

City recognizes 2022 grand marshal

■ Linda Hathaway chosen due to her work with numerous organizations

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Linda Hathaway normally experiences the Fenton Freedom Festival parade from the sidelines as a spectator

and organizer.

This year, she rode in a float as the 2022 Fenton Freedom Festival grand marshal. Hathaway was honored at the Grand Marshal Reception on Wednesday, June 29 at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. The reception is put on by the Fenton High School Alumni Association.

Hathaway is the owner of Brad Hoffman Insurance and has engaged in the Fenton community through numerous organizations for many years. The Fenton Freedom Festival committee chooses the grand marshal.

Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem and chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival

committee, said the choice this year was unanimous.

“A lot of her time has been spent behind the scenes doing work on behalf of those in need, those that are troubled and need assistance. She has stepped up to the table on that in so, so many ways,” Lockwood

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Ten Blue Devil seniors headed to college programs

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Argentinian-born artist creates latest mural in Fenton

■ ‘The Cow’ welcomes visitors to N. LeRoy business

By Sharon Stone

A big blank wall — another mural. Argentina native Simo Vibart, 32, just finished his second eye-catching mural in Fenton. The artist took inspiration from his Argentinian roots and what the business is when he designed a very large cow for the side of the Fenton Meat Market on N. LeRoy Street in Fenton.

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Thousands attend Fenton Freedom Festival



The Fenton VFW Post 3243 led this year's Fenton Freedom Festival parade Monday morning, July 4, through downtown Fenton. Thousands of people came to celebrate Independence Day. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Annual Fourth of July event features parade, pig roast, rubber ducky regatta and more

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Thousands of people attended the Fenton Freedom Festival on Monday, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day. American flags were in abundance throughout the city.

Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem and chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival committee, said after a two year delay, Fenton's return to the Fourth of July Freedom Festival is being celebrated by all as very successful.

“Our team of volunteers that organize this festival should be very proud to have produced such a successful family festival.

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“Linden VFW Post 4642 would like to thank Alpine Marketplace for sponsoring their round up to the next dollar campaign. Their wonderful customers contributed \$1,497 to our post in the month of June. It is amazing and gratifying how supportive this community is.”

“I rarely have anything good to say about Fenton, but the band ‘Leave Those Kids Alone’ on Thursday, June 23, was incredible. The lead guitarist is only 15 and did an incredible job. The drummer is only 11 and she led the band remarkably. These kids need incredible kudos.”

“The fireworks done by the Ponemah, Squaw, Tupper group over Lake Ponemah were amazing. And huge kudos to whoever was playing the patriotic music from their boat. It was much appreciated. The Lee Greenwood song gave us goose bumps.”



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100 years and counting

Local family celebrates century of annual reunions

By Sharon Stone

“The first annual reunion of the McKeachie family was held at the home of Kate Cooper in Holly, Sunday, September 2nd, 1923.

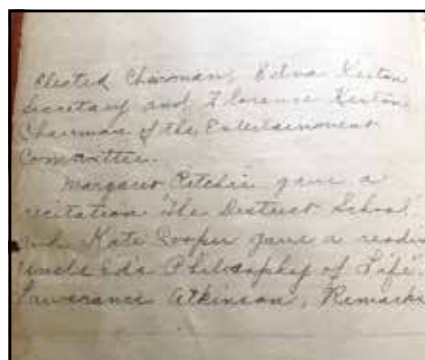
“There were about 50 present. Everyone enjoyed a bountiful feast at one o'clock. The boys played ball before and after dinner.”

This is an excerpt of what was written of a first-hand account of a local family reunion that has been happening now for 100 consecutive years.

Diane Kerton, of the family owned Kerton Lumber in Holly, said Bessie McKeachie Kerton (her great-grandmother) came to America on Aug. 6, 1874 when she was 16. She and her family (siblings and parents) settled in the Clarkston area. Eventually, as the family grew, they decided to have a family reunion and they have had one every year, even through world wars and pandemics.

Kerton said they have documentation in meeting minutes taken at every reunion.

This year's reunion will be held Sunday, July 10, at Karl Schultz Park



This handwritten account shows the details of the first McKeachie family reunion in 1923. Submitted photos

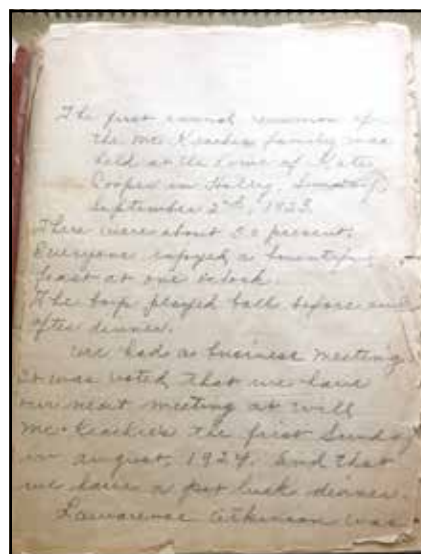
on Dilly Road in Davisburg at 1 p.m. She said family will be coming in from as far as Alaska for this rare event.

