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2021 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Most significant stories of 2021

■ Road bonds, dam repairs,
The State Bank Trail and more

By Hannah Ball

Before fully saying goodbye to 2021, here are some of the most significant events of the year from the tri-county area. From construction to non-motorized pathways and renovated gazebos, 2021 is a year to remember.

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Most read stories of 2021

■ Thousands of local
readers share stories

By Hannah Ball

The 10 most read stories of 2021 include vehicle crashes, an undercover sex sting operation, Fenton history, theft and mask mandates in schools.

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Times file photo

Denny Hopkins retires

■ Linden varsity
football coach
'had a good run'

By David Troppens

Bring up Linden High School and for many one name pops up immediately in their head.

That would be varsity football coach Denny Hopkins.

Hopkins has won almost 1,000 varsity events expanding three sports (baseball, basketball and football) since the late 1970s at Linden High School.

He's won 13 MetroLeague crowns among those sports and, more importantly, has been a father figure for thousands during that time.

However, when the football season begins next fall, Hopkins won't be there.

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■ The Times remembers local loved ones who died in 2021

By Sharon Stone

While the death of any loved one is life changing for every family affected by their loss, the Times looks back on the deaths over the past year of local residents that resulted in a news story in the paper. The following are local residents who died in chronological order.

Cameron “Charlotte” Jenkins, 20, of Fenton, died Jan. 16, 2021 in a three-car crash in the Upper Peninsula. Jenkins was a third-year computer engineering student. Jenkins’ passenger was transported to UP Health System Marquette with serious injuries. Two other drivers involved in the crash also were transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries.



Cameron
“Charlotte”
Jenkins



Evan Silva

Evan Silva, 26, of Hartland, died Feb. 6, 2021. According to Michigan State Police, Silva was attending a baby shower/gender reveal party in Gaines Township when he was struck by metal shrapnel.



Peter (Pete)
VanDriessche

Peter (Pete) VanDriessche died April 18, 2021. He was 72. VanDriessche began as a reserve officer for the city in 1970 and went full-time in 1981, later becoming chief. He retired in 2010 and that year he was selected to be the grand marshal of the Linden Holiday Happening parade and he rode with his wife of just over a year, Becky, who owns Shirley’s Café and Grill in Linden.

Robert Harris Sr., 97, of Fenton, died April 21, 2021. A lifelong resident of Fenton, Harris had authored seven books on Fenton’s history. He also wrote the novel, “Many Come, Few Are Chosen,” about the U.S. Marines. Harris graduated from Fenton High School in 1941. He went on to earn his Ph.D. and was the commencement speaker for the FHS Class of 1972. At the time, he was president of Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. He started Harris Financial (on N. LeRoy Street in Fenton) in 1980. His son, Bob Jr., joined him after 14 years in the FBI. The business is now run by his grandson, Rob Harris.



Robert Harris

Noah Kerridge, 20, of Linden died April 19, 2021. The 2019 graduate of Linden High School was last seen in Waterford on April 19. The Waterford See **LOVED ONES** on 17



Noah Kerridge

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Words with Hannah

Small changes in 2022

The end of a year always feels like it should be some momentous occasion that alters our soul and way of thinking. When the clock strikes midnight and millions are watching the ball drop in New York, we've lived through something amazing and we come out changed. Right?

No. It's a shared bit of excitement, a tradition that marks the passage of times, and cultures are nothing without their traditions.

But our souls aren't changed once the new year starts. Whether you're crammed in a packed bar surrounded by sweaty bodies and trying not to spill your drink, or sipping champagne at home until the ball drops, knowing you're not going to finish the rest of the bottle but you open it anyway because you feel compelled, time passes for us all in the same way.



Hannah Ball
Staff Reporter

We're not going to feel spiritually different when we wake up on Jan 1, 2022.

A new year doesn't signify internal growth — small changes do.

I recently saw "Spider-Man: No Way Home." It was amazing. 10/10. (I'm not going to spoil anything) Spider-Man is one of the best superheroes of

all time because of his charm and commitment to doing good even when it's the hardest thing in the world. He's young, he's funny, he's awkward and he cares deeply about his friends and family.

I've never been disappointed by a Spider-Man movie. Every actor who's played Peter Parker on the big screen, Tobey Maguire, Andrew Garfield and Tom Holland, all play him in different ways and I'm endeared by all of them. And "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" with Miles Morales

was definitely one of the best movies of 2018. The soundtrack was astounding, the animation was so creative, and the conflict kept with the main ethos of Spider-Man — trying to do what's best despite everything else.

This is the mindset I'm taking with me going into 2022. A commitment to do small goods, to do what's best for me and for others even when it can be hard at times.

I won't save the world by defeating a supervillain or anything like that. My accomplishments won't be as grand as a Marvel movie, and reality isn't actually structured like a four or five act movie. Humans and reality are a lot messier and confusing. But I can make sure my life and contributions matter in some way, and I hope everyone else does too.

My recommendation for 2022 is to watch Spider-Man and work on those small changes.

Happy New Year!

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LET'S PRAY THAT our local school leaders in Fenton, Linden and Holly remove all COVID restrictions and mandates. Nothing has worked so far, so let's just use common sense and go on with our lives. Take care of yourself and make decisions based on what your personal doctor recommends.

Compiled by Sharon Stone, editor

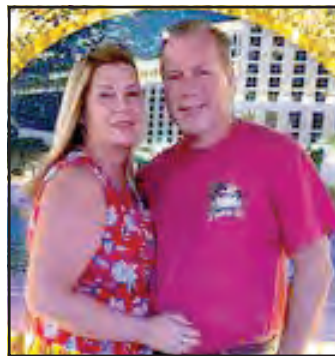
Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What are you thankful for this holiday season? | streettalk



"I'm thankful for a warm home, a loving puppy. The fact I can provide for myself. Thankful for my family (even though they are crazy). Very thankful for a career that I love and I thrive off helping make the biggest moves of their lives! I could go on all day."

Marissa Mayberry
Fenton



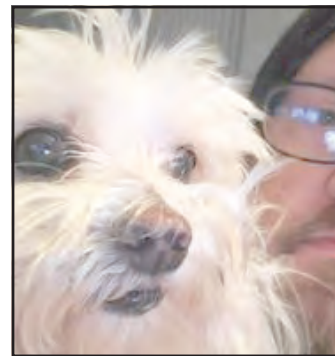
"Very thankful this year to still have my mom with us. I just lost my dad under a year ago. Life has changed! It's a big deal to lose a parent that I have taken care of for years. It's easy to lose sight of things, but we all need to be thankful for what we have."

Melissa Mckone-Monroe
Flint



"That I get to spend time with family that loves me. Thankful that I am alive! The doctors said I am a lucky girl. I am thankful that God has been watching out for me."

Michelle Schumacher
Murray
Linden



"Thankful for love and kindness. Thankful for mercy and grace. Not everyone shows them, but, nonetheless we have them."

Jonathan Ettinger
Fenton

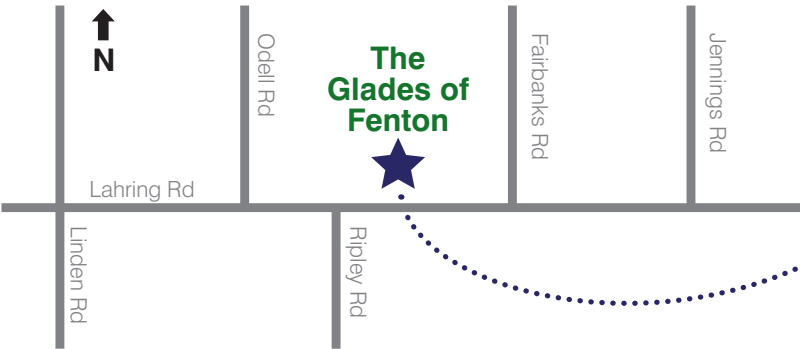


"I'm thankful for every person who has never given up on me. 2022 will be four years in recovery for me."

Sarah Newcomb
Holly

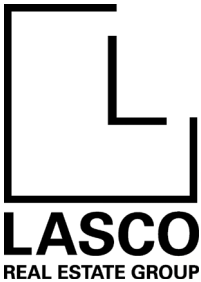
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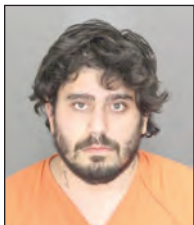
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YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Court cases of 2021

Crimes range from fraud, drug possession, larceny to homicide

By Sharon Stone

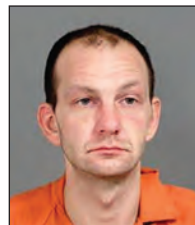
Samual Smart, 30, of Holly, is facing a charge of felony murder in the Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 death of Trinity Chandler, 30, of Groveland Township. Smart was the live-in boyfriend of Justine Comstock, Trinity's mother.



