

Fenton-Thompson water main extension has begun

■ Prepare for lane closures, detours throughout project

The Genesee County Drain Commission (GCDC) began work on its Fenton-Thompson water main extension Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The new water main will service resi-

dents in Mundy and Fenton townships, and will be located from the intersection of Baldwin and Fenton roads, heading south along Fenton Road to Thompson Road and west along Thompson Road to Jennings Road.

There will be lane closures and detours throughout the project. Torrey

Road will have detoured left turns for up to two weeks. Thompson Road will have a detour for up to two weeks. Fenton Road will be detoured to Torrey Road.

The project is expected to be completed in mid-summer of 2023, weather permitting.



Photo: Hannah Ball



Lewis to be inducted into Greater Flint Athletic HOF

see sports on page 9

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Angel Tree program accepting applications until Dec. 2

■ Linden program helps children receive Christmas gifts

By Hannah Ball

Are you seeking to help children and families have a happy Christmas this year?

Drop by Alpine Marketplace and Village Ace Hardware in Linden and see if there are any cards with names on the Christmas trees.

These cards are placed there every year during the holiday season by volunteers with Angel Tree,

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History resurfaces in Holly

Recent excavation work around the Holly Hotel exposed a once-secret passageway between the lower level of the restaurant and the building next door, which was most recently Battle Alley Arcade Antiques. The antique store was destroyed by fire on June 21 and the Holly Hotel sustained significant damage. The owners are working with historical experts, architects and contractors to restore the historical building.

See story on page 12. Photo: Sharon Stone

Holly couple named parade grand marshal

■ Credited with saving the longest running Dickens festival in U.S. a decade ago

By Sharon Stone

Ten years ago was a turning point for the Holly Dickens Festival. In November 2012, the struggling festival was back for three weekends rather than the one weekend like it was held in previous years.

The three-weekend long festival takes you back to another place and time in history — a place where Charles Dickens' tale "A Christmas Carol" comes to life.

Dick Rossell and his wife Dawn co-chaired the 2012 Dickens Festival. In a 2012 interview with the Times, he admitted the festival al-

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“A shout-out to McLaren Fenton ER. We spent a few hours there Thanksgiving evening because of a dislocated shoulder. The physician Dr. Newberger and our nurse Nicole did an amazing job while taking care of our son. So thankful you're right here in our community to help. We appreciate you.”

“Shout-out to the Fenton Goodwill. Today, I went in the store, and we had entertainment by one of their employees who came in on his day off to play his guitar and sing. It was a pleasure being in the store.”

“The Dickens Festival in Holly last weekend was great. Just needed snow.”





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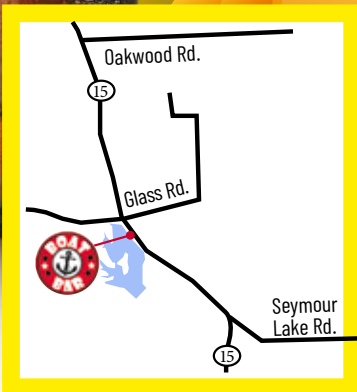


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Linden Follies planned for Dec. 1

■ Linden teachers and staff bring back 'one-of-a-kind' event

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Follies are back.

After not holding the fundraiser since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Linden teachers and staff are getting ready to put on the show once again this Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Linden High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 a person, \$25 for a family of four and \$30 for a family of five or more. They can be bought at any Linden Community Schools building or at the Linden Community Education office.

The event is put on by the Linden Education Association as a way to raise funds for Christmas Express, which provides families in need with food for the holidays, and Angel Tree, that allows anyone to buy Christmas gifts for children in households that need a little extra help this holiday season.

In the show, Linden teachers and staff perform skits to the delight of their students and families. The 2019 Follies were the 24th year for the event. In previous years, they've raised more than \$5,000 for Christmas Express and Angel Tree.

Heather Baldrige, Linden Middle



Linden Community Schools staff entertain the audience at a past Linden Follies, which raises money for Christmas Express and Angel Tree. *Times file photos*

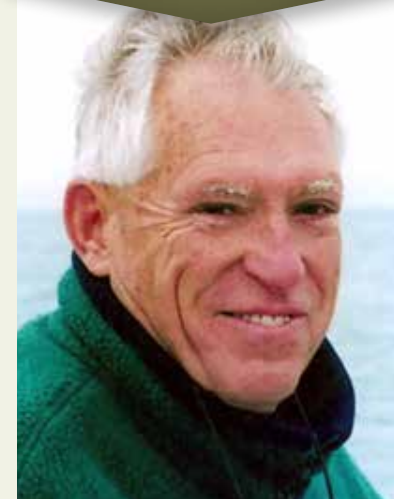
School language arts teacher and one of the main event organizers, said they held a penny drive last year instead of the Follies due to COVID protocols.