“How many families do you know of that can say they have gathered every year for 100 years,” she asked.

Marilyn Kerton Jones, secretary/treasurer of the family reunions, said they expect about 70 attendees this year, some coming from Florida, California and possibly Alaska.

Jones said she and Diane Kerton are second cousins.

Bessie and Edward Kerton had five children — Glenn, Lee, Edna, Maurice and Pauline. She said Lee was her



grandfather and Glenn was Diane's grandfather. “My dad, Allan Kerton and Diane's dad Keith Kerton were first cousins,” she said.

They've made T-shirts to commemorate the occasion with the picture of the first reunion on them.

They have many local families that are McKeachie descendants. Of course, there are McKeachie, the Samuel family that has been in Davisburg for decades, and the Kerton

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Building Brands

New Year's in July: Now is a perfect time to follow up on your resolutions

For as long as I can remember, my immediate family has referred to me as the cruise director. What time is dinner? Ask the cruise director. What beach should we go to? Ask the cruise director. I guess as the oldest of four, it's a role that comes naturally to me. I'm bossy, I'm picky and I'm pretty organized so it makes sense that I grab control of any situation that allows.

Those personality traits can sometimes pose a challenge in my personal life (just ask my better half), but they serve me well in my professional career.

The title of cruise director and brand manager have a lot in common, which is why every couple of weeks I sit with our publisher Wes Smith to review upcoming logistical items. During our meeting this week while placing items on the calendar, he bemoaned the fact that it was already July, because there were so many things he hoped to accomplish this year that he hasn't done.

We moved on with planning, but his comment stuck with me. I bet there are lots of people feeling that way right now about what they hoped to accomplish in 2022. A fastcompany.com article on the topic confirms that's often

the case with New Year's resolutions. From the article, "Statistics show that six months after optimistically setting their intention, the majority of people — 54% — don't keep it. The numbers are even more discouraging by the end of the year, when one study showed that only 9% of those who set New Year's resolutions had success in seeing them through."

But it's not too late. The year is only half over, there is still plenty of time to accomplish what you set out to do. Plus, as the Fast Company article points out, making the intention is half the battle. "The fact is that people who

bother to set resolutions still have some advantages in reaching their goals over those who don't." The article points out the flip side of the equation — if 54% of people don't accomplish their intention that means that 46% still do. So, here are some ideas on how to be part of the 46%:

Remind yourself what you wanted to accomplish: It doesn't bode well for me that I truly had no memory of what my New Year's intentions were. I looked back to an old column for help. Turns out I had the goals of adding an additional workout to my week and eating lunch at home more often.

Remind yourself why: Funny what I thought was important at the start of

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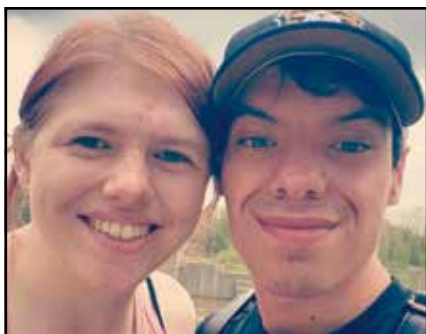
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What's your next big adventure?



"Hopefully to go to Florida or Tennessee for my 26th birthday!"

Hannah Hajciar
Fenton



"I have two adventures coming up. One is to visit my hometown on the East Coast then a week later going to the U.P. for camping."

Jackie Elise
Vassar



"Going to Cancun in October, can't wait."

Tamara Jaksa
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PRAYERS FOR THE motorcyclist who crashed Monday afternoon on U.S. 23 in Fenton. It looked pretty bad and we're hoping he's okay.

I DON'T KNOW what's worse, coffee being the same price as a gallon of gas or a gallon of gas being the same price as a cup of coffee. Where the heck are you buying your coffee?

IT'S SAD TO see the gas stations along U.S. 23 in Fenton charging over \$5 a gallon when the gas stations in town are charging less than \$5 a gallon.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS AND people shooting fireworks from the middle of the street. Cops drive by slow and once they leave, fireworks start up again. I wish they would outlaw fireworks again.

I THINK WHEN the Fourth of July falls on a Monday, that all fireworks should be over Sunday night prior. It's just too hard to stay up that late on a work night for those of us who have to get up at the crack of dawn on Tuesday.

