Winchester demands apology, public retraction

Suggests she will pursue legal action if her censure is not rescinded

By Sharon Stone

Karin Winchester, Holly Township clerk and secretary of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), asked for a public apology and a retraction of allegations made against her. She did this during the NOCFA Board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16 when she read a letter put together by her attorney.

Winchester said if her demands are not met, she would pursue legal action. Peter Stouffer, the citizen-at-large

from Rose Township motioned to

censure Winchester during a special NOCFA Board meeting Sept. 27. The Board voted 3-1 to censure her for opening a letter addressed to the Holly Township offices, where she is the clerk, which had Stouffer's name on the envelope. She then shared the anonymous letter with the Board.

Winchester motioned to have the

censure rescinded during an Oct. 19 meeting. Her motion failed by a vote of 2-2. A majority vote was required. Stouffer abstained from voting and the Rose Township representatives voted to keep the censure while the Holly Township representatives voted to rescind the censure.

See WINCHESTER on 8



NOCFA Board tables motion

Will seek legal opinion on whether Board members can legally have access to CLEMIS

By Sharon Stone

The North Oakland County Fire Authority Board voted Tuesday, Nov. 16 to table a motion to take away a board member's access to the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system until the Board's new interim legal counsel can review the situation.

Karin Winchester, Holly Township clerk and secretary of the NOCFA Board, made the motion this week and said that none of the NOCFA Board members need to have the private information included with the See **NOCFA** on 16

Robotics team embraces community project



After seeking a community project to take part in, the Fenton Robotics Team assists with removing and retiring the American flags at Oakwood Cemetery as well as erecting and decorating the Memory Tree. On Sunday, Nov. 14. See story on page 19. Photo: Jon Davidson



Lé So excited to see Linden Holiday Happening and Frosty Parade and Fireworks

are on for this year on Dec. 3. Such a wonderful and festive time. Thank you, to all involved."



46 Fenton needs to ticket and tow cars illegally parked on front lawns and parkways.

Enough is enough of this low-class behavior."

Drainage work to begin on S. LeRoy Street

Fenton approves \$12,200 for Rohde Bros. Excavating to begin project

By Sharon Stone

During a special Fenton City Council meeting Friday, Nov. 12, council members approved the cost for excavation services for drainage improvement work on S. LeRoy Street and award the project to Rohde Bros. Excavating, Inc. The cost is expected to be \$12,200 based on the company's Nov. 3 proposal.

Dan Brisson, public works director, wrote a Nov. 4 memo to City Manager Lynn Markland regarding the drainage work on S. LeRoy Street.

See **DRAINAGE** on 6



to all of the hunters out there, and to all of the back road drivers

be careful."





Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service

Several local churches to host combined service at Fenton First Presbyterian Church

By Sharon Stone

Community members are invited to attend the 2021 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.

The service is a combined effort of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Fenton United Methodist Church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Jude's Episcopal Church, the Road Church, and the Fenton Church of the Nazarene.

The service will be hosted by Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Face masks will be required for the in-person worship service."

Pastor Robbie Carnes of Fenton's First Presbyterian Church said this service has been held for more than 30 years.

"It is a real delight to work with other churches and remember that we are part of a bigger community — a community that can find blessing in being grateful for each other," he said.

"All of us have something to bring to the table as we gather in gratitude to God."





Fenton First Presbyterian Church Pastor Robbie Carnes and his wife, Lindsey. Residents are invited to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Fenton First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.

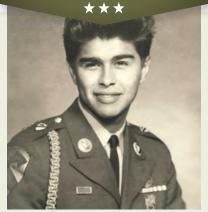
The service will last for approximately 50 minutes. For those who cannot attend in person, the Service will be available online on YouTube by searching "2021 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service."

DIRECT LINK TO SERVICE https://youtu.be/zmeO7eXmoIw

44 All of us have something to bring to the table as we gather in gratitude to God. 77

Robbie Carnes Fenton First Presbyterian Church pastor

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Britney, Taylor and Rome

old music and taking ownership of

her art. It's wonderful to see how

much she's evolved as a musician.

Harris, which I recently reread. I'll

probably write an entire column on

favorites. It's about Marcus Cicero,

one of the most prominent Roman

lawyers, as he navigates the world

of the powerful aristocrats and old

money with the needs of the com-

mon people who consider Cicero

of Tiro, one of Cicero's slaves-

turned-freedman who's known for

Harris has an amazing ability to

write historical fiction in first person

accounts. While the conversations

are fictionalized, he based them on

ters and other historical accounts to

make the reader feel like they're sit-

ting in the courtroom while Cicero

Fun fact: I loaned this book to a

guy once and he never gave it back.

goes after greedy and murderous

Cicero's recorded speeches, let-

creating a type of shorthand that

allowed him to record Cicero's

speeches and conversations.

The story is told through the eyes

their champion.

aristocrats.

It's that good.

this book because it's one of my

The Rome portion of this column is

earmarked for "Imperium" by Robert

Words with Hannah

ritney is free! After 13 years, Britney Spears is finally free of the conservatorship that took away control of her finances, medical decisions and other aspects of her life that most people take for granted.

It's a monumental thing that hopefully will have echoing effects on the 1.3 million conservatorships in America.

In recent months, Britney has taken rightful ownership of her life's narrative. She can now speak openly and honestly about what she went through without fear of repercussion. It's heartbreaking to hear how her family played an active role in keeping the conservatorship intact

Britney hinted that she's going to do a tell-all interview with Oprah. I'm so ready.

On a smaller scale, Taylor Swift has also taken ownership of narratives that used to haunt her.

For years, she's been a laughing stock of sorts for people who claim she's obsessed with her exes and writing about relationships and heartbreak. But what musician doesn't



Hannah Ball **Staff Reporter**

write about these things?

Nextmag.ca said it best: "When Swift was a young girl suddenly thrust into the biggest spotlight in the world, nobody passed judgment on the revolving door of men twice her age who lined up to claim her like a trophy. Instead, she was a slut, a serial dater. a crazy bitch — and when

her dating life was the butt of a universal cultural joke, nobody even considered that she could be a victim."

The 10-minute version of "All Too Well (Taylor's Version)," which is a music video and short film, did not disappoint. The video depicts a young woman in love with an older man, based on Taylor's relationship with Jake Gyllenhaal.

She dated him in 2010 when she was 20 and he was 29. There's a clear power dynamic in relationships with an age gap that significant. The music video was gorgeous. I've loved Dylan O'Brien since his Teen Wolf days, and it was a little disparaging to see him play a jerk, even if he had good chemistry with Sadie Sink, who played Taylor.

I'm ecstatic she's rerecording her

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LAST NOVEMBER, MICHIGAN

recorded an average of 6,288 cases of COVID and 59 deaths each day. As of Monday, Nov. 14, Michigan's seven-day average of new daily cases surged to 6,171 and 49 deaths per day. Where is Whitmer?

COVID CASES ARE surging. This time last year, restaurants were shut down. Masks were mandated. Oh and Michigan is 60% vaccinated now. Please tell me you see this was 100% political and 0% about health.

NOTHING SAYS CHRISTMAS like ... fireworks? Come on Linden, how about a community sing a long instead? Noisy explosions are bad enough in July and August, but in December? Awful.

-Compiled by Sharon Stone, editor—Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers.

What's your favorite podcast?



"Drew and Mike Podcast. 20 years as the #1 morning show in Detroit. Now in podcast form. Very topical and hilarious."

Doug Taylor Linden



"The daily podcast, Bible in a year by Ascension presents! (There have been over 20 million downloads of it this year) I have learned so much." Michelle Nist

Hartland



"Crime Junkie and Dateline NBC! My two favorites. Both available on Stitcher."



"The Office Ladies! Every Wednesday morning."

street talk



"Hidden Brain. Helps you understand the craziness of this world."

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Clean Boats, Clean Waters grants now available

Funding dedicated to education on aquatic invasive species

Calling all lake associations, watershed groups, nonprofits, and local and tribal units of government. The Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters program is offering grants to support aquatic invasive species outreach efforts. This funding opportunity is available to organizations dedicated to boater education about aquatic invasive species and protecting Michigan's waterways.