Samual Smart

Detectives were able to retrieve a deleted two-minute video from Smart's phone, which showed him allegedly assaulting the young girl five days prior to her death. The

medical examiner testified in court that the girl's cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest. Bond was denied and Smart remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail. If convicted as charged, he faces life in prison. He will be back in Oakland County Circuit Court Feb. 9, 2022 for a pretrial.



Joshua Hunter

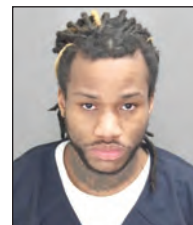
Joshua Hunter, 29, of Flint, was arraigned in Genesee County 67th District Court on possession of methamphetamine and uttering and publishing counterfeit bills. Fenton police responded

to Walmart on Owen Road on Jan. 9, 2021 on a report of a male attempting

to pass counterfeit money. Responding police recovered several counterfeit \$50 bills and methamphetamine in his possession. With a plea agreement, the drug charge was dropped and Hunter was sentenced to 60 days probation.

Lesley Aikins, 53, of Grand Blanc, was arraigned Jan. 28, 2021, in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of felon in possession of ammunition. Genesee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a construction site in Fenton Township on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 for a reported felonious assault. Aikins pleaded guilty to a lesser misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail.

Marcel Hinkle, 27, of Flint, was arrested Feb. 4, 2021. Bond was denied and he remains in the Oakland County Jail. The FBI Oakland County Gang and Violent Crime Task Force assisted the Oakland County Sheriff's Office in investigating nine armed robberies, which occurred in Oakland and Genesee counties, between Jan. 19 and Jan. 31, 2021.



Marcel Hinkle

Two of the robberies occurred at pharmacies in Holly Village and Fenton City. A competency evaluation was ordered April 2 and he is expected back in court for a competency hearing Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

Vincent Merrill, 51, of Springfield Township, was sentenced Aug. 20, 2021, to 25 to 70 years in state prison.



Vincent Merrill

This came after he pleaded no contest July 23 to first-degree homicide. He was also ordered to an automatic two years in prison on the felony firearms charge. On, Sept. 3, 2020 Merrill called 911 to report that he had killed his girlfriend, Vicki Fortin.

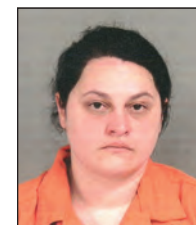
Matthew Wrosch, 47, of Owosso, was arraigned on three charges April 28, 2021, by in Oakland County 52-2 District Court, via Zoom. He was charged with one count of disturbing a school, one count of creating a disturbance at a school and failing to leave upon request, and one count of resisting/obstructing a police officer. He pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial through his attorney. The charges stem from an incident March 10 in Holly Village. He appeared at the Holly Area Schools administration offices, Karl Richter Campus and Holly Village offices. He filmed a 50-minute video with his interaction with Holly police officers and then posted his video on social media. A final pretrial is scheduled for March 30 at 2 p.m.



Marc Fishman



Ryan Fishman



Alexandra Ichim

Marc Fishman, 69, of Bloomfield Township, his 31-year-old son, **Ryan Fishman** and colleague, **Alexandra Ichim**, 32, of Waterford Township were charged in Genesee County 67th District Court with conducting a criminal enterprise, forgery and obstruction of justice in April 2021. The three individuals are lawyers with the law firm, Fishman Group, in Bloomfield Hills.

Marc Fishman was arraigned on one count of acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise and one count of obstruction of justice. Ryan Fishman was arraigned on one count of conducting a criminal

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office seeks to identify and locate an unknown white female who walked into the post office in Highland Township on Dec. 26, ignited a piece of paper and placed it into a trash can causing extensive damage. **Submitted photo**

Woman attempts to set post office on fire

■ **Reward offered for information that leads to arrest of arson suspect**

By Sharon Stone

Oakland County sheriff's deputies responded to the United States Post Office at 376 Beach Farm, Highland Township in Oakland County at 10:03 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26 for a burglary alarm.

Upon arrival, deputies observed flames and smoke in the front lobby. The Highland Township Fire Department (HTFD) responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. The lobby of the Post Office is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. There is extensive damage of well over \$100,000. No injuries were reported.

The HTFD requested an OCSO Fire Investigator for a cause and origin investigation. A representative from the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office provided surveillance video of the

incident. The video revealed a female subject entering the lobby, igniting paper, and placing it inside of a trash receptacle. The unknown white female was described as wearing a black hat, gray coat, carrying a red hand bag and wearing white tennis shoes.

The fire is considered arson and the investigation is ongoing. It is a joint investigation by the Postal Inspector's Office, OCSO Fire Investigations Unit, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Highland Township Fire Department.

There is a reward of up to \$5,000 from the Arson Prevention Reward Program via the Detroit Crime Commission for information leading to an arrest and an additional \$1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers. Go to detroitcrimecommission.org for reward details.

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The summer of construction

The summer of 2021 was an unprecedented year for the number of construction projects completed in an approximate six-month time span. Most projects took place in Fenton.

Beginning in April, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) started repairs and maintenance work on the Owen Road bridge that passed over U.S. 23.

MDOT also completed work on the Silver Lake Road overpass, the Thompson Road bridge, Torrey Road bridge, Lahring Road bridge and approximately a dozen other bridges in Genesee County as part of a \$12.3-million investment.

During the Silver Lake Road/North Road overpass work, the city of Fenton had Silver Lake Road redone. Work started in early July on Silver Lake Road, from the western city limit to Poplar Street, which is approximately 1.53 miles. The project was funded by MDOT and consisted of asphalt milling and resurfacing, concrete curb, gutter and ramp repair, and more.

The construction caused traffic delays and detours through Fenton Township and Linden. Motorists took detours to Linden Road and Owen Road.

MDOT also did repairs on the S. LeRoy Street bridge, the Caroline Street bridge and the Torrey Road bridge. The city also had Shiawassee Avenue resurfaced from Bent Oak to Adelaide Street in the spring. The orange cones were gone from Fenton in November.

Fenton road bond passes

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 Fenton voters passed a \$24-million bond to fix local roads. The vote was 1,041 yes votes (60%) to 694 no votes (40%). The majority of local roads are considered to be in poor condition, and the city engineers, OHM Advisors, and the Department of Public Works are identifying which roads will be redone and the timeline. Officials estimate that 90-95% of roads will be improved.

This comes three years after residents voted down a proposal to raise 5 mills to fix roads in 2018.

The State Bank Trail

Non-motorized pathways are coming to the tri-county area, and 2021



Joe Kimble gives a speech at the dedication ceremony in downtown Linden on Saturday, July 17, 2021. He and Roger Sharp, CEO and founder of Sharp Funeral Homes, donated the money to restore the gazebo. Both spoke at the ceremony about how the gesture was made to honor their parents and help Linden. *Times file photo*

was a productive year for these efforts by multiple local organizations. In June, LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton Township, Fenton) Pathway Inc., Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, the city of Fenton and The State Bank announced a \$500,000 donation from The State Bank to fund Phase 2 of the LAFF pathway project.

Phase 2 will connect Linden, Fenton Township and Fenton. It will begin at Triangle Park in Linden, travel through Fenton Township on Silver Lake Road and connect to Fenton City sidewalks. It will be called The State Bank Trail. Construction is expected to begin in 2023.

Phase One was completed in October 2020 and connects Argentine Township to the city of Linden through Silver Lake Road and the Linden Community School complex.

Linden's Sesquicentennial

The city of Linden turned 150 years old and celebrated with two days of activities and events. On Saturday, July 17, 2021 Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson accepted the Michigan Milestone Award from the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) to commemorate the city's sesquicentennial. The celebration was attended by politicians, Linden descendants and more. The event coincided with River Fest. The Linden Mills Historical Society put together a book on Linden, called "Linden Memories Past & Present."

Linden Gazebo redone

One of the most significant changes in Linden is the new gazebo. Roger Sharp, CEO and founder of Sharp Funeral Homes, and Joe Kimble, Emeritus Professor at WMU-Cooley Law School, funded the restoration. It was unveiled at Linden's Sesquicentennial.

