

Fenton man's case bound over for trial

■ Police, city officials believed Davis was a potential threat

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton man charged with one count of false report or threat of terrorism has been bound over to circuit court for jury trial. Ryan Eugene Davis, 40, was arrested Sept. 15 and arraigned Sept. 16, in

67th District Court. The charge is a 20-year felony and/or \$20,000 fine. He's being represented by defense attorney Matthew Norwood.

A cash surety bond of \$250,000 was ordered and Davis remains

lodged in the Genesee County Jail. If bond is posted, he is to not possess or purchase a firearm or other dangerous weapon or have any drugs or alcohol.

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Delaney elected Holly Village president

■ Three candidates with most votes elected as council members

By Sharon Stone

Ryan Delaney was elected president of Holly Village during the Tuesday, Nov. 8, mid-term election. He defeated Debra Musgrave-Rood by a vote of 1,039 to 839.

See **HOLLY VILLAGE** on 22



Brian Mohlman, 1st vice commander of the Department of Michigan American Legion, speaks about the history of veteran services in the U.S. at the veterans dinner organized by the Linden American Legion Family on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Masonic Lodge in Linden. It was a free dinner for veterans and their guest to honor Veterans Day, which was Friday, Nov. 11. See the story in the next Midweek edition of the Tri-County Times. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Incumbent wins commissioner seat

■ Shaun Shumaker takes nearly 63% of vote in 6th District

By Sharon Stone

Republican Incumbent Shaun Shumaker defeated Independent Kurt Chapelle by a vote of 12,958 (62.69%) to 7,711 (37.31%) in the Nov. 8 election for the 6th District of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.



Shaun Shumaker

According to the Genesee County Clerk's Office, there were 4,257 under votes and 33 over votes in this race, meaning voters either skipped this race when they filled out their ballot or voted for more than one candidate.

Results of this election are unofficial until they are approved by the state board of canvassers.

Shumaker, 51, and his wife Jennifer have
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Three chosen for Fenton school board

■ Board members will serve six-year terms

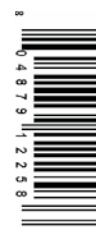
By Hannah Ball

Three people were elected to serve six-year terms on the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education during the Tuesday, Nov. 8 elections. Two incumbents lost their seats.

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Fenton teacher runs for pancreatic cancer survivors

■ November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month

By Hannah Ball

A Fenton teacher recently ran her first marathon in the New York City Marathon on Sunday, Nov. 6, and raised \$11,030 for Project Purple, an organization that spreads awareness about pancreatic cancer and helps survivors.

The run was special to Jill Smigielski. Her father died from the disease in October 2009.

“I feel moved to make a difference for pancreatic cancer patients as I watched what my dad went through and have been connected to many other families who have gone through this. To me, these people are literally fighting for their life. I feel like it’s my duty to be the voice for those who are fighting and those who have lost their battle,” she said.

On the day of the event, the weather was “not a runner’s friend,” she said. It was 74 and humid. She felt good the first half of the race, but stopped at the medical tent to handle a blister around mile 14. Smigielski struggled with the weather and threw her running plan out the window to focus on finishing. Mile 15 has a tough hill that was hard for her, and there were a few times during



the second half that she wanted to quit.

“But the crowd support, text messages from friends and family and knowing I was running on behalf of Project Purple kept me going. Running is a very mental sport but this run tried me both mentally and physically. I saw so many other runners struggle with cramps, vomit, need medical attention and a few who collapsed. I made my goal to just finish healthy,” she said.

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month. She ran with her Project Purple shirt, which is white and purple. Purple is the color for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month. She became involved in the organization after her father died.

“What my family watched him go through, from the pain in his back, to



the unbearable pain he would get from eating was horrible. I never want another family to go through that. I also did research on this cancer and it’s often referred to as ‘the death sentence cancer’ as there are no early detection tests and it’s often diagnosed at later stages,” she said. “Symptoms are often vague and mistaken for other illnesses.”

Her dad’s lone symptom was back pain. The cancer was diagnosed after he passed a kidney stone and the doctor found more kidney stones and a See **MARATHON** on 8

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David's Dabblings

Halloween is already about two weeks into the rearview mirror, it's now mid-November and Thursday was probably our last 70-degree day of 2022. And if that wasn't bad enough, it's getting dark at about 6 p.m. these days.

Darn it. My favorite portion of the year in terms of weather (about Sept. 1 until approximately Halloween) is over.

We've all heard the five stages of grief/dying before. For those that haven't, they are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and then acceptance.

I think November represents a blurring of the denial and bargaining stage for me. It stems down to the fact that usually through mid-December we still have those occasional beautiful weather days.

For example, while the average high temperature during a day in November is typically in the 40s, chances are we'll still have another warm surge that gets us in the 60s. Now, that day changes into the 'last best day of 2022' instead of Thursday's 70-degree high. And when the average high temperature establishes itself in the 30s, we'll still



David Troppens
Sports Editor

The stages of grief as the weather transitions from fall to winter

have that day that reaches the mid-50s. When that day comes, I'll muster up the strength to open as many windows as I can to get some new clean air into our home. The denial stage will hit me hard on that day.

And when I realize just a half-hour later the windows have to be closed again because I'm now cold, depression will set in.

How to deal with these upcoming winter blues

Just being busy is probably the best way. I want to get to March as soon as possible and being busy with fun activities seems to be the key. For us, that means traveling weekly to Midland to play in our family sport of the winter — curling.

Also, whenever it's sunny and the temps are even just five degrees above normal do one of your favorite outdoor activities you do during the summer during winter. One of our favorites is going to the zoo. In a lot of ways, winter is the best time to go to the zoo. Many animals are still outside, and since it's cold the animals are more active than they ever are during the summer. Also, there is hardly anyone else

around, so you can relax.

Finally, about mid-February when we get that occasional sunny days in the 40s, I'll play the reverse game that I play in the fall. If it's 48 on Feb. 2 it'll be the 'first best day of 2023.' The first day it hits the 50s, the 60s and then the 70s will become future 'first best days' of the year. It fools your mind into thinking spring is just days away.

Finally, we typically go on a vacation to Kentucky to do some serious trail walking between the winter and spring sports seasons. Typically, the temps on that trip are in the 50s to mid-60s. It's not Florida, but it's warmer than home and it feels like spring. For a week, we are constantly outdoors as well, which helps bring the spring mindset back into play. So, even if we return from vacation to experience a windy 40-degree day, we've experienced enough decent early spring weather to still have ourselves fairly fooled that spring is back. And before you know it, it truly will be back.

Recent jokes I enjoyed

- My wife recently told me I'm the only one for her. Before she dated me, Anna said she only dated nines and 10s.
- This Halloween I went to party and dressed up as a globe. I didn't talk to anybody because I was in my own little world.

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

Have you ever had a Thanksgiving Day disaster? | streettalk



"Got ready to eat dinner, only to have my grandma realize she never turned the oven on and we had to wait hours before we ended up eating."

Tara Maksymowski
Fenton



"My mother-in-law offered to cook our turkey while we went to the thanksgiving parade. She forgot the combination to get in the house through the garage. She went to Alpine, bought a fresh turkey, knocked on the neighbors door until she found someone home and prepared the turkey at our neighbor's house."

Marlene Leaman
Linden



"This one time I was on the way to my family's for dinner and the cops tried to pull me over. I ran and eventually got arrested and spent Thanksgiving in jail. What a disaster. This was well over 20 years ago. I'm not stupid anymore."

Dan Killian
Linden



"One time I left the plastic piece inside the turkey on accident and sent an inquiry to Martha Stewart about whether it would still be okay to eat because she was doing a Facebook live event. She answered my question live but was disgusted by my error and made fun of me! It comes up in my time hop memories every year so I never forget the day Martha Stewart disgraced my cooking."

Tessa Stickel, Fenton

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MANY, MANY THANKS to the staff and students of Linden HS for the wonderful senior citizens dinner last Tuesday. Great food. Great service. Great music.

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Holly Winter Market begins

■ Shopping season kicks off indoors Sunday, Nov. 13

By Sharon Stone

If you love checking out local farmers markets for food items and locally made crafts and gift items, don't despair, the Holly Farmers Market will continue offering markets with their Winter Market on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Winter Market will be held at Venue One Eleven, 111 College St., Holly. The first Winter Market of the season will be today, Sunday, Nov. 13 and it will run every Sunday through Dec. 18. After that, they will take a short break and resume markets Jan. 15 through April 30, 2023.

Many of their regular vendors will be there along with many new ones.

Diana Regan, manager of the market, said they have 45 to 50 vendors signed up. Some of the vendors include Middleton Farms' grass-fed beef, Aunt Sarah's cocoa bombs with holiday chocolate, Noni's Italian with homemade focaccia

and biscottis, Grandma's Pantry with homemade jams and jellies and Clarkston Farms with winter greens and micro greens. Barenaked Wood will have his handmade wood products using birch trees from Northern Michigan. She said they also will have plenty of crafters and bakers great for holiday gift giving.

Something that they usually do not have at our normal Farmers Market includes direct sales such as Pampered Chef, Thirty One, Color Street and Norax.

Some of the items available include locally grown greens, microgreens and vegetables, homemade jams and jellies, grass-fed beef and pork and salsa. You'll also find Italian baked goods and pasta sauce, homemade sourdough bread, edible cookie dough, freeze dried fruits, vegetables and candy, flavored kettle corn, chocolate cocoa bombs and handmade chocolate items.

Other items include baked goods, flavored pretzels, Elderberry syrup, loose



leaf tea, pet treats and bandanas.