Up to \$25,600 is available for the 2022 grant program. Funding requests See **GRANTS** on 16



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Thank you & Merry Christmas!

DRAINAGE

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Brisson said there is a stormwater drainage swale that runs from 1011 Adelaide St. east to 1160 S. LeRoy St. that turns north through the 1160 and 1130 S. LeRoy properties. A swale is a shallow troughlike depression that's created to carry water during rainstorms or snow melts like a a drainage ditch.

The swale ends at 1060 S. LeRoy St., which is city-owned property. The drainage swale is on private property and has been established for many years. During heavy rainfall, there has been ongoing flooding problems for some of the S. LeRoy homeowners where city staff and OHM, the city's engineers, worked together to inspect the area during heavy rain events to determine a viable solution.

OHM recommended two improvements. The first is to add a drainage swale on 1060 S. LeRoy to connect the existing swale to the drainage ditch that runs along the west side of S. LeRoy. The second recommendation is to reduce stormwater flow from S. LeRoy/ Jayne traveling downhill to the north, add a cross drainage pipe from the existing ditch line to an existing stormwater retention structure located on the east side of S. LeRoy at the 1135 S. LeRoy property.

Some trees and small brush will need to be removed from one property on S. LeRoy to allow room for construction of the swale extension.

Pricing for excavation work was obtained from two local, established excavation contractors – Cook Excavating of Birch Run and Rohde Bros. Excavating of Saginaw.

Rohde Bros. provided a less costly proposal than Cook Excavating. City council approved \$12,200 for the project. Funding for the project will be paid partially from the sewer/ storm fund and the remainder will be recovered when 1060S. LeRoy Street is sold. Work is expected to begin immediately and the drainage pipe across S. LeRoy will be attempted this month or in December, weather permitting.



Pastor Peter Ahlersmeyer and his wife, Emily, pose for a family photo with their three children Addison, Quinn and Henry.

New pastor settling into new church

Wants to engage Fenton area and remind them that 'Trinity' is a place of belonging

By Sharon Stone

Peter Ahlersmeyer is settling into his new role as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Fenton. He came to Fenton from Concordia Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His installation service was Thursday, June 17 and on Sunday, June 20 he assumed the role of pastor.

"I'm excited to be here in Fenton and serve as Trinity Lutheran Church's new pastor," Ahlersmeyer said. "A lot of people have asked me why I would be so inclined to accept a new position as our world continues to grapple with this pandemic. But after giving the decision much prayer, with a new facility and members who are eager to share to love of Christ in this community, I feel that Trinity is positioned well to be a place where the Gospel is proclaimed in word and deed.

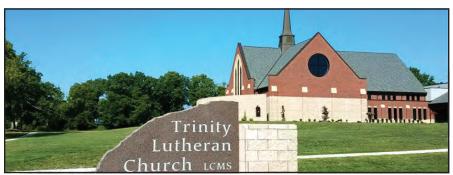
"I'm excited to see the direction and vision of this congregation and how God will use me to guide Trinity into a new season of ministry."

One of Ahlersmeyer's and the staff's goals is to find more ways to engage the Fenton and surrounding communities and to remind them that Trinity is a place of belonging.

"I want everyone to know that when they come to Trinity, they are a loved child of God who has worth and value," he said.

"Making the move to Fenton with me is my wife, Emily, and our three children Addison, Quinn, and Henry."

As for hobbies, Ahlersmeyer enjoys going to concerts with his wife and taking hikes with the family. He is also an avid record collector and has enjoyed exploring all the record stores in the Flint area.



Trinity Lutheran Church is at 1025 Main St., Fenton.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Authority seeks public input on Master Plan

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Authority is preparing for the update of its Five-Year Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Master plan is useful for the acquisition of properties and implementation of programming in the service area. As Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden continue to expand, creating recreational opportunities that support the residents of this area is important to maintaining strong community connections. The authority will have a survey available from Nov. 8 to Nov. 22. We invite you to add your input as we plan for the future. Go to https://www.sur veymonkey.com/r/SLPR2022Up date to complete the survey.



- 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, Oct. 22.

Senate Bill 687: Create school choice tax credit and K-12 scholarships program

To create a K-12 "student opportunity scholarship program" that would allow individuals and companies to get a tax credit for contributing to a nonprofit "scholarship organization" that would provide grants to lower income families to pay tuition at a non-public school, or pay for other education expenses, services and supplies. Beneficiaries would get individual accounts from which families could draw money for permitted expenses. Senate Bill 688 and House Bill 5405 would

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WEEKEND TIMES

WINCHESTER

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The NOCFA board is comprised of two Rose Township Board of Trustee members, two Holly

Township Board of Trustee members and one citizen at large. Representing Rose Township are Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider and Treasurer Paul Gambka. Representing Holly tctimes.com Township is Clerk Karin Winchester and Supervisor

George Kullis. The citizen at large is Peter Stouffer of Rose Township.

On Nov. 16, Winchester read the letter and demanded an apology and public retraction of the criminal allegations made against her by Stouffer. She has claimed she did nothing wrong by opening a letter sent to the Holly Township offices.

Scheib-Snider motioned that this issue be discussed in closed session, however, Kullis said this matter did not qualify for a closed session meeting.

> Winchester said, "You guys slandered me in public."

Stouffer motioned that the Board go into closed

session. They did by a vote of 3-2 with Kullis and Winchester voting against a closed session.

Following the closed session meeting, the Board agreed to seek a legal opinion on Winchester's censure.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS **NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

See the

letter online

with this

article at

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday November 15. 2021 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

- Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. 1.
- Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. 2.
- Approved the agenda as presented. 3.
- Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of 4. \$397,967.81.
- 5. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2021-38, creating the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
- 6. Approved an Emergency Medical Services Agreement with Medstar, Inc.
- 7. Approved a Universal Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Flint, Inc.
- 8. Approved the 2021 Thompson Road Corridor Water Improvements Agreement with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner for engineering design costs.
- 9. Adopted resolution No. 2021-39, supporting the relocation of the Enid Boulevard road right-of-way to match the existing roadway.
- 10. Adopted the 2022 Fenton Township Meeting Schedule.
- Schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Fenton Township 11 Budget at the December 6, 2021 Township Board Meeting.
- Adjourned at 8:22 p.m. 12.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

HOW COME OUR sheriff doesn't say or do anything about the local overdose and opioid crisis? Over 100,000 overdose deaths nationwide in the last 12 months.

NOTICE OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN **DECEMBER 9, 2021**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA AND ELECTRONICALLY BY ZOOM. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZO21-006 Allore Sharp: Requesting a Special Use Permit to allow a commercial kennel at 13015 Linden Road, located at the southeast corner of Linder Road and Lahring Road, parcel # 06-17-100-008.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 12060 Mantawauka Dr. and by ZOOM video meeting. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:

http://bit.ly/FentonPC Or by telephone by calling into the following number: Phone Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 998 2931 8197 Passcode: 258667

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@ fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, Comments received prior to 3:00 p.m. on December 9, 2021 are guaranteed to be received by the Planning Commission. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www. fentontownship.org.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 72 hour advance notice by contacting Robert Krug, Township Clerk, by email, phone, or mail at the below.

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Times

Santa to arrive early this year

C&L Ward's sixth annual 'Shingles for Shelter' program launches Nov. 22

In an effort to give back to the community, C&L Ward will once again host their roof giveaway program called Shingles for Shelter, in which they will gift an installed asphalt roof to a homeowner who has fallen on hard times and cannot afford to replace a failing roof. ABC Supply Co. Inc. has partnered with them and will donate all of the shingles for the new roof.

On Nov. 22, C&L Ward will have a form on the page within their website, goclward.com/shelter, where the homeowner can be nominated or apply themselves. The application period runs through Dec. 5. Entrants are asked to submit an online nomination form, which includes a written statement on why the homeowner should be awarded the roof and photos of the current roof on the home. The winner will be selected on current roof condition, circumstance, merit of the nomination and presentation quality.

Nominees must be 21 years of age, the homeowner and a resident in the C&L Ward service area. The difficult tasking of judging will be performed by a panel of C&L Ward employees, the winner will be announced Dec. 20 and the brand new roof will be installed Spring of 2022.