Fenton Gazebo to be restored

Fenton City Council also approved spending \$65,000 on restoring the Fenton gazebo at the millpond.

Argentine Township dam repairs likely

Argentine Township officials, the Genesee County Road Commission and multiple county and state politicians are working to find funding to repair the Argentine Township dam. In November 2019, the right principal spillway failed, resulting in Lobdell

and Bennett lakes losing approximately 11 inches of water over the course of about five days.

The spillway is still not fixed, however, the township has held meetings with the county and engineers on getting it fixed.

Construction begins on new Linden schools

In September 2021, construction began on the new Linden Community Schools 44,000-square-foot multi-purpose center located between the high school and middle school. Planned amenities include a fitness room, a community space for parties and events, an elevated running track, wrestling room, batting cages, a gymnastics space with 300 seats, and a traditional gymnasium with 300 seats.

Linden mural

In November 2021, the Linden Downtown Development Authority reaffirmed its goal to bring a new mural to downtown. Due to state historic guidelines, the DDA is limited with where a mural could be painted, and they chose the west-facing wall of Linden City Hall. The mural is expected to be done in 2022.

Beacon & Bridge redevelopment

Construction for the redevelopment of Beacon & Bridge in Linden began June 14, 2021. When construction is done, the convenience store will be located at the north end of the property and the gas pumps will be at the southern portion. After work is done, the convenience store will be 2,592 square feet and there will be eight pumps.

Redevelopment is coinciding with the installation of a remediation system to clean up the underground gasoline leak.

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enterprise, 30 counts of forgery and one count of obstruction of justice. Ichim was arraigned on one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, 30 counts of forgery and one count of obstruction of justice.

The three co-defendants were released on bond and have preliminary exams scheduled for Jan. 24, 2022.

Steve Ruth, 66, of Holly Township, pleaded to operating a vehicle while impaired May 26. He was ordered to pay \$643 in cost recovery from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and \$500 restitution to Holly Village for the damage done to a patrol vehicle.

Benjamin Reinhart, 25, of Gaines, was charged with four counts related to communicating with who he thought was a 15-year-old girl. He was a corrections officer for the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. A decoy and Reinhart allegedly agreed to meet, however, Reinhart did not show up



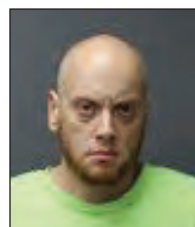
Benjamin Reinhart

for the meeting. He was arrested April 25. His home was raided, was arraigned April 26, 2021 and fired from his job.

He pleaded guilty to attempted soliciting and attempted soliciting using a computer and sentenced to six years probation.

Jihad McKinnui, Paigelyn Walker and Zachery Luchenbill, teen co-defendants, were arrested and charged with home invasion and larceny of six firearms May 9, 2021, and their cases were bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court for a jury trial after they waived their preliminary exams Sept. 2 in Genesee County 67th District Court. Their cases have since been transferred to family court.

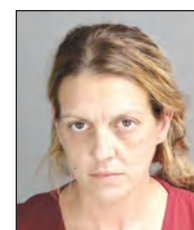
Joel Luis Valles, 36, of Linden, faces multiple felonies in Genesee County. Within an hour, two bicycles he allegedly stole were located and returned to two boys who had leaned them against the side of Target store off Owen Road while they shopped Thursday, July 8, 2021. Valles was arraigned July 12



Joel Luis Valles

on two counts of larceny, as well as felon in possession of a weapon, felony weapons, possession of a loaded weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon with no license. Personal bond of \$27,000 was ordered. A final pretrial hearing is scheduled for Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Ally Brueger's homicide remains unsolved. She was gunned down doing what she loved to do — running. She was fatally shot approximately one mile from her parents' home where she also was living in Rose Township on July 30, 2016. Her killer has not been found.



Michelle Holladay

Michelle Holladay, 40, is being held in the Monroe County Jail on \$1 million bond. She was charged with a Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021 carjacking in Monroe County and was taken into custody in Holly

Township later that night. She waived her district court arraignment and was bound over to Monroe County Circuit Court where she is facing charges of carjacking, felonious assault and two counts of felonious firearms. Her accomplice, William Lanham, was found deceased in the Holly Township home from a self-inflicted gunshot. Holladay is expected back in Monroe County Circuit Court Jan. 7 for a pre-trial hearing.

Mary Ann Spring Tremaine resigned from her role as Genesee County 911 director Aug. 30, 2021. This came after she was charged with a misdemeanor of disorderly conduct relating to a neighbor and family dispute. Tremaine was seen dumping yard waste on her neighbor's driveway in August. Her neighbor is her ex-sister-in-law. She pleaded not guilty and during a court hearing Nov. 17, 2021 a jury trial in district court was scheduled for Feb. 17.



Jack Edward Boshell

Jack Edward Boshell, 51, of Fenton Township, was sentenced Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 for an incident in Fenton Township, which occurred Sept. 18, 2021.

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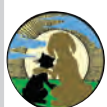
TYRONE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 21, 2021

The following actions were taken:

1. Supervisor Cunningham called the Board meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at the township hall.
2. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Clerk Marcie Husted, Trustees Herman Ferguson, Kurt Schulze, Zach Tucker and David Walker.
3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2 as presented.
5. Sent the Lake Urban Crossings PUD Preliminary Site Plan back to the Planning Commission for clarification and a new recommendation.
6. Approved the two-year snow removal contract with Shoemaker Services for the township building.
7. Adjourned at 8:29 pm.

After they are approved, the minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are also posted online at www.tyronetownship.us.

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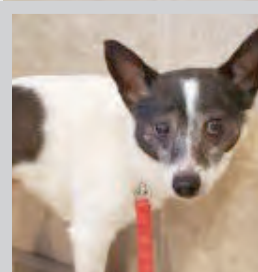
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He was facing one count of felonious assault, assaulting/resisting a police officer. He was sentenced to 13 to 48 months imprisonment for felonious assault and 13 months to 24 months for assaulting/resisting an officer. He was given 39 days credit for time served. The sentences will run concurrent with each other.

No new federal court dates have been set for **Jeremy McCallum** of Holly who has been incarcerated for more than a year on multiple charges of production and possession of child pornography and extortion. McCallum's cases began Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, when MSP troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of N. Holly Road for a runaway complaint. When contacted, the juvenile runaway reported that he found pornographic materials involving children on his dad's tablet. His case is pending in federal court.



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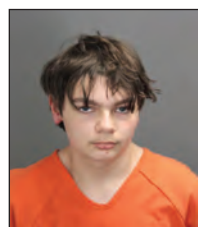
James and Jennifer Crumbley, the parents of Ethan Crumbley, were arraigned Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 in Oakland County 52-3 District Court with four counts of involuntary manslaughter. If convicted as charged, they face up to 15 years in prison. James and Jennifer Crumbley both have motion hearings Jan. 7 at 1:15 p.m.



James
Crumbley



Jennifer
Crumbley



Ethan Crumbley

Ethan Crumbley, 15, of Oxford, was charged with four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of assault with intent to murder, terrorism and multiple firearms counts. He faces life in prison. Oakland County Prosecutor Karen

McDonald is charging him as an adult. Ethan has a probable cause conference Jan. 7 at 9 a.m.

Ethan is the alleged shooter in a mass school shooting that happened Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Oxford High School in Oakland County. The sheriff's office reported that James and Jennifer Crumbley legally purchased the handgun that was used in the shooting four days prior to the shooting and said the parents posted on social media that the gun was a gift for Ethan. Four high school students, Hana St. Juliana, Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin and Justin Shilling, died from gunshot wounds. In addition to those four students who died, seven other people were shot — six students and one teacher.

Joshua Antwan Liggins, 31, allegedly shot multiple times, unprovoked, at a truck occupied by eight Fenton area men aged 18, 19 and 20, while they were exiting a club parking lot on Ravine Road in Kalamazoo on Oct. 2, 2021 at 3:25 a.m. Several bullets hit the truck. Liggins was arraigned Nov. 23 on eight counts of assault with intent to murder and eight counts of felony firearms. A cash surety bond of \$20,000 was ordered and he posted bond Nov. 2. According to court records, an examination hearing is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting December 20, 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 November 22, 2021

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Issued: 4 Building permits totaling \$ 9,728.50, & 1 Zoning Permit totaling \$2060.00.

