

Linden DDA plans to commission mural in spring 2022

■ Artwork will be painted on west side of City Hall

By Hannah Ball

After months of discussion about bringing new artwork to the city, the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) hopes to commission a new mural in spring 2022.

Since this past summer, the DDA has been working on bringing a new mural to the city.

"The board was polled where everyone stands and the majority wants to move forward and get the mural started in the spring," said Jeanine Sapelak, chairperson of the DDA.

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This is a rendering of the proposed mural that would be painted on Linden City Hall. The red circle would not appear in the final artwork.

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SEC says local adviser defrauded client

■ Allegedly used funds to pay for personal items such as mortgage, loans, credit cards

By Sharon Stone

The Securities and Exchange Commission recently announced federal charges against Tyrone Township resident Steven Muntin, 57, for allegedly defrauding one of his investment advisory clients out of more than \$314,000.

According to the SEC's Nov. 5 complaint, Muntin worked for an SEC-registered investment adviser and also managed certain investments for his clients outside

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Holly Dickens Festival names first grand marshal



Marlo Davidson of Holly works with children for the Community Sing at the Holly Dickens Festival, which began last weekend. After helping with the festival for each of the 48 years, Davidson was selected this year to be the first grand marshal of the Dickens parade. See story on Page 7. Submitted photo

Elderly Fenton man a victim of phone scam

■ Out \$2,500 to unknown caller who claimed he was trying to help resident whose computer had been hacked

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a phone scam that victimized an elderly Fenton resident.

On Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m., an 86-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that he had been scammed out of \$2,500. The man told police that someone had called his phone and told him that his computer had been

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“I think it would be awesome if all the businesses in downtown Fenton would put

up lights on their buildings like a couple already have. Everyone is coming to town for all the great restaurants, so let's show off.”



“The Holly Dickens Festival was great last weekend. We'll be going back this weekend.

We're going to try to hit the festivals in Linden and Fenton too. Let's hope we get a pretty snowfall.”

“I really enjoyed the Street Talk responses from Nov. 24 in which young grade school children indicated what they were thankful for. Awesome sentiments.”



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Holly, Fenton and Linden offer festivals this weekend

■ Dickens Festival continues, Holiday Happening is Friday and Jingle Fest is Saturday

By Sharon Stone

While the Holly Dickens Festival began last weekend in Holly, this weekend families and visitors will have two more Christmas festivals in the tri-county area to check out.

Linden's Holiday Happening Lighted Parade and Frosty Fireworks begins at 5 p.m., this Friday, Dec. 3 with Shopping in the Moonlight. The parade kicks off at 6 p.m., followed by fireworks over the millpond at 7:30 p.m.

Food trucks will be available and there will be pre-parade entertainment from Linden Dance Academy and the Flint Arrowhead Barbershop Chorus. A family fun zone will be at the fire station. Also available are a photo booth, elf hunt, Masonic Temple pasties sale and Linden Mills Museum tours.

Following the parade until 9 p.m. refreshments will be available at the VFW Hall, horse and carriage rides and trackless train rides.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, folks will want



The Linden High School marching band performs in a previous Holiday Happening Frosty Parade in downtown, providing a welcome beat for attendees. The color guard wore Christmas sweaters and many in the band decorated their instruments with bows, garland or wrapping paper. **Times file photo**



After the parade and fireworks, Santa poses for photos with children at the Linden Gazebo, accompanied by helper elves and Mrs. Claus, who gave out candy.

Times file photo

to head over to downtown Fenton for Jingle Fest 2021 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jingle Fest, hosted by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, includes holiday shopping,

Jinglejog 5K Run and Walk, ice sculptures, horse and carriage rides, entertainment, refreshments, a lighted parade at 6 p.m., tree lighting and fireworks.

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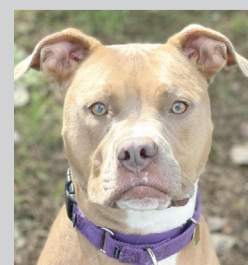
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Building Brands

If you serve on a non-profit board, then you know that board meetings are usually all business. Among other things, the board reviews the agenda, the monthly profit and loss statement and hears reports from various committees and the director. There is lots to cover in a short amount of time.

Two weeks ago, the director of one of the nonprofits where I volunteer added an activity to our agenda. She passed out four blue slips of paper to each board member and asked us to read what was on them one by one.

Each included a comment made by a client served at the nonprofit. Some were uplifting things like, "I feel like the staff here really cares about my success," some were success stories, "I landed a job today!" Others detailed challenges some of the clients face. For example, "At 16, I was told I could support myself and was kicked out of my house."