Attendees will also see upcycled decor, body care and soaps, fidget toys, crystals, crocheted items, handmade jewelry, stained glass items, Christmas items, handmade Christmas cards, handmade wooden chopping boards and charcuterie boards, floral and wreath designs, stickers, candles and so much more artisan and crafts.

Venue One Eleven plans to have cappuccino, espresso and food for purchase there also.

Regan said they are still looking for vendors particularly January through April. For more information they can email Regan at hollyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.



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Mayor reelected, three councilors win seats

Incumbents win in Linden races

By Hannah Ball

Three incumbent Linden City councilors and the mayor were reelected to continue serving on the Linden City Council during the Tuesday, Nov. 8 elections.

Mayor Danielle Cusson, who has served on the Linden City Council since 2007 and was first elected mayor in 2016, was reelected to another two-year term. She received 1,295 votes in an uncontested race.

"I am happy the citizens of Linden have put their trust in me to lead the city as mayor for another two years. We have many great things going on in Linden, and I look forward to continuing the progress. As always, I was pleased with our voter turnout. Over the next few weeks, I will be reviewing applications for boards and commissions for any citizens who want to be more involved in Linden."

Applications can be found at lindenmi.us.



Danielle Cusson



Pamela Howd



Brad Dick

Five people ran for three council seats. Councilor Pamela Howd received the most votes at 884, followed by Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Simons at 655 and Councilor Brad Dick at 614. These three will serve another four-year term.

Howd said, "I am thankful and grateful that the citizens of Linden re-elected me to serve for the next four years. It is an honor to serve the citizens, and I look forward to supporting their needs. Finally, I will do my best to be an effective member of the Linden City Council team and provide support for citizen concerns."

Simons has been a Linden City Councilor for six years and has been mayor pro-tem for two years.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Linden, Michigan. Thank you all for your ongoing trust and support," she said.

Dick, who has been involved in Linden government since joining the planning commission in 2008, has served on numerous committees and boards of directors in-

See **MAYOR** on 22

Voters approve state proposals

By Sharon Stone

State proposals 1, 2 and 3 all passed during the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

State Proposal 22-1: Constitutional Amendment – voters for Transparency and term limits

Voters in Michigan passed Proposal 1 by a vote of 2,828,631 (66.32%) to 1,436,549 (33.68%).

This constitutional amendment would:

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- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.

- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate. Should this proposal be adopted?

See **PROPOSALS** on 10

Incumbents reelected in state level races

Whitmer, Benson and Nessel retain seats

By Sharon Stone

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Democratic incumbent, defeated Republican challenger Tudor Dixon by a vote of 2,037,986 (53.4%) to 1,715,682 (44.95%) in the gubernatorial race in Michigan.

Election results are unofficial until they are approved by the state board of canvassers.

Also on the ballot for governor were Libertarian candidate Mary Buzuma with 33,767 votes, US Taxpayers candidate Donna Brandenburg with 15,000 votes, Green Party candidate Kevin Hogan with 9,586 votes and Natural Law candidate Daryl Simpson with 4,553 votes.

Michigan Secretary of State

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, the Democratic incumbent, was reelected. She defeated Republican challenger Kristina Karamo by a vote of 2,068,434 (54.73%) to 1,624,900 (43%).

Also on the Secretary of State ballot were Libertarian candidate Gregory Scott with 45,839 votes, US Taxpayers candidate Christine Schwartz with 27,915 votes and Green Party candidate Larry Hutchinson Jr. with 16,608 votes.

Michigan Attorney General

Attorney General Dana Nessel, the Democratic incumbent, was reelected. She defeated Republican challenger Matthew DePerno by a vote of 2,320,440 (53.15%) to 1,945,531 (44.56%). Also on the ballot for attorney general were Libertarian candidate Joseph McHugh Jr with 67,710 votes and US Taxpayers candidate Gerald

See **STATE RACES** on 10

Newcomer joins Linden school board

Board member of 20 years reelected

By Hannah Ball

On the Linden Community Schools Board of Education, one incumbent kept their position as trustee and a newcomer will join the board after the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

These trustee positions are six-year terms. Six people ran for two seats.

Incumbent Trustee Steve Murphy, who's served on the board for the past 20 years, received 2,963 votes and Brook Hansen received 2,161 votes.

Hansen said, "I am incredibly thankful for everyone who has supported me in this endeavor. I'm thrilled by this

opportunity to serve our students and community."

Incumbent Trustee Greg Durkac, who's served on the board since June 2021, received 2,147 votes, Tabitha Ramberg received 1,834, Paul Armstrong received 1,627, Terra Phillips received 1,227 votes.

Durkac's term ends at the end of the year.

"I considered it an honor and a privilege to serve on the Linden Board of Education. I was very lucky to partner with such a great group of professionals as we worked together to make Linden schools the premier district in the area. I would like to congratulate Steve Murphy and Brook Hansen as they

prepare for their upcoming terms on the school board," Durkac said.



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cancerous mass. He lived seven months and one day after the diagnosis. In 2009, the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer was around 7%, she said. Now that number is 11%, according to the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Smigielski got in touch with Dino Verrelli, the founder of Project Purple, and ran her first Detroit half marathon for them in 2017. She's been an ambassador for the organization for the last

four years. They've seen an increase in requests for financial support from patients.

"This is the most underfunded cancer as it isn't easy to diagnose, it doesn't always respond to treatments and there is so much unknown about it," she said. "Listen to your body and don't be afraid to advocate if you think that your doctor isn't taking your concerns as serious as you think they should."

Running is a stress reliever for Smigielski. She runs three to four times a week and has run several 5Ks, a couple

of 10Ks and five half marathons, four of which were the Detroit half marathon where she raised funds for Project Purple.

She ran the marathon with two special names on her bib. Her neighbor, who is a pancreatic cancer patient, and a Fenton resident, Michael Skaggs, a pancreatic cancer survivor. Smigielski said her neighbor was "very touched" when she wanted to add her name. She did a month-long fundraiser and dedicated a week of her runs to her.

She connected with Skaggs in a Face-

book group for pancreatic cancer and they became friends online.

"There are 17,000 people around the world in that group so what are the odds that I would connect with a pancreatic cancer survivor from Fenton also? It was so crazy Michael was happy to let me carry his name on my bib," she said.

Her colleagues at FAPS are very supportive. Smigielski has hosted Purple Outs to raise awareness about the disease. Superintendent Heidie Ciesielski sent out her fundraising page.

"I was overwhelmed with the donations that were given. I teach at Tomek and the Thursday I left for my marathon, the staff surprised me by wearing purple and purple ribbons to show me their support. Several of my teacher friends sent me positive upbeat messages while I was running the marathon," she said.

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From the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society's estimates for pancreatic cancer in the United States for 2022 are:

- Approximately 62,210 people (32,970 men and 29,240 women) will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Approximately 49,830 people (25,970 men and 23,860 women) will die of pancreatic cancer.
- Pancreatic cancer accounts for about 3% of all cancers in the US and about 7% of all cancer deaths. It is slightly more common in men than in women.

CRUST helps raise funds for Project Purple

- Thursday, Nov. 17, is World Pancreatic Cancer Day when people are encouraged to wear purple and spread awareness.
- Smigielski is partnering with CRUST- a baking company. The restaurant will accept donations and allow customers to round up their purchases that day. They will also have vanilla cupcakes decorated with purple frosting and signs with a QR code that gives users information about Project Purple and a link to donate. All donations will go to Project Purple that day. <https://donate.projectpurple.org/fundraiser/3942120>

Oakland County approves transit

Rose and Holly township supervisors upset, look at options going forward

By Sharon Stone

Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter released the following statement about Oakland County voters approving the Oakland County transportation millage.

"I'm so grateful to the voters of Oakland County who recognized that reliable and accessible public transportation is a critical necessity in all parts of the county," Coulter said. "The task before us now is to work with residents, businesses, organizations, local leaders and transit providers to ensure a seamless system of transportation that meets the needs of all Oakland County residents."

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted 13-7 in August to put a 0.95 public transportation millage on the Nov. 8 ballot.

With voter approval, ConnectOakland is a 10-year, 0.95-mill community transit initiative. It will be administered by Oakland County. It will extend transit options

across Oakland County. Proceeds from the measure will go to existing transit providers. The funding also will enable new access to healthcare, education, employment and shopping destinations beyond the reach of current transit service, according to ConnectOakland.

In August, Holly Township and Rose Township elected officials spoke out against the proposal saying it would cost the residents of those two northern border townships hundreds of thousands of dollars each year with no clear benefit to the residents.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, Scheib-Snyder said, "At 4:49 a.m., this morning I receive a message from a man who lives in Ferndale simply saying 'We won you lost' I replied to him 'It's too bad we can't all win.' Rose Township and other communities should have been given the choice to opt out.

"The majority of Rose Township voted to oppose the transportation millage 2,557 to 807 votes. Currently, Rose Township receives \$3,078 in smart credits that are transferred to the village of Holly where
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DAVIS

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As previously reported in the Times, Jeff Cross, acting police chief for the city of Fenton, said Davis obtained attention from police Wednesday morning, Sept. 14. Police had received calls that a man was seen walking on LeRoy Street carrying a shotgun, a chair and a sign shortly after 10 a.m. Cross said it is legal to open carry a shotgun (loaded or unloaded) in the state of Michigan.

Once Davis arrived at the police station, he sat down out front in his chair. At this time, officers walked out to speak with him. Cross said officers had a conversation with Davis, who said he wanted to speak with the city manager. After police spoke with him, Davis took his firearm home and returned to speak with the city manager.