Approved: Budget amendments as presented by Clerk.

Approved: Summer tax collection for Linden Schools and GISD.

Approved: HAP through Brown & Brown for employee Health Care.

Approved: Floating dock for Mr. Neal on Turtle Island.

Approved: Hazard pay for employees through ARPA.

Approved: Resolution 2021-22, for Seymour Rd. Drainage District, & 2021-21 Cost Hearing for Peninsular/Belfast paving Project.

Approved: Local agreement with GCRC for drainage outlet construction, Seymour Rd.

Tabled: Resolution 2021-23 for Peninsular-Belfast paving project.

Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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The third molar teeth are last teeth to develop and erupt into the mouth. This usually occurs when a person is around 18 or 19 years of age. They are called Wisdom Teeth because these teeth appear in the mouth once the person has reached the "age of wisdom." I think most would agree that this is a misnomer as I personally can't think of any 18 year olds exhibiting much wisdom. Few people have adequate room in their mouth for their third molars to erupt into full position. For those that do, my philosophy, in their case, is if they can keep their wisdom teeth healthy then they can keep them. Most wisdom teeth, however, are problem teeth. Few people have enough space for their developing third molars. This lack of adequate room causes most wisdom teeth to become impacted. An impacted tooth is trouble. Impacted Wisdom Teeth create pressure which can cause damage to the other teeth and can cause crowding of the other teeth. Impacted third molars can become infected and can sometimes develop cysts or develop periodontal disease which can spread throughout the mouth. It is best to have impacted wisdom teeth removed before any serious trouble develops which involves surgery. It's best to have wisdom teeth surgery at ages 18-20. At this stage in their life the person is young and healthy, the third molar teeth and bone are not fully developed, and there is no active infection in the area. Third molar surgery in this situation is usually considered minor surgery and recovery is fast and easy. Conversely, the impacted third molar surgery on a 50+ year old is often considered a more major surgery with a much prolonged and difficult recovery with a great chance of post-operative complications. Because of this, I recommend removal of Wisdom Teeth for my young adult patients.

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10. Blue Devils capture Metro championship vs. their area rival Fenton, 42-6

The Lake Fenton football team became the first-ever team from the Stars Division to win the Flint Metro League's Crossover Championship game, crushing the Fenton Tigers 42-6.

Published Oct. 16, 2021

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9. Community rallies behind injured soccer player

In mid June, recent FHS graduate and soccer player Jimmy Myers fell backwards down a flight of stairs and hit his head on a brick wall. He was rushed to Hurley Medical Center for emergency brain surgery. While he recovers, his teammates, friends and community have rallied behind Jimmy and his family to show support and help fundraise to pay for medical bills, including a soccer game on Thursday, July 8. **Editor's note:** His injuries ended up being fatal and he succumbed to his injuries July 31, 2021.

Published July 13, 2021

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On Sept. 10, 2021, approximately 150 people protested the Genesee County Health Department's mask mandate for students in pre-K through grade 12 by standing across from the Fenton Area Public Schools complex off Owen Road. Parents held signs and cheered as students left school to join the protest. *Times file photo*

8. "It does happen in Fenton"

A vehicle was stolen from a Fenton gas station Monday, Aug. 9. The man left the gas pump in his car while he went into the store, and another man stole the vehicle. Soon after, a Metro Police Authority officer spotted the stolen vehicle on northbound U.S. 23 near Hill Road in Mundy Township.

Published Aug. 13, 2021

Page views: 10,129

7. Linden man charged

A 27-year-old Linden man, Corey Mulanix, is one of five suspects arrested by the Shiawassee Human Oppression Team (SHOT), which conducted a sex sting operation Sunday, Aug. 8. The five suspects were arrested after they allegedly traveled to a location of undercover operation for the purpose of sexual acts.

Published Aug. 17, 2021

Page views: 10,902

6. The castles of Fenton

Did you know that Fenton was once home to two castles involving the same family? One castle in town dated back to 1898, when it was built by L.J. Tryon. The other castle, known as "the castle" was built on E. South Holly Road, just east of Carnes Street, on a small island on the south shore of the Fenton Millpond.

Published Jan. 15, 2021

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5. Crashes on southbound U.S. 23 stop traffic

Two crashes less than 100 yards from each other on southbound U.S. 23, south of Lahring Road in Fenton Township, stopped traffic. Traffic was been slow through the Fenton area while the Owen Road bridge in Fenton City is under construction.

Published April 19, 2021

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4. Fenton Township home destroyed by fire

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire in the 5100 block of Cottage Court. A two-story home with an attached garage was fully engulfed in flames. The family and their pets were able to get out of the home uninjured.

Published Jan. 13, 2021

Page views: 14,138

3. Lake Fenton home destroyed by fire

A 104-year-old, two-story house on Lake Fenton was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, April 8. There were no injuries, however, flames and smoke could be seen from homes around the lake.

Published April 9, 2021

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2. Linden man survives U.S. 23 crash

A 41-year-old Linden man was transported to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township with serious injuries following a crash on U.S. 23 on Tuesday, Oct. 5 involving a truck and a semi. The driver of the truck was the lone occupant. He had to be extricated with the fire department's Jaws of Life equipment. Emergency responders on scene said he was "super lucky" to be alive.

Published Oct. 8, 2021

Page views: 18,734

1. Fenton mask protest draws a crowd, police respond to three-vehicle accident

On Friday, Sept. 10, approximately 150 people protested the Genesee County Health Department's mask mandate for students in pre-K through grade 12 by standing across from the Fenton Area Public Schools complex off Owen Road. Parents held signs and cheered as students left school to join the protest. A three-vehicle crash occurred in the area around 10:40 a.m. At least one person was taken to a hospital.

Published Friday, Sept. 10, 2021

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HOPKINS

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He retired his varsity football coaching position, a spot he's held since 1998, on Friday.

"After talking with the administration and the parents I decided to step away and resign my position," Hopkins said Friday morning. "I had a good run and overall, I've had some great assistant coaches. I was able to coach a lot of really great players."

"He's meant a lot to the school," Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said. "The positive impact he's had on student-athletes for the years of service he's put in — I don't even know how to put it in words. He's brought so much to the table to our students, and not just the athletic part of it. It's outside of athletics and just being a good person."

"It was a pleasure coming in, being a new athletic director and having someone you can lean on for answers because he's done it for so long," Linden Athletic Director Lance Belill said. "He made my transition easy when it came to football season. Linden is lucky to have him."

Depending on when one attended Linden, they may have looked at Hopkins as a legendary baseball, boys basketball or football coach. He began coaching the varsity boys basketball program during the 1978-79 school year and did so for 32 years, earning a 408-340 record, 10 district championships, four Metro titles and a regional championship. He coached varsity baseball from 1979 until 1998, recording a 401-254 record, which included two Metro crowns.

But now, most think of Hopkins as a football coach. He took over the varsity position in 1998 and posted a 162-87 record. He won seven league titles. His squads qualified for the playoffs 19 times, including a string of 16 times in a row at one time. He led the team to three 9-0 seasons and to two district crowns. And through it all, he's been invited to numerous ex-players' weddings and is in touch with many of them to this day.

"Thank God the players dedicated themselves to the program," Hopkins said. "The kids and hard work is the reason we've been so successful. And the assistant coaches — I can't say enough about those guys. They've been loyal. I want to thank those guys for

their loyalty."

Hopkins is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Michigan Football Coaches Association and the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame. He's among the most winningest coaches in the Flint area with his combined 971 victories among the three varsity programs. But for his athletes, the wins don't matter as much as the person himself.

"I would've met him around 1977 or 1978 and at that time most coaches were older and more conservative and structured in their approach, but Denny was very relatable," said ex-Linden baseball, basketball and football player Clint Fayling. "What made him so endearing with so many students was he was so relatable. ... And he had that enthusiasm to want to make us all better."

"I was four years younger than Clint and I became a gym rat and a ball boy to the basketball and baseball teams," Blake Fayling said. "I started having a relationship with him in the fourth or fifth grade and have had a relationship with him ever since. I'm not unlike thousands of others in Linden where he was a father figure to me. It was important to him to raise great young men and not necessarily win games. But while he did raise young men, he happened to be a Hall of Fame coach in multiple sports."

Blake played basketball and baseball for Hopkins.

Hopkins's influence extends into his own family. His daughter, Cori Mason, is the current Linden varsity volleyball coach.

