

Fenton Township man 'mortified' he killed swans

■ Sheriff believes there was no intent by PWC driver when three swans decapitated on Lake Fenton

By Sharon Stone

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson provided an update Monday, Aug. 15 regarding three swans that were killed when a tow rope decapitated them

on Lake Fenton on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The Times reported last week about the incident. At that time, Swanson said his deputies were investigating and checking residents' Ring cameras to see if the incident was recorded.

Swanson said the driver of the personal watercraft (PWC), a father and businessman, was pulling his 16-year-old son and son's friend on a tube on Lake Fenton. The son's 16-year-old friend was riding on

the PWC as a spotter.

The sheriff said the man read the story in the Times and called the sheriff's department to explain what had happened. "He called right away," Swanson said. "He was mortified. It was an accident."

Swanson said the residents and Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine should be commended for taking this incident so seriously. He also praised the

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Rose Township pleads to opt out of millage

■ Sees no benefit with countywide public transportation millage

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted last week 13-7 to put a 0.95 public transportation millage on the Nov. 8 ballot. The proposal does not allow communities to opt out of the plan, which led to opposition to putting the millage on the ballot.

If approved, the new millage would replace current local public transportation millages for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)

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Hogs and Harmony raises \$6,000 for fire victims

Motorcyclists line up to prepare for the ride during the Hogs and Harmony for Holly event on Saturday, Aug. 13. The ride ended at Lakeside Memorial Park, where bands played and entertained the crowd. The event was a fundraiser to help the victims of the June 21 Holly fire.

See story on page 11. Submitted photo

Thief steals more than \$4,000 in merchandise

■ Fenton boutique robbed by suspect with attraction to Oakley sunglasses

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a break-in, which occurred at approximately 12 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 7 at Elections boutique and clothing shop on Fenway Avenue at Silver Lake Road in Fenton.

Nicole Medich, owner of the shop, reported to police that the suspect stole more than \$4,000 worth of store merchandise, most of which were Oakley sunglasses and backpacks. She said the store will no longer carry that brand.

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“I heard one of the Rose Township board members say that if the residents want to know what the board says during meetings they should attend or watch the videos on YouTube. What if you are disabled or YouTube shuts down? The official minutes should reveal all comments.”



“After walking into Vic Canever's feeling the whole world is a tuxedo and I'm a pair of brown shoes, I walked out with the feeling of a new tuxedo head to toe. Thanks Vic for once again demonstrating your loyalty to your customers.”



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Bikes on The Bricks to travel through Fenton Township

■ Three-day motorcycle event raises funds for charities

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township will be one of the backdrops for this year's Bikes on The Bricks, which is an annual motorcycle fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

It will be the fifteenth year for this police-escorted motorcycle ride through Genesee County communities.

The three-day event begins Friday, Sept. 9 with a police competition, live entertainment, a beer tent and more. The motorcycle ride through the county is on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The police escorted ride will start at 11 a.m. at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson on Austin Parkway in Flint. Riders will travel approximately 40 miles through multiple Genesee County municipalities and end in downtown Flint. After the ride, participants park their bikes downtown and they will have a bike show.

Attendees can expect live entertainment, vendors, a police skills competition and a beer tent all three days. For the full schedule, visit bikesonthebricks.com.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees authorized Bikes on The Bricks organizers to apply to the Genesee County Road Commission on behalf of the township to obtain a permit to use township roads for the event. In Fenton Township, the ride will use the following roads: Lahring Road, Torrey Road, N. Long Lake Road, Thompson Road and Fenton Road.

Sgt. Nicole Reid, who works for the Flint Police Department and serves as a board member for the event, told the board how she's a motor officer and took the event over approximately seven years ago.

"We've had no hiccups at this point with our charity ride," she said. "All the money goes toward animal control, MI-C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors), the Old Newsboys. All the proceeds go to charity. It's a great



event and it would be an honor to come through Fenton Township. It's going to be a great ride."

They are able to donate a few thousand dollars to four or five charities a year with proceeds from this event.

Organizers expect a lot of riders. They've had about 1,200 bikers at past events.

It cost \$20 per rider. People can register on the website bikesonthebricks.com or the morning of the event in Flint.

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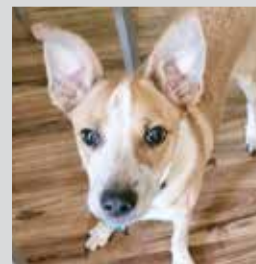
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Building Brands

Build your employer brand to get the best talent

As I watched 168 women golfers drive onto the golf course — carts decorated, wearing costumes, laughing with their friends — it wasn't hard to figure out why I do what I do. Of course, fun on the golf course — thanks to our Sixth Annual View Lady Classic in Metamora Township held last week — is just a small part of why that event is so cool. What truly matters is that all of that fun has helped to raise more than \$82,000 for Lapeer Area Citizen Against Domestic Assault (LACA-DA), a total that is sure to grow in the coming weeks as our team finishes the accounting on this year's event.

There are days my career has its challenges, but most of the time I can't believe how fortunate I am to work for a company that pays me to plan great events, raise money for nonprofits, write articles about local community members and help local businesses and nonprofits grow their brand. Oh, and I get to write all about it every other week in this space. As labor shortages continue, how-



Emily Caswell

ever, I can't help but look at unfilled jobs and wonder how, in this highly competitive market, companies can best set themselves apart to attract top talent. I know why I work where I work, but how do other people decide where to work?

I came of age when tech companies were booming. It seemed like if you didn't

have a barista and a slushie machine on site you didn't have a chance of getting top talent.

Even my friends not in tech received awesome gifts like the hip new video camera everyone was after. (I realize admitting that I was an adult when phones didn't have cameras dates me). I was jealous, but not jealous enough to give my up gig reviewing restaurants and shopping for photo shoots.

Fast forward to 2022 and companies are realizing no amount of flavored beverages, gadget gifts or pizza parties are going to attract top talent. The term "employer branding" has become more common and basically means what I've written about before — your team members are your best

brand ambassadors. Happy employees boost your brand every time they answer the question "What do you do?" Those same employees are the best recruitment tool you have. So, how do you get happy employees?