"We are thrilled to be paying it forward within our community for the sixth time with our Shingles for Shelter program. This is one of our favorite annual happenings and we feel very fortunate to be in a position to provide a new roof for a family in need. With both the winter and holiday season near, we welcome the opportunity to provide the basic necessity of a leak-free roof to a deserving family this time of the year," said Patrick Ward, president of C&L Ward. "It was disheartening when the pandemic prevented this event last year and we're thrilled to be back at it. We want to thank ABC Supply Co., Inc. and GFL Environmental for partnering with us on this program once again. Their support is greatly appreciated."

In the inaugural year, the roof was awarded to an elderly woman after her son asked for help for his mother. In 2015, the roof was gifted to a middleaged man who had been out of work due to a disability and still found it within himself to take care of others with disabilities. The 2016 recipient was a Burton school district secretary who had encountered medical issues, yet kept her bright smile and generous attitude while supporting her family, students and friends. In 2017, the roof was awarded to a Saginaw woman nominated by countless friends and family members, noting her volunteer work in beautifying the neighborhood and the hard times faced when replacing a broken water pipe under the driveway by herself, unable to afford the cost of hiring a team to dig the trenches. The most recent recipient was a couple from Flint. both with serious health issues, facing more problems due to the water crisis, but still lending a hand to loved ones, helping raise their grandchildren, and growing a garden of food distributed to neighbors in need.



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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

November 10, 2021

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Noble, Walls,
iten eun	Scheib-Snider
	Board Members Absent/Excused: None
Approved:	Agenda for the November 10, 2021 meeting,
Approved:	Consent Agenda minus HAYA Report, Minutes & Payments of Bills.
Presentation:	Rana M. Emmons C.P.A. – Rose Township Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Audit Report.
Public Hearing:	CDBG Funds FY 2022 for Minor Home Repair in the amount of approximately \$9,519.
Public Hearing:	Ottieway Court Special Assessment Hearing (SAD)
Public Hearing:	Williams Drive Special Assessment Hearing (SAD).
Bid Accepted:	Bedrock Building, Inc. for exterior painting Rose Township Office in the amount of \$9,300.
Bid Accepted:	Bedrock Building, Inc. for interior painting of Rose Township Office in the amount of \$13,200.
Discussion:	Rose Town House (Rose Township Hall Historic Site).
Approved:	Resolution for SAD for Ottieway Court.
Approved:	Resolution for SAD for Williams Drive.
Approved:	Resolution for CDBG 2022 funds in the approximate amount of \$9,519.
Approved:	Minutes with corrections/changes.
Approved:	Payment of Bills.
Adjourned:	8:31 p.m.

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CDC launches new education campaign

Aimed at preventing rising number of drug overdose deaths

Compiled by Sharon Stone

To save more lives from drug overdose, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently launched four complementary education campaigns intended to reach young adults ages 18—34 years.

This comes after reports indicate more than 100,000 Americans have died of drug overdoses in the year since the pandemic began.

The CDC's campaigns provide information about the prevalence and dangers of fentanyl, the risks and consequences of mixing drugs, the life-saving power of naloxone, and the importance of reducing stigma around drug use to support treatment and recovery.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), illicit fentanyl, primarily manufactured in foreign clandestine labs and smuggled into the United States through Mexico, is being distributed across the country and sold on the illegal drug market.

CDC spoke directly with young adults who reported using drugs, as well as peer recovery professionals, to develop the campaigns. Each campaign includes new resources on all four topics to help people make informed decisions, get the help they need, and ultimately reduce the rise in drug overdoses and overdose deaths.

"This critical information can help all of us save a life from overdose and support people who use drugs in treatment and recovery," said Debra Houry, MD, MPH, acting principal deputy director of CDC.

Fentanyl can be hidden in drugs

Illegal drugs are more potent and potentially lethal than ever before as many can be mixed or laced with illicitly made fentanyl without a person's knowledge. Fentanyl, an extremely powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine, and other synthetic opioids contribute to most opioid-involved overdose deaths. Illicitly made fentanyl is increasingly found in counterfeit prescription medications, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other illicit drugs.

It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs

have been laced with fentanyl without the use of fentanyl test strips because it cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted.

Mixing drugs can cause overdoses

People who use drugs may use multiple different substances, and this mixing of drugs can be even more harmful than when they are used separately. Mixing stimulants — like ecstasy and cocaine — increases the risk of stroke and heart attack, while mixing opioids with other depressants — like benzodiazepines "benzos" and/or alcohol — can slow breathing, which may lead to severe brain damage or death. Bottom line, there is no safe way to mix drugs. Even if you have mixed drugs before, your body could react differently every time.

Naloxone saves lives

Naloxone is a life-saving medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. Often given as a nasal spray, naloxone can restore normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped due to opioids, including fentanyl, if given in time. Anyone can carry naloxone, give it to someone experiencing an overdose, and potentially save a life.

Naloxone is available in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and it is available at many local pharmacies without a prescription in most states. Good Samaritan laws are in place in most states to protect those who are overdosing and anyone assisting them in an emergency from arrest, charges, or a combination of these.

People in treatment and recovery need support

One in 14 Americans reports experiencing a substance use disorder. However, the stigma related to using drugs can be a significant barrier to getting help. Showing compassion for people who use drugs and offering support during their treatment and recovery journey are ways to help reduce stigma. Paths to recovery include treatment with medications for opioid use disorder, as well as behavioral therapies. Treatment is available in many settings — in person, online, through telehealth visits — treatment can be in individual or group formats.

"Addiction is a treatable disease," said Christopher M. Jones, PharmD,

DrPH, MPH, acting director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. "And while recovery is not always a straight path forward, it is possible. Talking with a healthcare provider to develop a treatment plan that works best for that individual and connecting to other services and supports can aid recovery."

A critical step for prevention

Drug overdoses have claimed nearly 900,000 lives in the United States over the past 20 years. Recent reports show that drug overdose deaths accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, outpacing overdose death rates from any previous year. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl was the main driver of the near 30% increase in overdose deaths. By sharing the campaigns and related resources with young people 18-34 who use drugs, we are taking an important step to stop drug overdoses and save lives.

To learn more about CDC's drug overdose prevention efforts, visit .cdc. gov/stopoverdose.

OCJ to dispense Naloxone kits

State's largest jail sets up vending machines to offer free life-saving treatment for opioid overdoses

The Oakland County Jail (OCJ) is now offering discharged inmates free Naloxone nasal rescue kits that can reverse the potentially fatal effects of an opioid overdose.

The drug, more commonly known as Narcan, is available to departing inmates through a recently installed vending machine near the jail's discharge area. Deputies advise discharged inmates as part of the release process that they may take the Narcan kit with them for personal use or for a family member who may be opioid dependent.

"We have seen a significant increase in opioid deaths and See **OVERDOSES** on 18







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McLaren Flint welcomes orthopedic surgeon to medical staff Justin Schupbach, MD, orthopedic

surgeon and sports medicine specialist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Dr. Schupbach is seeing patients at Insight Orthopedic Specialists, 4800 S. Saginaw St. in Flint. Schupbach completed a fellowship in Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He completed his residency at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. Schupbach is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 484-3006.

LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

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NOV. 21

1980: On this day, 350 million people around the world tune in to television's popular primetime drama "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing. the character fans loved to hate. J.R. had been shot on the season-ending episode the previous March 21. which now stands as one of television's most famous cliffhangers. The plot twist inspired widespread media coverage and left America wondering "Who shot J.R.?" for the next eight months. The Nov. 21 episode solved the mystery, identifying Kristin Shepard, J.R.'s wife's sister and his former mistress, as the culprit.

NOV. 22

1963: John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas, Texas, in an open-top convertible. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy rarely accompanied her husband on political outings, but she was beside him, along with Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, for a 10-mile motorcade through the streets of downtown Dallas on Nov. 22. Sitting in a Lincoln convertible, the Kennedys and Connallys waved at the large and enthusiastic crowds gathered along the parade route. As their vehicle passed the Texas School Book Depository Building at 12:30 p.m., Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor, fatally wounding President Kennedy and seriously injuring Governor Connally. Kennedy was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Dallas' Parkland Hospital. He was 46.