"Ever since I could remember, I wanted to be just like him," Mason said. "We always had people step by, and my mom made team dinners. I was a gym rat ... and I would go to Dad's practices. That's what my family did. We were a sports family."

"Everything I do today is based on what I witnessed and watched him do."

Ryan Buckler, a football and basketball player from the early 1990s, was one of those players who spent a

good amount of time at their home.

"I not only got to experience his coaching abilities, but he made us better all around people because we spent a lot of time with his family outside of school," Buckler said. "His students weren't just students or players. They were family. And to this day so many of his former players have relationships like that. I'm 47 and I make a point

to see him every time I come home. ... You don't see relationships like that very often anymore."

When Hopkins was inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame, both Fayling brothers came from their homes in Colorado to attend. While he was a ball boy, Blake earned his nickname

through Hopkins. He had a T-shirt with the word 'Wheels' on it.

"He'd call Blake wheels," Clint said. "Half of the athletic teams knew him as wheels. Blake's daughter wears the shirt now. She dug it out and wears it



After more than three decades of coaching at Linden Community Schools, Denny Hopkins is retiring. District leaders say he brought such a positive energy to Linden and he will be missed. **Photo: David Troppens**

to basketball practice now."

Hopkins is proud of his career at Linden, but says the community helped him to his success.

"Linden was my home and I want to thank all the people that backed me through the years. Linden is my home and always will be," Hopkins said. "I just want to thank the people for allowing me to be a small part of the community."



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Police Department investigated his disappearance and several stories had been written with the intent of locating him and having him return safely to his home. His body was found in September 2021 in Southfield.

Mark Durocher, 62, of Linden, died June 28, 2021, in an automobile crash in Fenton Township. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office and Fenton Township Fire Department responded to the crash on southbound U.S. 23 in Fenton Township at 11:23 p.m. Monday.



Mark Durocher

Jimmy Myers, a FHS graduate and soccer player, fell backwards down a flight of stairs and hit his head on a brick wall in June. He was rushed to Hurley Medical Center for emergency brain surgery. While he was recovering, his teammates, friends and community rallied behind Jimmy and his family to show support and helped fundraise to pay for medical bills, including a soccer game. He succumbed to his traumatic brain injuries July 31, 2021.

William Lanham, 39, was found deceased in a home in Holly Township on Aug. 4, 2021, with a self-inflicted gunshot. He was a suspect in an armed carjacking in Frenchtown Township, a police chase, two car crashes and an armed home invasion and barricaded gunman situation. His accomplice, Michelle Holladay, turned herself into authorities and is facing multiple charges.

James "Jim" Smeets, 84, of Sun City West, Arizona and formerly of Fenton Township, died Sept. 11,



James "Jim" Smeets

2021. He lived in Fenton Township for more than 50 years and was supervisor of the township for 20 years in the 1970s and '80s. When they lived in Fenton Township, Smeets served on the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association. As supervisor, he also served on a committee of the Genesee County Road Commission, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Girl Scouts Council and Big Brothers association. On Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a memorial resolution in honor of Smeets.

Ron Wetherell, 54, of Gaines, was killed in a motorcycle crash Sept. 12, 2021. His body and Harley-Davidson motorcycle were located at 9:33 a.m. Sunday approximately 30 feet from Seymour Road, between Whitney and Ray roads in Argentine Township. A gofundme account "In Honor of Ronnie Woo Woo" said Wetherell could always make everyone laugh and he lived life to the fullest.

Timothy Dale White, 70, of Holly, died Oct. 11, 2021, from injuries he sustained in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township. His vehicle was stopped for heavy traffic and was rear-ended by a van driven by a Grand Blanc resident. White was very active at the Benchmark Church of Fenton, and was known for always being ready to help whoever was in need.



Timothy Dale White

Leslie Dean Goff, 50, of Grand Blanc, died as a result of injuries he sustained in a single vehicle crash Oct. 1, 2021, in Tyrone Township. He was the passenger in the van when it crashed on Rohn Road.

Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin and **Hana St. Juliana** were shot and killed Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2021 while at Oxford High School in Oakland County. Another student

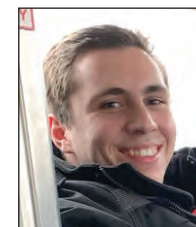


Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin, Hana St. Juliana and Justin Shilling

shot, 17-year-old **Justin Shilling**, died from his injuries Wednesday morning. The alleged shooter is a 15-year-old sophomore from the school. Six other high school students and one teacher also were shot.

Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis, 23, of Linden, was killed in a plane crash Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, in New Hampshire. He was the pilot and lone occupant of the plane, which was delivering medical supplies. The flight originated from the Essex County Airport in Fairfield, N.J., and was en route to the Manchester-Boston Regional

Airport when Vomvolakis reported engine trouble just prior to the crash, the chief said. Vomvolakis' family has created a gofundme account "Fly High Manny Memorial Fund" to create a scholarship fund in his name. This fund will be a way for Manny's name to live on in the hopes and dreams of those who wish to become a pilot.



Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis

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LF's defense too much for Imlay City, 52-35

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — This was supposed to be the litmus test for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team during the 2021 portion of the season.

If it was, the Blue Devils (5-0) passed it with amazing grades.

The Blue Devils took on a talented and experienced Imlay City Spartans

club on Tuesday and for most of the first half it was a pretty good back-and-forth contest. But as the second quarter progressed, the Blue Devils took the first sizable lead and began to hold it. Then, in the second half, Lake Fenton's pressure finally made the Spartans wilt as the Blue Devils earned a 52-35 victory.

The Blue Devils forced 19 Imlay City turnovers, including 12 in the second half, to spark the victory. Emerson Baker recorded five steals while Cola Sisk recorded three. In short, the Blue Devils' pressure defense finally got to the Spartans.

"I think as this game went on our See **LF'S** on 21

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Sports Times

Spencer remains perfect, wins by knock out in fifth round vs. Ponce

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer got the gift he wanted at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey during Christmas night in his 14th professional boxing match.

The middleweight fight-

er captured his 14th victory in as many bouts, defeating an experienced Limberth Ponce by knock out with 1:24 remaining in the fifth round of the scheduled eight-round fight. The fight, as have 13 of his bouts, was

televised live nationwide by the FOX network.

In what was more of a deliberate fight, Spencer dominated his foe from the start of the first round until the final blow — a right hand followed by a left hook with 1:24 remaining in the fifth round. The left hook put Ponce on the canvas and the referee ended the bout immediately.

A few moments prior to the winning two-punch combination, Spencer stunned Ponce with a left hook as well, setting up his eventual knock out in the same round.

"He was a game guy. He came to win," Spencer said. "He was trying to counter me, and I landed the first shot and I hurt him. I knew from previous experiences, I realized I had to chill for a second, not rush him off the bat, and I knew the perfect shot would set up and that's what happened."

Spencer led this bout from the start. While it was a slow-paced fight, Spencer went into the contest knowing his opponent had a repu-

tation of being a solid counter-puncher. Spencer landed more punches in each round, and finished with a 60-19 landed count on the punches. He was more efficient as well, landing 39% of his shots compared to Ponce connecting on just 13%.

Spencer, who fought with the words, "A savior is born" on his shorts during his Christmas bout, had other solid hits in previous rounds, but was unable to get Ponce (18-5) on the canvas. However, his solid shots gave an impression that the knock out would only be a matter of time.

Spencer, who goes by the nickname "The Small Town Soldier" because of his Linden roots, recorded his ninth knock out in 14 fights. Prior to this bout, Spencer said his next goal was to begin fighting 10-round matches.

"I hope he gives me some good rounds being I want my next fight to be a 10-rounder," Spencer said prior to the bout.

Life is getting exciting for Spencer.



Linden's Joe Miller scored 11 points in the Eagles' victory against Powers. Photo: Christopher Summers

Eagles take early lead, defeat Powers

By David Troppens

After struggling to score points most of this season, the Linden varsity boys basketball team found its offense against Powers on Dec. 21.

The Eagles opened the contest with a 10-0 run and never trailed en route to a 52-32 road victory against the Chargers.

The 52 points represents the most points the Eagles have scored in their six contests. The previous high

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Joey Spencer (right) works on knocking out Limberth Ponce in the fifth round of Spencer's 14th victory in as many professional bouts.

A look back at tri-county sports in 2021

By David Troppens

It was a year that began with COVID concerns, and some of those issues are clearly still existing.

However, 2021 had its share of outstanding moments as well.