A Harvard Business Review article on the topic has some great advice. Here are the three things the article says every company should consider when it comes to their employer brand:

- **Reputation:** This can encompass a lot of things, but the article says each business should focus on the "three Cs": Career catalyst (will working at your company boost a person's career forward); Culture (the actual work environment); Citizenship (the brand's impact on the community and society at large).

- **Proposition:** From the article, "Your employer value proposition (EVP) clearly articulates the 'give and get' that defines an employer-employee relationship at a particular organization. It establishes your expectations for performance and behavior and the rewards for meeting them." How a company lives up to their end plays a big role into the effective-

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

Has a diet ever helped you lose weight?



"No diet in particular. I was on a yogurt kick and also was trying to drink lots of water. From July 2021-April 2022. I had lost 7 pounds, which I wasn't trying or thinking, but I also feel the hoola hoop with the weight tik tok fad may have helped, I was attempting two times a week to do this!"

Emma Ziraldo, Fenton



"Metaboost, basically keto, no flour, sugar or alcohol. 14 day plan."

Joan Longan Gilbert
Holly



"They all work if you stick to them. I've come to the conclusion, the only way to lose weight is to put the fork down after you've consumed the actual serving size. Erma Bombeck once said, she had lost so much weight throughout her lifetime that she should be a charm dangling from a bracelet."

Coreena Storms, Fenton



"I've lost 44 pounds in 3.5 months by cutting out red meat, fast food and sugar. I now eat 200% of my daily fiber needs, chicken and turkey and tons of fruit. With the fiber I never feel hungry like I used to. That has been the only thing that has worked for me. I'm still shedding pounds weekly."

Dan Killian, Linden

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THE BILL THAT could restore the Delphi pension was stalled by Republicans. The reason? 'It would create a bad precedent that other plans would follow.' Heaven forbid.

■■■
SURE WOULD HAVE been nice to see what Tudor Dixon had to say about winning the Republican primary for governor. Editor's note: Multiple attempts over multiple avenues and days to Dixon and her campaign were made prior to and after the election. There was no response.

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INFLATION REDUCTION ACT? That's the biggest lie since the election. Who do you think pays for everything — taxpayers!

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Free to Dream Festival scheduled for Aug. 26

■ Proceeds go to building a safehouse for human trafficking survivors

By Hannah Ball

All children should be free to dream. That's the main message of the Free to Dream Festival that will raise funds to help survivors of human trafficking. It will take place on Friday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Freedom Center Church in Fenton. Attendees can enjoy food trucks, vendors, a dunk tank, petting zoo, prizes and more.

Organizing the event is the Prism Project, a 501(c)3, which works to educate the public about human trafficking and to support survivors.

Sylvia Blythe, executive director of the Prism Project, said the main purpose of the event is to raise money for the Mission Ranch safehouse, which will be a restorative care home for child survivors

of sex trafficking.

"The idea or concept behind Free to Dream is to show what our youth can do when they are 'Free to Dream' — something that victims and survivors of human trafficking are robbed of. Our hope is that every child is free to dream. The Mission Ranch will provide a safe space and give them the opportunity to heal from their complex trauma," she said. "A child who has been trafficked for years may have never even learned how to make themselves a pb&j, so helping them find themselves and rediscover their interests, their capabilities and passions, will be a huge part of their journey."

The location of the safehouse, which is in the final licensing stage and not yet open, is undisclosed to preserve their privacy. Blythe said their goal is to raise \$100,000 and save a couple of months worth of operation costs before opening. Attendees of the Free to Dream Festival

can expect a special announcement about the grand opening.

This will be the second annual Free to Dream Festival. The Prism Project has hosted fundraisers at the Freedom Center Church twice in the past, and Blythe said they've been a "huge supporter" from the beginning. People can expect a fun, family friendly event.

"There will be food trucks and a Kona Ice truck, as well as popcorn and candy apples. When you enter the festival, you'll be able to purchase tickets for the bounce houses, face painting, dunk tank, and craft table as well," she said.

Supporting the youth is essential to the event. A few local youth dance teams will perform, and the event will feature businesses run by youth.

The most common misconception Blythe hears about sex trafficking is how often it occurs.

"I can't tell you how many moms

come up to us at events or educational seminars and tell us 'Oh, it's ok. I've made my kids watch the movie 'Taken.'" Hollywood is a far cry from the reality at hand. A couple other misconceptions is that it happens only to girls or happens in other countries. But the truth of it is that America is a destination country. Meaning, America is where the money and the demand for this heinous crime are extremely prevalent. It absolutely is here. It absolutely is in our state, counties, and cities," she said.

Random kidnappings account for only about 3% of trafficking cases, Blythe said, and 97% of victims know their trafficker.

"When a predator is after a child, it is a long-game for them. There is almost always some form of established relationship, rooted in deep-seated psychological manipulation, and

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Revive Beauty Co. opened in November 2021. It's a small salon and spa in downtown Fenton owned by Amy Skergan. She offers all hair services, pain management and relaxation massages, esthetic services (facials, dermaplaning, waxing, lash tinting) teeth whitening, and eyelash extensions. She's been a licensed cosmetologist since 2013 and always had the dream of opening her own salon. She's certified in both classic and volume eyelash extensions with Xtreme lashes by Jo Mousselli. She's also a certified trainer for Xtreme lashes and trains students virtually all over the United States. As a mother of three grown chil-




Amy Skergan,
Owner

dren, she is compelled to offer her team flexibility to be able to make their children's activities. Her hobbies include spending time at her cabin in Lake City and hunting with her husband of five years, Ryan. She said in this business you get to know your clients on a very personal level and you hear about their families, their happy times, and sad times. "They are not just clients, they are friends. I can truly say I'm doing exactly what I should be doing and loving every minute of it. Making people feel beautiful and giving them confidence is a very rewarding career," she said. Skergan said she's hiring for hair stylists.



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Davison	Irish Rd. and Lippincott Blvd. intersection	Detour posted	August 8 - November 8	Atherton, Atlas, Lippincott, M-15, I-69, Irish	Intersection widening
Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - August 29	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One lane open in each direction	July 11 - September 9	none	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between South Dort Hwy. and Holly Rd.	Detour posted	June 6 - September 2	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Holly Rd. between Baldwin Rd. and I-75	Two-way traffic maintained	August 3 - August 17	none	Resurfacing
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The Mar-a-Lago search warrant

The Aug. 8, search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home by the F.B.I. and the subsequent seizure of a number of items was unprecedented in many respects.