Through their investigation, Fenton police learned that Davis had reportedly contacted multiple individuals with the city and he made statements that he was familiar with the shootings during a July 4 parade in Highland Park, Illinois and the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Cross said the individuals with the city believed that Davis might do something similar for attention. He said Davis mentioned Applefest, which was to begin the next day. He said Davis also mentioned that he had made several people aware that if something happened to him, they could tell his story.

Based on statements Davis made, Fenton police believed his intentions for attention and threats were real. They obtained an arrest warrant for false report or threat of terrorism and arrested Davis Thursday morning. Police executed a search warrant at his home and collected evidence for this case.

Cross said the Fenton Police Department increased security and patrols with uniformed and plainclothes officers throughout Applefest. "We took this very seriously," Cross said. "We gave extra attention to Applefest."

When asked if there were any issues at Applefest for police to deal with, Cross said there were none and that it was a successful Applefest.

No new court dates have been scheduled in Genesee County Circuit Court.

COMMISSIONER

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three children, Reid, Sam and Ben. He has his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northwood University.

Shumaker ran on the premise, "We cannot be truly successful if we don't prioritize our fiscal policy. Our county mission statement emphasizes that our goal is to have a '...financially sustainable county government.' We must live within our means as a county, just as our families do every day. We need to be doing everything in our power as a county board to ensure every dollar is allocated appropriately and not wasted."

He said his top three priorities were financial accountability, public safety and taking care of our veterans and senior citizens.

After his win, Shumaker was asked

what this win means to him and for the residents in the 6th District.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon my life and for placing me in a position to live and serve this wonderful community.

"I would also like to thank my family, friends, and several others for the hours and days spent helping during this campaign season. We ran a campaign based on the facts, on the things that have been accomplished and on the resources allocated back to our district.

"I am truly humbled to have the support of so many in our community who have chosen me to be their voice on the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. I will continue to work to make sure we get the services and the resources we deserve and keep the 6th District the best place to live in Genesee County."

PLANNING COMMISSION ROSE TOWNSHIP OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROSE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

December 1st, 2022

The Rose Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Township Meeting Hall at Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442, Thursday, December 1st, 2022. The Planning Commission meeting starts at 7:00 PM. The estimate time of the "Parks and Recreation Plan" public hearing is 7:15 PM. The public hearing is for the purpose of considering Rose Township Parks and Recreation Plan, in accordance with the MDNR's Grants Management office.

A copy of the Parks and Recreation Plan is available for public inspection at the Rose Township offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the Plan may be submitted to the Township at the above location prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. For more information, please contact the Zoning Administrator, David Plewes at 248-634-0290.

Persons needing assistance to attend the meeting due to physical handicap should contact the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Fenton area churches gather for Thanksgiving worship and service project Sunday, Nov. 20

Fenton area churches are invited to gather for a brief time of worship Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at Fenton United Methodist Church, followed by an opportunity to assemble warming kits (gloves, hats, scarves) for Carriage Town Ministries (carriagetown.org) in Flint. FUMC is at 119 S. LeRoy St., Fenton.

Operating millage renewal is approved

Restoration millage turned down by voters

By Sharon Stone

Voters in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district approved an operating millage renewal during the election on Nov. 8 by a vote of 3,944 (59.67%) to 2,666 (40.33%).

This operating millage will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2023 tax levy.

The millage rate is 16.9720 mills (\$16.9720 on each \$1,000 of taxable val-

uation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law for 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes.

The estimate of the revenue the school district will collect in 2024 is approximately \$2,271,193.

On the same ballot, voters in the school district did not pass a proposal that would allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Prior to the election and previously reported in the Times, Superintendent Julie Williams said districts are allowed to levy up to 18 mills for their Operating Millage due to the Headlee Rollback. Lake Fenton Community Schools' current levy is 16.9720, which is below the 18 they are

allowed to levy.

She said, "In order to recapture those dollars, the district can ask voters to increase the levy. We are asking for a 2-mill increase, but we can only levy a maximum of 18 mills. By asking for a 2-mill increase, this will protect the district from the Headlee Rollback for the next few years.

"The renewal would have to be approved in order for the increase to apply beginning with the 2024 tax levy."

On Thursday after the election, Williams said, "We are so grateful our voters approved the operating millage. As you know, school districts are required to ask voters for an operating millage as part of their school funding for general fund expenditures. Over the past few years, Lake Fenton's operating millage has decreased due to the Headlee Rollback. The restoration millage (which did not pass) would have allowed us to levy the full 18 mills, which would have added approximately \$130,000 to our operating budget."

STATE RACES

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Van Sickle with 32,387 votes.

U.S. Congress – 6th District

Elissa Slotkin, the Democratic incumbent, was reelected for the 7th congressional district. She defeated Republican challenger Tom Barrett by a vote of 191,097 (51.6%) to 171,985 (46.44%).

Also on the ballot was Libertarian candidate Lea Dailey with 7,235 votes.

State Senator – 22nd District

Lana Theis, the Republican incumbent, was reelected for the 22nd District. She defeated Democratic challenger Jordan Genso by a vote of 83,957 (60.68%) to 50,738 (36.67%).

Also on the ballot were Libertarian

candidate Jon Elgas with 2,478 votes and US Taxpayers candidate Victoria McCassey with 1,198 votes.

State Senator – 23rd District

Jim Runestad, the Republican incumbent, was reelected for the 23rd District. He defeated Democratic challenger Una Hepburn by a vote of 77,829 (59.42%) to 53,143 (40.58%).

State Senator – 24th District

Ruth Johnson, the Republican incumbent, was reelected. She defeated Democratic challenger Theresa Fougny by a vote of 87,165 (65.79%) to 43,315 (34.21%).

State Representative – 72nd District

Mike Mueller, the Republican incumbent, was reelected. He defeated Democratic challenger Stacy Taylor by a vote of 26,452 (58.09%) to 19,084 (41.91%).

PROPOSALS

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Supporters of the measure said that having legislators in office longer may hold them more accountable.

Opponents said that a representative or senator holding an office for too long is not in the best interests of their constituents, and that it's good to have a rotation of lawmakers.

State Proposal 22-2: Constitutional Amendment – promote the vote

Voters in Michigan passed this proposal by a vote of 2,576,796 (59.98%) to 1,719,577 (40.02%).

This constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person

voting;

- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

State Proposal 22-3: Constitutional Amendment – Reproductive Freedom for All

Voters in Michigan passed this proposal by a vote of 2,476,669 (56.72%) to 1,889,523 (43.28%).

This constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

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Joseph Graves,
Clerk Argentine Township

Insurance company investigating Fenton man living with MS

■ 'It's just ridiculous to put someone through this after everything I've gone through'

By Hannah Ball

Adam Powell of Fenton noticed a private investigator was following him in early October.

Powell, who has Multiple Sclerosis (MS), was out riding his bike — an achievement milestone for him in his journey with the disease that took away his ability to walk only a few years ago — when a car followed behind him driving slowly. He thought it was weird but kept riding.

His neighbors noticed the strange car lurking in the neighborhood before Powell did. One of his neighbors, a former police officer, knocked on the man's window, spoke to him and noticed camera equipment in his car. When Powell left in his car, the private investigator followed him.

A week later, he received a call and discovered that Hartford Insurance was

doing a functionality investigation on him to see if he should qualify for long-term disability.

"It's just ridiculous to put someone through this after everything I've gone through," he said. "I didn't just hurt my shoulder at work. This is never going away."

MS is a disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information between the body and brain, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It can cause permanent damage or deterioration of nerves.

Powell was diagnosed with MS in June 2019. His first neurologist told him he'd be in a wheelchair, which was the case until he was able to walk again. Powell used to use a walker, two ACL braces and ankle braces to walk. He still struggles with mobility.

Powell described the investigation as a "punch to the gut."

"I have worked so hard for two years to get out of the wheelchair and stay

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LOOKING BACK

at this week in

HISTORY

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

NOV. 13

1982: Near the end of a weeklong national salute to Americans who served in the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after a march to its site by thousands of veterans of the conflict. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.

NOV. 14

1851: Moby-Dick is now considered a great classic of American literature and contains one of the most famous opening lines in fiction: "Call me Ishmael."

Initially, though, the book about Captain Ahab and his quest to catch a giant white whale was a flop. Its author, Herman Melville, was born in New York City in 1819. As a young man, he spent time in the merchant marines, the U.S. Navy and on a whaling ship in the South Seas. In 1846, he published his first novel, Typee, a romantic adventure based on his experiences in Polynesia. The book was a success and a sequel, Omoo, was published in 1847. Three more novels followed, with mixed critical and commercial results. Melville died in 1891, largely forgotten by the literary world. By the 1920s, scholars had rediscovered his work, particularly Moby-Dick, which would eventually become a staple of high school reading lists across the United States.

NOV. 15

1984: "Baby Fae," a month-old infant who had received a baboon-heart transplant, dies at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma

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INVESTIGATION

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out of a wheelchair and to walk again," he said, adding that they're questioning him as if he isn't disabled anymore. "It hurts. I'm still dealing with how the stress has taken me down."

After going to the gym or riding his bike, he needs time to rest and recover. He struggles with mobility, balance and other medical issues. Powell frequently posts about his journey on Facebook, and the investigator admitted his social media presence was partly why he was being investigated.

Powell said they thought he could go back to work because he goes to the gym every day, but that's not the case. Living with primary progressive MS, he has chronic ailments that will never get better.

He fully understands that some people cheat the system.