It was a spring that saw Fenton win a Division 1 team state championship in boys track. It saw Fenton's Gracie Olsen capture three more D2 individual event state championships at two state meets. It saw Holly wrestler Jacob Gonzales

earn another individual D2 state championship. It saw the Linden varsity softball team make a serious run at a D2 state championship. Actually, 2021 saw a lot of great moments that COVID-19 can't erase. So it's time to list our top handful of stories of 2021.

The sports staff has knocked our list to a top seven moments. This edition will look at half of what the sports staff considers the biggest stories of 2021.

No. 6: Spencer brothers enjoy success with boxing careers in 2021

By David Troppens

For a few years, the tri-county area has enjoyed following the young career of professional boxer Joey Spencer.

In 2021, the tri-county area was able to double the number of boxers they can call hometown athletes.

At the age of 17, Mickel Spencer made his debut as a professional boxer, enjoying a four-round unanimous decision victory against Eliseo Villalobos in August. The fight was part of the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao vs. Yordenis Ugas pay per view at Las Vegas's T-Mobile Arena.

It was an entertaining fight as the two boxers were more than willing to mix it up for what was an energetic 12 minutes. But in the end, Spencer was too much for Villalobos.

"It felt really nice," Spencer said. "I honestly have had no nerves at all. I was super excited to get in there and fight."

Older brother Joey Spencer, now 21, fought three times in 2021, earning victories in each. He knocked out Isiah Seldon on Jan. 20, and earned a unanimous decision against James Martin on July 31 during bouts on national television. He spent Christmas night facing Limberth Ponce, earning a fifth-round knock out victory against, perhaps, the fighter

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(Top) Mickel Spencer made his professional debut and won his opening fight against Eliseo Villalobos in August at the young age of 17. (Immediately above) Joey Spencer improved to 14-0 with a recent victory on Christmas night against Limberth Ponce. He won with a fifth-round knock out.



Linden's varsity softball squad celebrates its Division 2 regional championship during the trophy presentation. The Eagles advanced to the D2 state quarterfinal game during 2021.

Photo: David Troppens

No. 7: Linden softball advances to Division 2 state quarterfinals

By David Troppens

It was a postseason to remember for the Linden varsity softball team.

The squad used a potent offense and the pitching combination of Jordyn Hobson and Mikayla Timm to earn a 20-2 Flint Metro League record, and then went into district play expecting an exciting

postseason run.

The Eagles had one. They opened district action, beating Kearsley 17-4, Clio 21-6 and area rival Lake Fenton 7-5 to earn a D2 district championship.

Life was tougher in the regional round. The Eagles won the semifinal

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No. 5 Gonzales captures another Division 2 state wrestling championship

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team had its share of issues during the 2021 winter season.

The squad was quarantined due to COVID and got a late start.

That didn't keep Jacob Gonzales from winning his second straight individual state D2 state championship.

In a battle of undefeateds in the final, Gonzales was pretty certain of what the end result was going to be when he faced off against St. Joseph's Jacob Halsey in the 152-pound D2 state championship title match.

"We knew each other," Gonzales said. "I saw his scores and knew my scores so

I knew I was going to win. He wasn't there to win (the state championship match). He was just so excited to win in the semifinals (beating Croswell-Lexington's Xzavier Sues in that match) and I had pinned (Sues in the district championships), so I knew I had him."

Gonzales went on to win the district title match by a comfortable 4-0 decision score.

"I got up and I just didn't let him score," Gonzales said. "He really didn't have any defense for anything I threw at him. I could've scored more points if I wanted to."

Gonzales will be going for his third state crown this winter.



Holly's Jacob Gonzales won his second individual D2 state wrestling championship during the winter of 2021. He will be competing for his third title this winter. **Photo: David Troppens**



Linden softball finished the 2021 spring season with a regional championship.

Photo: David Troppens

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contest against Imlay City 9-4, but had a much tougher battle against Essexville Garber in the regional title game.

The game was tied 3-3 in the top of the eighth inning when Haley Ludwig came to the plate with nobody on and one out. She hit the second pitch she saw for a home run over the center-field fence, giving the Eagles a 4-3 lead. They held on to earn the 4-3 regional championship victory.

"I was thinking to just make contact," Ludwig said. "I wanted to get it through so we can score and that's it."

"I just remember thinking to myself to calm down, relax and you got this, and it's nothing."

The team advanced to the D2 state quarterfinal, but ran into a tough Marysville squad, losing 3-1 in front of a large Marysville crowd in the squad's hometown.

Linden trailed 1-0 after one inning, but did tie it up when Maddie Morse hit an RBI-single in the top of the second inning. However, Marysville scored a run in the second and in the bottom of the sixth to earn the win.

The Eagles ended the season with a school record 34 victories.

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who had the best combination of talent and experience against Spencer.

The 14th win in as many professional bouts should a catapult Spencer's career. He plans on fighting 10-round fights from this point in his career. That also means if he keeps winning, potential fights for belts could be happening very soon.

"It is exciting. We just got off the phone with my manager and it's going to start moving fast from this point on," Spencer said. "It's all uphill from here as long as I keep winning."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **DeWitt 62, Holly 5:** Alana Simmons led the Bronchos with three points while Mollina Adams scored two points.

► **Linden 48, Byron 10:** Paige Leedle hit six free throws in the opening quarter and had eight first-half points, leading the Eagles to a 27-6 halftime lead. Linden would cruise from there to earn the win. Allison Maienbrook and Shaye Barkholz

each had five points in the first quarter while Megan Widner had four in the second quarter.

HOCKEY

► **Fenton/Linden 4, Bay Area 1:** Rykerson Wright led all scorers with two goals while Mitchel Luck and Jacob Florida had a goal each. Nick Wilson earned the victory between the pipes, making 18 saves.



Lake Fenton's defense made life challenging for Imlay City. The Blue Devils defeated the Spartans 52-35. Photo: David Troppens

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defense on the ball just got better, better and better," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We tried different match-ups. We have had Amaya Smith on the ball a lot on the point ... and we switched it up a bit. Emerson Baker was on the ball a little bit. Both Anna (Prevost) and Ella (Prevost) came in and guarded the ball a little bit. The fact we can move people around, still guard the basketball and still apply pressure on the wings like we did, I think that was a big deal."

Early on, Imlay City did a decent job against the Blue Devils' pressure. In fact, Imlay City's Jaya Forti and Mary Lengemann hit back-to-back treys to put the visitors up 6-0 early. That lead didn't last. The Blue Devils went on a 9-1 run and took the lead after a fastbreak layup by Emerson Baker. Lake Fenton led 10-7. The Blue Devils ended up leading 14-11 after one quarter.

Imlay City tied the contest at 16-all on a three-pointer by Lengemann, and eventually took its biggest lead of the second quarter at 23-20 on a three-pointer by

Lexa Forit, but that lead didn't last long. Just seconds later, a Sisk layup was followed by a conventional layup, foul and converted free throw by Kerrigan Howdeshell. About 40 seconds later, Smith hit a trey, and what was a three-point Imlay City lead was suddenly a 28-23 Lake Fenton lead just 90 seconds later. Lake Fenton took a 32-25 lead into the half-time after Sisk scored the Blue Devils' final four points of the first half on layups.

The Spartans made one more push for the lead early in the third quarter, beginning the stanza with two converted free throws by Lengemann. However, Lake Fenton went on to score the game's next eight points. Sisk scored the first four with layups and Howdeshell scored the next four on converted free throws. Lake Fenton led 40-29, and the Blue Devils led by double-digits for most of the remainder of the contest.

The contest was a match-up of the two teams expected to play in the 2020 regional championship game before COVID-19 canceled the remainder of the tournament. One could sense the intensity among the fans, probably due to that fact.

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was 47 in a first-game loss to Holt.

The Eagles' stingy defense remains sound. The 32 points represents the fourth time in five games Linden has allowed 32 or less points. The defense has helped the Eagles to three straight wins and a 4-2 record overall.

Against Powers, Reichen Lund opened the contest with back-to-back treys, giving Linden a 6-0 lead. The 10-0 run continued with a Monte Keener assist on a Brandon Green layup. About 55 seconds later, Keener scored on a layup giving the Eagles the 10-0 lead. Linden's lead grew to 13-2 at the end of the first quarter after a three-pointer by Joe Miller.

"We came out and they played a 1-3-1 zone and we did really well against it with our ball movement and made some key shots," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Lance Belill said. "When we play the type of defense we play and score points, we are a tough out. We finally broke 50 for the first time all year."

