New clerk has election experience

Will serve remainder of term and run for reelection in August and November

By Sharon Stone

Tyrone Township has a new clerk.

Pamela Moughler began her

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duties as clerk March 16.

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees appointed her as the township's new clerk at its meeting March 1. The board voted 4-0 on the appointment. Trustee David Walker and former clerk, Marcella Husted, were absent.

The appointment was necessary

after the resignation of Husted. The board accepted Husted's resignation letter at its meeting Feb. 1. The board was then required to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Husted's term within 45 calendar days.

Moughler is subject to the Aug. 2 Primary Election and the Nov. 8

General Election.

During the meeting, Moughler told the board she had been an election inspector in the township since 2018. She said after working one election, Husted asked her to be chair of her precinct. She summarized some of the duties of See **CLERK** on 10



Pamela Moughler

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Fenton DDA, Chamber collaborate

DDA provides grants for Chamber's popular downtown events in 2022

By Sharon Stone

It looks like there will be plenty of activities and events taking place in downtown Fenton throughout the rest of 2022.

See DDA on 10

Lansing man critically injured

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Traffic on southbound U.S. 23 remained at a standstill through Fenton as shown in this photo taken from the Lahring Road bridge looking south at 6:29 p.m. on Saturday, March 26. See story on page 8. Photo: Sharon Stone

Holly man charged with multiple felonies

The barricaded gunman surrenders and police recover loaded AR-15, ammunition

By Sharon Stone

Joshua Robert Allgeyer, 39, of Holly, was arraigned in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on Tuesday, March 29. He was charged with two counts of felonious assault, three counts of possession of a firearm See **FELONIES** on 8

C Prayers for the

man who was struck on

the highway Saturday

afternoon. We saw the

Tri-County Times post

on Facebook and we saw all the traffic. Just

horrible."

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Listening to just political opinions will only misrepresent the facts and give a distorted view of reality."

City approves River Fest

Event celebrates Shiawassee River

By Hannah Ball

Linden—River Fest is set for Saturday, June 25 in downtown Linden.

Linden City Council approved the event application during the Monday, March 28 meeting.

Hosted by the Keepers of the Shiawassee, River Fest is a day full of activities to celebrate the Shiawassee River.

The application states that organizers expect to have music at the gazebo, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, raffles, river activities, games, a kids area and more. They are requesting to use the following areas: the Linden gazebo, the VFW/

See **RIVER FEST** on 10

C David Troppens,

have you seen cowboy curling? The video I saw was from Alberta, Canada. Fun stuff."





HONORING

The women of Linden: Part Two

This is the second article in a series interviewing the women community leaders of Linden

By Hannah Ball

Women hold less than one-third of seats in municipal governments nationwide, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. Approximately 31% of small business owners or franchise owners are women, according to Small Business Trends survey results.

However, this gender gap does not exist in all municipalities.

In Linden, the mayor, mayor pro-tem, and city manager are women. The vice chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is a woman and many of the local organizations that put on events and run fundraisers are run by women, including Happening In Linden and Linden Pay It Forward.

The Times interviewed a few of these women to celebrate Women's History Month.

Karen Stroud, co-owner of the Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest, also serves on the board of Grow Linden and the Downtown Development Authority. She's also involved with Ladies Night Out and the Farm To Table events.

Stroud highly enjoys being involved in the community and planning events with

other business owners.

"Grow Linden is a great way for business owners to network and get information on what's happening in town. Happening In Linden is really an amazing group that puts incredible events together that are great for businesses and the community," she said.

Stroud said the high number of women business owners in Linden is "amazing" and that she hasn't had any experiences in which she was treated differently as a business owner because she's a woman.

"As far as our business, it is my sister, my two nieces and two of my daughters. With my mom, there are three generations of women running the hotel. Keri Burns from Serendipity was telling me about a group of women business owners that she is involved with. I would love to start something like that in Linden," she said.

Denise Marks, founder and president of Linden Pay It Forward, was inspired to create the organization in 2018 after she heard a story about two Linden teenage boys who offered to pay the difference of an elderly couple's lunch bill because they were short of money. Nicki Wildeman's son, Gavin, was one of the teen boys. She is now vice-president of Linden Pay It Forward, a 501c3 charitable organization. Marks applauds the women community leaders and business owners in the city.

"It has created a network of women within our city that seek to work together as a team when faced with opposition, projects and challenges. There is a sharing of leadership skills and exchange of information that empowers us to succeed," she said.

Women do bring something different to leadership roles compared to men. Marks said women have an inherent ability to think and operate in multiple directions simultaneously.

"Moms with several kids in sports is a great example of how women multi-task. Women instinctively have a high level of the empathy-gene, which lends itself to perceiving the human side in their leadership roles. Communication styles can differ. Men are often task driven; women seek to converse and listen," she said.

To celebrate Women's History Month, Linden Pay It Forward partnered with the Beauty for Ashes Organization to sponsor tables at their Genesee County "End the Silence" fundraiser. Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson emceed the event, which raised awareness about human sex trafficking and educating the community in identifying signs of sexual abuse.



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Sharon Stone

Sharin' the spotlight

Thankful for our local first responders

By Editor Sharon Stone

t's been a rough and stressful week for our family. My mom, who will be 92 in May, had a health scare last week and I had to make the dreaded 911 call to get medical attention for her. I calmly explained to the 911 dispatcher what was happening and she said an ambulance would be on the way.