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Eclections in Fenton is a boutique that focuses on trendy women's fashions and unique gifts, including our local lake section. Medich earned her bachelor's degree in dietetics and masters degree in exercise and health studies, but she was raised by

parents who owned retail stores, so retail was a natural choice for her. Her goal for everyone who walks into Eclections is to make them feel so welcome, that they feel like they are visiting a friend's home when they enter and for them to find unique items that they are excited about. Medich serves on the Board of Directors for the Fenton/Linden Chamber of Commerce. She is the mother to one son, Brendan, who just bought his first home in Fenton. She said he and his fiancée Erin are relocating back to Fenton. She's an avid outdoor enthusiast. "I absolutely love hiking, it's my happy place. I love to travel to quiet, out of the way destinations. We visited Iceland in March and can't wait to return," she said. Eclections is celebrating 15 years and the shop and product selection are always changing. Every time you stop in, it's a new experience. Follow Eclections on Facebook and Instagram. Medich said the store is 100% online, as well.

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67th District Court

Ask the
judge

The Supreme Court's 'Courts' – conservative or liberal?

Since the United States Supreme Court was established in 1789, there have been 116 justices who have served. Nine justices hold office at a time with eight being Associate Justices and the ninth being the Chief Justice.

There have been 17 Chief Justices with John Jay being the first with the latest being John Roberts who began in 2005.

Historically, the Chief Justice is identified with the court's decisions made during their period in office.

So, for example the "Jay Court" refers to the period from 1789 to 1795 when John Jay served. Over time, the court has variously been described as "conservative," "liberal" or somewhere in between.

Recently, the "Roberts Court" issued opinions on various subjects including abortions, gun laws, religious practices in schools and the regulation of greenhouse gases. Some have called these decisions and others extremely conservative and have criticized the Roberts Court for being the most conservative court in decades. There have been protests and even a death threat.

Compare this with when Earl Warren became Chief Justice in 1954 thus beginning the "Warren

Court," which ended with his retirement in 1969.

During this period some legal commentators characterized his court as the most liberal court in United States history because of opinions finding a constitutional right to privacy, allowing interracial marriages, prohibiting official prayers or mandatory bible readings in public schools, requiring indigent criminal defendants to have appointed counsel, and mandating criminal defendants being informed of their right to remain silent.

There was strong discontent in some areas of the country and even a movement to "Impeach Earl Warren."

As to the "liberal" label, by today's standards some Warren Court decisions might not be considered to be liberal at all.

For example, there is the 1954 decision holding that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

Returning to the Roberts Court, decisions allowing same sex marriages, upholding Obamacare and prohibiting searches of cell phones without a warrant are probably not considered to be conservative.

History tells us that labeling a court as always being conservative or liberal isn't totally accurate. There are many variables including the influence of the Chief Justice, the specific question presented, and the individual beliefs of the justices.

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Festivities began at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the American Legion and events officially concluded with the last fireworks set off at Silver Lake Park at 10 p.m. for the fireworks show. Activities also included the Grand Marshal Reception on Wednesday, June 29 and the Silver Lake Ski Show on Friday, July 1.

Linda Hathaway, this year's Fenton Freedom Festival grand marshal, had a prominent spot in the parade. The 2022 king and queen, Nathan Katic and Maryn Rettenmund, also rode in the parade.

Adopt-A-Pet brought in a petting zoo.

The Shiawassee River was filled with colorful ducks during the popular Rubber Ducky Regatta, which is hosted by the Rotary Club.

Katic, who's going into his senior year of high school, said he was "ecstatic" to be chosen as this year's Fenton Freedom Festival king and receive the scholarship. He and Rettenmund went

through the application process through the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and officially received the honor in June.

"I was just so excited. I thought that there was no way I was going to win it. It's an honor to represent this awesome community in such a huge festival. That there's so many people here and people come from all over the place," Katic said. "The community that surrounds the festival is very interesting and I was super excited to be a part of it."

It was his first time meeting chamber members, but not his first time being involved in Fenton events. Katic, an avid volunteer, did the sound for the Silver Lake Ski Show last summer. He's also volunteered at the expo. At Fenton High School, he's involved in National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, marching band, symphonic band and the Fenton Ambassadors, "I try to put myself everywhere I can. I really want to make a difference in whatever I'm involved in. So I think by putting myself along these different groups I can really do that," he said.

His main goal at FHS is to bring students' voices back into the decision making process. "In Fenton, I'm trying to make the youth more prominent as a voice," he said.

Rettenmund said, "I am honored to be named queen and excited about the community service opportunities that lie ahead. The experience of being in the

parade is something I will never forget! I really enjoyed seeing all of the kids lined up on the parade route. Many of them were blowing kisses and wanted pictures taken with me. It was great to see so many people come out for the festivities."

She's a member of the Linden High

School National Honor Society, student council, and a Link Leader/ Mentor. She plays soccer for the Michigan Hawks, and their club does various community service projects throughout the year.

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MOTORCYCLIST CRASHES MONDAY ON U.S. 23

On Monday, July 4, at approximately 4:29 p.m., a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the exit ramp of southbound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road in Fenton Township for a motorcycle crash. Upon arrival, contact was made with the male motorcyclist, later identified as a 66-year-old Fenton area resident, who was lying beside his crashed motorcycle on the side of the exit ramp. A Med-star ambulance responded. The male was conscious, but unresponsive. A helmet was found several feet away with scrape marks on it. The motorcyclist was transported in critical condition to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. A witness told the deputy that he too was traveling southbound on U.S. 23 observed the motorcyclist lose control of his bike and crash. He called 911 and stopped near the crash.