"But my situation is different. I have a disease that's never going away. I've been diagnosed by two different MS neurologists. One said it was the fastest and most aggressive case he's ever seen, and now I have to prove I'm still

disabled," he said. "It brought back all the memories and the feelings when I was first diagnosed and everything got ripped away from me."

For the interview, Powell prepared every note from every medical appointment he's had since being diagnosed.

It includes notes from half a dozen doctors and specialists. He also gave the man a note from his neurologist that stated he has worked hard in intensive physical therapy, that he still has issues with neuropathic pain, balance and more, and Powell is unable to work.

His neighbors and his parents attended the interview. His neighbors told the investigator about the times he's helped Powell up off the ground after he's fallen.

The man asked standard questions such as how long can he stand before he has to sit? Powell said about five minutes tops. He explained how physical therapy is crucial for MS patients and how Powell is doing exercises he learned in PT everyday, which includes walking, lifting weights, balance and gait and more.

"I feel like I taught the guy stuff about MS and opened his eyes to it," Powell said, adding that he thought it would satisfy the insurance company,

but it didn't.

After the interview, the insurance company reached out to Powell's doctors and requested detailed information about his condition and if he's able to return to work with restrictions.

Powell said their goal is to not pay him long-term disability, which he can only receive for five years. It ends in two-and-a-half years. After, he'll only be on Social Security disability.

"We'll see where it goes from here. Hurry up and wait," he said.

Meanwhile, he's focused on going to

the gym daily, which is essentially his job. He's been to the gym every day in the last 170 days. He's planning to go back to PT to work on walking and balance. Being able to ride his bike was "freeing," he said.

"It felt so great to just go out and get on a bike. I was having a rough day and I was like, 'I'm gonna' go and see if I can do this. What's the worst that can happen if I fall down?' I've fallen down dozens of times," he said.

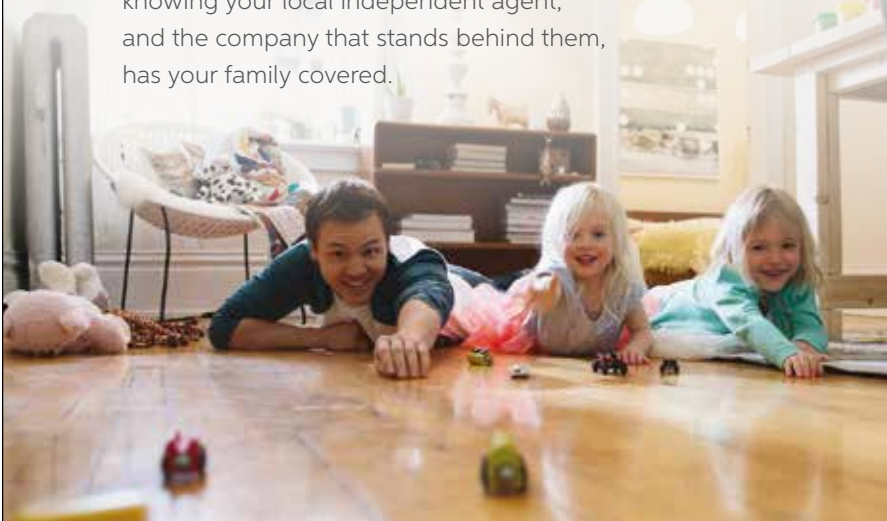
To increase awareness about MS, Powell has shirts available to buy that say "MS'd with the wrong MF'r." He'll soon have another version available that says "Unstoppable" on front and "Defy all odds" on the back. He can be reached over Facebook.

“One said it was the fastest and most aggressive case he’s ever seen, and now I have to prove I’m still disabled.”

Adam Powell
Fenton resident

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The 38th annual Lake Fenton High School Fall Craft Show and Merry Marketplace was held Sunday, Nov. 6. Dozens of local vendors set up booths to sell handmade items. The 47th annual State Road Craft Show is Sunday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fenton High School. It costs \$5 per person. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

'This is part of America'

■ Election inspector has worked the polls for more than 30 years

By Hannah Ball

What's it like to be an election inspector?

Fenton Township resident Sharon Stanfield, 63, has been working as an election inspector at Fenton Township for approximately 32 years. She was motivated to try it after they moved into their neighborhood more than 30 years ago and recruiters were walking around the area.

Up to that point, she had never voted. She was busy raising kids, didn't really care to vote and her parents never pushed it.

"I realized this is a part of America. This is what we have to do," she said.

She started as an election inspector and now usually is chairperson. This past election, however, she worked as an inspector to let someone else train as chairperson. Stanfield got her three kids involved as well.

"I think Tom (Broecker) is awesome with his training program and recruiting people and putting people in the right places. He was a big reason why I stayed," she said. Broecker is the operations manager and deputy clerk at Fenton Township.

Nowadays, voters from all six township precincts cast their ballots at Lake Fenton High School, but that hasn't always been the case. Residents in different precincts used to vote in different areas of the township. People used to get upset when they came to the wrong place. Everything took longer back then. Sometimes, they would stay until 11:30 or midnight to make sure everything was properly counted.

Stanfield said they used to have to handwrite everything.

"I did it a lot because they liked my handwriting. We had to do everything by hand back then. It was a long, tedious process," she said. "Now everything is on a computer ... It keeps everything organized and it counts everything

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Newcomer joins Lake Fenton school board

★ Fourteen votes decides who is elected to school board

By Hannah Ball

Two people were elected in the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election to serve six-year terms on the Lake Fenton Board of Education.

Trustee Michael Peraino received the most votes at 2,773 and Shannon Elenbaas received 2,614 votes.

"I am so excited to be elected to the Lake Fenton School Board," Elenbaas said. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone that voted for me. I cherish your belief in me and look forward to serving the Lake Fenton community. Thank you Lord for your wisdom,

strength and courage throughout my campaign. Thank you to my terrific family for all your love and support and my beautiful mom and amazing friends for your countless hours of hard work and dedication to help me win this campaign."

Incumbent Trustee Katherine Carswell, a teacher of 16 years who works at AGS Middle School, lost her seat with 2,600 votes. She was first elected in 2016.

"The race was very close. I'm honored to have served Lake Fenton Community Schools for the last six years. I wish Ms. Elenbaas the best of luck as she assumes my seat in January," Carswell said.



Michael Peraino



Shannon Elenbaas

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we share busing services for seniors, and disabled residents, with Groveland and Holly townships. An average of 10 people from Rose Township use this busing service monthly to address their medical and shopping needs.

"This new county wide transportation tax will appear on the winter tax bill, Dec. 1, 2022 at a rate of .95 mills and will collect \$310,569 from the Rose Township property owners for a bus service that has no plan for Rose.

"As the Rose Township supervisor, I will be working with others and weighing our options on how to address this disproportionate tax, which grossly outweighs the level of services Rose Township will receive."

On Friday, Nov. 11, Kullis said, "It's a fleecing of the northwestern portion of the county as the map clearly shows. All of the green area voted 'no' but we don't have enough votes to out vote the southeastern urbanized portion of the county.

"This was a calculated move by the

Democrats who got control of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2018. So, you just forced the rural areas, which includes 30,000 acres of farmland, to support mass transit. This will double the previous budget and collect \$66,000,000 a year for 10 years, all while providing no new services to our communities.


"Ridership has been on the decline since the 1960s. The 2020 census for Oakland County set the population at 1.3 million residents with only 2,500 residents relying on mass transit to get them from point A to point B.

"Northwestern Oakland County communities have been able to opt out of the transit for the past 27 years while providing transportation for seniors, veterans and the handicap for far less money.

"The village of Holly, in partnership with Holly, Groveland and Rose townships provide these services for \$47,000 (2022-23 budget). This new millage will cost these same communities over \$942,000 a year, for the next 10 years, with little to no new services.

"It's absolute theft!"

Voters approve Fenton schools' millage renewal

 'Yes' votes outnumbered 'no' votes 6,259 to 4,062

By Sharon Stone

Voters in the Fenton Area Public Schools district approved a sinking fund millage renewal on Nov. 8 by a vote of 6,259 to 4,062.

For residents of the school district living in Genesee County, there were 3,967 (63.43%) yes votes and 2,287 (36.57%) no votes. For school district residents living in Oakland County, there were 425 yes votes and 470 no votes. Livingston County residents in the school district cast 1,867 yes votes

and 1,305 no votes.

Election results are unofficial until they are approved by the state board of canvassers.

With the passing, the Fenton Board of Education is authorized to levy not more than .8707 mill (\$.8707 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023-2032, inclusive. This will provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law.

The estimate of the revenue the school district will collect in 2023 is approximately \$850,000.

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Juhl received the most votes out of the six candidates who ran. Residents in Genesee, Oakland and Livingston counties voted in this election. Pearce received 4,130 total votes. Juhl received 3,613 votes and Prew received 3,509. They will begin their terms in January 2023 after the current terms expire Dec. 31, 2022.

Pearce said, "It's an honor for me to be joining a great group of people on the Fenton Board of Education. I would just like to add my knowledge and experience as a Fenton student and teacher to the combined knowledge of the board to make the Fenton Board of Education the best it can possibly be. We are all working toward the same goal and that is to give all students the best possible education."

Prew said, "While spending the day at the polls yesterday, I noticed an incredible in-person turnout and a steady stream of voters all day. Thank you to each and every voter who made their voice heard on election day or by absentee ballot. I am thankful to the community for putting its trust in

me and I look forward to serving as a Trustee of the Fenton Board of Education. #WeAreFenton."