Chief among them is the fact that it marked the first time in United States history that a search warrant was executed at the home of a former president.

There were numerous questions about the reasons for the search and what could be next, some of which were answered when redacted copies of the warrant and the Property Receipt of what was taken were released Aug. 11 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

The following are some highlights of the legal reasons for the search, what President Trump and/or others could be facing, and some specifics as to the seized materials.

First as to the reasons for the search, although the supporting affidavit wasn't released, it's clear that the federal District Court Magistrate was satisfied probable cause existed that the home contained documents and records constituting crime evidence,

contraband, fruits of crime, and other items illegally possessed in violation of three federal statutes.

The first is the "Espionage Act," which prohibits the unauthorized retention of national security information that could harm the United States or aid a foreign adversary.

The second is a statute, which prohibits obstruction of justice including the destruction or alteration of records related to a federal investigation.

The third statute prohibits the concealment, mutilation or destruction of government documents.

All three statutes carry fines and/or prison time and the third also carries a lifetime ban from holding any federal office including the presidency.

There also was an authorization in the warrant to seize any "Presidential Records."

Although possession of such records isn't a crime, it can be a violation of the Presidential Records Act of 1978 to possess them.

The Receipt shows that a number of documents labeled "top secret," "secret" and "confidential" were seized as well as pictures, other documents, and boxes.

Although opinions differ as to whether President Trump or anyone else will ever be charged with any crimes (because the burden of proof is so high), no one questions that this isn't a very serious matter.

Only time will tell what happens next.

Rose Township to renovate old town hall

■ Board approves using \$320,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

By Sharon Stone

The Rose Township Board of Trustees voted 4-1 at its meeting Aug. 10 to budget \$320,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to improve the old township hall/community center. The motion was made by Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider and supported by Trustee Glen Noble. Clerk Debbie Miller cast the dissenting vote.

The motion came after H2A Architects, which was contracted to oversee the project, presented four options for renovating and bringing the building up to code and be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

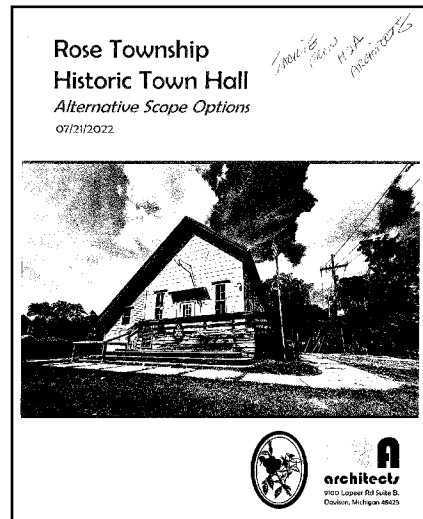
Option A included an exterior ramp replacement, exterior fire stair and door, bathroom on the lower level and upgrades to the upper level bathroom. This option was estimated to cost \$411,040.

Option B included paving the parking lot for barrier free spaces, exterior ramp replacement, exterior fire stair and door, bathroom on the lower level and upgrades to the bathroom on the upper level. This option was estimated to cost \$321,440.

Option C included paving the parking lot for barrier free spaces, exterior ramp replacement, bathroom on the lower level and upgrades to the bathroom on the upper level. This option was estimated to cost \$301,280.

Option D included paving the parking lot for barrier free spaces, exterior barrier free lift, bathroom on lower level and upgrades to the bathroom on the upper level. This option was estimated to cost \$299,040.

During discussion, Miller told the board that her clerk's office is running out of room for storage. She suggested that instead of spending this money on the old township hall, the township consider a big pole barn style building at Dearborn Park, a Rose Township



Review all options presented by H2A Architects with this story online at tctimes.com.

park at Milford and W. Davisburg roads. She said the new building she was suggesting not be fancy, but practical.

Noble explained the history of Rose Township. He told the board and audience that before the 1990s all meetings were held at the historic Old Town Hall.

During public comment time, resident Warren Hardie asked that Treasurer Paul Gambka to complete a financial analysis and appraise the value of the old town hall. He asked what could be expected on the return of money spent on this building. He asked why the old town hall is being saved, why is the township spending so much money doing so and what would it be used for. "How's it beneficial to the township," he asked.

Treasurer Gambka stated there is no state equalized value (SEV) on the books for the Old Township Hall.

Scheib-Snider said the old town hall could be used for youth events, educational events, family events, senior events and it could be rented.

Trustee Patricia Walls suggested they build a separate building in the back of the offices that would be climate controlled for storage. She said she would like a roof over the chair access.

This afternoon is Traveling Taste in Fenton

■ Nearly 20 restaurants ready with tasty samples

By Sharon Stone

This afternoon and evening is the time to try some new and delicious menu items from local restaurants.

The Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce invites residents to join them and grab a taste of the area's finest foods today Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 4 to 8 p.m., for the Traveling Taste in Fenton.

Travel from restaurant to restaurant where you will take your tastes to-go, some restaurants may have seating available.

Restaurants will stamp your Traveling Taste passport for a chance to enter our grand prize drawing —

gift cards from each participating restaurant, a guaranteed value of \$500.

To Enter the Grand Prize Drawing:

- 1 entry for a stamp in each region.
- 1 entry for a stamp at the photo booth - located at Serendipity Spa of Linden.
- 1 entry for checking out the live music - located at Beale St. Smokehouse.
- 1 entry for a stamp at the Root Beer Float station - located at Fenton Winery & Brewery.
- 1 entry for 10 or more stamps on passport.

The drawing will be on Monday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. at the Chamber office.

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Genesee County judge retires

■ MSU student alleged 'explicit sexual advances' while interning for him last summer

In September 2021, Genesee County Circuit Court received a complaint from Grace Ketzner, a then third-year student at Michigan State University, alleging misconduct by Judge Joseph J. Farah. The Court immediately began an investigation and in November 2021, the results were provided to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). The matter was later referred by SCAO to the Judicial Tenure Commission.

Elizabeth A. Kelly, chief judge pro tem/acting chief judge of Genesee County Probate Court reported that last week, Farah submitted his retirement notice to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, with an effective date of Nov. 9.

After consultation with SCAO, effective Aug. 12 at 12 p.m., Farah was relieved of his in-person docket. Between then and his retirement in November, he will remotely



Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Joseph J. Farah will retire effective Nov. 9.

complete any pending matters that were taken under advisement. Until a new judge is appointed, the court will continue its efforts to provide judicial resources for all other matters that are pending before Farah.