As a board member, I understand the basics of what the organization does, but hearing "directly" from those served was a great reminder of why the work that volunteers and staff so is so important.

Sometimes as volunteers we get so caught up in behind-the-scenes work



Emily Caswell

(attending meetings, ordering cookies for an open house, setting up for an event or putting together auction gift baskets) the "why" gets lost.

I am so thankful the director had us do this exercise as a reminder of why our time, talent and treasure matter. It was also perfect timing as we enter the season of giving, which officially started yesterday with

#GivingTuesday on Nov. 30.

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"An automatic solar chicken coop door opener and closer so I don't have to get up at sunrise every morning."

Michelle St. Andre
Detroit



"Someone to take my kids to do something fun for the weekend. I'm exhausted, and a weekend break sounds amazing."

Cherial-Lynn Crothers
Port Huron



"A good walking-hiking boot for walking the dog all winter on dirt roads."

Lori Williams
Ortonville

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WELL, FENTON FINALLY got a break with our water bills; our trash collection rates went down. Low and behold, the city council voted for water rates to go up. Funny, I don't remember this going to a vote with taxpayers.

■■■
YOU WANT TO 'install some heated sidewalks and street downtown like Holland snowmelt system.' You are talking about the new downtown sidewalks and streets, right?! How about redo all the taxpaying potholed and dilapidated neighborhood sidewalks and streets first.

■■■
WHY DO PEOPLE in Fenton Township continue to burn leaves? Do they not know it is a violation of our ordinances? All it does is create smoke and pollution around your neighbors, some who have breathing problems.

■■■
MICHIGAN WINTER. SIX months of darkness? Not so. Dec. 21 has the shortest amount of daylight, but it gets better each day after, slowly. Watch closely and you will realize it's actually light out at 6 p.m. by the end of February. Enjoy.

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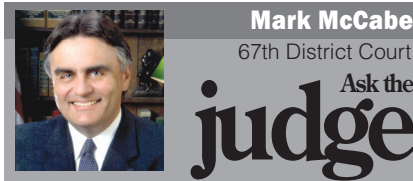
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Presentence Investigation Reports — getting all the facts before making a decision

In the 1964 movie, “Dr. Strangelove,” there is a scene where United States President Merkin Muffley (Peter Sellers) is talking to General Buck Turgidson (George C. Scott) about General Jack D. Ripper (Sterling Hayden) ordering 34 B-52 bombers to drop hydrogen bombs on the Soviet Union without any authority from him or anyone else.

He calls General Ripper a “psychotic” to which General Turgidson replies “Well, I’d like to hold off judgment on a thing like that sir until all the facts are in.”

It’s a great Cold War movie and unquestionably having all of the facts or information before one makes a decision is sound advice.

When it comes to the law, this is especially true for judges when making a sentencing decision as to a convicted criminal defendant.

One of the main ways that this happens is when the judge receives what is called a Presentence Investigation Report (PSIR).

Each state has its own requirements as to sentencing procedures. In Michigan, there is a statute and a

court rule requiring a PSIR for all felony and certain health professional’s convictions and for misdemeanors when requested by the court.

The PSIR is prepared by a probation officer who investigates the defendant’s background and character and verifies the information.

The report is to be succinct and include a number of things among which are the following:

- The defendant’s criminal history;
- A description of the offense and surrounding circumstances;
- The defendant’s vocational background, financial status, and other pertinent personal history and background data;
- The harm suffered by the victim including the amount of restitution;
- A victim impact statement;
- Any statement the defendant wishes to make;
- An evaluation of the prognosis for the defendant’s adjustment in the community;
- A sentence recommendation;
- Any other information that may help the court.

The PSIR is reviewed by the court, the defendant, the defendant’s attorney, and the prosecutor. Any necessary corrections, additions or deletions are presented to the court as the defendant has the right to have the judge consider only accurate information.

In the movie, not having all of the necessary information before making a decision proved to be disastrous.

For criminal sentencings, this simply can’t happen and is the reason for the PSIR and its safeguards.

PHONE SCAM

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hacked and that he needed to send the caller \$4,500 in Apple gift cards so that he could retrieve the personal information from his computer.

The Fenton man went to several businesses to purchase Apple gift cards. As he bought them, he provided the numbers and PINS on the cards to the unknown caller.

At the last business he went to, the employee told the man that he believed he was being scammed.

The Fenton man hung up on the unknown caller and went home after already sending \$2,500 in gift card money.

Lt. Jeff Cross warns residents that no legitimate business or agency would ever instruct you to make a payment by buying gift cards. If you believe a request is suspicious, call and ask police before you do anything so that you do not become a victim of a scam.