Don't move firewood

■ Invasive beech leaf disease found in Michigan

The Michigan departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Development recently confirmed the presence of invasive beech leaf disease in a small, private woodlot in southern St. Clair County, located in southeast Michigan.

Beech leaf disease, not previously known to be in Michigan, is associated with the microscopic worm *Litylenchus crenatae*, a nematode that enters and spends the winter in leaf buds, causing damage to leaf tissue on American, European and Asian beech species. Trees weakened by leaf damage become susceptible to other diseases and can die within six to 10 years after initial symptoms.

Michigan is home to approximately 37 million American beech trees. Recognizable by their smooth bark, they are an important component to forests, providing food and shelter for wildlife.

With no known treatment available



Beech leaf disease nematodes are associated with damaged leaf tissue, dead buds and darkened, thick tissue bands between leaf veins. These bands create a striped effect on the leaves best seen by looking upward at trees on a sunny day.

Submitted photo

for beech leaf disease, its potential spread through the region could have a devastating effect on beech trees, already under attack from beech bark disease.

Landowners reported the suspected beech leaf disease outbreak in St. Clair County through the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network after noticing stunted, odd-shaped leaves on young beech trees in a wooded area on their property. DNR forest health staff collected samples for preliminary testing by the Michigan State University Forest Pathology Laboratory. Results were confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

"Though beech leaf disease was detected this spring, the condition of the leaves and number of trees affected at this location suggest the disease has been there for more than a year," said Simeon Wright, DNR forest health specialist. "Because symptoms are slow to emerge, it is difficult to detect the disease before it is established."

Beech leaf disease was first detected in Ohio in 2012. Subsequent discoveries in other states and Ontario initiated widespread, annual surveys across the eastern U.S. beginning in 2020. With this detection in Michigan, there are now nine states with confirmed cases of beech leaf disease.

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bands between leaf veins. These bands create a striped effect on the leaves best seen by looking upward at trees on a sunny day.

From one year to the next, leaf curling and distortion may progress, resulting in withered, dried or yellow leaves and a thin canopy. Noticeable leaf loss can occur in early summer on heavily infested trees.

At this time, very little is known about beech leaf disease. Scientists are still working to understand if the *Litylenchus crenatae* nematode is the primary cause of the disease or the carrier of another causal agent responsible for the disease.

"Many questions about beech leaf disease remain unanswered," Wright said.

"Because of this, we don't yet know all the ways the disease might be spread, and currently there are no known treatments to protect trees or reduce disease impacts. State agencies are working with the U.S. Forest Service, several other states, Ontario and Michigan State University to better understand the disease and the potential effects it will have in Michigan's forests."

Beech leaf disease was added to Michigan's invasive species watch list in January 2021 to encourage foresters, residents and land managers to look for and report suspected infestations.

For more information on beech leaf disease and other species on Michigan's watch list, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.

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(left) Argentinian-born artist Simo Vibart uses a boom lift to paint the higher parts of his latest mural in Fenton. (right) Upon completion of his latest mural, artist Simo Vibart poses for a selfie in front of "The Cow," which he painted on the side of the Fenton Meat Market. **Submitted photos**

MURAL

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His other mural covers the north side of the soon-to-open The Vault restaurant in downtown Fenton.

Vibart has painted more than 100 murals, mostly in Argentina, Uruguay and the United States. Some of his murals are in Miami, Florida, Los Angeles, California, Hawaii, Reno, Nevada and now Michigan.

He said that when he was here last year to paint for the Flint Public Art Project and The Vault restaurant, he noticed the wall on the building on N. LeRoy, which he thought was perfect for a mural. He reached out to the owner to see if he could use that space for a mural and the owner loved the idea. He said they worked on the design together.

The cow refers to the business and it is also in relation to his Argentinian

roots. This mural took him four days to paint using exterior Latex paint. A boom lift enabled him to reach the high points.

As an artist, Vibart travels the world but mostly lives in the Miami area.

Jason Warda, owner of the Fenton Meat Market, said the mural is "pretty awesome."

Warda said when Vibart reached out to him recently with the mural idea, things happened quickly. He said he told Vibart, "Let's do it." Within days, they got approval from Fenton City to have the mural done. "The city was super easy to deal with," Warda said.

As a non-artist, Warda was impressed with Vibart's work. He expected him to use a projector to draw the design on the wall, but instead, "He just drew it."

With the mural just days old, Warda is already hearing people comment about "The Cow."

REUNION

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family from Holly (Kerton Lumber).

Obituary of Mrs. Bessie Kerton

"Bessie Kerton, 82, passed away at the home of her daughter in Drayton Plains on Friday, Jan. 4, 1957. She was born Bessie McKeachie on August 6, 1874 in Scotland. She came to America when she was 16 years old. She was married to Edward Kerton on February 24, 1897. He died in 1954.