In a report completed in July, Michigan State University found that Farah made "explicit sexual advances" toward Ketzner while she interned for him last summer, and repeatedly retaliated against her professionally after Ketzner rebuffed his requests to socialize privately with him after hours, according to Michigan Radio.



Elections boutique in Fenton released this image taken from store surveillance with the intent of identifying this individual suspected of stealing more than \$4,000 in store merchandise on Aug. 7. Submitted photo

ROBBERY

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The store was closed when it was broken into. Medich provided store surveillance videos of multiple days to Fenton police with the intent of identifying the suspect captured on film behind the checkout counter (see photo). Medich said a locksmith was out afterward repairing a damaged door lock.

Acting Police Chief Jeff Cross said police are investigating the break-in and evidence collected at the scene will be analyzed at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

If anyone saw any suspicious activity or the male suspect who was described as African-American at Elections at approximately noon on Sunday, Aug. 7, they are asked to contact Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

SWANS

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Fenton Township deputies who went door-to-door and the residents who called in tips to help in the investigation. He added that wildlife are protected and if an incident like this happens in the future, people should call 911 to be on the safe side.

"Lesson learned; call 911 and let us help you," Swanson said. "We give boater safety classes. We'll be happy to help out."

He added that he met personally with the driver of the PWC Monday and is comfortable with saying that the incident was accidental. Swanson said there will be no charges filed against the man.

The driver of PWC writes a letter of

apology, as stated below:

"To Sheriff Swanson and to my neighbors and friends of Lake Fenton,

Saturday afternoon, August 6th, shortly after 1 p.m., will never be forgotten. We were tubing together with my 16-year-old son, and two of his high school friends. As we were turning into the cove, without notice, six swans were in the middle of the turn. The tow rope cleared three swans, but sadly the rope took the lives of the other three. I assure and promise you that this was not intentional and could not be avoided.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, July 29.

The Michigan House and Senate did not meet this week, so this report describes some recently introduced bills of interest related to firearms. The legislature remains in recess until Aug. 17.

House Bill 6338: Ban enforcing federal gun restrictions

Introduced by Rep. Steve Carra (R), to make it unlawful for a government, individual, company, association or other legal entity in Michigan to enforce any federal law, regulation or order that imposes a tax or fee or other levy on guns and ammo, requires registration or tracking of guns or gun owners, and more. Violators would be subject to paying actual damages or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6275: Impose strict liability on gun stores for making prohibited sale

Introduced by Rep. Brenda Carter (D), to establish that gun store owners are strictly liable for damages that result if the store sells, delivers or transfers a firearm to an individual they knew or should have known is legally prohibited, and that gun is used to threaten, injure or kill another person. Also, to mandate that firearms dealers must have at least \$1 million in liability insurance to cover this risk. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6274: Impose new regulations on gun dealers

Introduced by Rep. Rachel Hood (D), to mandate that gun stores require every employee who sells or has access to a firearm to undergo fingerprinting, get a background check, and get a concealed pistol license. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6273: Impose new regulations on gun dealers

Introduced by Rep. Sarah Anthony

(D), to mandate that when the store is not open, licensed gun dealers keep guns secured in a locked fireproof safe or vault, or with a hardened steel rod or cable. When open, the guns would have to be either secured behind a counter in a locked case so that a customer must ask an employee to examine one, or in other specified ways. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6272: Impose new regulations on gun dealers

Introduced by Rep. Kara Hope (D), to mandate that federally licensed firearms dealers must report the loss or theft of a firearm to police within 48 hours after the dealer knew or should have known it is missing. The bill also adds the same "should have known" provision to a requirement that individuals report a lost or stolen firearm within five days. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6151: Require some school employees be armed

Introduced by Rep. Steve Carra (R), to require school building managers to permit at least three school employees to carry a concealed pistol, and at least three to carry a taser or similar device, and establish rules for this. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5367: Repeal most restrictions on carrying concealed pistol

Introduced by Rep. Beau LaFave (R), to essentially repeal the requirement to get a special license to carry a concealed pistol in most public places. This would not apply in one of the current law's "gun-free zones" (schools, day care facilities, sports stadiums or arenas, bars, bar/restaurants, places of worship, college dorms and classrooms, hospitals, casinos, large entertainment facilities and courts). In other words, no license would be required to carry a concealed pistol except in those places. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4027: Make management liable for "gun free zone" injuries

Introduced by Rep. Gary Eisen (R), to establish that a person or business who owns or occupies a property and designates it as a gun-free or weapon-free zone is responsible for the safety of individu-

als who enter, and liable for damages that result from injuries they may sustain if adequate security is not maintained. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4006: Exempt office holders from concealed pistol permit 'gun free zone' restrictions

Introduced by Rep. Gary Eisen (R), to exempt elected officials from the "gun free zone" restrictions in the state concealed pistol license law. The exemption would remain in effect for two years after they leave office. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 551: Exempt trigger locks from sales tax

Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D), to exempt trigger locks, gun safes and lockboxes, and other home firearm safety devices from sales tax. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 35: Ban guns on state Capitol grounds

Introduced by Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D), to prohibit carrying a concealed firearm on the premises of the state Capitol. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

SAGINAW WOMAN ARRESTED FOR OWI IN ARGENTINE

On Friday, Aug. 5, at approximately 9:41 p.m., Argentine Township police were dispatched to reports of a possible drunk driver. A responding police officer located the vehicle in the 11000 block of Duffield Road. at 9:53 p.m. Subsequent field sobriety tests of the 50-year-old Saginaw woman, determined she was driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .24, three times the legal limit. The woman was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail pending charges.

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NOT ONE PARENT of school-age children should vote for Whitmer.

GENDER IS FACT. Mental health is fluid.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: ON Oct. 2, 2020 the liberal Michigan Supreme Court ruled Whitmer's COVID-19 Executive Orders were illegal. Whitmer broke the law in order to seize power and rule by decree.

DAN KILDEE SUPPORTS the reckless 'inflation' bill that will worsen inflation, raise taxes on every bracket, kill jobs, crush the oil, gas, and coal industries, give billions to Obamacare and billions to the IRS (adding 87,000 agents) to 'go after' hard-working citizens making \$75,000-200,000 per year.