"As we discussed bringing it back, we decided to ease into it with just one

performance. In the past, we've had two performances. We will reevaluate for next year," she said. "Responses from parents and students who remembered past performances are excited that it is re-

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

If you are in the mood for Christmas festivals and tons of activities for the whole family, look no farther than Holly, Linden and Fenton. Our area is so fortunate to have one-of-a-kind festivals practically in our back yards. Last weekend, the Holly Dickens Festival kicked off its three-weekend event in downtown Holly. To recognize their efforts a decade ago to revive the once struggling Dickens Festival, Dick and Dawn Rossell were this year's grand marshal for the lighted parade. Saturday's weather cooperated and many local families and visitors got to enjoy A Christmas Carol, an interactive play, Clark Lewis and his amazing balancing acts, the Dancing Ladies of Dickens and more. Sunday's weather dampened things a bit, but there were still lots of activities and shopping available. The festival continues this weekend and the next.

Also taking place this weekend is Linden's Holiday Happening Downtown Linden will be transformed into a Christmas festival setting. It starts Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. and runs until 9 p.m. Some of the activities include Shopping in the Moonlight, food trucks, pre-parade entertainment, per-

Holly Dickens Festival, Fenton's Jinglefest and Linden's Holiday Happening this weekend

formances by Linden Dance Academy, a family fun tent, a photo booth, an Elf hunt, museum tours, pasties at the Masonic Temple and more. You won't want to miss the Lighted Frosty Parade, which begins at 7 p.m. This year's grand marshal is Linden Kitchen & Bath, a staple in Linden for three generations. Following the parade, fireworks will be done over the millpond at 8:30 p.m. If you want the kids to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, look for them from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Businesses will be open so don't forget to stop by and support our local shops that support our local festivals.

The weekend rounds out with Jinglefest in downtown Fenton on Saturday, Dec. 3. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and run throughout the day until 9 p.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., everyone is encouraged to check out the local shops for their holiday shopping. There also will be Fenton Rotary Christmas Tree Decorating at Bush Park. The JingleJog 5K starts at 3 p.m. by the Fenton Methodist Church Family Center. I keep telling myself that one of these years I'm going to run or walk in one of these fun races. What I'm looking forward to are



Sharon Stone

the horse drawn wagon rides, viewing the ice sculptures and the JingleJam Tent that has entertainment that runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Santa will be at Jinglefest to take photos with the kids. I'm sure my daughter and son-in-law will take their little boys there for a keepsake photo. There are numerous other activities including grab-and-go art projects at the community center, hot chocolate, a bake sale, live reindeer and a live Nativity at Fenton First Presbyterian Church.

The Lighted Parade begins at 6 p.m. There is no grand marshal for the parade, however, there are three presenting sponsors, Genisys Credit Union, McLaren and LaFontaine. I really enjoy the lighted parades of years past and even though temps are supposed to be in the low 40s this weekend, the Hallmark-movie enthusiast in me hopes for a few falling snowflakes, just as darkness sets and the festive lights on parade entrants lights up downtown. The Christmas tree lighting and fireworks will close out the evening.

Have a great weekend and be sure to check out our three local festivals to make some special memories with family and friends.

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GREAT ARTICLE ON not feeding the deer. The junk people feed them is terrible for them. Doughnuts are not deer food; doughnuts attract rats and rodents and look terrible when walking into the Center.

THANK YOU TO those who came to our Nov. 26 Versiti blood drive to save the lives of accident victims, those with blood and heart disorders, and cancer patients in over 85 Michigan hospitals. You give hope and life. Here's the Versiti link to find a blood drive near you. <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip>.

ACCORDING TO A recent Detroit Free Press headline, state lawmakers have billions in surplus funds they could potentially appropriate as early as December. Seems like an excellent time for Fenton city and DDA officials to petition for funds for the planned extension of the DDA streetscape to 6th street.

LIFE'S NOT FAIR ... and it's not unfair. It's just the way it is.

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

Do you donate to charity during the holiday season? Which charities? | streettalk



"We donate to the animals. Make dozen of blankets and give them to rescues. My husband and I also pick a charity each year for Christmas giving. Haven't decided on one yet for this year."