"I'd like to thank the Fenton community for supporting me and putting me on their school board. I will do my best to put students and parents first! We've failed our kids and we must do better. I'm honored to be their voice, and welcome any conversations or concerns," Juhl said.

Rachelle Edmunds received 3,445 votes, current Board President Keith Reynolds received 2,538 votes, and current Trustee Nicolas Lecea received 2,223 votes.

"Thank you to everyone who supported me during this campaign," Lecea said. "The result is not what I hoped for, but I am grateful for my time serving on the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education. Serving on the board has been a tremendous honor. Congratulations to Ashely, Mike, and Renee on their victory. I wish them all the best. A great school

district requires a great community, and a great community requires a great school district. I'm confident our community and school district will continue to thrive with the addition of the new board members. Go Tigers."



Mike Pearce



Renee Juhl



Ashley Prew



Lake Fenton's Sophie Zalac hits a ball during the Blue Devils' contest against Mount Morris. Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils' season ends in regional semifinals

By David Troppens

Corunna — When Cola Sisk was a freshman, she quickly jumped to the varsity level of the Lake Fenton volleyball program.

That was the good news. The bad news was the team's strug-

gles that season, and her sophomore season.

"My freshman and sophomore year we won only two games," Sisk said.

My how things changed her final two seasons. Sisk and the rest of the senior class has

helped elevate the status of Lake Fenton's varsity volleyball program to respectable heights.

The progress began last year when the squad finished with plenty of more victories and advanced to a Division 2 district championship match. This sea-

son the progress continued.

The squad won the Flint Metro League Stripes Division. The Blue Devils (25-14-3) played in the first-ever Metro League title match and won a district crown.

However, the season came to See **DEVILS'** on 18

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Sports Times

Fenton swimmers ready for the state meet

■ Heavner, Stefanac leads strong group

By David Troppens

Sophie Stefanac remembers the first time she competed at a Division 2 girls state swim meet.

"It was so nerve wracking," Stefanac said. "I was so nervous."

That's changed for the Fenton senior. Stefanac will be making her last state trip of her Tigers' career when the Fenton varsity swim team travels to Calvin University to compete in the D2 Girls Swimming and Diving Championships. The preliminary round is Friday, while the finals and consolation finals will be Saturday.

"I'm trying to make it as memorable as possible," Stefanac said. "I'm really excited because we have a brand new group of girls. We have two freshmen, which is different from how it's been before. It's more meaningful and now I'm the oldest on the state team. I'm experienced."

The other Fenton teammates making the trip is fel-



Fenton's state-qualifying swimmers are (from left) Ashlee Michelson, Addison Dolliver, Sana Saab, Sophie Stefanac, Tess Heavner and Josie Fries. The state meet begins at Calvin University on Friday. Photo: David Troppens

low senior Sana Saab, sophomores Tess Heavner and Addison Dolliver and freshmen Josie Fries and Ashlee Michelson.

The Tigers have plenty of reason for excitement. Heavner has plenty of options in terms of individual events at the state meet. She's qualified to compete in the 200 freestyle, the 200 individual medley, the 50 freestyle, the 100 butterfly, the 100 freestyle, the 100 backstroke and

the 100 breaststroke. Heavner, who finished as a state runner-up in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 breaststroke as a freshman, is one of the top seeded swimmers in a couple of events. Heavner is seeded second in the 200 individual medley, second in the 100 breaststroke, third in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 100 butterfly. Her biggest competition in those events could end up being Jenison's Sophia Umstead. Umstead is

the top seed in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley. Heavner is excited to go back to the meet with a year's experience.

"I definitely know the feel of the meet. I know it's a high energy meet," Heavner said. "I'm so excited."

"I just want to swim fast and whatever happens, happens. I just hope my hard work pays off and want to have fun."

Stephanac has a chance to See **FENTON** on 16



Holly's Caelie MacDougal competed in the finals in two Flint Metro League meet events, taking fifth in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 200 individual medley. Photo: David Troppens

Bronchos place fourth at Metro meet

By David Troppens

It was a good weekend for the Holly varsity girls swimming and diving team.

After winning just one dual during the Flint Metro League season, the Bronchos proved that they are a bit deeper squad when it comes to competing in a big-meet scenario, taking fourth place at the Metro League meet.

Holly (210 points) beat Kearsley/Lake Fenton (177) for fourth place by 33 points. Kearsley/Lake Fenton won three duals this season, in-

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A look at Linden football's past regional title games

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team played in its third regional championship game in school history on Friday at home, competing against DeWitt.

The Eagles lost those other two regional title games. The sports staff thought we should remember the program's history and look back at those two contests.

**November 12, 2011
Orchard Lake St. Mary's
49, Linden 7**

This game wasn't so memorable, beyond the historical context that this was the first time the Eagles played in a regional championship game.

The Eagles were within a 21-7 score at halftime, but Orchard Lake St. Mary's outscored Linden 28-0 in the second half, earning the easy win.

Linden trailed 14-0 but then put together its only scoring drive after the Brother Rice's second TD. Starting at their own 3, the Eagles drove 97 yards and scored. Taylor Ander-

son caught a 33-yard TD pass from quarterback Shaye Brown.

The Eagles set up the score by successfully converting a fake punt. Kevin Baker rambled 47 yards on it.

The Eagles finished the season with a 7-5 record.

**November 10,
2017**

**Farmington Hills
Harrison 34,
Linden 21**

The Eagles' second time in the regional championship contest was a way more entertaining contest.

**Linden's
Cade Dickson**

The teams exchanged first-quarter touchdowns. Harrison scored first on a Roderick Heard three-yard run, but the Eagles answered right back, scoring just 57 seconds later. The Eagles scored on George Walterhouse's 70-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Babcock. However, Harrison answered right back, scoring its second TD of the game with 5:55 left in the opening quarter. Ovie

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Linden's defense makes a play against Farmington Hills Harrison during a regional championship game back in 2017. Harrison won the game 34-21.

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do some serious individual damage as well. Stefanac finished in fifth place in the 100 backstroke and 14th in the 100 freestyle at last year's state meet, and is qualified in both events this season as well. She also is qualified in the 100 freestyle and the 200 freestyle.

"I just want to go out, have fun and celebrate it one last time," Stefanac said. "I want to perform the best I can and help the team."

Other Fenton Tigers qualifying in individual events are Saab (50 freestyle and 100 freestyle) and Dolliver (500 freestyle). Finally, the Tigers are qualified for each of the three relays.

"We definitely want to place high

in all three of our relays," Stefanac said. "We have really strong relays, all three of them. This has been one of the first years we've kind of had that. We all want to get best and perform great like we have done before."

The Tigers had their best team performance in a Division 2 state meet in school history a year ago placing fourth. The Tigers don't look to have a team that can come home with a team trophy, but should do pretty well considering they should get plenty of team points.

"We are all very close," Heavner said about the team.

"We have a lot of fun at practice. There's a lot of laughing and giggling, but we also try our hardest and get serious when we need to."

Seniors helped elevate Lake Fenton volleyball to its recent lofty heights

By David Troppens

Corunna — The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team has seen its share of progress in recent years.

Jumping from two wins two years ago to a division and district title this season shows that. And, if you ask second-year varsity volleyball coach Brent Maynor, he knows why the progress happened so quickly.

It involves his senior class. The senior class included Kelsey Corkran, Cola Sisk, Makenna Clement, Camryn McMillan and Jahlezia Mitchell.

“I’m just impressed how they bought in,” Maynor said. “I walked in the first practice (last year) and thought there is some talent here. Kelsey transferring here as a junior was huge. But, them buying in, there’s definitely some talent at this school.”

The Blue Devils certainly do have talent. They finished with 25 wins this season, posting an 8-2 co-Flint Metro League Stars Division championship. They also competed in the first-ever Flint Metro League championship match and won a district crown before losing in the regional semifinals Tuesday against Mount Morris.

“The kids work hard,” Maynor said. “They are a fun group of girls.

They work hard. They simply give 100 percent. They never quit.”

Winning has created a closer team as well.

“The last two years we’ve been pretty close to each other and we’ve had some talent on this team,” Sisk said. “Our volleyball IQ is high. It’s up there. We all want to play this game, and we all know we can play well.”

The Blue Devils will lose a lot of quality seniors this season, but the future still looks bright. This year’s squad included two freshmen who got ample playing time — Jilian Ferrill and Abbigayl Sells. The squad should have a solid senior class. This year’s juniors who would be seniors are Sophie Zalac, Chloe Hnilica, Addison Reitano and Joslynn Stalo. Luci Kamischke is the only sophomore on the squad.

But, there is talent elsewhere in the program as well. The JV squad took second in league play with an 8-2 record. The team also defeated Linden in the crossover. Meanwhile, the freshmen won the Stars Division, recording a 9-1 record. The freshmen Blue Devils also defeated Linden in the crossover contest.

“We are going to be better next year,” Maynor said.



Lake Fenton's Cola Sisk (left) and Jahlezia Mitchell (right) work on blocking a hitting attack against Mount Morris. Photo: David Troppens

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Oghoufo caught a 24-yard reception from Noah Hendricks. The Eagles trailed 14-7 and that was the halftime score.

Linden tied the game just 55 seconds into the second half. Corbin Sines caught a 48-yard TD pass from Walterhouse. The teams were tied 14-all.

However, Harrison scored the game’s next three touchdowns. The first TD was a two-yard run by Rapana Filemu, the second was a Heard 60-yard touchdown run and third came on a 20-yard run from Heard. Linden trailed 34-14 with just 3:54 left in regulation pretty much ending the competitive phase of the contest.