THE CLAIM 'LOVE is love' is mindless sloganeering.

KILDEE JUST VOTED to raise your taxes and for 87,000 additional IRS agents.

CURIOUS, WHAT DOES it mean to be a true American patriot? Being a veteran? Flying a flag? Helping the most vulnerable? I've been told I'm not one so I just would like to know how to be one.

LET'S FACE IT, all 'career' politicians owe somebody for getting into office and languishing there, whether repaying favors or by keeping secrets. Don't vote for anyone that is feathering their nest at your expense.

GREG NORMAN IS a poor excuse for a sportsman and a poor role model for young people. Because the PGA didn't put him up on a pedestal as a 'great golfer' he is trying to destroy it. Grow up, Greg.

ONCE AGAIN, THE Democrats are lying about HR 5376, the so called Inflation Reduction Budget Act. The CBO has determined the bill will raise \$20 billion in taxes from those who make under \$400,000. The Pinocchio Party!

FREE TO DREAM

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there is a level of trust between the victim and trafficker prior to any crime taking place. This is called grooming. For parents, the best thing they can do to protect their children from this heinous crime is get the whole family educated on the topic. And for online apps to be closely monitored or taken away completely. Traffickers go where the kids are," she said.

The public "desperately" needs to be aware of how kids spend their time online, Blythe said. The youth spends time on Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox, Fortnite and other chat rooms where traffickers often prey on vulnerable people.

"Being knowledgeable about human trafficking, both parents and children, takes away a huge vulnerability and replaces it with empowerment. We truly believe education is prevention," she said.

Multiple organizations are involved in the Free to Dream Festival. This includes Community Threads, Webcor Packaging, One Day Custom Floors, CGC Water Treatment, Bright Future Pediatrics, Authentic Kitchen & Design, and Northgate, Hurley Children's



Hospital and the Freedom Center Church. Home Depot of Howell renovated the safehouse.

"Our long standing community partners include the G.H.O.S.T. team at the Sheriff's Office and Voices for Children who we will be working with closely upon opening," Blythe said. "We are so grateful to all of the individuals and organizations who have supported not just this event coming up, but the journey we've been on to get everything ready for the safehouse to open."

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ness of this tip, which leads to:

- **Experience:** From the article, "The nature of the employee experience is directly dependent on your ability to deliver on your EVP. When employees understand and meet employer expectations and are rewarded accordingly, they're likely to view the experience of working for your organization as a positive one." Those rewards aren't always tangible. Sometimes it's salary, other times it's an employer's willingness to embrace a work-life balance that works for the employee.

Clearly this advice is not a quick fix, but putting in the time and effort

is well worth it.

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Emily Caswell is the brand manager at VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

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Hundreds of people attended Hogs and Harmony for Holly on Saturday, Aug. 13 to enjoy the motorcycle ride and live music. Photos submitted by Nicole Edwards-Rankin

Hogs and Harmony raises \$6,000 for fire victims

■ Proceeds will help employees of affected businesses

By Hannah Ball

Organizers of the Hogs and Harmony for Holly on Saturday, Aug. 13 describe the event as a “huge success.”

The motorcycle and music event was a fundraiser for the victims of the June 21 Holly fire that destroyed multiple businesses. Organizer Nicole Edwards-Rankin estimates that 500-800 people attended and they raised approximately \$6,000.

“The event was a huge success. Pulling off something in five weeks isn’t easy, but we had a great team of people on the planning committee, excellent partners and sponsors, and a great group of volunteers during the day too. It was a great day, and so good to see so many people out enjoying and supporting our community,” she said.

Approximately 109 riders participated in the motorcycle ride. Arsenal Harley Davidson, Arsenal Chapter #4711, Operation Injured Soldier and H.I.M. were part of the ride. Paula Di-maria was the lead road captain.

“Not only did she lead the ride, but was instrumental in reaching out to all the municipalities with me to secure police escorts and support where possible. She did an amazing job,” said Dan Prekup, one of the organizers. He added that surrounding communities had rain, which affected biker turnout. If they had perfect weather,

he believes that 150-200 bikers would have attended.

Dozens of people participated in the cornhole tournament. Edwards-Rankin said Oakland Yard Athletics and Blast Cornhole were excellent to work with.

“The music was fantastic. Rob Stone from 99.5 WYCD came out to play. The rest of the bands were local musicians that regularly played open mic nights at Andy’s Place. A crowd favorite was the beatboxer,” She said. The beatboxer is Jacob Alan Gibson.

The event was made possible by volunteers and sponsors. Hilary Allgeyer was the volunteer coordinator.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh, Fire Chief Steve McGee and Village President Tom McKenney gave speeches about Holly and the fire.

“DDA Director Nick Klempp of course did an amazing job and is excellent to work with. He really cares about the community,” she said.

Ram Construction sponsored the event, and the Moose Lodge cooked and served food. Food trucks were also at the event.

“Moose staff and Andy’s Place staff were servers, and it was great to see them at the event. We all miss seeing them, well I know I do. My husband and I are regulars at both of these establishments. We can’t wait to get back into these places and enjoy them again. Excellent progress is being made downtown with clean up, and the businesses are working with historic preservationists to keep the buildings or rebuild them the way they were. It is just going to take

time, and it will probably be next year before we can actually make it back into them,” Edwards-Rankin said.

With the proceeds from this event, more than \$30,000 has been raised to help victims of the fire. The Heart of Holly Crowdfunding Campaign has raised more than \$25,000. This fundraiser was created by Main Street

Oakland County and Main Street Holly, an arm of the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

“I’d love to build on this momentum, and plan a similar event next year. It brought quite a few out-of-towners into our village and is a nice positive for our fundraising efforts to bring out of town money into the effort,” Prekup said.



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and other local public transits systems.

During the Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday, Aug. 10, Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider told the board that she had just been at the Oakland County Board Commissioners meeting but left early to attend the Rose Township meeting.

Scheib-Snider explained that the commissioners were seeking to put the countywide millage on the November ballot. She said the commission was not allowing any exemptions for this millage despite Rose Township residents, which live in the northern portion of Oakland County, getting no benefit from this transportation service.

“Even if all of Rose Township says no, we don’t have a say,” Scheib-Snider said.

Trustee Glen Noble thanked Scheib-Snider for attending the county commissioners’ meeting and said, “All we can do is voice our opinion.”