As I tended to my mom, my husband arrived with loving support for both of us. I was frightened and I know my mom was frightened. With her living in Fenton Township, I soon saw a Genesee County Sheriff's car pull up in front of her home. Dep. Gaticka wanted to make sure the ambulance and Fenton Township Fire Department had the right home. Within minutes, I saw the fire chief, Ryan Volz, walk up to the front door. I've know Ryan for years since the Times covers Fenton Township but Ryan had no idea that the 911 call was for my mom. Right behind Ryan was firefighter/EMT Theresa Hajec. Seeing those reassuring faces meant a lot to us. It must have been a busy medical day in the Fenton area because a MMR ambulance that had been at McLaren Flint rushed to this call. Despite coming from Flint, I was surprised with how quickly they arrived. Everyone was

great with my mom as they loaded her into the ambulance en route to Ascension Genesys. I followed by car. I was apprehensive about going to Genesys since when I took her there last Dec. 9, we ended up with a 12-hour wait in the waiting room. After a few more hours of talking with doctors, they sent her

home. This time, things went much more smoothly. It might have been because she arrived by ambulance. She was seen by a doctor and as soon as room opened in the observation wing, they moved her there for more, well, observation. They prescribed some rehab for her and I was able to drive her to Symphony Linden. She had been there once before after hip surgery and she was familiar with the place. It was such a relief that everyone working there is so friendly, especially since everyone who is sent there doesn't feel good. Mom is recuperating nicely and will be going home soon.

I'd really like to thank the Fenton Township Fire Department, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and MMR ambulance workers for their quick response and reassuring behavior during a scary time.

Our work is not done with the rehab See **THANKFUL** on 10



– Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter —— Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers –

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IT'S TRUE THAT the U.S. is not a direct-democracy. We're actually a democratic republic. Citizens have a right to participate in voting. The elected are then bound by their oath to the constitution. 'Democracy,' is often used as a shorthand for democratic-republic or representational-republic.

I WOULD LIKE to express my appreciation to the person who decided my mailbox needed to be made more secure. I planned to do it when the weather was a little nicer. If it hadn't been around 1 o'clock in the morning I may have been able to say thank you personally.

LIKE IT OR not, with one slap, Will Smith guaranteed a huge boost to next year's Oscars ratings.

HEY FENTON DRIVERS, look before backing up.

What was your favorite sport to play as a kid? I street talk



"Swimming. I was on the Lansing Eastern High School swim team from 1998 to 1992."



"Was best at baseball but loved football more. The hits I took but more so the hits I gave."



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Hearsay is defined as a statement, other than the one made by the declarant while testifying at the trial or hearing, offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted.

An example of hearsay is John telling Ann that he saw Bill shoot Sue. Ann's testimony about what she was told by John is hearsay and inadmissible as John can't be cross examined. In this example, Ann is the witness and John is the declarant.

Hearsay can be an oral or written statement or a gesture.

The rationale for prohibiting hearsay is that it is untrustworthy as being a statement not under oath, not subject to cross examination, and the judge or jury can't see or determine inaccuracies caused by ambiguity, insincerity, faulty perception or erroneous memory.

However, there are exceptions to the Hearsay Rule, which allow certain hearsay to be admitted when the law has determined the specific type of statement to be sufficiently reliable.

Under both the federal and Michigan Hearsay Rule, there are more than 30 such exceptions.

I can't list them all here but the following are representative examples:

• Excited utterance. A statement caused by a startling event while the declarant was still under the stress of it such as "I've been shot."

• A statement made under belief of impeding death to show the circumstances of the declarant's death. "Joe just shot me."

• Present sense impression. This describes an event while the declarant was perceiving it or immediately thereafter. "The car was speeding."

• A statement against interest. This is a statement exposing the declarant to civil or criminal liability. "I don't declare all my income on my tax returns."

Time and time again, use of the Hearsay Rule has proven to be an invaluable way of ensuring fair trials and justice for all in the crucible of the courtroom.

For those interested, the Hearsay Rule is readily available online.



(From far left) The 2020 Fenton Farmers Market required safety and social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Summer Concert Series will be back this summer in downtown Fenton near the gazebo. The 2021 Fenton Street Experience drew people of all ages to downtown Fenton for an assortment of activities. LeRoy Street was closed to traffic between 5 and 8 p.m. The 2019 Back to the Bricks "Tune-Up" Party in downtown Fenton attracted thousands of classic car enthusiasts. Times file photos

Numerous family events this spring and summer

 Grants approved for Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation events in downtown Fenton

By Sharon Stone

In addition to the big annual events run by the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), such as the Fenton Freedom Festival, Jinglefest and Taste in Fenton, Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) also is set with some of its own exciting events.

The DDA board approved several grant applications at its meeting March 22 to help with costs of the SLPR activities for this year.

The Fenton DDA has worked with SLPR over the years as an event sponsor for such activities as ArtWalk, Back to the Brick's Tune-Up Party, Summer Concert Series, Farmers Market and the Fenton Street Experience.

Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA executive director, outlined this year's activities and costs.

Farmers Market is a series of 18 events on Thursdays from May 19 through Sept. 15. SLPR requested a 2022 grant of \$10,682. In 2021, SLPR spent approximately \$17,552 to run the farmers market.