The Eagles scored the game’s final touchdown with 3:30 remaining in regulation. Cade Dickson caught a 53-yard TD pass from Walterhouse.

Walterhouse completed 16-of-20 passes for 276 yards and three touchdowns, but the Eagles had collected just 28 rushing yards. Heard ran for 256 yards for Harrison while Hendricks completed 5-of-10 passes for 126 yards.

Defensively, Dickson led the Eagles with 17 tackles with one being a sack. Easton Gicomantonio had a tackle for loss. Caleb Quesnelle broke up a pass.

Linden finished the season with a 9-3 record. Linden hasn’t won nine games in a season since 2017.

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an end in the D2 regional semifinals at Corunna when the Blue Devils lost a 25-18, 25-23, 25-21 verdict against Mount Morris on Tuesday. Still, that one match didn't erase what was a pretty strong season for an improving program.

"I didn't really think about it much (about those first two seasons) the rest of my high school career, but these last two years have been two of the best high school seasons ever, especially this past year," Sisk said. "It means so much. I would have never thought we would win a district, but we fought for it and I'm really proud of us."

"The seniors have changed the culture," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Brent Maynor said. "Cola has been on varsity all four years ... and now she's leaving a legacy, a footprint that the other young girls can follow. Hopefully we can build upon it."

The Blue Devils struggled against Mount Morris. Lake Fenton had its worst offensive night of the postseason. The Blue Devils recorded only 25 kills while posting 15 hitting errors. Conversely, Mount Morris had 32 kills and just six hitting errors.

"We had say too many unforced errors," Maynor said. "We had a couple of people hit negative and when that happens, it's through. We got called for a lot of doubles tonight. We struggled offensively."

"We didn't play our best, but I'm still really proud of us," Sisk said. "We fought

hard. We know we tried to fight that second set. We go it to 23-25, but just just couldn't finish."

Both teams showed some cautious jitters early in the opening set. Lake Fenton took its first lead in the match at 5-4 after a kill by Sophie Zalac, but the Panthers scored the set's next four points on two kills and two Lake Fenton hitting errors, taking an 8-5 lead.

Lake Fenton earned its second lead at 9-8 on a kill by Jillian Ferill and upped the gap to 10-8 after a Mount Morris hitting error, and the Panthers followed that error with an ace and a kill, eventually taking an 11-10 lead. The Blue Devils tied the first set at 11 and 12, but never led again. Tied at 12-all, the Panthers scored three straight points taking a 15-12 lead. From there, Lake Fenton had three hitting errors and two service errors the rest of the first set, resulting in a 25-18 loss.

The second set was Lake Fenton's best chance at a victory, but even in that set the Blue Devils trailed through the entire set. Lake Fenton was tied at 3-all before Mount Morris went on a four-point run, set up by a Mount Morris ace. Lake Fenton trailed 7-4. Lake Fenton cut the gap to 10-9 later in the set on an ace by Abbigayl Sells, but Mount Morris' offense started to take over. The Panther's lead grew to as many as 19-13 after a kill by Blair Wilson.

The Blue Devils still trailed 24-20. However, a kill by Sisk was followed by a block kill by Sisk and Jahlezia Mitchell, cutting the gap to 24-22.

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(Above) The Holly varsity girls swim team takes time for a photo after a recent meet. (Left) Alison Rockafellow competes in a recent meet.

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cluding one against Holly by a 98-79 margin. Holly beat another team that the Bronchos lost to in a dual — Corunna. They beat Corunna by 48 points. The Bronchos ended up in a tie for fourth in the final standings with Kearsley/Lake Fenton.

"It was a fantastic way to finish the season," Holly varsity girls swim coach Jessica Drogemueller said. "This was the first year we haven't had any club swimmers so to finish fourth shows how hard each member of the team worked, and how much they wanted to do well."

"Both coach (Margo) Halligan and I are incredibly proud of the progress everyone has made. Seeing the team commit to the program, believe in themselves and support each other made this the most inspirational year so far."

The Bronchos had three athletes finish with top-eight individual event performances. Two Holly

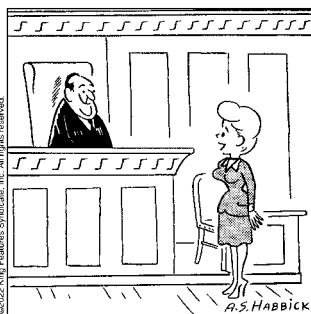
performers finished in fifth. One was diver Riley Hummel, who posted a fifth-place diving score of 262.25. The other was Caelie MacDougall in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:12.48. MacDougall also earned a spot in the finals of the 200 individual medley, placing seventh (2:48.07).

Evelyn Wolleson also earned two individual event finals performances. She took sixth in the 50 freestyle (personal best 27.17) and eighth in the 100 freestyle (1:02.45).

All three of Holly's top relay teams in each event placed fifth. The 200 medley relay team of Alison Rockafellow, Halligan, MacDougall and Wolleson posted a time of 2:13.11, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Janelle Keyes, Wolleson, MacDougall and Megan Holloper finished their race in 1:55.92. Finally, Holloper, Emma Coggins, Keyes and Halligan earned a time of 4:29.66 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"Before I call my first witness, You Honor, I'd like to say how _____ you look today."

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CREACS

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DENBOY

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CHEARS

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LEGMAN

TODAY'S WORD

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Linden voters approve mosquito control

★ Yes votes took 75% of total votes
By Sharon Stone

Residents in the city of Linden approved the proposed mosquito control in the Nov. 8 election by a wide margin. The “yes” votes came in at 1,569 (74.96%) and there were 524 (25%) “no” votes. Election results are unofficial until they are approved by the state board of canvassers.

Voters were asked to renew the millage of .3688 mills (0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the provision of mosquito control in the amount of 0.3688 mills (0.3859 mills as reduced by the required millage rollbacks) for four years, 2023 through 2026.

With the passage of the millage renewal, it is estimated that the 0.3688 mills would raise approximately \$48,789 when first levied in 2023.

Services continue for veterans and their dependents

★ Genesee County residents approve millage renewal

By Sharon Stone

Residents of Genesee County approved the proposed services for veterans and their dependents millage renewal in the Nov. 8 election.

There were 113,926 (71.38%) votes in favor of the millage renewal and 45,679 (28.62%) votes against the millage renewal. Election results are unofficial until they are approved by the state board of canvassers.

Residents were asked to renew a previously approved authorization of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to levy a tax of

0.0984 (\$0.984 per \$1,000 of taxable property valuation) upon the taxable valuation of the property within Genesee County, as finally equalized, for each of the nine years from 2022 through 2030.

The purpose of this millage is to provide support and assistance to veterans of active United States military service and their dependents, and administrative and facility costs involved in providing support and assistance to such veterans and dependents.

The estimated revenue that will be collected during the first year this millage is authorized is \$1,037,333.

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properly. Older people were intimidated by computers for a while. They wanted younger people to do it. Once you get it in your head, it goes so much smoother. It's really nice now.”

They used to hand count every ballot and the number had to match the number on the computer. They no longer have to do that. They usually head home between 10 and 11 p.m. Final counts have to be completed for all six precincts before any election inspectors leave. This past Tuesday, they left five minutes after 10 p.m.

Despite the earlier ending time, Stanfield said this past election was “busier than it has been in a long time.”

“It went really well,” she said. “The people, their attitudes — they weren't angry, they were friendly and kind. They were thanking us for doing what we were doing. We hadn't heard that for a long time.”

Stanfield said in past years, they

experienced more anger from people who wanted to watch the election inspectors work. That anger is not an issue anymore. Stanfield encourages people to work at an election to understand better how it works. More and more younger people, including high school students, are working as inspectors, which Stanfield appreciates. The students are comfortable with the computer and she really likes working with the youth.

“I think now we have a lot more younger people working it than retirees and older people. It's nice to see the youth. I like working with people of all ages,” she said.

Stanfield believes she's the longest serving female election inspector at the township.

“I just enjoy what I do. It's something different. I would like to see more people wanting to try it. Training can be time consuming but I think with what's going on in the world with bashing elections, I think if they try both sides, they'll understand it more,” she said.

Bailey argued that an infant with an underdeveloped immune system would be less likely to reject alien tissue than an adult.

NOV. 16

1959: Did the young Austrian nun named Maria really take to the hills surrounding Salzburg to sing spontaneously of her love of music? No, the real-life Maria von Trapp did not. She was indeed a former nun, and she did indeed marry Count Georg von Trapp and become stepmother to his large brood of children, but nearly all of the particulars she related in her 1949 book, *The Story of the Trapp Family*

Singers, were ignored by the creators of the Broadway musical her memoir inspired. And while the liberties taken by the show's writers, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, and by its composer and lyricist, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, caused some consternation to the real Maria von Trapp and to her stepchildren, according to many later reports, those liberties made *The Sound of Music* a smash success from the very night of its Broadway opening on Nov. 16, 1959.

NOV. 17

1863: Confederate General James Longstreet places the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, under siege. After two weeks and one failed attack, he abandoned the siege and rejoined General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The Knoxville campaign began when Longstreet took 17,000 troops from Chattanooga and moved to secure eastern Tennessee for the Confederates. Longstreet's corps was normally part of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, but after the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in July 1863, Longstreet took two of his divisions to shore up the Confederate effort in the West. He and his troops participated in the victory at Chickamauga in September and the siege of Chattanooga in October and November. Longstreet quarreled with Braxton Bragg, the Confederate commander in the West, and was

given independent command of the Department of East Tennessee.