Barbara Harris
Fenton



"Yes. Old Newsboys of Flint 'Let no child be forgotten.' My family and I have donated and volunteered to this charity for many years. Be on the look out for the Old News Boys on Friday, December 9th for their annual paper sale in Genesee County."

Candace Watkins Duggan
Grand Blanc



"Old News Boys and Snuggle Snacks."

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"The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots."

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The last two years have taken a heavy toll on all of us. Jobs were lost, savings and emergency funds were depleted, and with recent inflation, there is little relief in sight. Many households are stretched too thin right now and even the basic expenses are sometimes out of budget. When their income doesn't cover their bills, families are left with tough choices, but food is not a choice.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan partners with more than 700 agencies to distribute food throughout a 22-county service area where more than 211,000 people face hunger on a regular basis. With colder temperatures approaching, utility costs will be on the rise again and these households will find themselves even further behind.

When people find themselves experiencing hunger in their own homes, they turn to food pantries and soup kitchens to fill the gaps and provide for their families.

The food bank's hunger relief partners are working diligently to stretch their resources and feed more people. Many have seen their clientele more than double as the cost of living increases but wages remain the same.

At the Food Bank, their expenses are up nearly 25% as they pay more for food and fuel. They have seen a 35% decline in donations from retail and manufacturing

partners who are experiencing shortages and supply chain issues.

Resources and programming that were available to them during the pandemic are ending, but the number of hungry people in their service area is holding steady. To meet the need, they are spending more to purchase food from our suppliers. In addition, they are also seeing a significant increase in transportation costs both in shipping costs for the food they receive and in their fuel costs to distribute food throughout their service area.

Despite the current challenges, the Food Bank and their hunger relief partners stand ready to meet the need, stocked with fresh produce, dairy products, meat, proteins and other pantry staples, all of which are made possible by the support of community members like you.

They need your support more than ever this year. As our neighbors in need face impossible choices about how best to stretch their income, they're asking you to take up the fight against hunger in your community. By supporting the Food Bank, you are also supporting community food assistance programs and the people who rely on them. Your contribution provides more than food; it also gives peace of mind to someone in need of hope and support.

Food is not a choice — it's a life-sustaining necessity. No one should ever have to choose between food and other basic needs. With your generous support this holiday season, the food bank will continue to provide food, and hope, to our neighbors in need.

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Mark McCabe
67th District Court

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The smell of marijuana

Until recently, marijuana was considered an illegal drug under Michigan law. An example of this is seen in a 22-year-old Michigan Supreme Court opinion, which held that the smell of marijuana from a vehicle, standing alone, furnished probable cause for a police search.

In 2018, the use and possession of marijuana was generally decriminalized by the voter approved Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Mari-

juana Act (MRTMA).

Among its provisions is making the use of marijuana in public areas a civil infraction.

Many legal issues still remain as to what law enforcement measures may be taken under the MRTMA, including whether the Supreme Court decision remained good law.

On Nov. 22, the question was answered by the Michigan Court of Appeals in *People v Armstrong*.

The facts in *Armstrong* are fairly simple. Five Detroit police officers were driving down a city street when a female corporal drove past a parked Jeep and smelled marijuana. The defendant was in the passenger's seat. She parked her vehicle behind the Jeep, exited, and then approached it.

The other four officers surrounded the Jeep.

The defendant was ordered to exit the vehicle. He complied, but before he did, his hands were shaking and he was seen bending over.

A pistol was found underneath the passenger's seat and *Armstrong* was charged with three weapons related felonies.

The court found that under the facts of the case because the Jeep was surrounded, the defendant was seized before he was ordered to exit the Jeep based solely on the corporal smelling marijuana.

The court reviewed the present state of the law and found three tests in other states as to what is now allowed for a search subsequent to the smell of marijuana:

- The majority view that the smell of marijuana alone is insufficient;
- The minority view that the smell of marijuana is enough if any marijuana remains contraband;
- The middle ground view that the smell of marijuana only is insufficient, but in combination with other factors showing illegal activity, is enough to justify a search.

The middle ground was declared by the court to be the new Michigan law and the search was declared illegal.

I am reminded of what singer-songwriter Bob Dylan once told us — "The Times They Are a-Changin."

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Dedication and Lighting Ceremony for P.J. Dobos Memorial Angel Tree

Linden Pay It Forward invites the community to join them for the dedication and lighting ceremony of the P.J. Dobos Memorial Angel Tree in downtown Linden.