NOV. 23

1959: Robert Stroud, the famous "Birdman of Alcatraz," is released from solitary confinement for the first time since 1916. Stroud gained widespread fame and attention when author Thomas Gaddis wrote a biography that trumpeted Stroud's ornithological expertise. Stroud was first sent to prison in 1909 after he killed a bartender in a brawl. He had nearly completed his sentence at Leavenworth Federal Prison in Kansas when he stabbed a guard to death in 1916. Though he claimed to have acted in self-defense, he was convicted and sentenced to hang. A handwritten plea by Stroud's mother to President Woodrow Wilson earned Stroud a commuted sentence of life in permanent solitary confinement.

NOV. 24

1963: At 12:20 p.m., in the basement of the Dallas police station, Lee Harvey Oswald, the See **HISTORY** on 15

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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McLaren Flint welcomes general surgeon to medical staff Chelsea Smith, DO, a general surgeon,

a general surgeon, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Dr. Smith is

seeing patients at the McLaren Bariatric and Metabolic Institute, G-3200 Beecher Rd., Suite MBI, in Flint. She is also seeing patients at 3273 Davison Road, Suite 4, in Lapeer. Smith completed a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery-Bariatrics and Advanced GI at McLaren Flint. She completed her residency at Detroit Medical Center in Detroit. She earned her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. Smith is accepting new patients and can be reached at the Flint location by calling (810) 342-5470 and the Lapeer location by calling (810) 667-5150.

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alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, is shot to death by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner. On Nov. 22, President Kennedy was fatally shot while riding in an opencar motorcade through the streets of downtown Dallas. Less than an hour after the shooting, Lee Harvey Oswald killed a policeman who questioned him on the street. Thirty minutes after that, he was arrested in a movie theater by police. Oswald was formally arraigned Nov. 23 for the murders of President Kennedy and Officer J.D. Tippit.

NOV. 25

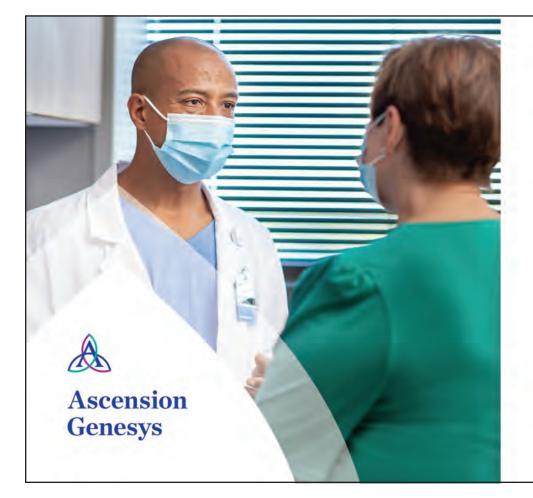
1952: "The Mousetrap," a murdermystery written by the novelist and playwright Agatha Christie, opens at the Ambassadors Theatre in London. The crowdpleasing whodunit would go on to become the longest continuously running play in history. When "The Mousetrap" premiered in 1952, Winston Churchill was British prime minister, Joseph Stalin was Soviet ruler and Harry Truman was president. Christie, already a hugely successful English mystery novelist, originally wrote the drama for Queen Mary, wife of the late King George V. Initially called "Three Blind Mice," it debuted as a 30-minute radio play on the queen's 80th birthday in 1947. Christie later extended the play and renamed it "The Mousetrap" — a reference to the play-withina-play performed in William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

NOV. 26

1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as "Lecture Day," a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local members of the Wampanoag tribe to join the Pilgrims in a festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.

NOV. 27

1942: Guitar legend Jimi Hendrix is born in Seattle. Hendrix grew up playing guitar, imitating blues greats like Muddy Waters as well as early rockers. He joined the army in 1959 and became a paratrooper but was honorably discharged in 1961 after an injury that exempted him from duty in Vietnam. In the early 1960s, Hendrix worked as a pickup guitarist, backing musicians including Little Richard, B.B. King, Ike and Tina Turner, and Sam Cooke. In 1964, he moved to New York and played in coffeehouses, where bassist Brvan Chandler of the British group the Animals heard him. Chandler arranged to manage Hendrix and brought him to London in 1966, where they created the Jimi Hendrix Experience with bassist Noel Redding and drummer Mitch Mitchell. The band's first single. "Hey Joe," hit No. 6 on the British pop charts, and the band became an instant sensation.



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GRANTS

Continued from Page 6 can range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and do not require local match or cost sharing. Clean Boats, Clean Waters grants can be used for a variety of activities including signage, invasive species removal supplies such as plant removal tools, sponges and towels, and staff time to perform watercraft inspections and demonstrations of boat cleaning techniques.

Interested organizations can apply for a grant now on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters website. The deadline to apply is Dec. 17.

This is a competitive funding opportunity, and complete applications will be ranked based on eligibility, project significance and overall strategy.

CBCW is a joint effort between Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Funding for CBCW and this mini grant opportunity is provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.



The North Oakland County Fire Authority Board tables a motion Nov. 16 to take away Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider's access to CLEMIS information until they get clarified legal opinion.

NOCFA

Continued from Front Page CLEMIS alerts. "None of us should have it," she said.

This latest motion was in response to the Board's Oct. 19 meeting, when the NOCFA Board voted 3-2 to add Rose



Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider back in the CAD (CLEMIS) Incident Notification System. Rose Township Treasurer and NOCFA Board member Paul Gambka, Scheib-Snider and Peter Stouffer, citizenat-large from Rose Township, voted in favor of putting Scheib-Snider, as well as other NOCFA Board members, on the list, if they requested to be on the list. Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis and Winchester voted against the Oct. 19 motion.

CLEMIS uses innovative computer technology for criminal justice and public safety applications. By serving as a technical link among multiple agencies, CLEMIS promotes communication and sharing of criminal justice information. CAD is a dispatching application that allows users to create, update, track, and manage all public safety calls for service.

CLEMIS provides public safety agencies immediate access to critical information during day-to-day operations and at a time of crisis. From the public safety answering point to the police and fire first responders on the street, vital information is delivered securely and efficiently. CLEMIS provides a full suite of records management applications for records retention while meeting all state and federal reporting mandates. These records encompass data input by all police agencies in Oakland County and agencies in nine additional counties throughout the thumb and southeast regions of Michigan.

The Oct. 19 vote was prompted by an Oct. 12 letter from NOCFAAssistant Fire Chief Matt Weil to Chief Jeremy Lintz, who indicated that Scheib-Snider asked that she be put back into the system.

In the letter, Weil said that Scheib-Snider contacted him Oct. 8, inquiring why she was not receiving text messages from the system. He said he explained to the township supervisor that he had removed non-rostered people because of the amount of sensitive information that is provided in these messages. He said he suggested other alternatives for receiving information, such as a scanner or a pager.

On Nov. 16, Scheib-Snider told the Board that receiving these alerts helps her better serve her residents. She cited emergencies when trees or wires, especially in storms, were down.

"It's disappointing after five years that I was removed," she said. She added that she was educated in EMT and is still a certified firefighter in the state of Michigan. "I'm not going to argue about this anymore; It just needed to be brought to attention.

"I wasn't snooping and looking into people's private business. I resent those comments."

Kullis pointed out that CLEMIS provides more information than anyone on the Board needs. "It wasn't a witch hunt. I have never had access to CLEMIS," he said.

Stouffer said he struggled with past legal opinions and statements and believed they were getting mixed messages from the attorney.

Longtime legal counsel David Lattie resigned from his role Oct. 4. The NOCFA Board is seeking to hire permanent legal counsel and has contracted with Bodman law firm on an interim basis.

Winchester suggested that the NOCFA Board postpone any action on this until current legal counsel has time to review the matter.

Stouffer asked if the Board wanted to table discussion and all agreed to table the discussion.

Following further discussion in closed session, Scheib-Snider asked Lintz to remove her from the alerts until the Board has clarified legal opinion.