As a reminder, never give out your Social Security number to an unknown person over the phone. Do not provide any personal information to an unknown caller. People are urged to hang up immediately if a caller asks for personal information. Another tip is to let the call go to voicemail. If the call is important and real, the caller will leave a message and you can then determine if it’s legitimate.

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Snowy Saturday adds wintery touch to festival

■Holly begins its 48th annual Dickens Festival with lighted parade, games and more

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Dickens Festival started this year's event in historic downtown Holly on Saturday, Nov. 27 with the Dickens Lighted Parade at 6 p.m.

Marlo Davidson, 87, of Holly, became the first grand marshal of the Dickens parade. She has helped out each of the 48 years of the event. She was driven through the parade on a carriage while Santa made his grand arrival by fire truck.

This festival is the oldest, longest running Dickens festival in the United States.

Those who attend will step back in time to the days of Charles Dickens and become part of the classic story, "A Christmas Carol." Families can stroll the streets, visit the unique shops downtown and dine at the eateries.

The light snowfall Saturday provided a wintery Christmas backdrop to the already festive event. Cold, windy and wetter weather Sunday affected attendance numbers somewhat.

Davidson has volunteered with the festival starting with the Carrie Nation festival. She has been involved every year mostly because of the camaraderie and for the opportunity to show off Holly. When she became a Realtor in the late 1970s, she was advised to get involved in the community to build her business. She said it worked.

It meant a lot to Davidson to be the first grand marshal. She said George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor and volunteer with the festival, told her in person. Although some of her friends worried about her riding in an open carriage during the snowfall, Davidson said, "It was delightful. It was just like a Christmas card." She rode with two of her grandkids and her cousin, Ken McKay, drove the carriage.

The Holly Dickens Festival also will run this weekend and the next weekend on Saturdays and Sundays. The kids will want to be on the lookout for Mr. Ebenezer Scrooge who will be out and about. Street performers will provide

entertainment throughout the festival.

On the next two Saturdays and Sundays, families with young children will want to stop by the North Postal Service, which will be set up at Battle Alley Coffee, where children can send a postcard to Santa. Another event will be the wedding vow renewals with Queen Victoria in front of the Holly Hotel porch. Santa will be available from 2:30 to 6 p.m.



Dickens Festival Parade Grand Marshal Marlo Davidson took this Christmas-like photo from her carriage ride Saturday, Nov. 27.

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Festival of Lights at Symphony on Dec. 4

■Public can see Christmas lighting display, get goodie bags, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies

By Hannah Ball

The Festival of Lights is returning to Symphony Linden on Saturday, Dec. 4. Presented by Linden Pay It Forward, this event will feature thousands of lights and Christmas displays at the assisted living facility.

Santa Claus will turn the lights on at 6 p.m. The public is invited to come drive around the facility in their car or walk around.

Last year, 2020, was the first year for the Festival of Lights at Symphony. Organizers wanted to bring holiday cheer to the assisted living residents and their families after not being able to meet in person due to the pandemic.

"Last year, with everything shut down and holiday events canceled due to COVID, we saw a real need to bring Christmas spirit to not only the residents of Symphony but for our community as well. Thus, Linden Festival of Lights was born," said Project Manager Stephanie Johnson. "The purpose of the event remains the same this year as it did last year. Through acts of kindness and uniting together, we can create something beautiful to share with each other, our

community and the surrounding areas this holiday season."

Holiday music will be provided by the Linden High School Marching Band and Choir. The first 100 visitors will receive a free goodie bag. Hot cocoa and cookies will be available on the front lawn.

"We have added more light displays, handmade displays, and have themed areas to enjoy," Johnson said.

They have a Frozen and Who-Ville section, as well as a Linden Kids Corner. Eight classrooms in Linden schools helped create decorations. They also added a few photo opportunity locations around the grounds where families can take pictures.

"It took dozens of the Linden Pay It Forward volunteers to help make this event possible and without them we would have nothing," Johnson said. "We have worked hard to bring this event to the community and we hope everyone enjoys it."

Those planning to walk the grounds can park in the Linden Elementary parking lot next to Symphony.

Linden Pay It Forward also will be lighting the Angel Memorial Tree at 311 W. Broad St., on Wednesday, Dec 1. They will officially christen this annual tree "The PJ Dobos Memorial Angel Tree." The tree includes more than 40 memorial angels along with ornaments to remember those who have died in the community.

BRANDS

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Giving back is important to our team for many reasons and it should be important to your business as well. A forbes.com article on the topic of corporate giving, for example, says that 81% of millennials want to support brands with corporate citizenship.