It will be held this Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at 311 W. Broad St. Those attending should park in the Linden Presbyterian Church parking lot. There will be more than 60 memorial angels represented on the tree. Hot cocoa will be served before and after the brief ceremony. Dobos was a 2010 graduate of Linden High School and was active in the family business, Dobos Concessions. He died Nov. 5, 2013 at the age of 21.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

PASSING MOTORIST SPOTS FATAL CRASH IN GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

On Nov. 29, at 8:35 a.m., Michigan State Police troopers responded to a 911 call in the 200 block of Grange Hall

Road in Groveland Township. A passing motorist observed a vehicle in the ditch along Grange Hall Road. The vehicle had hit a tree and uprooted another before coming to a rest in the ditch, several feet lower than the roadway. Alcohol bottles were located inside the vehicle. According to MSP Second District, family of the victim are being notified. Grange Hall Road was closed from Ortonville Road to Perryville Road. The investigation continues, pending the medical examiner results and the on-scene investigation.

Driver killed Sunday morning

■ Man identified as 31-year-old Flushing resident

The driver who crashed his vehicle into a tree in Livingston County Sunday morning was killed.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, at approximately 9:16 a.m., Livingston County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle crash that resulted in the vehicle catching fire. At the time deputies arrived, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 2019 Chevrolet

Silverado was southbound on Oak Grove Road south of Cohoctah Road when it left the roadway and struck a tree. The crash caused the vehicle to catch fire. The driver died as a result of the crash.

Tuesday afternoon, Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy identified the driver as Michael Scott Gricius, 31, of Flushing.

Deputies were assisted on the scene by the Howell Area Fire Department and Livingston County EMS. This crash remains under investigation by the Livingston County Traffic Bureau

MCC introduces Mott Mini-Mester

Mott Community College (MCC) is offering a three-week term between its fall 2022 and winter 2023 semesters for current and guest students who want to accelerate their education during the holiday season.

The Mott Mini-Mester will offer 20 classes — comprising a variety of the general education courses in humanities, math and social sciences — from Dec. 22 to Jan. 11. Courses will be taught entirely online, providing convenience for local and non-local students.

The Mott Mini-Mester is ideal for students who are driven to succeed and want to earn credits in just three weeks,

whether they want to get ahead with their degree or certificate program or are seeking credit recovery.

However, students are limited to one course during the Mini-Mester.

Registration opens, Nov. 29, and runs until Dec. 23. Transcripts will be available after the final grades are posted for the intersession.

Current MCC students may use their financial aid for courses taken during the Mott Mini-Mester.

To learn more or to apply, visit minimester.mcc.edu, beginning on Nov. 29. For additional questions, call (810) 762-0200 or email at admissions@mcc.edu.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT'S IT GOING to take for Biden, administration to do something about fentanyl crisis, southern border, Mexican cartels and China poisoning US citizens? Until fentanyl deaths impact wealthy left directly losing their loved ones, nothing will be done by our poor leadership.

IN THE SUMMER of 2020, diesel fuel was about \$3.19 a gallon. Now, it hovers around \$5.39-plus a gallon and inflation is out of control. Every commodity travels on a truck at one time in the chain. Do you see the connection? Biden is the direct cause of our pain.

SO, IF PELOSI is no longer seeking a leadership position within the Democrat party, who will Kildee obey?

WHAT CAUSES INFLATION?

Shortages. How do you create shortages? Tell the nation about a 'bird flu' outbreak and kill millions of chickens. Result? Higher priced chicken, a staple of lower income families. Another 'shortage' created by government to control people. Welcome to 'liberalism, 2023 style.' It will get worse.

I WAS ON a high school coaching staff that valued time spent together. The kids wanted to have fun and spend one more day together, create memories, not complain or make excuses when we lost. You have no business being involved in high school athletics with a 'winning is everything' mentality.

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PARADE

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most didn't happen that year. He added that they, along with a small group in town, not only decided to save it, they extended it to three weekends.

Also instrumental to keeping the festival going a decade ago were resident George Kullis, who is currently supervisor of Holly Township and Joe Mishler, who is with the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center. Kullis took on the role to play Ebenezer Scrooge and Mishler is credited with getting the Dickens play back up and running.

This year, to show their acknowledgement of what the Rossells did to revive the festival, they were named grand marshals of the 2022 Holly Dickens Festival Lighted Parade, which was held at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26.