Watch the NOCFA Board meeting in its entirety on YouTube on the NOCFA channel at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=CBgvga43qDQ

Ribbon-cutting for Langco Jewelers



Tracy Renea Lang, owner of Langco Jewelers in Holly, celebrates the grand reopening of her new and bigger location with a ribbon-cutting with the Holly Chamber and many community members Wednesday, Nov. 17. Langco Jewelers is at 107. N. Saginaw St., Holly. For more information about Langco Jewelers, visit langcojewelers.com. You can also call (248) 369-8007 or email Lang at tracychiappelli@comcast.net. At right, she poses with Richard Kinnamon, Holly Chamber of Commerce director and Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 17.





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Rose Township votes on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

The Rose Township Board of Trustees held a public hearing Wednesday, Nov. 10 to hear input from residents on funding available through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides CDBG funds to entitlement community grantees, like Oakland County, to carry out a wide range of community development activities. These activities are directed primarily toward revitalizing neighborhoods, encouraging economic development, and providing improvements to community facilities and services in low- to moderateincome areas. Receiving no written responses from residents and no input during the public hearing, the board approved a motion to make available approximately \$9,519 for minor home repairs in the township.



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HEROIN OVERDOSE IN HOLLY

On Friday, Oct. 29 at approximately 2 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a business parking lot on N. Holly Road for a report of a woman staggering in the lot and appeared highly intoxicated. An officer arrived and was able to determine that the 46-year-old Flint woman had recently used heroin and was left in the parking lot by people she was traveling with. An ambulance was called to transport her to a medical facility for treatment.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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ROSE TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS FOR PAINTING SERVICES

The Rose Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved painting contracts with Bedrock Builders at its meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10. The company will paint the exterior of the township hall for \$9,300 and the interior of the building for \$13,200.



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Don't forget to report your deer harvest

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources collects data for statistical purposes only

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When you report your harvest, you'll be asked to give your hunting license number, date of birth, deer season (archery, firearm, etc.), date of harvest, county and deer management unit where you harvested your deer, whether you harvested an antlered or antlerless deer, number of antler points and location where the deer was harvested. The location information is kept private and used for statistical purposes only.

You can report your harvest at Michigan.gov/ DNRHarvestReport.

Deer patches will not be mailed to those who submit harvest reports online, but you can take your online harvest report confirmation number to a deer check station to get your patch while supplies last.



Upon release, Oakland County Jail inmates are advised to take free Naloxone nasal rescue kits that can reverse the potentially fatal effects of an opioid overdose.

OVERDOSES

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instances where law enforcement is called on during a crisis," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "This is a nationwide crisis as it was just announced we have hit an all-time high in overdose deaths in the last 12 months. This is everyone's problem. This program gives us one more tool to help our residents. We have an opportunity to save lives and provide a second chance."

According to published reports today, in the 12-month period that ended in April, more than 100,000 Americans died of overdoses, up almost 30 percent from the 78,000 deaths in the prior year, according to provisional figures from the National Center for Health Statistics.

It was the first time the number of overdose deaths in the United States exceeded 100,000 a year, more than the toll of car crashes and gun fatalities combined. Overdose deaths have more than doubled since 2015.



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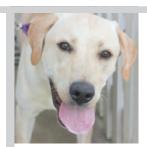


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Robotics team embraces community project

Erects Memory Tree and adds 1,000 lights as well as collecting and retiring American flags

By Sharon Stone

Once in a while we all could use a little help. And sometimes there are groups looking for a community project to work on. This is how the Fenton Robotics team and Doug Tebo, chair of the cemetery board for the city of Fenton, got together Sunday, Nov. 14.

Tebo's wife Shelly was injured in a fall while gardening approximately 10 weeks ago. She routinely helped him with all of his cemetery maintenance projects.

Without his wife's help this year while she recuperates from her injuries, Tebo wasn't sure how he'd take care of all of the veteran flags at Oakwood Cemetery for Veterans Day. He also was concerned about getting the tree and decorating it for the cemetery's Memory Tree near the entrance of the cemetery.

Tebo said the Fenton Robotics team reached out to him seeking a community project to work on. The timing was perfect.



Members of the Fenton Robotics Team assist with removing and retiring American flags from veterans' and firefighters' graves at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton on Sunday, Nov. 17. Photo: Jon Davidson

On Sunday, Nov. 14, with the help of the city's department of public works and the members of the robotics team, Tebo said they were able to remove and retire the flags at veterans' graves. They also were able to put up this year's Memory Tree and decorate it with all of the ornaments that have survived past winters.

Tebo said the teams split into two groups to accomplish both tasks. The

first half took on the job of collecting all of the veterans' flags and fire department flags that spread across the entire cemetery — more than 40 acres. The flags were then retired with honor and respect.

The second half tackled the job of stringing about 1,700 lights on Oakwood's "Memory Tree" and then putting on the many ornaments from past years.

The 11-foot tree was donated by Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping. Tebo said this is the ninth year that the tree farm has donated a tree to use at Oakwood Cemetery.

Tebo said residents are welcome to hang an outdoor ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one by at the entrance of the cemetery.

"They did a great job," Tebo said of the robotics team stepping up to help at the cemetery. "These young students are learning more than robotics by being in this group. They are learning about belonging to the community and giving back. Fenton schools should be proud of the life lessons being taught both in school and in the community."



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The Fenton Robotics Team helps erect and decorate the Memory Tree at Oakwood Cemetery last weekend. Residents are invited to hang an outdoor ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one. Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping donated the tree. **Photo: Jon Davidson**



Fenton's Drew DeRidder is off to a solid start to his senior season with the Michigan State Spartans hockey team.

Fenton's DeRidder off to strong start for Spartans

By David Troppens

Fenton resident Drew DeRidder is off to a pretty solid start to his senior season with the Michigan State University hockey squad.

DeRidder has started in six of the Spartans games between the pipes and has posted a 3-2-1 record in those six contests.

He lost his first game to Air Force, 3-2, but his second outing was a 2-1 victory against Miami (Ohio) on Oct.

16. He made saves on 35 of the 36 shots he faced in that contest. His second victory was a 2-1 win against the Ohio State Buckeyes on Oct. 29. He faced a whopping 42 shots and made saves on 41 of them, recording a 95.5 saver percentage.

His most recent victory came Nov. 11 against Ferris State in a 2-0 victory. It was his first shutout of the season with DeRidder collecting 26 saves.

The Spartans are currently 6-5-1

and DeRidder has shared time in net with Pierce Charleson. However, De-Ridder has statistically outperformed his teammate. DeRidder has a 1.64 goals against average and has made 198 saves on the 208 shots he's faced, good for a strong 95.2 save percentage. He has posted the only shutout by any Spartan keeper.

DeRidder entered the season as the squad's top keeper after recording a See **DERIDDER** on 22

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Sports Times **Fenton's Olsen heading to Indiana**

By David Troppens

Gracie Olsen doesn't look at herself as a great athlete — at least on land.

"I give credit to anyone who can do any other sport because I can't do any other sport but swimming," Olsen said. "I did when I was younger, but I've always been clumsy on land ---not my greatest."

But put her in a pool and she's the greatest swimmer in Fenton High School history, already owning four individual event state titles entering this weekend's Division 2 state meet. She has a great case of being the greatest Fenton athlete of all time — on land or in the water - regardless what happened this weekend.

But whatever does happen, it won't be the end of Olsen competing in a pool. Olsen, who verbally committed to Indiana University years ago, signed to compete on the Hoosiers' women's swim team when she begins her collegiate career in the fall.

"It's incredible," Olsen said. "This is an opportunity that is so rare, I don't want to take it

a minute of it because I think it's so incredible I've been given this opportunity. I have to thank everyone around me that I've had support me. I need to look to the future and really think about it and prepare myself for this experience."

Olsen initially had her list at three schools ----Indiana Universi-State University.

"Indiana just felt like home," Olsen said. "When I took an unofficial visit, I just fell in love with the Midwest. I love having the seasons, fall especially. When I went to Bloomington in the fall and saw all of the colors and everything, it was beautiful. Everything about it felt like home. I was comfortable.