Rose Township voters just approved a six-year, 3.5 millage for fire and EMS service during the August primary election.

The Rose Township board expressed concern over this countywide millage and the cost to Rose Township residents for a service they likely won’t use.

Treasurer Paul Gambka said, “Rose Township residents would pay about \$310,570 for the Oakland county transportation tax should it pass in November. My numbers are based on 2022 taxable SEV.”

On Thursday, Aug. 11, Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller sent a letter to State Sen. Ruth Johnson, State Rep. Mike Mueller and Board Chair David Woodward. The letter states:

“We were informed last night at our Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to place the transit tax question on the November ballot. I saw on the news that it passed.

Last week at the August 2 Primary Election, Rose Township approved the 3.5 Fire and Emergency Services millage which had a 1.4 increase included in the 3.5. It did not pass by a landslide because we in Rose Township do not have a lot of money.

Now Oakland County is going to charge another .95 tax increase for a bus system that we will never use in Rose Township and probably the majority of the northern communities will never use either. We are in troubled times and a recession and this is not the time to increase taxes when people are having difficulty putting food on the table and making ends meet.

In 2018 when Brooks Patterson was executive, I and several others testified that the RTA does nothing for the northern communities and we were able to opt out.

In the larger areas that will receive bus services relatively commensurate with their tax payments and the majority voted yes and opted in to the transit taxing authority that supports this bus system should determine whether they want to pay an additional transit tax and allow us to opt out. We have no need for a transit system here.

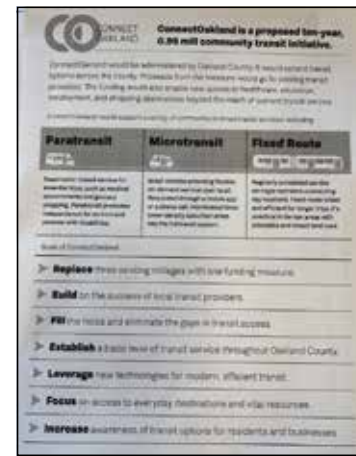
We need to empower the communities that wish to opt-out of this additional tax and enable these communities to opt-out of any future vote and tax.

I am pleading with you to help to allow us in Rose Township and in the northern Oakland County to opt-out of this tax. I would propose the Michigan

Legislature amend the law to enable communities to opt-out of any future tax.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.”

According to an article in The Oakland Press, the proposed millage would levy \$0.95 per \$1,000 of taxable property value and collect an estimated \$66 million in the first year with \$2 million going to the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA); \$2 million to West Oakland Transit Authority (WOTA), and \$1 million to the Older Person’s Commission (OPC) transportation



and \$33.3 million to SMART. The millage would pay to expand public transit services across the county.

ConnectOakland is a proposed 10-year, 0.95 mill community transit initiative.

ConnectOakland would be administered by Oakland County. It would extend transit options across the county. Proceeds

from the measure would go to existing transit providers. The funding also would enable new access to healthcare, education, employment and shopping destinations beyond the reach of current transit service.

‘It’s absolute theft’

■ Holly Township supervisor livid with proposed .95 mill transportation millage

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted last week 13-7 to put a 0.95 public transportation millage on the Nov. 8 ballot and Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis is livid.

ConnectOakland is a proposed 10-year, 0.95-mill community transit initiative. It would be administered by Oakland County. If passed by voters, it would extend transit options across the county. Proceeds from the measure would go to existing transit providers. The funding also would enable new access to healthcare, education, employment and shopping destinations beyond the reach of current transit service, according to ConnectOakland.

Kullis met with Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman and Oakland County Board Chair David Woodward on Monday to find out more about the millage that could be assessed across the county if approved by voters in November.

Kullis said Oakland County residents

will decide and even if every Holly Township voter says no in November, they could still be assessed the tax if Oakland County overall approves the proposal.

“They’d take \$384,000 from Holly Township every year and we’ll never see anything,” Kullis said adding that the service will be no closer than Clarkston.

“It’s absolute theft,” Kullis said.

Kullis questions the statistics of need and what problem solving is being done. He said Holly Township, along with Rose and Groveland townships and the village of Holly together, have a budget of \$47,000 to provide transportation for their areas, with the use of a SMART bus and drivers that the local consortium hires.

Kullis said with this special assessment district covering all of Oakland County, individual municipalities cannot opt out.

From his experience, Kullis said family members typically help and drive their loved ones who need help to their appointments.

“This arbitrary .95 mill for 10 years to provide what? Where’s the problem? Where is the need?” he said.

Voters will decide this millage in November during the general election.

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Fenton's Ava Pyeatt won her flight of the match play contests at the Flint Junior Golf Association's final tournament of the summer.

Fenton golfers make an impact on FJGA circuit

By David Troppens

There were some Fenton High School connections during the final weeks of play in the Flint Junior Golf Association's season.

The Fenton girls golf program had three competitors in the

match play portion of the event while the Fenton boys program had one advance.

Katelyn Burkett earned a spot in the girls championship flight while Ava Pyeatt and Ava Herbert earned a spot in the girls second

flight match play brackets. Meanwhile, Hank Wojtaszek earned a spot in the boys first flight match play event.

Burkett recorded a season average of 91.78 during the
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Sports Times

Sullivan, past athletes come together for Alumni game

By David Troppens

Fenton — Matt Sullivan has hosted an alumni game with the Fenton varsity soccer programs ever since his second year holding the varsity coaching positions.

The one the varsity boys and girls teams held on Aug. 5 wasn't that much different than the previous ones. When graduated players came on the Fenton High School soccer field, and Sullivan saw them, it seemed he tried to hug every single one, reaffirming the bond from years ago.

"I don't forget a name," Sullivan said.

Of course, there was one significant change. This time, Sullivan was hosting the alumni game without the titles of Fenton varsity boys and girls soccer coach. Sullivan resigned both positions at the end of the 2021-22 school season and, consequently, this alumni game had a little more meaning. Approximately 70 ex-players returned to play and remember the man they called coach and now a friend.

"(The alumni game) is one of the most fun things I look forward to during the summer," Fenton 2019 graduate

Jake Humpert said. "Sullivan is the guy that got me into playing soccer, so every time I come back and play for him, it's great.

"It's definitely saddening (about Sullivan's retirement). He taught me how to play soccer. He's been my coach for basically my entire life."