Back to the Bricks "Tune-Up" Party is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 11. This could change. SLPR requested a grant for \$10,841. In 2019 (pre-pandemic), SLPR spent approximately \$9,955 to run the event.

The **Summer Concert Series** is scheduled for Thursday evenings from June through August. SLPR requested a grant of \$40,784. In 2019 (pre-pandemic), SLPR spent approximately \$34,188 in grant money to help run the concert series. Hart said they are trending for additional cost to run this year's events but he said the scope and quality has improved commensurately. The series will have three additional bands for three enhanced Thursday evenings in June, July and August.

ArtNightsisscheduledforThursday, June 9 and Thursday, July 14. SLPR requested a grant of \$6,701. Hart said this event is essentially new, but is providing a stop-gap replacement for one year until they are able to revitalize the ArtWalk event downtown, due to the pandemic. He said they are looking at having ArtWalk in July 2023.

Family Nights is a series of events scheduled for Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m., on June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11. SLPR requested a grant of \$9,700 to run the series. Due to the pandemic and creation of the popular Fenton Street Experience, this new hybrid series will offer outdoor activities for the public, especially families, including support for the downtown businesses — all without closing any streets.

Last summer, several road projects by the Genesee County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation caused a significant amount of traffic through Fenton. Hart said pre-commitments and contracts for some activities last year required the city to shut down the downtown area for the Street Experience.

Knowing that Main Street/Grange Hall Road from LeRoy Street to the city's border to the east with Holly will have closures due to road reconstruction this spring and summer, Hart said the city could not justify

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closing the downtown every Thursday this summer.

Hart said the majority of feedback the city received regarding the Thursday evening road closures last year was positive. However, some residents did complain. He said this year, the city has already received some complaints from residents and businesses who liked the idea of closing the downtown area every Thursday.



DOWNTOWN HOLLY

Site plan approved for landscaping yard

Fenton Planning Commission also approves special land use request for **Picasso Landscaping**

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Planning Commission approved the site plan and special land use request for Picasso Landscaping during the Thursday, March 24 meeting.

Picasso Landscaping owner Brian Dennis sought approval to build a public facing landscaping supply yard with a concrete mixer at 400 Meadowridge Drive near Fenway Drive. Due to the technicalities of the zoning ordinance, the city required him

to apply for a recycling use permit in order to operate a small scale mobile concrete crushing machine. It would have only been used periodically, Dennis said in a previous story. However, due to public confusion, he removed these plans for a crushing machine and recycling machine.

The site plan was approved as well as the special land use to allow the landscaping supply yard, said Justin Sprague, vice president of CIB Planning, Fenton's planning consultant. The planning commission denied a special land use request for the concrete batch plant. Dennis withdrew his application for concrete crushing and wood mulching.

Lansing man critically injured

Struck by minivan while retrieving couch from lane on U.S. 23 in Fenton

By Sharon Stone

A 20-year-old Lansing man is hospitalized in critical condition following a crash that happened on southbound U.S. 23 in Fenton on Saturday, March 26.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said police were alerted to a road hazard at 2:46 p.m. A small couch had slid out of the back of a pickup truck and was in the roadway. While police were en route, calls starting coming in that a pedestrian had been struck by a at North Road in Fenton. Traffic backed vehicle while he was trying to retrieve up for several miles for at least four hours the couch from a lane of a highway. His

pickup truck was parked on the shoulder.

A burgundy Toyota minivan, driven by a woman in her 70s, struck the man. Cross said there were no signs of distracted driving, however, at the location of the crash, there is a slight hill and curve that could have been a factor. She was not injured.

Michigan State Police crash reconstruction investigators were requested to the scene.

Traffic slowed to a standstill as southbound U.S. 23 was closed and vehicles were rerouted off the highway while MSP conducted its investigation.

and remained at a window observing the

Holly officers requested assistance

from the Oakland County

Sheriff's Office Swat Team,

who arrived and began audible

FELONIES

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in commission of a felony, one count each of carrying a concealed weapon, felon in possession of a firearm and felon in possession of ammunition. He is in the Oakland County Jail on 10% of an \$80,000 bond.

The charges stem from an incident that began Saturday, March 26 at 11:05 p.m. and ended at 2:41 a.m. on Sunday, March 27.



Holly police officers were dispatched to the Holly Inn, at 902 N. Saginaw Street late Saturday night for a report of a male

outside the bar standing at a window pointing an AR-15 style rifle at patrons inside the bar and creating panic. Officers were advised it may involve a female inside the bar.

Officers arrived on scene and determined that a taxi service employee provided by the bar had earlier driven the suspect to his home on Clarence Street

in Holly. It was determined that the driver was unaware of the incident, arrived to see the man who is an acquaintance, upset in the parking lot and offered to drive him home. The taxi driver was alarmed when the man entered the vehicle with a rifle and notified police as soon as he had dropped him off at his home near the bar. No shots were fired at the bar and no one at the bar was injured.

Holly officers were provided the identity of the man by several patrons who are familiar with him. Holly officers arrived at the suspect's home and observed him inside looking out a window, accompanied by an unknown older female. Officers on scene requested assistance from the Michigan State Police, with three troopers responding who assisted in securing the perimeter of the home. Officers made numerous attempts to convince the man to exit the home via loudspeaker but the man refused



Joshua Robert Allgever

occupant called the OCSO dispatch center and stated they would exit the home. At 2:41 a.m., the suspect exited the home without a firearm and surrendered without incident. Holly

police officers took custody of Allgever and executed a search warrant at his home.