"I talked to a couple of girls

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ty, University of Fenton senior Gracie Olsen will continue her swimming career at Indiana Florida and Ohio University in the fall.

> on the team and they were really up."

> A Division 1 school and members of the Big Ten Conference, Indiana has an impressive women's swimming program.

The program is led by head coach Ray Looze, who is in his 17th season at the helm of the • women's program and his 20th Elite Team Boys competiseason with the men's. He also was a United States assistant swim coach for the 2020 Sum- runners. Eberhard competed mer Olympic Games. Looze • has himself a strong program • as well. The squad has finished 16:02.0. River Meckstroth See OLSEN on 21 •



Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion (left) and Fenton's Aidan Brzezinski were two runners from the tri-county area that competed in the Michigan Meet of Champions. File photo: David Troppens

Area runners compete at Michigan Meet of Champions By David Troppens

While most prep cross country runners have seen their seasons end already this fall, there are a handful of tricounty runners that saw their season continue Saturday at the Michigan Meet of Champions held at Shepherd High School, Saturday.

Linden's two All-State performers competed in the tion and had the two strongest performances of the area on the Moneyball team, placing 22nd with a 5K time of See RUNNERS on 22

nice. I just thought I could get along with everyone there very well, and not to mention they are an amazing team. It was an opportunity that I could not pass

'62 Lions humbled Lombardi's Packers on Thanksgiving

Remembered as Detroit's most memorable win on turkey day

By David Troppens

The Lions were crushed.

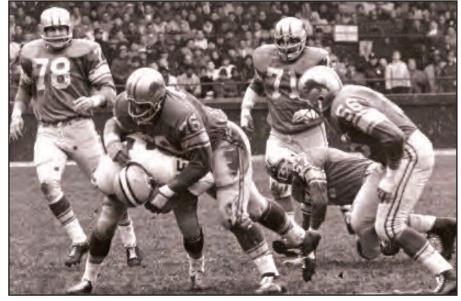
On Oct. 7, 1962, the Detroit Lions had Vince Lombardi's defending NFL Championship Green Bay Packers seemingly defeated.

With less than a minute remaining and facing a third-and-8 play from their own 49, the Lions led the Packers 7-6. Most felt running the ball and at least milking the clock before punting on fourth down was the smart strategy. Instead, Lions' quarterback Milt Plumb went back to throw, tossed a ball to a receiver Terry Barr, who slipped. Instead Green Bay's Herb Adderley picked off the pass and returned it to the Detroit 18. A few plays later, Paul Hornug kicked the game-winning 21-yard field goal and the Packers had their win, remaining undefeated. The loss eventually dropped the Lions out of Western Division championship contention, and would fuel a fire in the Lions right up until the teams faced again on Thanksgiving Day at Tiger Stadium.

Green Bay was still undefeated and the Lions now had two losses. It was likely the Lions' championship fate had already been cemented, but Detroit had never lost the feeling that the better team didn't win in that first game.

"It still ticks me off," Lions' Hall of Fame linebacker Joe Schmidt said years later. "We never should have thrown the ball. We should've run Nick Pietrosante. Yale Larry could have punted the ball all the way to Milwaukee. Green Bay had only one time out left. At least we should have made them earn it."

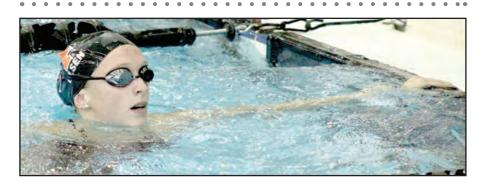
The Lions were out to prove it on Thanksgiving during the rematch, and boy did they. On Green Bay's first play from scrimmage their eventual Hall of Fame quarterback Bart Starr was swarmed by the Lions' defensive line dubbed the "Fearsome Foursome." It became a trend as the Lions' defensive line of Alex Karras, Darris McCord, Sam Williams and Roger Brown ended up sacking Starr a whopping 11 times



Detroit Lions' Roger Brown sacks Green Bay's Bart Starr for a safety during the Lions' 26-14 defeat of the Packers during the Thanksgiving game play in 1962. It was called the "Thanskgiving Day Massacre" by football fans, and is considered the Lions' greatest turkey day victory.

for 110 yards. For reasons unknown, the Packers, for the most part, abandoned their potent running game, playing right into the Lions' defensive strength — Detroit's ability to put pressure on See **LIONS** on 22

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no worse than the top 15 in the nation since Looze took over as women's coach and have finished in the top 10 every season since 2015 (the 2020 NCAA championship was cancelled due to COVID).

It's also a program of Olympians. The Hoosiers have had many athletes in the program compete in the Summer Olympics for many different countries. Perhaps the most notable is Lily King who has won two golds, two silvers and a bronze for the US. Olsen realizes she will have to work herself "up the ladder" at such a prestigious program.

"It's very exciting," Olsen said. "It's

hard because I've built such a good environment for me here. I just turned 17, so I'm young for my grade, and it's going to be weird being the youngest (on a college swim program). Going to a bigger area and you are still 17, it's going to be hard to get used to doing adult things this young. ... It will be hard to adjust the first few months, but I know with all of the support, I'm going to have and with everyone else behind me, it's going to make it easier."

And is Olsen looking at eventually becoming one of those Indiana University Olympians?

"I think about going to the (United States) Trials a lot," Olsen said.

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2.76 goals against average a year ago, making 723 saves on 783 shots (92.3 • percent). He was named the team's • Ron Mason MVP and Most Improved player. The squad finished the season with a 15-19-2 overall record, but that • had nothing to do with DeRidder. The Spartans scored only 40 goals in those 36 games. The Spartans scored one or no goals in 15 contests a year ago, including a string of six straight games to end the season.

but has scored 23 goals in the 11 contests the Spartans have played so far, • better than a year ago.

action with six straight Big Ten safety. The Lions led 23-0, and kept that contests. The Spartans hosted Wis- lead entering halftime. In the third quaconsin on Friday and Saturday and • rer, Plum kicked a 47-yard field goal, play at Penn State Dec. 3 and Dec. • putting Detroit up 26-0. 4. They are at Notre Dame on Dec. 10 and Dec. 11.

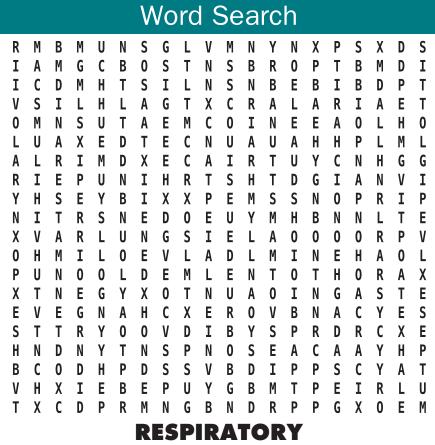
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any quarterback in the NFL.

And while the Packers' offense stumbled, the Lions' offense led the squad to an early lead. Plum threw two TD passes to Gail Cogdill early on, putting the Lions up 14-0. The first was a 33-yard TD reception in the first quarter. The second came in the second quarter when he faked out Adderley and scored on a diving catch in the end zone from 27 yards out.

The Lions' defense set up the team's The offense continues to struggle, . third TD of the game. Starr fumbled deep in his own territory and Sam Williams picked it up and ran six yards for so the offensive output is about a goal the fumble return. Brown got into the scoring act on defense as well when Michigan State gets into Big Ten • he tackled Starr in the end zone for a

Green Bay was able to score two • TDs in the fourth quarter, but those



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scores only made the final margin look more pleasant for those who didn't watch the nationally televised game during their Thanksgiving dinners. The Lions were an overwhelming 26-14 victor.

"They were supposed to be the best offensive line in the business," Schmidt said after the contest. "And we handled them like a bag of toys."

The game-time weather was at 37 degrees with a wind of 15 miles an hour, but 57,598 Lions' fans still came out to enjoy the Lions' feasting of the Packers. Starr did complete 11-of-19 passes for 142 yards, but he was picked off twice and sacked 11 times, with Brown being credited for

six of those sacks. Dick LeBeau and Night Train Lane had the picks, both Hall of Famers. Green Bay rushed 27 times for only 73 yards.