There is no doubt that giving back is good for your brand, it's good for your

health and it's good for your community.

In the end, however, giving back is about so much more. It's about the people who benefit from the work of the nonprofits you support. It's giving hope where there may not have been any.

This season I have so much to be thankful for, including the opportunity to work alongside many in our community who value giving back. Even if we don't see an immediate impact of our gifts, chances are what we give means more than we'll ever know.

How do you plan to give back this season? Email me at ecaswell@mhometpaper.com.

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DECEMBER 4 & 5

- SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEKEND:**
- **North Postal Service** at Battle Alley Coffee where children can send a POSTCARD to SANTA!
 - **Wedding Vow Renewals** with Queen Victoria in front of the Holly Hotel Porch. Schedule your special moment at the Festival Welcome booth on Battle Alley. Packages available.
 - **Visit Santa:** Sat 2:30-6pm, Sun 12- 2pm & 2:30-5pm
 - **Hospitality/Pub Tent**
 - **Dickens Festival Chimney Sweeps Street Performers**
 - **Hadley House Museum OPEN**
 - **Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides**
 - **Knighting Ceremony with Queen Victoria**
 - **Storytime with Queen Victoria.**

WEEK 3
“GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE”
DECEMBER 11 & 12

- SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEKEND:**
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 - **Storytime with Queen Victoria.**

Saturday, December 4

- 11:00 AM** Festival Opens
- 11:15 AM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 12:00 PM** Holly Youth Theater presents: A Christmas Carol - A Holiday musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:00 PM** Michigan Irish Dance Academy - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:30 PM** Visions I n Motion Dance Studio performs Christmas dances - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 2:00 PM** A Christmas Carol an Interactive Play - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 3:00 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 5:00 PM** Clark the Juggler - Variety Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 6:00 PM** Festival Closed for the Day

Saturday, December 11

- 11:00 AM** Festival Opens
- 11:15 AM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 12:00 PM** Holly Youth Theater Presents: A Christmas Carol - A Holiday Musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:00 PM** Mainstreet Show Choir - Holly High School - OH! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:30 PM** Visions In Motion Dance Studio performs to Christmas music - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 2:00 PM** A Christmas Carol an Interactive Play - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 3:00 PM** Michigan Irish Dance Academy - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 3:30 PM** Mainstreet Show Choir - Holly High School - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 4:00 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 5:00 PM** Fenton Varsity Vocals - Fenton High School

Sunday, December 5

- 12:00 PM** Festival Opens
- 12:00 PM** Simply Dickens strolling entertainment. A period vocal group that specializes in “old world” Christmas carols. Until 5 PM.
- 12:00 PM** Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House. Until 5 PM.
- 12:15 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:00 PM** On Stage School of Dance - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:30 PM** Riot Act - A Sweet Adelines Quartet - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 2:00 PM** A Christmas Carol an Interactive Play - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 3:00 PM** Holly Youth Theater presents: A Christmas Carol - A Holiday musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 4:00 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 5:00 PM** Festival Closed for the weekend

- 5:30 PM** Simply Dickens singing harmonized old world Christmas carols and performing skits dressed in Dickens era clothing. - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 6:00 PM** Festival Closes for the day

Sunday, December 12

- 12:00 PM** Festival Opens
- 12:00 PM** Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House. Until 5 PM.
- 12:15 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 1:30 PM** Simply Dickens - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 2:00 PM** Simply Dickens strolling entertainment. Until 5 PM.
- 2:00 PM** A Christmas Carol an I nteractive Play - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 3:00 PM** Holly Youth Theater presents: A Christmas Carol a Holiday Musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 4:00 PM** Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
- 5:00 PM** Festival Closed for the season. See you next year!

LHS students paint Christmas displays downtown

■ Students hosting a fundraiser, encouraging people to buy custom Linden art

By Hannah Ball

Half a dozen Linden High School art students decorated downtown Linden on Monday, Nov. 22 by painting numerous windows with Christmas displays.

Students in the National Art Honor Society painted penguins, Christmas trees, snowmen, ornaments and other holiday symbols on the windows of multiple

businesses. The artwork adds a layer of holiday cheer to downtown, which was recently covered in more than 2 inches of snow earlier this week.

LHS Art Teacher Elizabeth Toye said they discussed as a group different things they could do with the community, and they got in contact with Kristyn Kanyak, deputy clerk at Linden.

“The city, as well as our businesses, were extremely appreciative of the effort. It most definitely adds to the holiday spirit and is perfect timing for the holiday season and events, including the Holiday Happening Parade & Fireworks event this

Friday, Dec. 3,” Kanyak said. “A handful of businesses in our central downtown were painted. The students did as many as they could in the matter of a few hours.”