"It's great to come back, see everybody and catch up a little bit," past player Andrew Burrows said. "It's great to see all the people come back and getting to see your friends that you haven't seen in a long time.

"I was probably going to be here anyway, (but with Sullivan retiring), I had to be here now. We are going to miss him, but he did it for a long time so he deserves his retirement."

Jimmy McGuirk came back to the program after graduating, coaching the JV program.

"I wasn't going to miss this," McGuirk said. "The way he develops these young men on and off the field — I wanted to be a part of that. And I'm still coaching with the guys today."

Sullivan appreciated the large showing of men and

women who returned to honor the programs but also him.

"This is great," Sullivan said. "It really is. Some of them are a little upset because they wanted me to coach their kids, but this is really one of my favorite nights of the year — the alumni game. It's been a big family for so long.

"It's not just the kids, but it's the parents as well. They want to be here again and watch it. This field is magical. Everybody has their different memories of playing out here — different big games, upsets, championships and all

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The Fenton soccer programs recently held their long-time annual alumni game. The contest had about 70 athletes attend due to the fact varsity boys and girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan (left photo on the right) recently resigned both positions.

Photos: David Troppens

Coach Q&A

Holly's Keenist has lived a lifetime around football

By David Troppens

Holly's first-year varsity football coach, Billy Keenist Jr., has spent his life around football, whether it was as a player, a coach or just around the Detroit Lions' sidelines. He's entering a rebuilding project at Holly, but has experience with rebuilding programs.

He spent the last three seasons at Troy Athens. He took what was a 1-8 Troy Athens's squad in 2018 into a 5-4 program last season.

Keenist has a history surrounding the Detroit Lions. His dad was the long-time vice president of communications with the Lions, so he had a unique perspective of not only the organization, but some of the players who were in the organization. So while

Keenist is a Holly varsity football coach first to the sports staff, we had to ask a question about the Lions in this question and answer.

Q - What makes prep football special?

A - "Prep football is special because you get to play an incredibly demanding and rewarding sport with the guys you grew up with. In college, you play with the guys from all over the state or country, but high school football is the best because it's your town. The life lessons high school football teaches our young people are off the charts."

Q - What were some of your favorite memories during your prep career?

A - "Playing for my hometown, playing for a legendary coach in Bud Rowley, and



Holly's first-year varsity football coach Billy Keenist Jr. addresses his team during a recent practice. Keenist has been around football all of his life ranging from his playing career to being around the Detroit Lions while growing up.

Photo: David Troppens

certain games my senior year. I remember our homecoming win versus Brandon and a triple overtime thriller versus Linden."

Q - What do you hope the kids learn during their time with the program?

A - "I want the student-athletes in my program to learn how to be mentally and physically tough, to understand the importance of discipline and hard work and to understand the importance of being a part of a team."

Q - If you could coach any other sport you've never coached, which would it be and why?

A - "Baseball. I grew up playing baseball with all of my buddies. I've grown to enjoy the game and appreciate it. I think coaching baseball would be fun."

Q - I have to drop a Detroit Lions question. Do you have any good Barry Sanders stories? Who was your favorite player back in the day,

maybe one you got to know well.

A - "I have a lot of good Barry Sanders stories, but the one I always tell my players is this one. At the end of the 1996 season the Lions were 5-10 and had one game left at San Francisco and my dad needed to get a response from Barry on being named to the All-Pro team. My dad went down to the locker room after practice and Barry wasn't there. My dad went into the weight room and there was Barry working out. Barry told my dad to give him a half-hour. My dad went back to his office and 30 minutes later he went back to the weight room and Barry wasn't there. By this time everybody had left the Silverdome. My dad thought he forgot but before my dad left he saw a shadow on the Silverdome turf. He walked out there and saw Barry running sprints by himself. Two days later, Barry passed Terrell Davis to win the rushing title

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Coach Q&A Williams brings youthful energy to Linden program

By David Troppens

Linden's first-year varsity football coach, Chad Williams, is entering his first season as a varsity head coach with any program this fall, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have ample experience.

Coming from Davison's program, Williams understands some of the equation it takes to have a successful program. And in his time at Linden, it's obvious he has his own modifications toward what not only a successful football program looks like, but how some of those same ideas can help make the entire school district stronger.

Q - What makes prep football special?

A - "One, the community. Two, the relationships built through years of being together from kindergarten to high school. Three, the atmosphere. For some, this is the highlight of their week, getting to come out and watch Linden football. It's our obligation to perform at a high level for them, and for those who look to follow our footsteps."

Q - What were some of your favorite memories during your prep career?

A - "Homecoming. Making plays in front of your crowd, feeling that energy and excitement is something you can't take for granted. Also, the practices — good and bad. A lot of bonds and memories are made during those years."

Q - What do you hope the kids learn during their time with the program?

A - "I hope they learn how to be great fathers, brothers, sons, students, community members, etc. Our culture transcends the field and it's something they can take with them the rest of their lives."

Q - If you could coach any other sport you've never coached, which would it be and why?

A - "Wrestling. I've always loved the sport and, obviously, coming from Davison it's a big thing. Wrestling is so different from football in the sense that it's just you on the mat. I believe



Linden's first-year varsity football coach Chad Williams (middle) is surrounded by his players during a recent practice. One of his goals is to build not only a successful football program, but to build a stronger sense of community among all students in the district.

Photo: David Troppens

there's something to be said about both team sports, like football, and sports like wrestling. Both teach great things to our kids."

Q - Besides sports, what other interests do you have?

A - "I really enjoy spending time with my family. My wife makes great sacrifices so that I can spend the amount of time that I do with our kids, and I look forward to the times I have with her and my son. Outside of that, I'm a huge Star Wars and Marvel nerd. I also love learning different topics in science, whether that's astronomy, physical or other random subjects."

Q - Finish this sentence. Linden football is...

A - "focused on what's in front of us, day in and day out. #ArdeNavele."

GOLFERS

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summer and qualified for the championship flight with an 86. From there, she advanced to the championship flight as the second seed. She faced Leah LaFleur in the championship flight semifinals and lost 2&1.