Officers recovered a loaded AR-15 pistol with five loaded 30-round magazines and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition near the area the suspect was observing police.

The female family member at the home was not involved. She was questioned and released. Allgeyer was transported to the Oakland County Jail and lodged pending the issuance of charges by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

Allgeyer was previously convicted of armed robbery and home invasion in 2004 in Wayne County. He was released from parole oversight in December 2020. Allgever's next scheduled Court appearance is April 11, for a probable cause conference before 52-2 District Court Judge Joseph Fabrizio.

communication attempts with the home's occupants. After several attempts, deputies were notified that the female

officers.



New Owner of The Flint Home & Garden Expo Has Big Plans In The Future For The Event

Tim Look, the new owner of The Flint Home & Garden Expo said he has a vision for what he sees as a premier event for the area. have an opportunity to paint a masterpiece so first phone call I made t past exhibitor was my fill brushstroke and I've be

"This has always been a good event in the past for both exhibitor and consumer, but I have plans to take it to the next level. It needs a shot in the arm and that's the very reason why I purchased it."

This year's event will be a starting point for Look and will set the stage for plans he has for future events. "It takes at least nine months to really put out a quality product, and with the absence of the show for two years and three months to prepare, I literally hit the ground running doing all the necessary things just to get the show ready for this year. I didn't think it was a good idea to wait another year, so I immediately hit the pavement and started working the phones."

The Dort Financial Event Center supplied Look with information and contacts from previous shows and secured dates on their calendar of events for the next three years.

"Having a place like The Dort Financial Center to partner with is a crucial component for the success of the event and they're really good people to work with," said Look. "I've become an event planner and promoter overnight which is a little intimidating and exciting at the same time but I see this venture as a blank canvas and I paint a masterpiece so the first phone call I made to a past exhibitor was my first brushstroke and I've been adding different colors and shades with new exhibitors since. I'm far from finished but in time I'll have a great work of art to present to the consumer."

Two of this year's exhibitors that have made a big difference are Lockhart Roofing, who are the presenting sponsor of the expo, and Fick's Landscape Supply.

"Having a business that has deep roots in the area like Lockhart Roofing and someone like John Fick on board really adds to the overall success of the event," said Look.

Attendees to the expo can expect to see exhibitors ranging from home improvement to landscaping and gardening. A new addition to the event is a live cooking demonstration put on by a local chef.

"This is the direction that I'm taking the show, a mix of exhibitions and interactive demonstrations," said Look. "I want people to walk away more educated and involved with new ideas and inspiration about their home improvement projects."

The date for this year's event is April 2-3 and it's being held at The Dort Financial Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Rd., Flint. The cost of admission is \$5, and the parking is free. FLINT HOME & GARDEN EXPO VENDORS

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Flint Home & Garden Expo coming April 2-3

After a two-year pause due to the pandemic, The Flint Home & Garden Expo is excited to be back in full swing with all it has to offer.

The new owner, Tim Look, is bringing new energy and ideas to build and improve on a longtime event that both business and consumer benefit from.

"I'm looking forward to meeting and working with businesses throughout mid-Michigan in an organized event all under one roof," said Look. "I'm never tired of seeing customers benefiting from the goods and services that businesses in our area provide. Mid-Michigan has some of the best businesses both new and old in the state."

This year consumers can expect to see new products and services area businesses have added and will be able to speak face-to-face about them.

Some of the categories in this year's event include: Landscaping, Roofing, Lawncare, Painting, Solar Energy, Heating & Cooling, Home Design, Furniture, Flooring, Financing, Windows, Patio Enclosures and more. Look, owner of Frozen in Time Estate Sales, has purchased the rights to the show (formerly known as the Spring Home and Garden Show) and will bring it back after a two-year hiatus as the Flint Home and Garden Expo.

He said the show comes to him with a good foundation, which he said he hopes to build upon and improve.

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Tim Look Flint Home & Garden Expo owner





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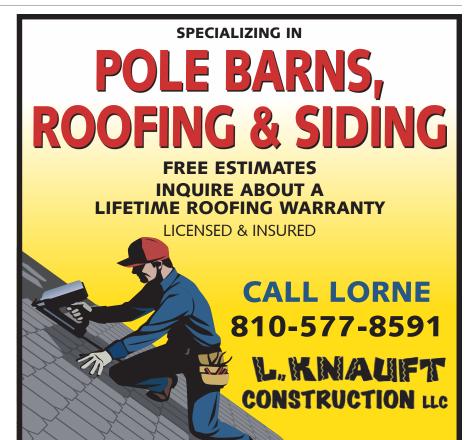
"I'm looking forward to meeting and working with businesses throughout mid-Michigan in an organized event all under one roof," Look said. "I'm never tired of seeing customers benefiting from the goods and services that businesses in our area provide. Mid-Michigan has some of the best businesses both new and old in the state."

This year, consumers can expect to see new products and services area businesses have added and will be able to speak face-to-face about them.

Some of the categories in this year's event include: landscaping, roofing, lawn care, painting, solar energy, heating and cooling, home design, furniture, flooring, financing, windows, patio enclosures and more.