The group is also running a fundraiser on RedBubble.com. The students created custom artwork, which people can have printed on mugs, cards, stickers, hats, shirts and computer mousepads.

Artwork includes eagles with Santa hats and scarfs, the word “Linden” on hats and more. All proceeds go to the National Art Honor Society.

Go to [redbubble.com/people/linden-nahs/shop](https://www.redbubble.com/people/linden-nahs/shop).



A Linden High School art student paints a Christmas tree and snowman on a Linden business on Monday, Nov. 22. Submitted photo

DEFRAUDED

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of that adviser through his own company, Executive Asset Management, Inc., in Flint.

According to the complaint, Executive Asset Management was previously registered as an investment adviser with the state of Michigan. As alleged, between March 2016 and February 2020, Muntin solicited one of his elderly advisory

clients to write checks totaling \$305,750 to Executive Asset Management for purported investments in securities. However, according to the complaint, Muntin did not invest the client’s money in securities, but spent it for his own benefit, including to pay his mortgage, real estate taxes, health insurance, boat and car loans, and credit card bills.

The complaint further alleges that

Muntin also overcharged the client for at least \$9,000 in assets under management fees.

The SEC’s complaint, filed in federal district court in the Eastern District of Michigan, charges Muntin with violating the antifraud provisions of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, and Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and seeks injunctive relief, disgorgement with

pre-judgment interest, and civil penalties.

The SEC’s investigation was conducted by James A. Davidson and Jonathon Grobelski and supervised by Anne C. McKinley and Daniel J. Hayes of the Chicago Regional Office.

The matter arose out of a referral from the Chicago Regional Office’s examination program with an exam conducted by Stanton Nelson, Stacey Gohl and Susan Weis and supervised by Maureen Dempsey.

There are no new court dates scheduled.



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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 22, 2021

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

- Present: Schmidt, James, Saad, Graves, Conner Absent: None.
- Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting October 25, 2021
- Approved: Payment of expenditures.
- Issued: 4 Building permits totaling \$ 5,112.10, & 1 Zoning Permit totaling \$250.00.
- Approved: Fire Department repairs in the amount of \$10,377.85.
- Approved: Contract with Royalty Landscaping for LAFF pathway snow removal..
- Approved: Supervisor to spend up to \$500.00 to repay Eagle Scout Sean Miller for Eagle Scout project of trash cans for pathway.
- Approved: Resolution 2021-20 Cost Hearing for Seymour Rd. Drainage District, & 2021-21 Needs Hearing for Peninsular/Belfast paving Project.
- Appointed: Supervisor Saad, Leslie Renckly to the Metropolitan Alliance Committee with Rebecca Nemecheck as alternate.
- Denied: Motion to join LAFF Pathway Maintenance Agreement.

Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

Lee helps GVSU to XC D2 National title

■ Fellow Fenton graduate Keiser competes for Saginaw Valley in women's D2 National meet

By David Troppens

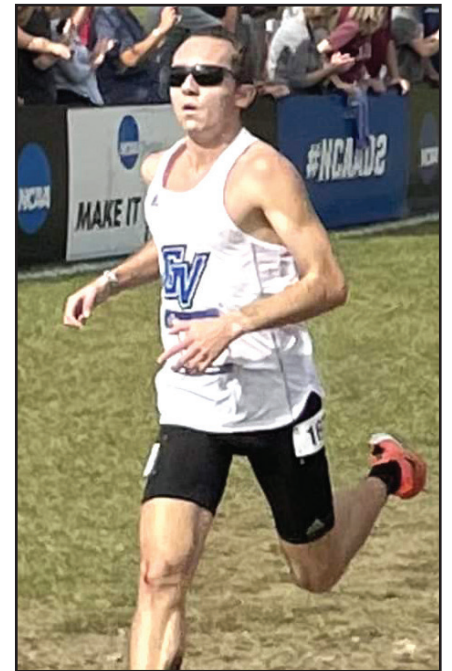
Jacob Lee can fondly remember his last collegiate cross country race of his career.

The Fenton graduate and Grand Valley State University athlete helped the Grand Valley State men's cross

country team to a Division II NCAA National Championship at the National Cross Country Championships held at St. Leo, Florida.

In the women's race, another Fenton graduate, Alexa Keiser competed for Saginaw Valley State University.