Survivors include three sons, Glenn of Clarkston, Lee of Holly and Maurice of Columbiaville; two daughters, Mrs. Lavern Terry of Drayton Plains and Mrs. Maurice Ogden of Clarkston; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Jessie Ritchie of Clarkston.

The funeral service was held at the Sharpe Funeral Home on Monday afternoon with the Reverend William Richards officiating. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Mosquito Abatement Special Assessment Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

TO: The Residents and Property Owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and Any Other Interested Persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by Michigan Public Act 273 of 2020, (MCL 41.3c) as amended, the Fenton Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to continue mosquito abatement services in Fenton Township, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land within the Charter Township of Fenton

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$175,000 per year, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 19, 2022. At the hearing, the board will consider:

- any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing;
- any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said estimate of costs or to the special assessment district;
- adoption of a resolution to initiate the establishment of a township-wide special assessment district and submit the question of raising money for mosquito abatement by special assessment to the electors residing in the Charter Township of Fenton.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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THE DAMN ROADS might be getting fixed, but it doesn't matter because I can't afford to drive on them.



Linda Hathaway, the 2022 Fenton Freedom Festival grand marshal, received gifts and awards during the Grand Marshal Reception on Wednesday, June 29. Photo: Hannah Ball

GRAND MARSHAL

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said. "She has indicated such strengths, such courage, and the ability to reach out to individuals quietly and help them and guide them and mentor them."

Hathaway is on the Fenton Area Resources and Referral (F.A.R.R.) committee, is a former president of the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and has chaired the Fenton Expo for more than 30 years.

"One of the really neat things about Linda is she is a community activist. She has been there for so many of the youth of our community," she said.

Carla Juarez, a member of the alumni association and F.A.R.R., presented Hathaway with a plaque to recognize her work. "Linda loves her family, her friends and her community. Linda is a very generous, kind, and gracious person. Linda always stops in to make a situation better. She may not even know the person but she will make it better without any recognition," she said. "Linda sits on many boards because she wants to make a difference in our community and it would be impossible to list all that Linda has accomplished over the years."

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn said she was "so proud" that Hathaway is the grand marshal. She presented her with a proclamation from the city to express appreciation for Hathaway's dedication to Fenton.

A section reads, "Linda's hard work, positive attitude and her love for her family and the Fenton community are true examples of success and sincerity."

Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, said she's been thankful for Hathaway's support and friendship ever since they met.

"She was and she still is so dedicated 100% to our community and all of the things that she volunteers for," she said.

"I'm always honored to work by her side. Our communities have no idea the extent of what she does and what she's involved in simply because she is so humble and does it unselfishly."

Hathaway said being named grand marshal is "humbling."

"What an incredible honor to be here in front of all of you people that care about the community that I was born and raised in and continue to love and want to support. It's just a blessing. It's a great place to have raised a family," she said. "I couldn't be more honored to be here."

With her family in attendance, Hathaway talked about raising her kids in the community and how their grandkids are also being raised in the Fenton area.

"We're just very blessed to be serving such a wonderful community," she said. "We're very, very blessed in Fenton to have strong leadership in our city level and our community level."

She commended how the Fenton community supports other communities when tragedy strikes.

Hathaway also had a gift for the Fenton Freedom Festival committee that she picked up when she visited Pearl Harbor for Memorial Day—a flag that was flown on the U.S.S. Missouri during Memorial Day.

"Maybe this could be flown on Memorial Day next year at the flagpole at the cemetery," she said.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Holly Township Board of Review will hold its annual July meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 19, 2020
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Holly Township Hall
 102 Civic Drive
 Holly, Michigan 48442
 248-634-9331 Ext. 304

PURPOSE: To correct any of the following errors in assessments, and tax rates:

- A clerical error, such as an erroneous posting of an assessment as \$250,000 when it should have been \$25,000
- A mutual mistake, such as a building being assessed to the wrong description
- A mistake in the millage rates, such as levying 32 mills instead of 30.2 mills
- A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by \$750 equaling \$22,800 instead of \$30,000
- To review claims of qualified homestead on properties
- To review hardship/poverty claims

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 Holly Township Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

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the new year. I no longer care about the lunch thing. Recently I decided to give myself grace when it comes to what we buy versus what we prepare for meals. My husband and I are busy, and I can't feel guilty about eating out anymore. The additional workout, however, is still important and while I've been great about sticking to my original workout schedule I have yet to add another day. I want to do this for many reasons (physical and mental health being at the top) and now that I've reminded myself of that it'll move up the priority list.

Be kind to yourself: Life is nuts. If you're like me and totally forgot what you even wanted to accomplish that's okay. Instead of beating yourself up, write down two things you have done this year that make you proud — or

heck — two things that made you smile!

