (1:05.89), Haney in the 50 freestyle (27.12), Molly Blanchard in the 500 freestyle (5:43.36), Dolliver in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.85), Leigh Stafford in the 100 freestyle (1:01.52) and Abigail Carigan in the 100 backstroke (1:08.83).

PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► Fenton 189, Lake Fenton 253:

Elise Roberts, Katelyn Burkett and Madi Best each earned medalist honors in the match with 47 for the Fenton Tigers. Teammate Jilian Roberts shot a 48 while Summer Smith and Payton LaRowe shot 51s.

Lake Fenton was paced by Katie Bell's 49. Ava Goss shot a 61 while Emily Poirier carded a 65 and Sam Hathon shot a 78.

► **Linden 178, Lake Fenton 271:** Ella LaMothe and Kaitlyn Straub each shot 43 for medalist honors while Emma Lurvey shot a 45 and Cate Draper carded a 47.

Lake Fenton was led by Katie Bell's 54. Ava Goss shot a 64 while Emily Poirier carded a 71 and Sam Hathon carded an 82.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden def. Kearsley:** The Eagles had a successful start of the season by defeating Kearsley 25-8,

25-14, 25-17.

Olivia Nester paced the offense with six kills while Kesley McLennan had five kills. Defensively, Hannah Wasilewski had six digs. She also went 22-for-22 at the service line, collecting four aces.

► **Swartz Creek def. Holly:** The Bronchos lost a 25-19, 25-17, 25-22 verdict.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Fenton 1, Grand Blanc 1:** Evan Katzenberger scored Fenton's goal 10 minutes into the second half on a rebound shot that was initially taken by Calvin Curtis. Trevor Martin made two saves in net. The Tigers are 6-0-1.

► **Flushing 2, Lake Fenton 0:** The Blue Devils (2-1-1 in the Metro League) suffered their first loss of the Metro League season against the Raiders.

► **Clio 5, Holly 0:** The Mustangs led 2-0 at the half and their defense held Holly scoreless in the Bronchos' loss.



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John Wilfred Stewart

1953 – 2021

John Wilfred Stewart - age 68, of Linden, died Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Pastor Wes Morris officiating. Visitation will be held from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the funeral home. John was born June 15, 1953 in Detroit, the son of Carl Raymond and Elizabeth Ann (Clark) Stewart. He married Jolenne (Voorhees) Young on October 12, 1985. John was a superstar salesman and lifelong athlete. His idea of a perfect day was to go golfing with his friends and then come home and spend the night in with his family. Surviving are wife, Jody of Linden; two sons,



John "Jack" Stewart and Peter Stewart; step-daughters, Laura Young, Megan (Craig) Van Aelst, and Elizabeth (David) Warner; grandchildren, Craig (Dani) Van Aelst, Jr., Madeline Van Aelst, Amelia Van Aelst, Liza Moats (Cody) Pennington, Nicolas Moats,

Ella Warner, and Ginger Warner; great-grandchildren, Alaric and Wylder Van Aelst; brother, Michael (Norine) Stewart; sister, Deborah (Joseph) Arak; many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton in John's memory 13575 Fenton Road Fenton, MI 48430 www.adoptapetfenton.com. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roberta Jane Fogel

1934 – 2021

Roberta Jane Fogel - age 87, of Fenton, died Monday, September 13, 2021. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Roberta's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Pastor Vincent Slocum officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly at a later date. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to American Cancer Society or Lake Fenton United Methodist Church, 2581 N. Long Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Roberta was born February 27, 1934 in Flint, the daughter of Milton and Eugenia (Jackson) Robinson. She was a 1952 graduate of Fenton High School. She married Charles David Fogel August 5, 1972 in Fenton and he preceded her in death



June 15, 2019. Roberta retired from J.L. Hudson (Macy's) in 1989 after 28 years of service. She had resided in Fenton for many years. She was a member

of Lake Fenton United Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling and doing word searches. Surviving are her daughter, Janie Butterworth of Fenton; grandson, Michael Butterworth of Bruce Crossing and Timothy Henderson of Charlevoix; great-granddaughter, Lydia Henderson of Traverse City; sister, Judy Leek-Relyea (Wellington) of Fenton; uncle, Joseph (Mickey) Jackson of Grand Blanc; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Lynn Henderson; and brother-in-law "special buddy", Jerry Leek. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Ann Padot

Mary Ann Padot – age 78, born in Detroit, resided in Fenton, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, September 11, 2021. May Ann was preceded in death by her husband, George Padot; and son, Michael. She is survived by her brother, Pete Gentelia (Beverly); her two children, Jim Davis (Karen), Shari Bridger (Troy); her five grandchildren; and her two great-grandchildren. Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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Clara Mae Manzardo

1933 – 2021

Clara Mae Manzardo - age 88, of Linden passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Clara was a beautiful, kind and sensitive soul who loved her family more than anything in the world. She was an extraordinary mother, wife, grandmother and human being and will be missed beyond words. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, September 17, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Entombment at the Mausoleum at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Thursday, September 16 from 4 - 8 PM where a Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM, and Friday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Clara was born May 18, 1933 in Flint, Michigan to Maria (Hartwig) and Ralph Olson. She was the second of three daughters and was preceded in death by her parents and both her sisters Charlotte Davis and Dorothy Bosworth who she missed dearly. Clara had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing in the Glee Club at Flint Central High School where she made special life-long friendships. She was involved in planning Class of 1951 reunions and loved visiting



with her high school friends and sharing memories. After high school Clara was employed at AC Sparkplug assembly plant in Flint for 10 years and was honored to be crowned as "Miss AC Sparkplug" in 1956, spending a fun-filled year as the company spokesmodel. On March 12, 1962, Clara married the love of her life, Frank Manzardo, and happily settled into what she described as "the best years of her life" as a full-time mom raising their three children. She excelled at motherhood, it was truly her calling. She was kind, patient and gentle with a smile that could light up the room. When the grandkids came along she was absolutely in heaven! She loved every minute with them, showering them with her love, time and attention. They were her pride and joy and they adored her. She leaves to cherish her beautiful memory, husband Frank; son Matt (Michelle) Manzardo of Highland; daughters, Lorie (Larry) Gavulic of Fenton and Ann Manzardo of Shawnee KS; granddaughters, Morgan and Madison Gavulic; grandson, Mario Manzardo; and step-grandchildren, Angela and Dominic Haddad. Special thank you to Heartland Hospice Care for their truly amazing and compassionate service during this difficult time. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Frank Stratton



Frank Stratton - age 79, of Marco Island, FL passed on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021. He was the loving husband of Georgia (Trinka) to whom he was married for over 55 years. He was born in Philadelphia, PA to Frank and Myrtle (Soehle) Stratton. An exceptional student, Frank was selected to attend Central High School in downtown Philadelphia and Ursinus College. His passion for helping people led to his admission to the Philadelphia School of Osteopathy. Upon graduation from his radiology residency, Frank served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War stationed on Taiwan, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Upon returning from his service, Frank moved his family to Michigan where he worked at Flint

Osteopathic Hospital (FOH) and Genesys Hospital. He served as Department Chairman of Radiology at FOH, Associate Professor of Radiology at Michigan State University and President of the American Osteopathic College

of Radiology. He is predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Jim. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Georgia; his children, Scott, Brian and Julie; and seven grandchildren. Please join us in raising a Diet Coke to celebrate a life well lived. His celebration of life will be held in Marco Island, FL at a later date. Arrangements by the Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care, Richland Chapel, Richland, MI. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.

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