Lee earned All-American status with a 21st placing overall with a 10K time of 30:59.5, making him the fifth-place runner for the squad. Grand Valley's men had the two top runners in the race with Isaac Harding winning the race with a time of 29:58.3, the only runner to finish the event in less than 30 minutes. Grand Valley See **LEE** on 12



Fenton graduate and GVSU runner Jacob Lee

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Sports Times

Eagles dominate spots No. 3 and 4 on our poll

By David Troppens

The first four teams in our 2021 Tri-County Fall Elite Eight poll had fine seasons, but now we get to the top dogs, the cream of the crop or the head of the table — whatever you want to call them.

These teams are on another level versus the eighth through fifth squads. They not only won league titles but once they went to the postseason, they also won some hardware.

Some of the top four are some of our old standby teams. They've figured a way to get on not only our fall list, but our year-end top 16 list more than their share of times. One of them can be argued our most decorated tri-county squad of all time. However, there is also a newbie on this list that may have made it in the past if only the sports staff started these polls before the 2008-09 school year. But now, they are making their debut to the fantastic four.

That's enough of the pre-view suspense. Let's get to the tri-county's top four teams this

fall. Well, maybe we'll have a little suspense. The sports staff will be revealing only teams No. 3 and No. 4 today.

No. 4 - Linden girls golf: There was a time when the Linden varsity girls golf team was among the area's elite squads, but that era was before we started these polls. So this will be the first time the Eagles have enjoyed a position this lofty on our fall list, and the Eagles deserve it.

The sports staff thought the Eagles would be a decent enough team in the Flint Metro League, but it quickly became obvious that maybe they were a bit better than that. A senior class that started their careers on the bottom slowly crept to the top of the Metro during the fall.

The season started with a tiny fall though, when the Eagles lost to Goodrich 187-188. But that dual told the girls they had enough talent to compete with the leagues' elite. About a week later, Linden proved it by beating Fenton 165-179. The three contenders completed the dual season at 10-1, knowing



The Linden varsity girls golf team won the Flint Metro League title and also placed ninth at the D2 state meet this fall, earning them the No. 4 position on our Tri-County Fall Elite Eight poll.

the league meet would determine the winner. Linden won it with a team score of 348, six strokes better than Goodrich.

That would've been a fine season already, but the memories continued after the league title. Linden placed third at its regional meet with a team score of 364, earning a spot at the

D2 state meet. Once there, the Eagles had a strong showing, finishing ninth at the D2 state meet with a team score of 360-374-734.

No. 3 - Linden boys cross country: The Eagles may be our most decorated team of all time since starting these polls, See **EAGLES** on 12



Hartland senior and Fenton resident Riley Hough was one of two area runners to compete at the Eastbay Midwest Cross Country Championships. He won the race with a time of 14:49.5.

Area runners compete at Midwest XC meet

By David Troppens

Two tri-county residents competed at the Eastbay Midwest Cross Country Championships held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The race saw Fenton resident and Hartland High School student Riley Hough win the Midwest 5K event with a time of 14:49.5. He was one of just five runners to finish with a time less than 15 minutes. Indiana's Izaiah Steury placed second with a time of 14:53.8.

The race was an event pitting the top high school runners in See **MIDWEST** on 12

EAGLES

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earning the year-end No. 1 spot three times. In recent years, competing with the Fenton Tigers for league honors has been a challenge, and it was this season as well. However, this time the Eagles overcame the Tigers to win their first league crown since 2012. The run started with a second-place finish in the first jamboree. They actually tied Fenton with 52 points, but the Tigers won the sixth runner tiebreaker to earn first.

That would never happen again. Linden won the second jamboree seven points ahead of the Tigers, setting up a clash at the final league meet. At it, the Eagles dominated, winning with 44 team points, or 22 points fewer than second-place Fenton.

The highlights continued during the postseason. The Eagles finished a tight second to Pinckney at its D2 regional held at Lake Fenton High School, scoring just 42 team points. That was 71 points ahead of the third place squad. Now at the D2 state meet, the Eagles had what was probably their best performance of the season when they finished seventh. Kyle Eberhard and River Meckstroth finished as All-State performers.



Kyle Eberhard (left) and River Meckstroth helped lead the Linden varsity boys cross country team to a seventh place finish at the D2 state meet this fall, helping lead the squad to No. 3 on our Tri-County Fall Elite Eight list. Photo: David Troppens

MIDWEST

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eight Midwest states — Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Wisconsin, Missouri and Ohio. Hough's performance helped lead Team Michigan to the team championship. All five Michigan scorers finished in the top 10, recording Michigan just 32 team points, 34 less than second-place Indiana.

Hough also won the D1 state race at Michigan International Speedway with the Hartland Eagles with a time of 14:56.47, about 23 seconds faster than the rest of the field.