Detroit collected 304 yards total offense with Plum completing 8-of-16 passes for 137 yards and the two touchdowns. Ken Webb rushed for 62 yards on 11 attempts while Tom Watkins had 55 ground yards. Codgill caught three passes for 79 yards, including the two for TDs.

The victory wouldn't change the final outcome in the standings. The Lions (11-3) finished second in the division to the 13-1 Packers, who went on

RUNNERS

Continued from Page 20 finished 36th for the Gazelle squad, posting a time of 16:12.6.

Holly's All-State freshman, Ashley Sobczynski, also competed in the Elite Team Girls race, placing 35th for Michigan Running Foundation. She had a time of 18:50.2.

Lake Fenton and Fenton had representation at the event. Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion competed in the Boys Elite Open with a sixth-place finish in 16:34.2. For Fenton, Aidan Brzez-



The Lions' defense made Green Bay guarterback Bart Starr's 1962 Thanksgiving game a miserable day for the future Hall of Famer.

to defend their NFL title. Meanwhile, the Lions found themselves playing in the Playoff Bowl (a postseason contest played in the Orange Bowl between the NFL's two second-place teams) for a third straight season. The Lions won all three, defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-10 in this one. It was a nice secondary prize, as the winning team players collected \$600 each for the victory, a nice payday back in 1962.

And to this day, when people look back at the Thanksgiving Day football tradition, this Lions' upset ranks as the No. 1 game of all time.

inski competed and finished 113th (17:43.7). The tri-county girls also had representation. Linden's Alyson Kelly placed 68th in the Girls Elite Open event with a time of 20:46.1. Lake Fenton's Marielle Hatfield competing in the Girls Elite Open. She placed 86th with a time of 21:32.6. Her teammate Emilie Poirier also competed and placed 114th (29:01.3).

The area also had a few competitors in the All-Comers Open. In the women's race, Lake Fenton's Kaitlyn Hatfield placed 70th (23:19.2).

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What to do with all that venison

So many recipes to try to enjoy the delicious and nutritious meat

By Sharon Stone

With deer hunting season upon us, it's time to try some new recipes using the tasty venison.



GRILLED VENISON BACKSTRAP

Source: midwestniceblog.com

Made with just a handful of ingredients that showcase the meat's natural flavor, this grilled venison backstrap recipe is the perfect dinner to enjoy during deer season. Serve with grilled veggies and a delicious potato side for a wonderfully Midwestern meal. Backstrap is tender and succulent and requires minimal prep or seasoning to be absolutely delicious. Here's all you need for this perfect deer dinner:

INGREDIENTS

Venison backstrap (or tenderloin, if you prefer or have that on hand) Salt and Pepper Seasoned Salt Onion Powder Garlic Powder

DIRECTIONS:

Season the venison up to 12 hours ahead of time. This not only helps flavor the meat but tenderize it as well. (Of course, if you forget to season the venison in the morning, it can be done an hour before grilling.)

Remove from the fridge. It's important with any protein to have it come up to room temperature slightly before cooking. Throwing a cold backstrap on a hot grill will lead to tough meat. I take the deer out of the fridge 30 - 60 minutes before grilling.

Grill the backstrap. Over screaming high heat. Roughly 7 – 10 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of your backstrap and the desired doneness.

Let the venison rest. Remove it from the grill to a clean plate to rest so the juices redistribute!

Slice and serve. With potatoes and corn, preferably.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS

Source: honest-food.net

If you are looking for an authentic Swedish meatballs recipe, you've found one. If you can't find lingonberry jelly, use cranberry or highbush cranberry jelly. Obviously pre-ground venison (or whatever) will work here. Just make sure it has fat in the grind and that the grind is fine. Swedish meatballs need to be ground fine.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices stale bread, crusts removed
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 pounds venison or beef
- 1 pound pork fat
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons Kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 grated yellow onion
- Flour
- 1 quart beef stock or venison stock
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup lingonberry jelly Salt
- Butter or oil for frying

DIRECTIONS:

If you are not using pre-ground meat, chill the venison and pork fat until it is almost freezing by sticking it in the freezer for an hour. Cut both the meat and fat into chunks that will fit into your grinder. Grind through your fine die in a meat grinder. If you do not have a meat grinder, you can use a food processor, set on pulse. Don't crowd the processor and chop the meat in pulses until you get something that looks like ground meat. Put the meat in the fridge.

Pour the milk into a pot and set it on low heat. Cut the crusts off the stale bread and break it into pieces. Add the pieces to the pot. They will begin to absorb the milk. Turn off the heat and mash everything into a paste. Let it cool to room temperature.

In the meat bowl, add the grated onion, salt and spices. Crack the eggs into the bowl, then pour the bread-milk mixture in. With clean hands, gently mix everything together. Do not knead it like bread, and do not squeeze things together. Just gently work the mixture: Think cake, not bread. When it is mostly combined — you need not get everything perfect grab a tablespoon and scoop up some. Roll it into a little ball with your palms.





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Senate Bill 637: Add social/ therapeutic welfare provisions to 9-1-1 call responses

To authorize state grants to local governments, with the amounts determined using criteria devised by a particular social-welfare organization. This would pay for sending one or more "community crisis responder clinicians or community crisis responder peers" on 911 calls, who among other things would do "screening and assessment" for referral of individuals to "mental health, substance use disorder, social, health, or other services and supports as needed." Reportedly, there are 51 organizations that would be the ultimate recipients of the money.

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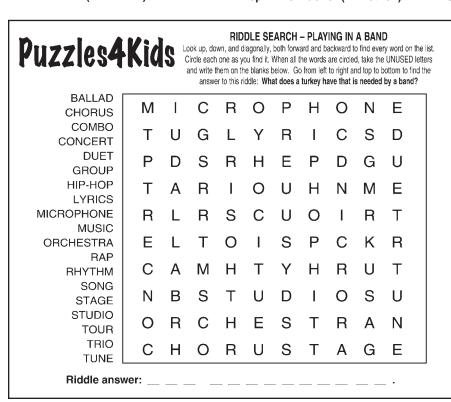
House Bill 4637: Authorize process to change township's name

To establish a process to allow a township to change the township's name. Two thirds of the township board would have to agree to put the question on the ballot in a regular November or August election, and voters would have to approve it. Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

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Gently roll the meatballs in the flour; you'll probably need about a cup. You may need to re-shape them before putting them onto a cookie sheet lined with wax or parchment paper.

When the meatballs are all made, get a large pan ready; a big cast-iron frying pan. Fill it with a little less than 1/4 inch of oil. Use canola oil with a little butter tossed in for flavor. Bring it up to temperature over medium-high heat. When a drop of flour flicked in the oil immediately sizzles away, drop the heat to medium and add the meatballs. Do not crowd them.

You want the oil to come up halfway on the meatballs. Add a little oil if need be; don't worry, you can reuse it. Fry on medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes. You are looking for golden brown. Turn only once. The other side will need 2 to 4 minutes. When cooked, set the meatballs on a paper towel or wire rack to drain. They can be used right away or cooled and then refrigerated for a week, or frozen for several months.

The sauce

Once the meatballs are cooked, drain all but about 3 or 4 tablespoons of butter/oil from the pan. Over medium heat, add an equal amount of the flour left over from dusting the meatballs. Stir to make a roux and cook slowly until it turns a nice golden brown. Think coffee with cream.

Add the stock gradually and turn the heat up to medium-high. Stir well to combine and add more stock or some water if need be - you want this thicker than water, thinner than Thanksgiving gravy. Taste for salt and add if needed. Add the lingonberry or highbush cranberry jelly to the pan. Let it melt and then mix it in gently.

Put the meatballs in the pan, coat all the meatballs with the sauce, cover and cook for 10 minutes over medium-low heat. Add the cream and just warm through, maybe 3 or 4 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes or with German egg noodles.