Look, owner of Frozen in Time Estate Sales, has purchased the rights to the show (formerly known as the Spring Home and Garden Show) and will bring it back after a two-year hiatus as the Flint Home and Garden Expo. He said the show comes to him with a good foundation, which he said he hopes to build upon and improve.

The date for this year's event is April 2-3 and it's being held at The Dort Financial Center, 3501 Lapeer Rd., Flint. The cost of admission is \$5, and the parking is free.



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city parking lot, the Linden Library parking lot as well as close sections of adjacent streets.

"The Keepers are pleased to return to the City of Linden. We are looking forward to another year of celebrating the Shiawassee river. We hope that everyone comes out to support our local craft vendors, enjoy the Kayak enthusiasts converged for the popular flotilla, which was held during the 2021 River Fest in Linden. Photo: Olympus Digital Camera

music and fun activities," said Brad Jacob, chairperson of the Keepers.

"We are excited to host them in our community and look forward to the event," said City Manager Ellen Glass.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "We love having this in the city of Linden. Everyone always seems to have a good time. It's a good way for us to showcase the Shiawassee River and all that it does for our community."

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being an election inspector and a chair at the precinct.

Trustee Kurt Schulze asked Moughler how she could assure their voters regarding integrity of elections following concerns of election integrity in the November 2020 election. She said several residents approached her or were sent to her on election day after they expressed concerns. She said once she explained the whole voting process ,those residents she spoke with had no more concerns.

Cunningham told the board that none of the other applicants had election experience, which is a substantial part of being a township clerk.

Moughler has lived in the township for 25 years. She and her husband, Lloyd, have five adult children, Austin, Samual, Quinten, Madelynn and Kimberly. She has a bachelor of science degree and has formerly worked in the social services field.

"I am excited to use my new position as township clerk as an opportunity to develop meaningful relationships within our community and engage in conversations that build trust and confidence in our government," Moughler said. "I am eager to use my role to offer clarity on matters that begin on the local level.

"Specifically, elections are a significant component of the township clerk's responsibilities. My past election experience as a chairperson is directly transferable to the clerk's duty of administering elections. I am fully committed to transparency in the many obligations of the role, and I am dedicated to ensuring the security and integrity of our election process in accordance with Michigan Election Law."

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for my mom, but it's nice knowing we live in such a great area for service. I wrote about our trip to Miami in my last column and even though it was challenging traveling with someone who doesn't get around as well as they used to, I am so grateful that we took the opportunity to soak up some Florida sunshine with our family.



(Left) A girl on a back of a truck blows bubbles for the crowd at the 2019 Fenton Freedom Festival parade. (Middle)The grassy park along the Shiawassee River behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center is a popular location for fair-weather festivals, such as the 2019 Taste in Fenton. (Right)The 2021 Fenton Jinglefest celebration attracted thousands of people to downtown Fenton. From a tree lighting ceremony to fireworks, a festive 5K and ice sculptures, the event helped people get into the holiday spirit. Times file photos

DDA

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At its meeting March 22, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors discussed and approved event applications submitted by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. The DDA and chamber have worked together over the years as an event sponsor for such activities as the Fenton Freedom Festival on the Fourth of July, Taste in Fenton and Jinglefest.

Mike Hart, assistant city manager and DDA executive director, told the board that the chamber has done good work in running these events.

Fenton Freedom Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4. In 2021, the chamber utilized a \$7,000 grant award to run the event and Hart doesn't expect any cost change. The DDA approved a \$7,000 grant application by the chamber for running the 2022 Fenton Freedom Festival. This event will take place at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and Silver Lake Park.

The Fenton Freedom Festival, which typically attracts at least 10,000 people, will once again feature a pancake breakfast, parade, rubber ducky regatta, food booths, children's games, craft show and fireworks.

The \$7,000 grant from the DDA will be used to help cover costs of flyers, posters, advertising and the fireworks. Overall, it costs nearly \$21,000 to put on the Fenton Freedom Festival.

Taste in Fenton is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17. The requested 2022 grant amount for running the event is \$5,000. Hart expects costs to remain the same. The DDA approved the \$5,000 grant application for the chamber to run this year's Taste in Fenton.

This event will take place on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and throughout the city of Fenton. Taste in Fenton gives area restaurants the opportunity to share their cuisine. It also provides an atmosphere with entertainment and live music as well as a chance to showcase the downtown and park area of the river.

According to the chamber's records, prior to COVID, Taste in Fenton profited \$20,000 to \$25,000, however, the success of this event is largely dependent on the weather. In 2021, the event ended with a net income of \$17,340. Taste in Fenton helps fund the opportunity for the chamber to provide all of the community events and programs throughout the years as well as maintain upkeep to its building and property.

Jinglefest is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3. The requested grant amount for running the event is \$5,000. The DDA approved the \$5,000 grant application by the chamber.

Jinglefest, which kicks off the holiday season, includes use of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and the Fenton United Methodist Church. It encourages people to shop locally. It features the Jingle Jog, parade and fireworks, all in the downtown area. The parade alone attracts between 3,000 and 5,000 people.

This festival promotes community awareness for the downtown, encourages shopping locally and it reminds people to shop where they live, work and play.