Miller also hit a three-pointer to start

the second quarter as Linden jumped to a 16-2 lead. The Eagles' lead grew to as many as 29-9 on two converted free throws by Lund with 2:43 left in the first half, but Flint Powers Catholic was able to finish the half on a 6-2 run to cut the Linden lead to 31-15 at the intermission.

Powers tried to make the game interesting in the second half. Powers outscored Linden 11-5 in the third quarter, and cut the Linden lead to 36-26 entering the fourth quarter. The lead was as little as 33-26 at one time before a trey by Miller.

In the fourth quarter, neither team scored until Lund hit a driving layup with 5:16 left in the contest. He followed that hoop with a three-pointer, giving Linden a 41-26 lead with 5:00 left. Those hoops pretty much ended any potential Powers comeback attempt.

Lund finished with a game-high 22 points while Miller netted 11 points.

Linden returns to action on Jan. 4, 2022 when the Eagles host the Lake Fenton Blue Devils in a Flint Metro League crossover contest.

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Millions across U.S. celebrate science fiction

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By Sharon Stone

National Science Fiction Day promotes the celebration of science fiction as a genre, its creators, history, and various media, too. On Jan. 2 annually, millions of science fiction fans across the United States read and watch their favorites in science fiction, according to nationalday-calendar.com.

The date of the celebration commemorates the birth of famed science fiction writer Isaac Asimov. An American author and Boston University professor of biochemistry, Asimov was born Isaak Yudovich Ozimov on Jan. 2, 1920. He is best known for his works of science fiction and his popular science books. Isaac Asimov, whose works are followed by many, died April 6, 1992.

Considered a master of hard science fiction, Asimov, along with Robert A. Heinlein and Arthur C. Clarke, was considered one of the "Big Three" science-fiction writers during his lifetime. Many regard the Foundation Series as Asimov's most outstanding piece. His other major series are the Galactic Empire Series and the Robot Series.

Top Science Fiction movies in no particular order

Source: imdb.com

Blade Runner 2049 (2017)

Young Blade Runner K's discovery of a long-buried secret leads him to track down former Blade Runner Rick Deckard, who's been missing for thirty years. Blade Runner 2049 stars Harrison Ford, Ryan Gosling, Ana de Armas and Dave Bautista.

Dune (2021)

Feature adaptation of Frank Herbert's science fiction novel about the son of a noble family entrusted with the protection of the most valuable asset and most vital element in the galaxy. Stars are Timothée Chalamet, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya and Oscar Isaac.

Inception (2010)

A thief who steals corporate secrets through the use of dream-sharing technology is given the inverse task of planting an idea into the mind of a C.E.O., but his tragic past may doom the project and his team to disaster. Stars are Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Elliot Page and Ken Watanabe.

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens (2015)

As a new threat to the galaxy rises, Rey, a desert scavenger, and Finn, an ex-stormtrooper, must join Han Solo and Chewbacca to search for the one hope of restoring peace. Stars are Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Domhnall Gleeson.

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (2016)

In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. Stars are Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk and Donnie Yen.

Avatar (2009)

A paraplegic Marine dispatched to the moon Pandora on a unique mission becomes torn between following his orders and protecting the world he feels is his home. Stars are Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver and Michelle Rodriguez.

The Prestige (2006)

After a tragic accident, two stage magicians in 1890s London engage in a battle to create the ultimate illusion while sacrificing everything they have to outwit each other. Stars are Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson, Michael Caine.

The Martian (2015)

An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assume him dead, and must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive and can survive until a potential rescue. Stars are Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig and Kate Mara.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

When their relationship turns sour, a couple undergoes a medical procedure to have each other erased from their memories. Stars are Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Tom Wilkinson and Gerry Robert Byrne.

Donnie Darko (2001)

After narrowly escaping a bizarre accident, a troubled teenager is plagued by visions of a man in a large rabbit suit who manipulates him to commit a series of crimes. Stars are Jake Gyllenhaal, Jena Malone, Mary McDonnell, Holmes Osborne.

Children of Men (2006)

In 2027, in a chaotic world in which women have become somehow infertile, a former activist agrees to help transport a miraculously pregnant woman to a sanctuary at sea. Stars are Julianne Moore, Clive Owen, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Michael Caine.



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MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

SKIER, HELLO, LIVING, GLOBAL

Answer: The goats that grazed on the slope were — "HILL-BILLIES"

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

AFTER, ARDENT, LAYER, SHRINE

Answer: AFRAID

Horoscopes

For the week of
December 27, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, group dynamics could be tricky this week. Emotions are tense and putting too many people together may lead to friction. Make a concerted effort to stay calm.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, individuals often are judged by the company they keeps. Surround yourself with honest, supportive and accomplished people as much as you can.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

It is tempting to want to help in every situation, Gemini. But this week you may need to observe from the sidelines and let others work things out on their own.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Always get the facts before you react, Cancer. Friends may be pulling you in different directions and want you to be on their sides. Decide what is best for you.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you butt heads with a colleague or your boss, the confrontation will not get out of control. Things will blow over very shortly.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if your workload gets out of control, don't feel that you have to go it alone. Ask for help and it will be there. This will ensure all projects are completed on time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, before you dive full speed ahead into a new relationship, it is better to do your research as much as possible. This is especially true when entering a business agreement.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Your energy levels may be all over the place this week, Scorpio. Build some free time into your schedule to accommodate for when you may need to play catch up.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

There is no need to let emotions get the best of you. Sagittarius. Your confidence will diffuse many situations as long as you are tactful and respectful.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your commitment to doing things the right way is admirable and has not gone unnoticed. Others look to you for inspiration, and this will benefit your career.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you are on a mission this week to stand out from the crowd. Make sure the light is shining on you for all the right reasons. Remain humble when praise comes your way.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Figure out how to deliver information in an empowering way, Pisces. A positive, empowering message is likely to be well-received.

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Parcel Number Legal Description

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06-12-626-019	Unit 19 Fenton Orchards Condo
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06-12-626-064	Unit 64 Fenton Orchards Condo

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A refundable **bid deposit** in the amount of \$10,000.00 shall accompany each Bid Form. The bid deposit shall be in the form of cash or cashier's check. Bid deposits for the successful bidder shall be applied against the purchase price for properties. Bid deposits for all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to the bidder.

The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids for any reason in the Township's sole and unfettered discretion. The successful bidder for the properties will be notified by telephone or email that their bid has been tentatively accepted, subject to final approval of a purchase agreement by the Fenton Township Board. Said approval shall include the establishment of a closing deadline, which is anticipated to be within **30-45 days** from the date of the Township Board approval. Failure to close on the sale of the properties by the approved closing deadline may result in forfeiture of the bid deposit.

At Closing, all parcels will be sold "as is" and "where is" without any representation, warranty or guaranty of any kind or nature, or that the parcel is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after bid opening. The Township makes no representations or claims as to the availability of access to parcel, or the existence of any conditions, covenants, or restrictions affecting the parcel. By submitting a Bid Form, each prospective purchaser agrees to accept the parcel in its present "as is" condition, and releases the Township and its departments, agencies, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever arising from any condition of the parcel, whether now known or subsequently discovered, including but not limited to all claims based on environmental contamination of the parcel.

The parcels are sold by their **LEGAL DESCRIPTION ONLY**, (subdivision name and unit number). While reasonable effort is made to ensure that the addresses, parcel sizes, maps, and/or photos are accurate, by submitting a Bid Form, all bidders are acknowledging and agreeing that they are relying solely on their own investigation and information when purchasing these parcels. **PLEASE DO YOUR RESEARCH THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY.**

Quitclaim deeds will be issued conveying only such title as is currently owned by the Township. If a prospective buyer desires to obtain a preliminary commitment for title insurance or a title insurance policy at the Closing, then in either such event, it shall be the responsibility of the buyer to obtain such commitment or insurance and to pay for the cost of same. The Township makes no representation as to the availability of title insurance and the unavailability of title insurance is not grounds for canceling any sale. Please be advised that it is possible that a purchaser may incur legal costs for quiet title action to satisfy the requirements of title insurance companies in order to obtain a title insurance policy.

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The Charter Township of Fenton reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to cancel any sale at any time up until delivery of the deed.