Linden High School's Kyle Eberhard, a junior, also competed at the regional event, and finished 63rd with a time of 16:09.1. Eberhard earned All-State honors at the D2 state meet and helped lead the Eagles not



Linden's Kyle Eberhard

only to a Flint Metro League championship, but also a seventh-place team finish at the state meet.

The regional field consisted of 150 runners with 116 of those runners finishing the 5K course in less than 17 minutes.

LEE

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dominated the meet, scoring just 43 points compared to Adams State's second-place total of 84 points.

Lee began his collegiate career at the University of Michigan's men's cross country team and enjoyed a long career with the program. During the 2020-21 cross country season, he finished 12th at the Florida State Winter Last Chance Invitational with a time of 24:12.1 in the 8K event. He finished ninth at the Big Ten Indoor Championships for the indoor track team in the 5,000 meter run (13:56.12) and placed 12th at the Big Ten Outdoor Championship in the 10,000 meter run (29:55.17).

During the 2019-20 Michigan cross country season,

Griffins split weekend contests

By David Troppens

It was one of those good news, bad news weekends for the Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team last weekend.

Traveling to Jackson, the Griffins competed in two contests and ended up splitting a pair of games.

The Griffins opened the weekend by losing to Pinckney 7-3, but bounced back to defeat Mid-Michigan 8-0.

In the weekend's first game, Pinckney did score the first goal, but the Griffins fought back. A power play goal by Nick Temple off assists by Rykerson Wright and Carson Garner tied the game. Then a goal by Jacob Florida on the power play gave the Fenton/Linden co-op a 2-1 lead. However, with 10 seconds left in the first period, the Pirates scored. The teams went into the first intermission tied 2-2.

From there, the Pirates took over. They scored two goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half to jump to a 4-2 lead. The Griffins responded with

Mitchel Luck scoring a goal, cutting the gap to just 4-3 entering the second intermission. However, Pinckney scored three goals in the third period to earn the victory.

Wright and Garner finished with three assists each. Jacob Meade, Riley Evans and Bennett Sheppard had two goals each for the Pirates.

In net, Nick Wilson made 19 saves for the Griffins.

The Griffins' offense dominated its contest against the Mid-Michigan Marauders on Saturday as the Fenton/Linden co-op had more goals (8) than the Marauders had shots on goal (7).

The Griffins were very charitable with their goals, as each of the first five were scored by five different individuals. Carson Gardner and Grayson McKenzie scored goals in the first period, giving the Griffins a 2-0 lead after one period. That lead grew to 3-0 in the second period on a power-play goal by Rykerson Wright.

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Saginaw Valley State cross country runner and Fenton resident Alexa Keiser (far left) competed at the Division 2 NCAA meet, helping the Cardinals place 14th at the event.

he competed at the Division 1 NCAA Championships, placing 123rd with a time of 32:07.9 in the 10K race. He scored as Michigan's fourth runner during his 2018-19 cross country season at the NCAA Championships by placing 172nd (31:16.18).

The Saginaw Valley State women's cross country team


finished 14th in the team standings in the women's 6K race. Keiser, a sophomore, placed 73rd with a time of 21:53.0, and was the Cardinals' second runner to finish the race.

She helped the Cardinals qualify for the D2 national meet by placing 28th at the regional meet (21:43.5).

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MURAL

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The new proposed mural was created by two artists, Gregg Bugala of Fenton and Kevin Burdick of Scraps Designs in Flint. The rendering shows the old Union Block building in the background with a bird, a Linden tree and flowers in the foreground with vibrant colors.

A few councilors made comments about the large size of the flowers and bird in the foreground. At an October meeting, Councilor Pam Howd, a biologist for the state of Michigan, suggested using Yellow Flags flowers, which are native, and not Tiger Lilies, which are not.

The DDA discussed incorporating a blue heron and making it smaller, but keeping the vibrant colors and the larger size scale shown in the first rendering.

They approved not spending more than \$15,000 on the project. The proposed mural costs approximately \$13,500.

On Monday, Oct. 25, Linden City Council voted 4-2 to approve the location for a new mural to be the west-facing wall of Linden City Hall. The council generally doesn't vote on DDA projects. However, they voted because it's a city-owned building.

At the October meeting, City Manager Ellen Glass reaffirmed that there wasn't any ill intent when the DDA settled on using City Hall for the new mural. The project would include painting over the old mural, which was done in 2014 by former Linden Community Schools art teacher Gemma Amendola as a community project with Linden students.

The DDA is limited in which buildings they would be allowed to use due to guidelines for historic districts set by the State Historic Preservation Office, which include not allowing them on newly constructed buildings in a historic district commission or on old historic brick.