Make a date with your intention:

The Fast Company article suggests checking in on your goal each month, which would ultimately prevent a mid-summer bummer fest, about what you've not accomplished. To prevent an end-of-year bummer fest I've made a note in my calendar on July 30 "Have you added an additional day to your workout schedule yet?" Being the cruise director that I am, I also made note to check in with our publisher on his goals.

How are you coming on your New Year's resolution? I'd love to hear any tips you have for staying on track. Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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Lake Fenton's
Claire Hunt

Ten Blue Devil seniors headed to college programs

By David Troppens

Ten 2022 Lake Fenton student-athlete graduates' athletic careers will continue this fall.

Six of their careers will continue either in track and field and/or cross country. One of them is headed to the Division I level.

Marielle Hatfield (Saginaw Valley State),

Wyatt Marsh (Hope College), Lonna Perina (Hope College) and Matthew Fletcher (Adrian College) are the track stars headed to the next level. Meanwhile, Claire Hunt (Mott Community College) will be moving on in cross country. Hatfield and Fletcher will also compete for their school's cross

country squads.

One track star remains. Francis Senter will be competing in the high jump at the Division I level for Detroit Mercy's men's track and field team. Senter's signing will be featured in more detail in the weekend edition.

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Sports Times

Linden's Williams focusing on teaching during 7-on-7s

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton —When one attends a summer seven-on-seven practice for the Linden varsity football team, it's hard to make out first-year varsity football coach Chad Williams.

He's not tall in stature. Still in his 20s, he sometimes can blend in with the players on the field. So before action starts, it can be hard to spot him.

"I've heard that a few times," Williams admitted.

But when the practices start, it's apparent who Williams is. He's a man that believes in the process of a play and teaching the details that create that play. And he's also about a family unity not only involving his varsity team, but for every football program in Linden schools. And not just every football program, but he's trying to cultivate that family atmosphere among the entire athletic program and the community.

"This first season is really important,"

Williams said during the team's first seven-on-seven competition against the Blue Devils at Lake Fenton High School on June 21. "From the middle school level, all the way to the high school level it's important. Not just from a strength and conditioning standpoint, but from a culture building standpoint.

I think that us being out here and putting in the work is a sacrifice. There's really nice days happening right now and these kids have to make decisions. Do I want to go out on the lake, or do I want to come here and put in the work with my teammates? We've had insane numbers. I think the highest we've had at the freshman/JV level is 51 and I think the highest we've had at the varsity level is about 41. So we have close to 100 kids showing up a day. Making those sacrifices is huge."

At 26, Williams is a young man to be a head coach of a high school football

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Linden's Michael Bush (left) throws a pass during a scrimmage at Lake Fenton. (Above) Aidan Haney catches a pass during the same session.

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FREE CRAZY BREAD

1968 Tigers stretch their lead heading into the All-Star break

By David Troppens

Editor's note: Here's our next installment of our review of the 1968 Detroit Tigers' World Championship season.

The start of July in 1968 was a good time to be a Detroit Tigers' player or fan.

The Tigers were 48-27 and were the talk of baseball, certainly in the American League.

The defending American League champions were the Red Sox, and they were double-digit games behind the Tigers as the month began.

When Red Sox manager Dick Williams was asked what's the difference between last year's Red Sox and the 1968 team, he said simply, "The Tigers" as quoted in an article in the July 13 The Sporting News.

At one time during the 1968 season, Indians' manager Alvin Dark wrote on the wall near an Indians' schedule "48-38" suggesting if the Indians made that mark, they would be in great shape. Cleveland ended up just one game behind that pace, but would be 9 1/2 games behind anyway

due to the Tigers' strong start, which now couldn't be looked upon as just a "strong start." Their play was real.

"Overall, the first half was very good," Dark was quoted in the same edition of The Sporting News. "My only complaint is the Tigers kept winning."

July didn't change the Tigers' winning ways. On July 1, Al Kaline came off the disabled list, playing first base against the Angels. The Tigers got two home runs from Bill Freehan and one by Dick Tracewski earning Detroit a 5-1 victory. Mickey Lolich tossed the complete-game victory for his sixth win.

The win was the start of a five-game winning streak, with the Tigers earning wins in all four games against the Angels. On July 2, Tommy Matchick hit his first home run of the season and Willie Horton hit a two-run single, leading the Tigers to a 3-1 victory. Earl Wilson earned his sixth win with a seven-hit complete game.

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Two Lake Fenton 2022 graduate football players will play at the collegiate level this fall. They are Max Muenzer (this photo) and Carter Smith (bottom photo No. 52).

Photos: Mark Bolen

BLUE DEVILS

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Two football careers will continue. Max Muenzer will play at Alma College while Carter Smith is headed to Trine University. Finally, Kenny Wright will play baseball at Lawrence Technological University.