Fenton squads still make up a nice portion of our top team lists

By David Troppens

Fenton is always a power when we make our Tri-County top teams lists.

We mentioned that last edition and this week everyone will witness how they remained a strong power this winter. Two of the three teams involve Fenton. Today's teams also will be the one to include the squad that finished the highest in the poll without winning a league title or a divi-

sion title within the Metro League. That's enough of a teaser. Let's get to the list.

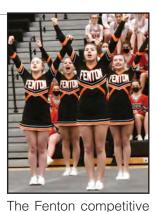
No. 5 - Fenton/Linden hockey: This is another team that is sometimes tough to rank because it's tough to decide how tough the team's schedule is. However, no matter how you look at it, this team was pretty solid this season.

The Griffins enjoyed a 17-8-0 season, earning a share of the Mid-Michigan Hockey Con-

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ference championship with the FNV Griffins. Both teams finished with 7-1-0 marks with the Fenton/Linden squad losing the first 8-5, but then rebounding to win the second contest 6-1. This was a squad that could score goals, scoring 125 goals, for an average of five a game. The defense allowed only 67 goals.

But exactly how good were the Griffins See TOP 10 on 12



Joe Sparma started the 1968 Detroit Tigers' season hot.

Tigers start a win streak after opener in 1968

By David Troppens

As mentioned in a previous article, Detroit Tigers' fans were optimistic about the 1968 season, and that was reflected in advanced ticket sales that were apparently 20 percent higher than in 1967.

After two games, the Tigers were 1-1 and had an off-day on April 12, waiting for the arrival of the Chicago White Sox to • shots, Spencer remained patient Tiger Stadium.

tied at 1-1 until the Tigers . classing his 37-year-old oppofourth when leadoff hitter • Mickey Stanley, still playing first base, hit a two-run seriously in danger of being two-out double with the bases • knocked out, but Spencer's loaded, giving Detroit a 3-1 lead. Stanley, who was play- throughout the fight. ing some first base due to a hot Smith for his decision.

to cut into that gap in the top of • "It's an exciting time for sure. See TIGERS on 12 • I can't wait to get my opportu-

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cheer team finished No. 5 on our Tri-County Winter Top 10 list. **Photo: Christopher Summers**

Spencer earns victory in 15th professional fight

By David Troppens

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In his 15th professional fight, Linden's Joey Spencer won what can be termed a "professional boxing victory" when he defeated Ravshan Hudaynazarov Saturday at the Armory in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Spencer (15-0 with 10 knockout wins) looked impressive in the opening round of the bout, and did enough the rest of the other seven rounds to earn an easy unanimous decision victory. Two of the judges saw the fight as Spencer winning all eight rounds while the final saw Spencer winning seven of eight rounds.

Mixing in his jab with some left hooks and some crisp body and showed veteran guile be-The April 13 contest was vond his 22-year old age, outnent.

> Neither fighter never seemed greater power was evident

This bout is expected to be bat in spring training, rewarded • the last eight-round fight for Spencer. He's hoping to compete Chicago had a great chance in a 10-round fight his next date.

nity (to begin 10-round matches)," Spencer said a week prior to the fight. "We are knocking on the door to bigger things."

Hudaynazarov was an experienced fighter, competing in 23 professional fights prior to his fight with Spencer. He held a 19-4 record and began boxing professionally in 2008. Hudaynazarov won his first 17 professional fights, but then lost four straight to Ronald Cruz (12-1), John Vera (18-1) and Santiago Dominquez (19-0 at the time but now 25-0 with 19 knockouts today) and Cameron Krael (17-15-3). In the last year he has rebounded with two straight victories against Eduardo Ayala (6-1-1) and Sergio Sarabia (5-0) in six-round and four-round scheduled fights, respectively. Spencer was the fifth professional boxer Hudaynazarov has fought with an undefeated record entering his bout with that opponent, and the third in the last five fights. Among his 19 victories, he's earned knock outs in 14. Among his four losses, he's been knocked out twice — the most recent coming in the second round against Avala on April 9, 2021. The other was by Cruz on Feb. 10, 2018 in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-



Joey Spencer prays in his corner for a moment during a recent fight. Spencer competed in his 15th professional fight on Saturday, earning an easy unamimous decision victory.

round fight. Hudaynazarov is from Uzbekistan.

This bout was Spencer's fourth scheduled eight-round fight, but only one has actually gone the full eight rounds. That was a unanimous decision victory against James Martin (7-2) on July 31, 2021. In his other eight-round fights, he made

quick work of Isaiah Seldon with a first-round knock out on Jan. 30, 2021. And during his most recent fight on Christmas 2021, he knocked out Limbert Ponce (18-4) in the fifth round.

This was the third time that Spencer boxed professionally at the Armory. His second See SPENCER on 12

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the fifth, and did cut it to 3-2 on a Pete Ward one-out RBI-single against Tigers' starter Joe Sparma. The White Sox still had runners on first and second with just one out when reliever Daryl Patterson came in and coaxed a double play grounder from Pete Ward to sure-handed Tigers' shortstop Ray Oyler. Detroit led 3-2.

The Tigers blew the game open in the bottom of the fifth with two unexpected batters providing RBIs in an unexpected way. With the bases loaded, Oyler and Patterson earned RBI-walks, giving Detroit a 4-2 lead. The second coming against reliever Don McMahon, who would be a Tiger by season's end.