Half a dozen citizens gave comments at the October meeting, and most were against painting over the old mural. A few residents questioned using City Hall if council potentially has plans to sell the building in the future.

In spring of 2019, a driver hit the east-facing side of the building. Glass said they recently settled the claim for repairs through insurance and they're on schedule for a contractor to come in and fix the damage.

The DDA also discussed setting a timeframe for how long they will keep art up in the city. Sapelak said they also thought about if this was a project they wanted to use DDA funds on or if they wanted to pursue a different project. The majority wanted to move forward with the project.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

- THE UNSPOKEN TRUTH behind all the mass smash and grab robberies occurring nationwide is the role big tech has in coordination of the attacks. Social media companies need to immediately ban all looters using their platforms to coordinate the thefts.
- IT IS FANTASTIC that road construction in town is done. Silver Lake Road at northbound U.S. 23 ramps is still dangerous. Some motorists let people exit or enter the highway while they wait for a red light. That gap makes for blind spots and there will be more accidents.

Obituaries

Times

William Philip Hoetger
1954 – 2021

William Philip Hoetger - age 67, of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Lawrence Bowlin will officiate. Burial will follow in Colwell Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5 - 8 PM Tuesday, November 30 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church or Fenton Area Right to Life Foundation. William was born September 10, 1954 in Detroit, the son of William and Phyllis (Swartz) Hoetger. He enjoyed computers and all things electronic. He loved working with, and teaching his grandsons building skills. Bill



was an active member of Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church and Fenton Area Right to Life. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; stepchildren, Adam Mott, Dorie (Joe) Wardie, Suzie (Tom) McCuan, Willard (Alissa) Mott and Laura (Gerry) Durocher; grandchildren, Justin, Daniel, Nathan, Reagan, Quinn, Shane, Miles, Kali, Owen, Olivia, Gabriel, Marselina, Natalie, Nathanael, Anna, Jack, George, Lucy, Tate, Elizabeth, Ben and Will; sisters, Lynette Hoetger and Debbie (Dave) DeVries; nephews, Dallas, Derek, Dion and Daron. He was preceded in death by his parents. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kimberly Ann Nahri
1960 – 2021

Kimberly Ann Nahri - age 61, of Byron, passed away Friday, November 26, 2021. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, December 3, 2021 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd., Howell. Fr. Gregg Pleiness celebrant. Visitation will be held 6 - 8 PM Wednesday, December 1, 2 - 4PM and 6 - 8 PM Thursday, December 2 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will also be held from 10 AM until the time of Mass Friday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children. Kimberly was born August 5, 1960 in Howell, the daughter of Frederick and Phyllis Kerslake. Kim co-owned, with her husband, Tim Nahri



Auctioneer & Associates. She was very active with Scouts and 4-H; she was the proud mother of two Eagle Scouts. She enjoyed sailing for many years and most recently, beekeeping. In her younger years, she was a competitive Scottish Highland dancer. Kim is survived by her husband, Tim; children, Leigh Michael Narhi (Felicia Dudzinski) and John Christopher (Michelle) Narhi; grandchildren, Stanley and Wilhelm; many aunts; uncles; cousins; in-laws; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Holly. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Midweek Crossword

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32 Small stream

34 "As I see it," to a texter

35 Lavish affection (on)

37 Lunar light

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10 "Buenos —!"

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22 Sailing vessel

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Horoscopes

For the week of
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. Take that to heart and try to see the silver lining when an obstacle gets in your way.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

It's one thing to stand by your views, Taurus. It's another to stubbornly refuse to listen to others when they make good points. Be open-minded this week.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

You may be juggling too much at one time, Gemini. If you're finding it difficult to manage your time, reach out to a friend or colleague for help. They're ready and willing.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, lately you have been a person of few words, and others may be wondering what is going on. Confide in someone close to you if the need arises.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you are up for an adventure, look to those around you for inspiration. Maybe you'll overhear a co-worker talking about a dream getaway.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may start to rethink a decision you made a while ago when an unexpected hiccup occurs. Reevaluate your decision-making process.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Good times are ahead, Libra. Focus on the fun that is coming your way and make an effort to include more good times in the weeks ahead.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a situation at work will require the utmost patience and perseverance. The outcome will be in your favor if you take a measured approach.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You could use a night out with friends, Sagittarius. Make a concerted effort to get together and invite the people whose company you most enjoy.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may have to reexamine your priorities. Don't let something pull you in one direction when a friend or family member may need you more.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you're not much of a fan of waiting games, but you will have to stick things out a little longer until your plan can come to fruition. Patience will pay off.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Avoid overzealous spending in the weeks ahead, Pisces. Find ways to be generous with your time rather than with your wallet.

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