NOV. 18

1978: Peoples Temple founder Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in a remote part of the South American nation of Guyana. Many of Jones' followers willingly ingested a poison-laced punch while others were forced to do so at gunpoint. The final death toll at Jonestown that day was 909; a third of those who perished were children.

NOV. 19

1863: At the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In fewer than 275 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War. The Battle of Gettysburg, fought some four months earlier, was one of the single bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Over the course of three days, more than 45,000 men were killed, injured, captured or went missing. The battle also proved to be the turning point of the war: General Robert E. Lee's defeat and retreat from Gettysburg marked the last Confederate invasion of Northern territory and the beginning of the Southern army's ultimate decline.

LOOKING BACK

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Linda, California. The infant, named Baby Fae by doctors to protect her parents' anonymity, was born with hypoplastic left-heart syndrome, an almost always fatal deformity found in newborns in which parts or all of the left side of the heart is missing. A few days after Baby Fae's birth, Loma Linda heart surgeon Dr. Leonard L. Bailey convinced Baby Fae's mother to allow him to try the experimental baboon-heart transplant. Three other humans had received animal-heart transplants, the last in 1977, but none survived longer than 3 1/2 days.

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Weekend Crossword

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31 Age, as cheese
33 Hidden way out in a haunted house
36 Orlando locale
40 Singer Reba
42 Ratio of a stock share's return to its price
45 Shell games
50 Persona
51 Studio stand
52 Hold in check

55 Animation frames
56 Neophytes
58 Blackish wood
60 Pisa's river
61 Actor Wilson
62 Illinois town west of Chicago
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68 Savage sort
70 Deeply felt
71 Popularity boost after appearing on satirist Stephen's old show
73 Iris' layer
74 Is in debt
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14 First coat of paint
15 Like many a sr. citizen
16 Sidestep messenger
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18 Lopez
19 Brewer's fungus
24 Snarky
29 Lanka lead-in
32 Lousy review
33 Vendors
34 Finale
35 Final, e.g.
36 Savings acct. protector
37 Tart pie fruit

38 Track shape
39 Road semis
40 Fail to catch
41 Passing mark
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44 Basketballer Ming
46 Shipping box
47 Hitter Hank
48 Negative
49 Sleep sound
52 "Backdraft" director Howard
53 Salad green
54 Biggest city in Australia
56 Nudniks
57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title
59 Belfry dweller
61 Small bill
62 Hiatus
63 Homer's H
64 Win a point
65 Sauna wrap
66 Tylenol rival
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68 Sloppy Joe holder
69 Hug
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS: PANIC, CLERK, VASTLY, THROWN
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Local band releases new track

■ Music educator from Fenton Community Orchestra, Joyful Noise and other Fenton groups plays guitar, sings in metal band

By Hannah Ball

A Fenton native heavily involved in the city's music scene recently released a new song with his hard rock and heavy metal band Fatal Conceit.

Timothy Martuch, who plays guitar and sings, released "Under the Ashes" on Oct. 28 with bandmates Joe Blake, who plays lead guitar and sings, Katie "Kixx" Puga, who plays bass and provides vocals, and James Balina on drums.

The band joined Elsie Binx for their Halloween Show at The Diesel Concert Lounge in the Metro Detroit area. Kevin Wesley Williams provided capture and mixing services for the song.

"The release has gone pretty well and the show was great. Kevin and his team with Elsie Binx put together something really special and they had a really great

showing at the Diesel," Martuch said.

Fatal Conceit was founded in March 2020. This is the band's second release with their current line-up. They spent the past few months working with The Sound Shop on the song and another unannounced project.

"Under the Ashes is the first recording from Fatal Conceit since their successful summer release of Devil's Little Helper. Under the Ashes explores the notion of redemption as we tear through explosive hits, ravaging riffs, blasting basslines and an exhibition of an apex lead guitarist's solo — Under the Ashes stands to ignite a fire in any listener," according to the press release.

Martuch said this song was initially intended to be "something of a ballad" when he began writing it in 2015.

"It's written to lament a love lost by erosion in interest or the atrophy of apathy," he said.

Martuch's music interests span from rock and metal to orchestra. He's previously worked with the Flint Youth Symphony, has performed a number of shows in the Flint, Fenton, and Holly



areas and was involved in the Fenton Community Orchestra. He played tuba, acted as substitute conductor, he was the director for a small wind ensemble and brass quintet, and he regularly attended board meetings.

He also helped found the Prelude String Orchestra after he was hired to teach lessons and classes at A Joyful Noise Music Studio when it was in downtown Fenton. He was one of the organizers of the Fenton Momentum Music Fest in 2015. He played guitar and bass in a few bands in the area.

"Fenton truly is a wonderful community for the arts. When I came back from California, where I was going to gradu-

ate school, I was met by an energized group of local musicians that allowed me to participate in various capacities," he said. "I think there's tremendous potential for the Fenton area music scene. Between Joyful Noise, Guitar Center Lessons, Expressions Music Academy, School of Rock, and the local public schools, there's a tremendous amount of talent being cultivated in the area by truly excellent educators. I would say that the area is generally supportive of our musical efforts.

Switching genres isn't as hard as it may seem. To Martuch, these genres of music have more in common than not.

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“Whether it’s modern, romantic, classic, baroque music for orchestra, metal, rock, jazz, hip hop, pop — you name it, chances are good that it all speaks in the same language. We engage in the rhythm, the pitches, the lyrics or message, the dynamics — so what ends up being exciting about one genre will likely excite the listener in another genre,” he said.

Their song “Opportunity Lost” is about the Mars Opportunity Rover’s end

in 2018, when the rover suddenly became self-aware. Fatal Conceit’s music, which Martuch describes as “cinematic in scale and inspiration,” is influenced by film and they seek to use grand ideas and larger-than-life imagery. Martuch’s background is in film score.

“I do my best to go through my day-to-day life with my receptors to possible content and subject-matter wide open. Anything is fair-game in our song-writing,” he said. “Sometimes a song starts with a musical idea — a melody, a chord progression, a riff. Sometimes it begins as

an interesting line I hear on the radio or in a movie. Sometimes, the song might begin with a piece of news coverage or current event.”

Fatal Conceit will play a Thanksgiv-

ing Show on Thursday, Nov. 24 when they open for Nu Metal rockers Critical Bill. On Black Friday, Nov. 25, they’re playing at the Diesel Concert Lounge in Chesterfield.

MAYOR

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cluding the Loose Center and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. He is a founding member of Happening in Linden.

Paul Morrison received 589 votes and Councilor Aaron Wiens, who was first elected to the council Nov. 2020, received 484 votes. Wiens said his last meeting is Monday, Nov. 14. He hopes to be able to rejoin the planning commission or something similar if a spot becomes avail-

able. “Brad, Brenda, and Pam are truly excellent councilmembers who put the residents’ interest first and bring a wealth of diverse knowledge and experience to the city. As for me, I’m looking forward to a new opportunity to serve our awesome community,” Wiens said.

With both precincts reporting, Linden had a total of 3,226 votes cast for city council candidates. Approximately 1,206 were cast in person and 1,006 were absentee ballots.

No candidates ran for the partial term that ends Nov. 19, 2024.

HOLLY VILLAGE

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Both were serving as council members and sought the president’s seat vacated by Thomas McKenney who did not seek reelection. This is a two-year term.

Results of the election are unofficial until they are confirmed by the state board of canvassers.

Voters in Holly Village also elected three council members Tuesday. Nine individuals were on the ballot, including Robert Allsop, April Brandon, Patrick Feeney, Amer Kier, Richard Kinnamon, John Lauve, Ryan Shiel, Dan Wendel and Buster Winebrenner.

The three top vote getters were April Brandon with 976 votes. Following her were Amber Kier with 783 votes and incumbent Richard Kinnamon with 564 votes. These are four-year terms.

Following the election, Delaney said, “I am very grateful to the over 1,000 residents of the village of Holly who voted for me. Congratulations to our newest Council members April Brandon and Amber Kier and congratulations to returning Council member Richard Kinnamon. I look forward to working with Village Council and Staff to secure a bright and prosperous future for our village.”

Brandon said, “Winning this election means a lot to me. Nine well-respected people ran for village council. If I had lost this election, I would’ve continued serving on the library board and through local advocacy, but I’m truly looking forward to serving in this new capacity as well.

“My son, Kenneth Smith, left behind a legacy of service when he was killed on the USS McCain five years ago, and

my service was inspired by the life he led and the spirit with which he led it. Not long after he was killed, I moved with my younger children and my grieving family was welcomed by

Holly with open arms. I’ve never forgotten that. In my grief, I realized where my life needed to go, and how to honor my son’s immense sacrifice. This is a Purple Heart community, and we were treated like family. I knew that wherever my path took me, that not only would I work with veterans in some context, but I would give more than I got, like I see so many others in Holly do. That’s why this village is so wonderful. You can’t give more than you get, when giving offers so much meaning.

“Through service to my community I’ve given time, labor, thought and positive change. From service, I’ve gained purpose, meaning, depth, knowledge, and I’ve developed relationships with my neighbors on a deeper level.

“I appreciate the trust the voters have shown me in this election, and I’m looking forward to getting to work. I know what the important issues are to us locals. With the rest of the council, I’m excited to tend to our priorities.”

She added that all of the candidates have heart for the village and are well respected. “I hope they continue using their voices and talents to maintain the integrity of Holly, keep our people connected, and keep our village united.

“Thank you to everyone who supported me, and thank you to everyone who supported any of the candidates.”