VENISON POT PIE WITH RED WINE & MUSHROOMS Source: jesspryles.com

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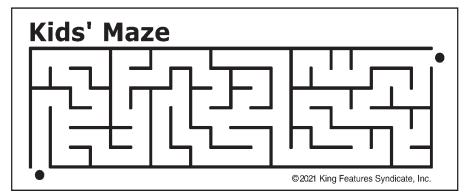
- 2-3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lb venison chunks 2 tablespoon butter, divided
- 8 oz mushrooms, white or baby bella
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons porcini powder (optional)
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 2 cups beef or venison stock
- 2 star anise
- 2 bay leaves
- 4-6 springs of thyme
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 sheet puff pastry or pie crust
- 1 egg, beaten
- salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Add some olive oil to a heavy based pot (author uses an enameled cast iron pot) and place over medium high heat. Add the venison chunks, working in batches to prevent overcrowding, and brown well on all sides. Salt each batch as they are browning, then remove to a bowl.

In the same pot, place 1 tablespoon of butter, then the mushrooms. Cook the mushrooms until they are browned and color has developed, about 5 minutes. Remove from the pot. Add in any remaining olive oil to the same pot, and cook the onion and carrots until softened, 7-10 minutes. Season the veggies with salt, pepper and sprinkle in the porcini powder.

Add the mushrooms and venison back to the pot, then pour in the wine and beef stock. Throw in the star anise, bay leaves and thyme. Bring to the broil then turn the heat down to a gentle simmer, place the lid on the pot and cook for two hours. Melt the remaining tablespoon





of butter, then combine with water and flour to form a slurry/paste. Pour the paste into the stew and stir to combine. This will help thicken the gravy. Continue cooking until the meat is tender and the gravy has thickened to a desirable consistency.

Preheat an oven to 350f.

Pour the cooked venison mixture into a casserole dish. You may want to wait for it to cool a little so it's not

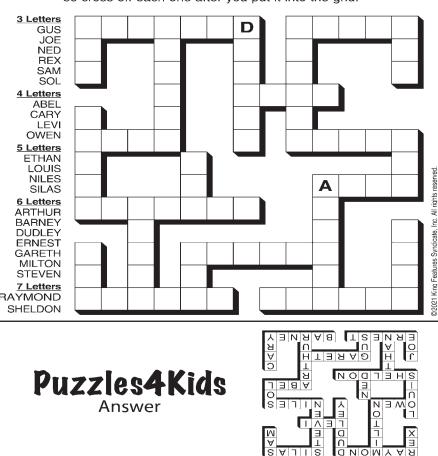
piping hot as you put the pastry on top. Arrange you pastry or pie crust on top of the casserole dish. crimping the edges to seal. Use a knife to poke 3-4 slits in the top of the pie then brush the top with beaten egg.

Place the casserole dish onto a baking tray (to catch any spills if the filling bubbles over) and place into the oven to bake for 30 minutes, or until the pastry/crust is golden brown.

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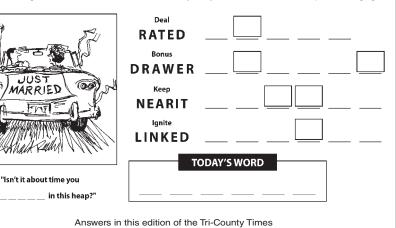
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Obituaries

Michelle Amanda Axford 1994 – 2021

Michelle Amanda Axford age 27, of Holly died Tuesday, November 9, 2021. She was born in Commerce Township, on July 1, 1994 to William and



Theresa Axford; brother, William Axford; grandfather, Sylvester Schilling; grandmother, Beverly Axford; uncles, David,

Timothy, and Michael Schilling, and Timothy and Christopher Axford; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Norma Schilling; and grandfather, William Axford. Memorial services will be held at a later date with interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. *www. dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.*

Ashlee (Rose) Updike

Theresa (Schilling) Axford. She was a member of

St. Rita Catholic Church

of Holly and a graduate

Special Needs Program.

smiling and laughing. She

loved balloons and stuffed

Michelle touched many

of Holly High School

lives and was always

animals. Surviving are her parents, William and

Ashlee (Rose) Updike - age 33, died November 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Tommy Smith

Tommy Smith - age 57, died November 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Scott Wright

Scott Wright - age 76, died November 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Karl Soukal

Karl Soukal - age 75, died November 17, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Alma Krueger A

Ima Krueger - age 86, died November 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bessie "Cathy" Kemp Bessie "Cathy" Kemp - age 93, died November 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy Mashburn

Dorothy Mashburn - age 78, died November 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gregory Lambert

Gregory Lambert - age 68, died November 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kenneth Voakes

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Linda West

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Martin Neisler

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Nellie Kershaw

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Renee Spillane

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Wayne Edgar

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William McCaslin

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

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Kathleen (Kathy) Gail Conn

- age 60, Fenton, passed

Obituaries

Times

Jean Hassler Blewett 1946 - 2021

Jean Hassler Blewett age 74, died on Tuesday, November 9. 2021. at her home in Fenton. Jean was born in Bronx, NY, on November 11, 1946, to Robert and Jean



Hassler. She was raised on Long Island in Merrick, NY, where she was the oldest of five sisters and one brother. Following Jean's mother's death in 1962, her father remarried, to Virginia, whom the Hassler children knew as their mother for most of their lives. She met her husband. Richard (Dick) Blewett, while both were in the Air Force medical corps. Jean worked in the medical field, before leaving the workforce to focus on raising her family. Jean and Dick settled in Colorado where they raised their children, and later lived in Virginia, surrounded by their now adult children and grandkids. Jean's hobbies included spoiling



her grandchildren, gardening, watching British television programs, and redecorating the house in the middle of the night. In retirement, Jean and

Dick moved to Fenton to enjoy life on the lake. Earlier this year, Jean and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together. Jean was preceded in death by her husband Dick in May 2021. Jean is lovingly remembered by her son, Judson Blewett; daughter, Reagan Blewett; her grandchildren, Nicholas, Francesca, Anthony, and Samira; and her siblings, Virginia Smith, Christine Tonry, Barbara Fromm, Patricia Church, and Robert Hassler. Remembrances can be shared on Jean's obituary page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



away at home with family on Monday, November 15, 2021, following a two year, very hard fought, challenging battle with cancer. Kathy was a 1979 graduate of Fenton High School, attended Mott and University of Michigan Flint, while working for Creative Foam, Fenton, career began shortly after graduation. Her strong work ethic, vast production process experience propelled her into various Cost Estimation roles. Additional employers; Advantage Packaging lead to her final employer, Unique Fabricating, Auburn Hills. The strong and loyal friendships she built throughout the years expanded and deepened with each new company at the professional and personal levels! Kathy was very passionate about life, her daughter, family, friends, playing cards/ games, participated in decades of league play in Bowling (HG-287), Golf (Hole in 1/Par 4), High School JV and Women's Softball leagues, love of

Kathleen (Kathy) Gail Conn

1961 - 2021



Movies, up north at the cottage, annual holidays in Hilton Head Island, SC and our extended 2.0 family and friends in Northern CA! Kathy was an amazing single parent, wonderful mother to Katelyn Patricia Farnsworth, Age 21, Fenton, MI. Enjoyed supporting her daughter in musical, artistic/film and athletic interests! She is survived by her brother, Ronald Conn, 61, Ann Arbor, Sister, Patricia Conn, 58, Linden. Nephew, Ronald Conn III. Nieces. Kimberley Conn and Samantha Conn. Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Conn in 2011 (Gladwin); father 2.0, Frederick Skeen (Novato,

CA) in 2015; mother, Shirley Clark Conn Skeen, (Fenton) in 2018. Grandparents. Robert Conn, N.Ireland/MI, Lela Emma Bottoms/Conn. AR/MI, Harvey Benjamin Clark, MI, Gail Madeline Houck/Clark, Iowa/MI. Kathy has made significant effort to reach out to so many friends and family in recent months. Please remember her as the strong, independent, very stubborn, amazing mother. fierce friend and cherished family member, full of life and LOVE!!! Kathy has requested a Celebration of Life event. This allows friends and family to share thoughts and memories with a Visitation with the Family the day prior. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made on Kathy's Go Fund Me page at https:// gofund.me/fdced357. The timing is TBD at this time, please note a 10 - 14 day notice will be shared once determined and published in the Tri-County Times as well as Sharp Funeral Homes website. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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