Sealed bids must be submitted to and be on file with the Charter Township of Fenton no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022.**


A complete bid packet can be downloaded at www.fentontownship.org. Bid packets are also available at the Fenton Township Office. Inquiries should be directed to:

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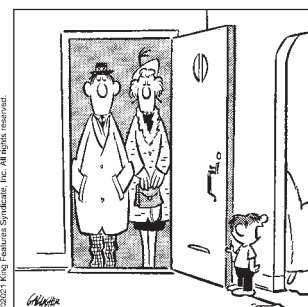
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TODAY'S WORD

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Obituaries

Times

Nancy Winona Herronen, RN

1932 - 2021

Nancy Winona Herronen, RN. On Tuesday, December 21, 2021, Nancy Herronen, loving wife and mother of two children, passed away at



law, Blythe and Barb Selden; brother, Marvin Selden; brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Gregory and Sandra Boggs; brother-in-law, Gary Herronen;

the age of 89. Nancy was born October 7, 1932 on the Selden Baldwin Road farm in Swartz Creek, to Francis and Mary (Collins) Selden. After completing high school, Class of 1950, she graduated from Hurley Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1953. On October 17, 1953, she married Donald Elmer Herronen. They raised two sons, Thomas and James. Nancy loved the outdoors. She raised bountiful vegetable gardens and beautiful flowers. Nancy's passion was for any and all types of fishing. She particularly enjoyed traveling to Northern Michigan on fishing trips with her husband, Don. Nancy was a member of South Mundy Methodist Church and taught Sunday school in her younger years. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Don; brother and sister-in-

sister-in-law, Sandy Herronen; nephew, Richard Selden; niece, Lonna Herronen. She is survived by her two sons, Thomas and James; grandson, Donnie Herronen; granddaughter, Dalila Little; two great-grandchildren, Donnielle and Delaney; brother-in-law and sister, Allen and Wanda Spicer; sister-in-law, Nancy Selden; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Julie Herronen; many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Monday, December 27. Flowers are acceptable. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patrick Donald Moore

1954 - 2021

Patrick Donald Moore - age 66, of Holt, (formerly of Fenton) passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at McLaren Hospital of Lansing. Pat was born



anything, even Julie's mushy movies, though he definitely leaned more toward the Sci-Fi and Action/Adventure genres. He was loving, very funny, creative,

at Fort Monroe, Virginia on December 17, 1954 to Donald Dean Moore and Frances Moore while Dean was stationed there in the Army. He spent most of his younger years growing up in Fenton attending Fenton High School where he earned eight varsity letters as a three-sport athlete before graduating in 1973. He then went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Business from Michigan State University in 1977. His was an avid Michigan State University sports fan with season tickets to both basketball and football for many years. In his younger years, Pat loved to go snowmobiling up north, fishing and running. He competed in and completed the Detroit Marathon as well as several Crim races. In his latter years, his favorite pastime was going to the movie theater where he would pretty much watch

enjoyed putting with little projects, could fix pretty much anything and will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved him. Pat is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Julie (Amundsen) Moore; mother, Frances Moore of Linden; brother, Michael Moore of Grand Blanc; sister, Mary Moore of Linden; sister, Deanne Moore of Lansing; nephew, Derek Moore of Grand Blanc; and great nephews, Isaiah, Camron and Gabriel Moore. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Dean Moore. Cremation has taken place. There will be no service but there will be a Celebration of Life gathering for family and friends on April 30, 2022 from 12 - 5 PM at the Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park Main Clubhouse - 1515 W. Rolston Rd, Linden, MI 48451. You may also leave condolences for the family at dignitymemorial.com.

Agnes Dunning

Agnes Dunning - age 93, died December 22, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carol Jansen

Carol Jansen - age 77, died December 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charolette Bouchard

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Daniel Jesiek

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David Lewis Jr.

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Donelda Stoppert

Donelda Stoppert - age 90, died December 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Dorothy Gramer

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Douglas Cameron

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Earl Henry

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Esteban Carrasco

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Eula Dixon

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Frances Parsons

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George Baragwanath

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Javier Hernandez

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Jerry Tanner

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Kathryn Miller

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Larry English

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Thomas A. Mattson

1944 - 2021



Thomas A. Mattson - age 77, of the Villages, FL, and formerly Linden, passed peacefully on Monday, December 13 at his home with his loving wife, Jan by his side. Tom was born August 30, 1944 in Pontiac, and grew up in the Flint area. When he was 12, the family moved to a farm in Gaines, where he became responsible for chores before school and during summers. Living on the farm was hard work, but held many happy memories. Tom wanted a more challenging high school curriculum, so he transferred from Gaines to Southwestern High School in Flint and graduated in 1962. He was an athlete, playing baseball, football, and excelling in basketball. He played trumpet in band and was in a swing band that did paying jobs outside of school. After graduation he took classes at various universities before being hired at Fisher Body GM in Flint in data processing. He quickly became a computer programmer and retired from EDS as a systems analyst in 1999. Tom and Jan married in 1974 and moved to Linden in 1978, where they lived on Spring Meadows Golf

Course. They raised their three children there and were members of Spring Meadows Country Club from 1978 - 2005. Golf became a passion for Tom and was a factor in the decision to spend winters in a warm climate in retirement. They visited The Villages and built a house in 2002; Tom never spent another winter day in Michigan. After Jan retired, they moved again in 2006, where they continued as snowbirds until becoming full-time residents in 2015. In spite of a diagnosis of MS ten years ago, and no longer being able to golf, Tom still enjoyed life in The Villages. He was an avid reader and had an extensive collection of philosophical and scientific books, as well as the

classics. He was a member of Mensa who liked quiet time to reflect on important issues. He had a wealth of knowledge and never stopped learning. He was a man of great integrity who valued honesty and a strong work ethic. Tom was a compassionate man who loved his family deeply. His world upended with the death of his daughter, Erin in 1996; and his son, Kevin in 2018. His cremains will be interred with them at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia, at a private memorial this summer. He is also predeceased by his parents, Richard and Lillian Mattson; brother, Larry; sister, Jeanne; and in-laws, Ruth and David Epley. He leaves his beloved wife of 47 years, Jan; daughter, Pamela Larned; grandchildren, Jessica, Victoria, Zachary, Samantha, and Maxwell; brother, Richard and wife Peggy; special uncle and aunt, John and Kaye Stickney; dear in-laws, Anna Speck, Cindi and Doug Bingham, Laura and Ken Avis, and Dave and Karen Epley; many beloved nieces; nephews and cousins. Tom will be greatly missed and live in our hearts forever.

Linda Carlson

Linda Carlson - age 89, died December 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Marilyn Hyatt

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Melinda Husted

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Terry Lynn (Holtslander) Doll 1957 - 2021

Terry Lynn (Holtslander) Doll - age 64, of Fenton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. A celebration of her life will



passionate about. She was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her children, Nicholas Rodgers, Linsey (Lance) Osmond;

be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions in her memory to Adopt-A-Pet. Terry was born April 7, 1957 in Flint, the daughter of Frederick and Nettie (Covert) Holtslander. Terry was an amazing mother, wonderful grandmother and loved animals. The majority of her career was spent in real estate, which was

grand-children, Azelyn, Lucia, Lincoln, Larkin and Lennox; mother, Nettie Holtslander; brother, Rick (Sue) Holtslander; best friends, Rosie and Vickie. She was preceded in death by her father and her brother, Herbert Holtslander. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Terese Borck
Terese Borck - age 85, died December 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Terry Saylor
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Zella Hackett
Zella Hackett - age 82, died December 17, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert James Beadle 1959 – 2021

Robert James Beadle - age 62, of Swartz Creek, passed away Monday, December 20, 2021.



considered his co-workers like family. He loved golf and was a kind, funny, forgiving person. He was a loving father, grandfather and brother. Robert is survived

A memorial service will be held 12 PM Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of service. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the family (payable to Susan Grohman). Robert was born June 15, 1959 in Pontiac, the son of Russell Lloyd and Violet Ruth (Moore) Beadle. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a valued employee of Comau, where he

by his children, Aaron Jordan Beadle, Jacob Robert Beadle and Britney Elizabeth (Todd) Borkowski; grandchildren, Vincent and Maximus; siblings, Ruth (Bill) Colegrove, Mike (Penny) Beadle and Susan Grohman; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Russ Beadle, Peggy Allen and Terri Miskowski. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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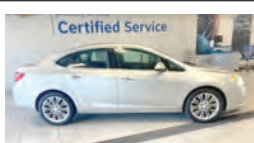


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