Ryan Delaney



April Brandon



Amber Kier



Richard Kinnamon

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO DISAPPOINTED IN the voters in this state. Do they not read the details on what they voted for? Good grief. ■■■

EINSTEIN ONCE SAID insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. This saying could apply to the results of our recent election. Insanity, voting for the same party over and over again and expecting different results. ■■■

TO THE PERSON who complained about the cars in line at the Holly McDonald's. Did it dawn on you that those people may be working in their car? Conference calls, etc? If they go inside they are rude. However you are rude for even mentioning it. Who are you to judge? ■■■

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on November 15, 1991. As a youngstar, I appeared opposite Harrison Ford and was nominated for a YoungArtist Award. I am best known for a role on an ABC Family show about teenagers.

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Obituaries

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Kayrese Wright 1955 - 2022

Kayrese Wright - age 67, died surrounded by her family on Monday, November 7, 2022. She was born to Thurston and Frances Hemming. Kayrese is survived



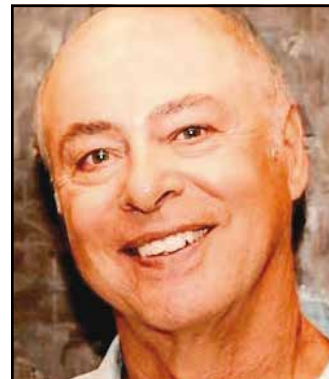
retirement by decorating, spending time with Keith, and loving her friends and family. Kayrese's greatest dream was to become a mother.

by her loving husband, Keith Wright; and her three children, Katie Borton (James Borton), Keith Wright (Christina Roberston), and Kevin Wright (Sarah Wright). Kayrese is preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa Partain; and her parents. Kayrese found her nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to be some of her greatest joys: Jason Switzer, Miaya Partain, Caleb Partain, Azura Robertson, Viktor Robertson, Axel Bennick, Eli Borton, Jace Switzer, Naomi Borton, Isaiah Borton, and Isabel Switzer. Kayrese worked for the GM Proving Grounds in Milford for 39 years and enjoyed

Once gifted the title of "mom," she was the best at it. Kayrese lived by a few simple truths, she would fight to the ends of the Earth for those she cared about, and she never would get caught in public without her hair and makeup done. Kayrese is remembered by those who loved her most as fun-loving, kind, generous, nurturing, and a spitfire. She loved God, and she loved people. For those who would like to celebrate the blessing that Kayrese was to everyone who knew her, there will be a visitation at Hope Lutheran Church in Linden, on Saturday, November 19 at 10 AM, service at 11 AM, and a luncheon to follow.

Michael Leonard Brunson 1950 - 2022

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, Michael Leonard Brunson - age 72, passed away peacefully at home on the 7th of November with his wife and daughters by his side. Michael, a longtime resident of Fenton, was in the graduating class of 1968. There, he met his future wife, Susan Crosby. Throughout the next 49 years they would share countless adventures in travel. After serving in the United States Navy, he began a job at CSX Railroad. Forty-three years later he retired from what he often claimed to be "The longest summer job he'd ever have." Vintage Volkswagens and Harley Davidsons were just a few of his many passions. He also enjoyed beekeeping, cooking, and spending time in the outdoors at the Hersey property, his home away from home. Sailing was an enjoyable pass time. From the small



waters of Tipsico to the Great Lakes, the Mackinac races were a highlight of his life. Michael is survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Anna and Sarah Brunson; grandchildren, Suzie, Ayden, Addison, Crosby and Ivy, as well as many dear family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Claude, Frenchie, and Jeff Brunson. Michael cherished his lifelong friendships, to

whom he considered to be like family. These relationships were rich in loyalty, laughter and love. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, wisdom, and generous loving personality. A memorial celebrating Michael's life will be held at the VanGilder room in the Fenton Community Center on Saturday, November 19 from 1 - 4 O'clock in the afternoon. Please share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.

Clinton North

Clinton North - age 99, died November 2, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edsel Leix

Edsel Leix - age 92, died November 3, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Pellett

Judith Pellett - age 76, died November 3, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Browning

John Browning - age 52, died November 2, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Helbig

Patricia Helbig - age 80, died November 3, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carol Briggs

Carol Briggs - age 80, died November 3, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Robert Douglas Morey 1949 – 2022

Robert Douglas Morey - age 73, of Fenton, died Monday, November 7, 2022. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, November 14, 2022



of the U.S. Army, 1st Cavalry Division serving in the Vietnam War and earning a Bronze Star. Bob was a barber and an instructor at the Flint Institute of Barbering

at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd, Howell, MI 48855 with Fr. Gregg Pleiness celebrant. The family will receive friends from 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, where a sharing service will start at 7 PM. The family will also receive friends from 10 - 11 Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Bob was born October 2, 1949 in Flint, the son of Herman H. and Helen (Klocko). He was a veteran

for over 40 years. He enjoyed motorcycles, boating, waterskiing and downhill skiing. Bob is survived by his wife, Dr. Patricia McGarry, DDS; three brothers, Jim (JoAnn) Morey, Michael Morey, and Martin (Kathleen) Morey; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John Morey. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Alan "Rob" Coffey 1948 – 2022

Robert Alan "Rob" Coffey - age 74, of Holly, passed away on Monday, November 7, 2022. Rob was born in Pontiac, on February 18, 1948, to the late



his favorite things to do was to go and watch them play their favorite sports. Rob also loved anything history related, especially anything to do with the civil war. Rob

Leon LeRoy and Mildred Eliza (Dandison) Coffey. Loving husband of Sylvia for almost 44 years; dear father of Carrie (Michael) Moore, Sarah (Andrew) Ikamas, Rebecca (Noah) Hampton, and Marjorie (Derek) Oswald; proud grandfather of Jonathan, Lilah, Julian, Russell, Vencesla, Madison, Henry, Oliver, and baby Oswald; cherished brother of Thomas Coffey. Rob had worked as a supervisor for Oakland County Parks and Recreation for many years. In his spare time, Rob loved to spend time with his grandchildren, one of

loved to spend time up north and watch the birds as well. A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston (8909 Dixie Highway Clarkston, MI 48348) with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. The Coffey family will accept visitors on Monday, November 14, 2022, from 4 - 8 PM. For those desiring to make a donation in Rob's name, please visit the American Heart Association. Rob was loved by many and will be missed deeply. www.coatsfuneralhome.com.

Lisa House

Lisa House - age 55, died November 4, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Watts

Patricia Watts - age 84, died November 4, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Eversgerd

Mary Eversgerd - age 86, died November 4, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dr. Ralph Burgess

Dr. Ralph Burgess - age 67, died November 4, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shirley Hankins

Shirley Hankins - age 87, died November 5, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Williams

Ruth Williams - age 73, died November 5, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Alexander

Judith Alexander - age 70, died November 6, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



George Killewald

George Killewald - age 67, died November 6, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carolyn Vaughn

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Theodore Lee "Ted" Dietrich 1938 – 2022

Theodore Lee "Ted" Dietrich - age 84, of Fenton, died Thursday, November 10, 2022. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Monday, November 14 at Sharp Funeral



Picotte on June 28, 1957 in Detroit. He worked all of his life in auto body repair and farming. He was passionate about farming. He was a wonderful

husband, father, and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and the outdoors. Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Betty Jane; five children, Scott (Theresa) Dietrich of Fenton, Tracy (Cynthia) Dietrich of Byron, Theodore Jr. (Debbie) Dietrich of Cox Creek, KY, Randy (Pamela) Dietrich of Linden, Holly (Randy) Gass of Linden; grandchildren, Dustin, Anna, Jessica, Rachel, Jamie, Billy, Coty, and Kristi; several great-grandchildren. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Interment will be held privately in Sharp Cemetery, Deerfield Township. Visitation will be held 11 AM until the time of the funeral at 2 PM on Monday, November 14. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet or Hartland Senior Center. Theodore was born March 18, 1938 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was the son of Lawrence Edward Dietrich and Thelma (St. Clair) Dietrich. He married Betty Jane

Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. (The funeral service may be viewed by live stream at Mr. Dietrich's page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.)



Janet Wilson

Janet Wilson - age 84, died November 7, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Denise Johnson

Denise Johnson - age 91, died November 8, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Walker

James Walker - age 85, died November 9, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Frederick Anklam

Frederick Anklam - age 80, died November 8, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leonard "Lennie" Roark

Leonard "Lennie" Roark - age 76, died November 8, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael "The Wolf" Hopson

Michael "The Wolf" Hopson - age 56, died November 6, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Psalm 21:5-6

Through the **victories** you gave, his **glory** is **great**; you have **bestowed** on him **splendor** and **majesty**. **Surely** you have **granted** him **unending blessings** and made him **glad** with the **joy** of your **presence**.

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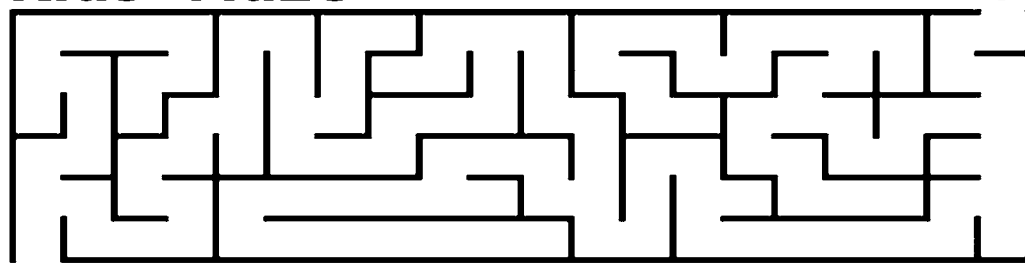
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