The women's second flight had a lot of Fenton intrigue. Pyeatt averaged a 108.67 for the summer and Herbert averaged a 112.80. However, in the qualifying tournament, Pyeatt earned the top seed with a 99 and Herbert earned the fourth seed with a 103, forcing them to face off in the semifinal round. Pyeatt won 8&7 and advanced to the second flight championship match. She defeated Lily Meyer 6&4 in that event.

Wojtaszek averaged a 95.17 during the Flint Junior Golf season and earned the fourth seed in the boys first flight by posting a score of 88 in the qualifying tournament. He competed against Lucas Power and lost 4&2 in the semifinal round.

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The Fenton soccer programs recently hosted its annual alumni contest. Mainly due to varsity boys and girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan's recent resigning of those positions this summer's contest had its largest numbers ever. Photo: David Troppens

SULLIVAN

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that. It's been great. I love it."

About 40 of the athletes that attended, played in the alumni game. Others just attended to say "hi" to old teammates and their old coach. Each also learned a lesson or two from Sullivan.

"I learned more stuff than I probably realized at the time," Burrows said. "I learned about hard work and

having fun out there. I think we take it a little more seriously, the playing part, than we probably should. He always wanted us to make sure we had fun. That's something he always stressed."

"He's not your normal coach," Humpert said. "You never know what is going to happen at practice. You don't know if you are going to play football, or going to play soccer, if you are going to be practicing or just run-

ning. Each day of practice was something different and that's what makes it exciting."

But with time all things must come to an end. Was this the last alumni game? Who knows. However, Sullivan's run at Fenton is now over as he pursues other ventures.

"We are going to miss him, but he did it for such a long time," Burrows said. "He deserves his retirement."

KEENIST

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with 175 yards against the 49ers.

"My favorite player back in the day was, by far, Erik

Kramer. From a young age, I always loved quarterbacks. I remember crying in my basement when he signed with the Bears. When I got the job at Holly, Erik Kramer actually

sent me a really nice text congratulating me on the position."

Q - Finish this sentence. Holly football is...

A - "tough!"

1968 Tigers start closing in on pennant in early September

By David Troppens

The Baltimore Orioles were leaving Tiger Stadium on Sept. 1, basically with their wings clipped.

The Tigers had earned victories in two of three games against Baltimore and now led the American League by seven games.

With 25 games remaining, all the Tigers had to worry about was chipping down their magic number to zero.

That quest to complete those two goals continued with a three-day and four-game road trip at Oakland. The Tigers lost the first contest 4-0, but they bounced back to win the second game 4-3 in 10 innings. The game-winning run was scored when Bill Freehan hit a solo home run in the top of the 10th inning. Pat Dobson got the Athletics out in the bottom of the 10th inning, earning the victory. The Orioles split with New York on the same date, putting the Tigers' magic number (the number of games that either the Tigers had to win or the Orioles had to lose to clinch the Tigers the pennant) was now at just 17.

Freehan said he was dead tired for a couple of reasons. First, he caught all 19 innings of the twinbill. Second, he forgot to change his watch on the

trip to California, so he woke up that morning at 5:30 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m.

"It wasn't until I was wide awake that I realized I had forgot to turn my watch back and it was 5:30 a.m. California time," Freehan said. "Then I was too wide awake to go back to sleep.

"I'm absolutely dead tired. ... I'm just looking forward to a meal and some sleep."

A day later, the Tigers trailed 3-2 entering the ninth, but the Tigers scored four runs in the top of the ninth to clinch the 6-3 victory. Eddie Matthews walked, Jim Northrup singled and Mickey Stanley walked, loading the bases with just one out. Northrup followed with a two-run single and Norm Cash hit into an RBI-fielder's choice play, plating the third turn. The fourth scored on a wild pitch, plating Northrup. Northrup had made an error earlier in the game, allowing the Athletics to take the lead. The magic number was now at 15.

"You usually don't get the opportunity to make up for it when you kick one like that," Northrup said. "I was happy to get the opportunity. I was even surprised the manager let me hit against the lefty."

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Midweek Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Mimics
5 Satchel
8 Blue hue
12 Tibetan monk
13 Crew tool
14 Galoots
15 Spring flower
17 Marathon fraction
18 Vagrant
19 Nearsighted
21 Pie-in-the-face sound
24 Blueprint
25 San — Obispo, CA
26 Lose weight
30 Web address
31 April forecasts
32 Pi follower
33 Pained expressions
35 Egyptian deity
36 911 responders
37 Garden statuette
38 Shrimp recipe
41 Gloomy guy
42 Horseback game
43 Record holder?
48 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
49 Melody
50 Long tale
51 Theater award

DOWN

1 Jungfrau, for one
2 Standard
3 Brit. record label
4 Brazilian dances
5 Prosperous period
6 Small batteries
7 Glitch makers

52 Texter's chuckle
53 Yon folks

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8 Candy bar nut
9 Witticism
10 Wrinkled fruit
11 In — (shortly)
16 Trench
20 Orange veggies
21 Punch
22 Kitten's sound
23 Leslie Caron film
24 Snoops
26 Strategic
27 Guesser's words
28 Caprice
29 Proboscis

31 Wheelchair access
34 "Cats" show-stopper
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Horoscopes

For the week of **August 15, 2022**

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, now could be a good time to map out your financial future. You're riding a professional wave and your finances will benefit significantly from your hard work.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you can be a strong and formidable advocate for any cause you choose to support. Figure out what ideas you want to align with this week and voice your support.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
This week you may start out feeling like the life of the party. But you may run out of steam as the week winds down. Plan light activities for the weekend, Gemini.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
Cancer, if you are feeling frustrated at work, you may want to address your feelings with friends this week. They may be able to provide a fresh perspective on the situation.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Don't take anything for granted this week, Leo. Even seemingly mundane events can have a significant impact on both your present and your future.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Explore creative outlets, Virgo. They may be just what you need right now to calm your mind and work through some of the problems that have been tough to solve lately.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it is important to define boundaries between work and home life this week, especially as you explore remote working opportunities or a promotion.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, your close relationships could benefit from some increased conversation this week. Small talk is a start, but dig into topics that are meaningful to you and your partner.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Concerns about finances could have you holding back on all spending, including important purchases, Sagittarius. A professional can help you establish a budget.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, life may be challenging this week, and attempts to get ahead could be thwarted. You may just have to hunker down a little longer and work harder.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Set up your living space to ensure you feel peaceful and calm at all times, Aquarius. This can improve your overall mood and benefit your long-term health.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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