Patterson would toss 4 1/3 innings of shutout relief and Fred Lasher got the final out as Detroit earned the 5-2 victory.

Detroit would complete the two-game series with an extra-inning thriller, earning a 5-4 victory in 10 innings. This victory would end up being the Tigers' second of three earned during the game's final plate appearance.

The Tigers scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI-single by Bill Freehan, a two-run double by Don Wert three-game series with the Cleveland Indians.

and a sacrifice fly by Oyler. The Tigers led at that time 4-2. However, Mickey Lolich, making his pitching debut, allowed a two-run home run in the top of the fifth, resulting in a 4-4 deadlock. The deadlock was busted in the bottom of the 10th when Dick McAuliffe and Al Kaline opened the inning with singles. Willie Horton was intentionally walked to load the bases, giving Freehan another chance to produce. He did, hitting a gameending RBI-single. The Tigers were 3-1, just a game behind the Minnesota Twins (the team many expected to with the AL pennant outside of Michigan) and playing exciting ball.

The Tigers left to Boston where Detroit watched the Red Sox raise their AL pennant flag from the 1967 season. Detroit made sure the celebration was short as the Tigers scored eight runs in the top of the fourth, earning a 9-2 victory. Earl Wilson and Wert had two-run singles while Willie Horton hit an RBI-double. Jim Northrup walked in a run with the bases loaded, and Oyler kept producing runs with a two-run single of his own. Wilson tossed a four-hitter.

Detroit returned to Tiger Stadium for a



The Tigers enjoyed their third victory during the game's final at bat scenario in this game as well. Cleveland's Sam McDowell and Detroit's Denny McLain were in the midst of a pitchers' duel, and when McLain left the game after the seventh, the Tigers trailed 2-1. But in what became their trademark, the Tigers battled back. In the bottom of the ninth reserve catcher Jim Price hit an RBIsingle, plating Detroit's starting catcher Freehan. The game was headed to extrainnings.

Cleveland scored a run against the Tigers' reliever Fred Lasher when Jose Cardenal hit an RBI-single. Cleveland led 3-2 entering the bottom of the 10th.

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throughout the state? They were pretty good but probably not a top-10 team. In tourney play, the Griffins defeated Davison 2-0 and then defeated Lakeland 3-2 in the regional semifinal. Their reward was a regional title game against Hartland, who won the contest 7-0. However, the Eagles also won the D2 state title.

No. 4 - Fenton competitive cheer: It wasn't too long ago when the Tigers weren't ever on the radar of these lists. However, the Tigers are now two-time Flint Metro League champions.

This season's title didn't come easy. However, it was a title nevertheless. Fenton opened the league season in a little trouble, finishing third at the first Metro jamboree. However, the Tigers made a nice jump in the second league event, taking first. Fenton placed second at the final meet, solidifying their league championship season.

When the postseason began, the Tigers also enjoyed another championship, winning a district title. That earned the Tigers a spot in regionals. However, the Tigers finished 10th.

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professional fight of his career against Ousmane Sylla was at the venue on April 13, 2018, and it was Spencer's

first televised fight. He won by knockout in just 55 seconds. He also fought there a year later on April 12, 2019 when he faced Osias Vasquez, earn-

ing a six-round unanimous decision in

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Al Kaline hit a home run in his 2,000th game with The Detroit Tigers.

No. 3 - Lake Fenton wrestling: It seems the tri-county wrestling teams cycle around to a point where every team has their moment as the area's top team. This season, our top wrestling squad was Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils won 31 out of 34 duals. Lake Fenton cruised right through the FML opponents, with one exception --eventual Division 2 team state runnerup Goodrich. The Martians kept the Blue Devils from a couple of things. First off, they weren't able to capture an FML Stars Division title because of the Martians. However, the Blue Devils finished in second place, and didn't have any true competition for that spot.

They placed second 62.5 points ahead of third-place Corunna at the league meet. The Blue Devils then went to the postseason and enjoyed team success. In what was basically a tri-county district, the Blue Devils defeated Linden 51-30 and then defeated Holly 60-21, earning a district crown. At the regional team meet, the Blue Devils continued their winning trend by defeating St. Johns 51-27. However, in the regional title match, they lost to Goodrich once again, 50-15.

that bout. Spencer's previous two bouts were at Newark, New Jersey's Prudential Center.

"I love fighting at the Armory. It's the best place to fight," Spencer said. "It's a great time. The place is so closely compact so it holds a lot of fans together. It's a really cool place to fight. I just enjoy going back."

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FENTON OAKWOOD CEMETERY

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> Oakwood Cemetery Board City of Fenton

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY BIDEN APOLOGIST, you don't aet to rewrite history. Biden did not unite NATO, he fractured it. Biden's unilateral, unannounced withdrawal from Afghanistan betrayed our allies. Seeing the public animosity amongst NATO, Putin recognized his opportunity to attack. Putin united NATO, not Biden. receiving a cent?