Hunt was a mainstay on the Lake Fenton girls cross country team and distance squad for the track team. Hunt finished second in the Stars Division of the Metro meet in the 1,600 (5:41.86), and the 3,200 (12:41.02), while Hatfield finished sixth in the 1,600 (6:06.76). During the cross country season, Hunt finished 10th overall at the league meet (29:45.17) while Hatfield placed 11th (20:51.65). Hunt was a four-time state participant in cross country, posting a time of 20:14.8 at the D2 event last fall. Hatfield also qualified for the state cross country meet last fall, finishing with a time of 20:23.4.

Marsh was a strong 400 runner for the Blue Devils. He took second in the 400 (54.30) at the league meet. He had a personal-best time of 52.95 at the regional meet.

Perna is a sprinter. She finished fifth in the 100-meter dash (13.83) and fourth in the 200 (27.88) at the Metro meet.

The Lake Fenton football team won the Flint Metro League championship



and Muenzer and Smith played big roles in that success. Muenzer was a first-team All-Metro Stars offensive and defensive lineman. Meanwhile, Smith was a second-team offensive lineman.

Wright helped lead the Blue Devils' offense during the baseball season, earning first-team Metro Stripes Division honors. He also was one of the team's leading pitchers. He hit a grand slam home run in the Blue Devils' Greater Flint Championship game, helping the squad earn the D2 title.

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Linden's new varsity football coach Chad Williams talks to his players during a recent seven-on-seven scrimmage at Lake Fenton High School. Photo: David Troppens

WILLIAMS

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team. However, he does have a lot of experience coaching at the prep level. Prior to this season, he spent eight seasons on the Davison High School football staff. During those eight seasons his work started on the freshman team and eventually evolved to working with the varsity program where he primarily coached on the defensive side of the ball. He also was the strength and conditioning coach for five seasons. Being a head varsity coach brings new responsibilities.

"I think the biggest thing I've learned (as a varsity head coach) is delegation — the ability to be able to put coaches and players in positions to be successful," Williams said. "And that's not just me doing everything. You want to be hands on, but the best thing is not to delegate, but to inspire and motivate your coaches to want to take on that next level, and to really push for them to say, 'Hey coach, I got this and I'm going to handle this.' We inspire rather than just by telling them. That's the biggest thing about being a head coach. If I can do that well, then we will be successful and inspire people to want to better themselves. And that will be the case for the kids in the community as well."

The lesson process began at the 7-on-7. It was the first time Williams got to see his players compete against an opposing squad. No one expects perfection at a June 7-on-7 tournament, but it's how Williams hopes to teach through the lessons is what's important.

"We define words. Failing for us is

an opportunity to learn," Williams said. "Are we going to drop a pass or throw an interception — 100 percent. ... The result is not what I'm worried about. It's the pre- and post-result. So before the result happened, how was your technique? Did you align yourself correctly? Did you know your job. and then after the result whether you fail or are successful, I want to see your attitude. Are you coachable. Are you willing to take that failing as an opportunity to learn and then apply and get better. I just want to see your effort and attitude throughout the whole process. Results are going to take care of themselves. I'm not much of a results person. If I worry too much on results, then there are a million steps in between that I'll miss. We have to be process-oriented, and how we get to the end result is what I care about."

So far this summer, Williams has enjoyed the students within the program.

"They are excited to learn the game of football and learn it at a deep level," Williams said. "And I'm impressed by their closeness to each other — that brotherhood and the sacrifices they are willing to make for each other. That stuck out to me right off. And how close of friends they are I think will be a huge intangible that plays out on Friday nights. They really do love each other."

Linden's regular season will begin Aug. 25 with a road non-league game against Garden City at 7 p.m. The team's first home game will be Sept. 1 against Goodrich at 7 p.m.

1968

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The Tigers hit three more home runs on July 3, with Horton hitting his 19th, Norm Cash his 10th and Tracewski his third. Denny McLain made it three straight complete-game victories for the pitching staff, earning his 15th win while tossing a four-hitter and striking out 10.

The July 4th game at Tiger Stadium had plenty of fireworks, as Detroit won a 13-10 ball game. California scored four runs in the second inning against starting pitcher Joe Sparma, but the Tigers scored nine in the bottom of the second, and never trailed again. Jim Northrup and Cash hit two home runs each while Freehan and Horton had one each. The Angels hit three of their own, but they couldn't match the Tigers' power. The Tigers were 8 1/2 games ahead of the rest of the American League.