Recalling a decade ago and the thought of the Dickens festival ending and then helping with the reviving efforts, Rossell said, "Not bragging, but it's true." He and Dawn owned and ran Holly Hills Primitives in downtown Holly, where the coffee shop is now, so they had a vested interest in keeping the festival going.

Adding to the vested interest, Rossell said his wife Dawn's (Downing) family is a sixth generation Holly family. Her family has ties to Downing Street, the street in Westminster, London, England, which houses the official residences and offices of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. London, England also was home to Charles Dickens, which provided the inspiration to Dickens festivals around the world.

Keeping the Holly Dickens Festival going made sense to the Rossells. They worked on the festival for two years, until other volunteers came together to keep building it bigger each year.

Rossell said being grand marshals of the parade was really fun. It started by his old house, which was built in the 1800s, and several family members were able to be there before they took off in their horse drawn wagon ride. "It was very humbling," he said.

Kullis said the Rossells saved the festival for those two years. Since that time, the festival has grown and attracts thousands of visitors each weekend.

Last year, 2021, was the first time they had a parade grand marshal. The festival committee selected Marlo Davidson, who had volunteered her time for every Dickens Festival.

Kullis is the current executive director of the Dickens Festival, while Angie Broughman Stinde is the festival director. Richard Kinnamon, Holly Village council member/Holly Chamber of Commerce director, is treasurer of the Dickens Festival, which costs about \$35,000 to run.

To offset the costs of the festival, which has no admission, they created the Red Lion Pub, inspired by Charles Dickens' pub in England. Visitors to the Holly Dickens festival can stop by and purchase a beer, wine, hot cider, hot chocolate — all adult beverages and either stay in the pub or walk to downtown Holly's social district.

Kullis said last weekend alone, the pub, which features beverages from Fenton Winery & Brewery and Battle Alley Brewing, raised approximately \$2,400 for the festival. "It did very well," he said.

Last Saturday, downtown Holly was packed with families enjoying the numerous festivities. Kullis said the rain on Sunday dampened the event, however, this coming weekend should have temperatures in the low 40s, with no to little rain in the forecast, which he expects to be ideal for the festival.



Dawn and Dick Rossell



Three area runners compete at regional race

By David Troppens

A trio of tri-county runners competed at The Champions Midwest Region Cross Country Championships held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday.

Fenton senior Nathan Katic and Fenton middle school runners Lennox Nas-

well and Gavin Katic competed in the event held at the Wayne E. Dannehl Cross Country Course located in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Nathan Katic competed in the 5K race which included runners from Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. He finished 87th with a time

of 16:56.9.

The two middle school runners were part of team 127 Project which won in the team standings with 35 points. A squad named the Macatawa Track Club, which scored 84 points, took second. Four teams competed.

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Fenton's Nathan Katic

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The Griffins' Caden Crandall passes a puck during a recent game. Crandall scored a goal in a 4-1 loss against East Lansing. Photo: David Troppens

Griffins drop two recent contests

By David Troppens

It's been a tough start for the Fenton-Linden Area varsity hockey team this season.

The Griffins have lost their first three games of the season.

After losing to Milford 5-2 in their season opener, the Griffins took on perennial state power Flint Powers in its second game and lost an 8-0 verdict at Flint Iceland Arenas. They followed up that contest with a 4-1 loss to the East Lansing Eastside Stars on Friday.

The Griffins played East Lansing pretty tough. The Eastside Stars led just 1-0 after the first period, getting

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Sports Times

Lewis to be inducted into Greater Flint Athletic HOF

■ HOF induction ceremony for legendary Fenton wrestler is Saturday

By David Troppens

Ben Lewis had pretty much forgotten about ever getting inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"Quite honestly, I thought I was forgotten," Lewis said. "It's been over 50 years since I graduated from Fenton."

But Lewis is a wrestler, so as any quality wrestler knows, you should never give up. And, finally, Lewis has earned his time.

Lewis is one of 2022 members being inducted on Saturday's banquet being held at the Genesys Banquet Center in Grand Blanc.

"I'm very happy. I'm very honored to be considered and selected," Lewis said. "It's quite an honor that I'm still remembered by some people, and that they felt my accomplishments were good enough to be in the Hall of Fame."