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SURE, IDA MAY Fuller received a disproportional benefit of Social Security. Do you realize how many have paid in and died before

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Obituaries

Gregory Allen Thomas 1955 – 2022



Gregory Allen Thomas – age 66 of Fenton. Greg was the son of Julian and Lorraine Thomas. He lived in his hometown Fenton for most of his life. Greg worked with his family for Thomas Toys of Fenton and made all the tires for many toys. Greg had a quick sense of humor and was always ready with a quick and witty remark to make everyone laugh in most conversations. He is survived by his son, Jeremy Whitcome of Burton; father, Julian Thomas of Fenton; sister, Julieann Roberson of Clarkston; brother,

William Thomas of Vanderbilt. Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Lorraine Thomas; brother, Dwight Thomas; brother, Brian Thomas; brother, Loren. "May your playful soul shine on."



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Sally J. Carrier - age 78. of Linden died Saturday, March 26. 2022. Memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, March 31 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Interment in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Flint. Visitation will be from 10 - 11 AM Thursday March 31 at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Humane Society of Genesee County or the Alzheimer's Association. Sally was born August 27, 1943 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Ivan and Lenora (Fairchild) Beasinger. Sally married Carl K. Carrier on December 1, 1962; he preceded her in death March 3, 2012. She was a member of St. John

Sally J. Carrier 1943 – 2022



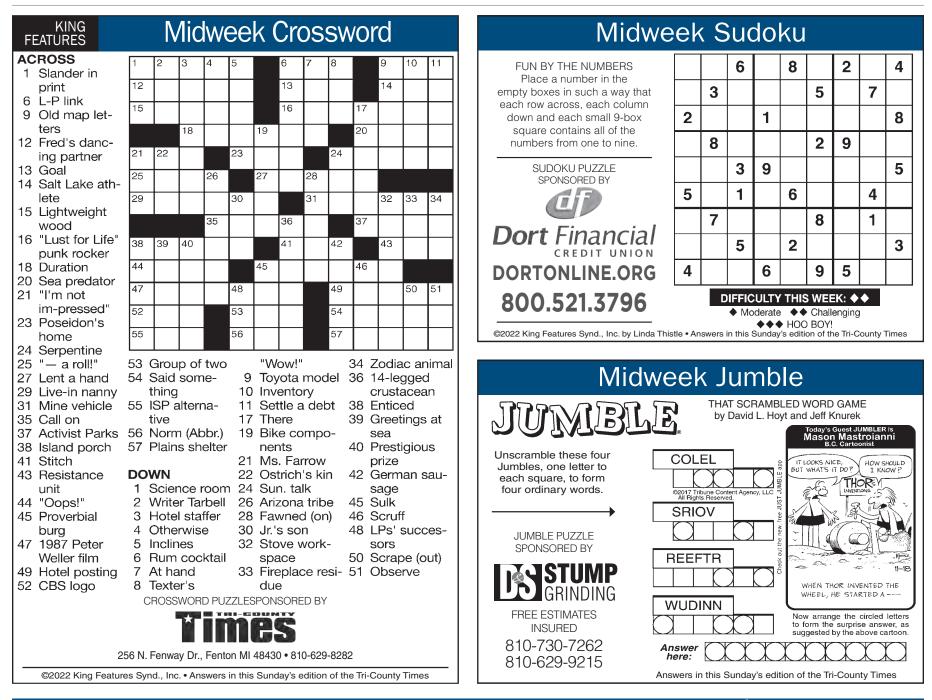
Matthew (Penny) Carrier of Caro, Joseph (Anne) Carrier of Saginaw; sixteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Darlene (Rodney) Duncan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Keith; grandson, Cody Buckley; and brother, Ivan Beasinger. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



the Evangelist Catholic Church. Sally had a big heart, infectious laugh and beautiful smile. She made everyone feel welcome. Her grandkids were her biggest love and she was very good at spoiling them. Surviving are four children, Pamela (Joel) Buckley of CT, Jennifer (Kyle) Hottinger of Linden, Matthew (Penny) Carrier of Caro, Joseph

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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Heavy or sensitive issues could weigh on you, Aries. However, things are likely better than you think, so find a silver lining or someone with whom you can share your struggles.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Don't underestimate the power of positivity, Taurus. You can evoke more change than you may expect if you channel all of your confidence. Others will feed off your energy.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 A mysterious energy is affecting your decisions, Gemini. Don't be scared or suspicious. Just go with the flow for a little while and things will sort themselves out.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, you will never be short on ideas, but you may need to figure out what is worthy of your energy. You can't focus your attention on a million projects without help.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Get yourself noticed for all the right reasons, Leo. Try your best in the workplace to have higher-ups see what you're made of this week and next. A promotion could be near.

Horoscopes

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 Apply a reality check to assess which projects you should keep going and what ones are better left to the side. It just may free up a lot of extra time, Virgo.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Start looking at which desires An adrenaline boost comes or needs you have been ignoring, Libra. It might be time to reassess what you hold dear and rearrange your

One-on-one interactions may have been a little rare lately, Scorpio. You should find the time to spend with a close friend or even a romantic partner. Make a plan today.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21 your way this week, Sagittarius. You can plow through that to-do list that has been waiting for you for some time.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Your comfort zone gets a shake-up this week, Capricorn. Even if things may be a little awkward, it doesn't necessarily make them bad. Explore any possibility that comes your way.

For the week of March 28, 2022

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 The stars are affecting your creativity and skills of perception. With these senses amplified, you may find solutions to problems that have evaded you.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Love is on the brain, Pisces. You will have plenty of opportunities to spend time together over the course of the next few days.

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Oct 24/Nov 22