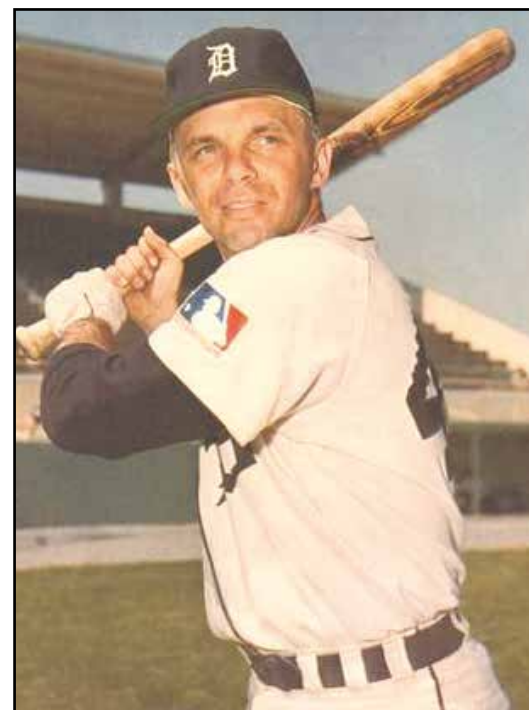
"I said so last spring but nobody listened to me," Northrup said. "I said then we wouldn't have a race like we did last year, that one team would break away early and have a 10-game lead at the All-Star Break."

The All-Star Break was just a few days away, with the Tigers hosting Oakland for four straight days being the final contests before the break. Detroit won three-of-four of those contests.

In the opener, Freehan hit a pair of three-run home runs as the Tigers won an 8-5 verdict. Freehan, who was the American League's leading All-Star vote getter, was now at 14 four-baggers.

Oakland snapped a seven-game losing streak and ended the Tigers' five-game winning streak in the Saturday afternoon contest. After hitting 15 home runs in the previous five contests, the Tigers were held to just six hits as Oakland won a 4-1 verdict. Reggie Jackson drove in two runs with two hits. However, the Tigers would win both games of a doubleheader on Sunday, earning a pair of one-run victories.

The first victory, a 5-4 win, was the Tigers' eighth walk-off win of



Dick Tracewski hit only four home runs in 1968, but two came in a four-game series with the Angels in early July, helping the Tigers to two victories.

the season. It was provided by, of course, Horton who pounded his 21st home run of the year with no one on and one out in the bottom of the ninth. Denny McLain tossed a five-hitter, but two of those safeties were four-baggers to Sal Bando and Jackson. Dick McAuliffe also hit a solo home run for the Tigers. Jim Northrup drove in two runs, with one coming on a first-inning triple.

The second game was a 7-6 victory. Al Kaline hit his fourth home run of the season in the bottom of the first inning (a two-run shot) and Detroit never trailed. McAuliffe hit two doubles and drove in a run while Cash, Horton and Matchick each had two hits and drove in a run.

The All-Star break had arrived and the Tigers (55-28) led the Indians by 9 1/2 games and the Orioles by 10 1/2. In the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals led the Reds by 10 games as well. The season was just slightly over half done and it looked like the league races were already decided. The question, of course, were they done? Only the second half of the season would answer that question.

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49 Scott Turow

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1 Back talk
2 In the past
3 Gear tooth
4 Wears away
5 Winslet of "Titanic"
6 Egyptian deity
7 List-ending abbr.
8 Minnesota

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50 Valentine flower
51 Curvy letter
52 Yuletide tune
53 Faction

footballers
9 '60s footwear
10 Dumbstruck
11 Citi Field team
16 Stitch
20 Not neg.
21 Numbered rds.
22 Deserve
23 Restricted zones
24 Recognized
26 Shopper's delight
27 "As I see it," to a texter
28 Ancient mariner

29 Maja painter
31 Delta follower
34 Typing speed stat
35 Nymph pursuers
37 Tool set
38 Dossier
39 Stretches (out)
40 Baseball's Tommie
41 Weevil's target
44 Music's Yoko
45 "Ulalume" writer
46 Computer key
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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THE COMEDIAN WAS WELL-RESPECTED. EVERYONE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of **July 4, 2022**

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you can expect anything to happen this week, which makes it an ideal time to fall in love or fall back in love. Throw caution to the wind and welcome romance.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't be surprised if a former romantic partner or close friend reconnects with you this week. It may be possible to rekindle this connection if you so desire.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Don't hesitate to try something new this week, Gemini. You'll likely be surprised at what you discover you enjoy. You may even meet some interesting people.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
Spiritual matters are on your mind, Cancer. You are increasingly drawn to them as you get older. Do not hesitate to ask questions in your pursuit of enlightenment.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Optimism about life is in full force for you, Leo. Others will notice you are smiling more and moving about with a spring in your step. Channel that energy into a fun project.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week is full of possibilities. You may strike up a new friendship or decide to try a unique hobby. Travel may be the name of the game as well.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though you may be feeling positive and looking well, you're simply not drawing that special attention you desire. Don't be too hard on yourself; it will come.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, communication channels have been blocked lately, so you have been facing challenges getting your point across. Employ a little more patience.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, there have been days you have felt better. Don't let a minor illness derail your plans. Before you know it, you will be back on your feet.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Try an activity that strays from your usual routine, Capricorn. Change the time or the location to get a fresh perspective on your experiences. It can be the boost you need right now.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be surprised if you have a desire to redecorate or change up your living space in some way, Aquarius. A new look can refresh your mindset as well.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Some interesting news is likely to come your way, Pisces. It's important to answer your phone, read your texts and check your emails.

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