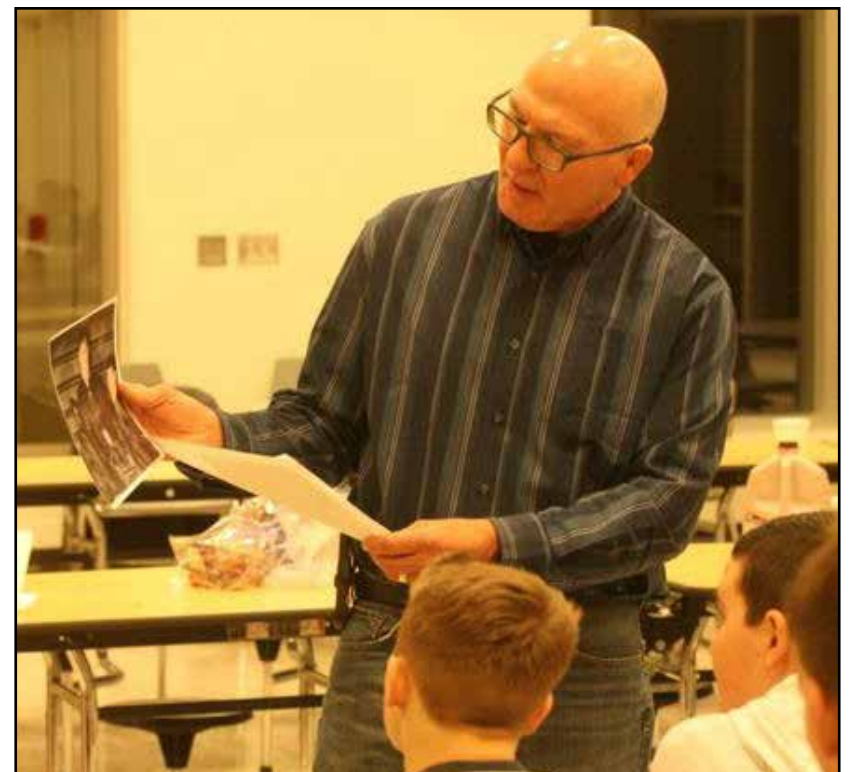
Lewis was a wrestler, football, track and baseball athlete. But of those four sports it was wrestling where he made his biggest mark.

He was a member of Fenton's first varsity wrestling team, being coached by Duane Wolfert. He lettered all four years and competed in the state meet twice at heavyweight. He took third at the state meet his junior season and was a state champion his senior year.

Back then, there were no weight restrictions for heavyweight wrestlers, and Lewis had to face 395-pound Chris Taylor to earn his individual championship.

He continued his wrestling career at Michigan State University, earning a Big Ten individual championship, twice. He finished fifth at the Division I NCAA Championships in 1971.

He also was a strong prep



Past Fenton wrestling great Ben Lewis talks to the 2019 Fenton wrestling team about his days with the Fenton program. Lewis will be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday. Lewis was an individual state champion during his Fenton career and competed for Michigan State's program, earning All-American honors during the 1971 season. File photo

football player. He played center his sophomore season and then moved to guard on offense and tackle on defense in his final two seasons. The

Tigers finished 26-1 during the three seasons he was a varsity player. He earned All-State honors in 1967 and See **LEWIS** on 10

Volleyball teams make their mark on second part of Fall Top 10 poll

By David Troppens

This installment of the Tri-County's 2022 Fall Top Ten includes two volleyball squads.

Those two teams also ended up facing off in the first-ever Metro League championship game and the sports staff would like to say that was pretty awesome.

The Metro League is starting to get these championship game formats going in a lot of sports. We had them last season in football, baseball and softball. This season, at least volleyball and boys and girls basketball will be joining the mix.

And to add to the setting this season the league has been hosting their league championship games a day after the other crossover contests. This allows the league to hand out in a public setting the first-team All-Metro players their honors, and that's pretty cool as well. Good job, Metro League!

Now, let's get to the list.

No. 7 - Fenton football: The Tigers were Stripes Division champions in 2021, but it was a tough season. With COVID issues, the squad ended up not making the playoffs, and had a losing re-

cord (4-5) for the first time since 2007.

In 2022, the Tigers wanted to get back to their normal solid status, and did just that. The season started with an impressive 46-7 victory against Midland Dow, but after four weeks the squad was at 2-2.

However, the Tigers answered the slow start with five straight regular season victories, giving Fenton a 7-2 mark entering the postseason. That regular season also included a 28-21 victory against Linden, earning the Tigers a share of the Flint Metro League Stripes Division title, an honor they've earned every season since the creation of the 12-team Metro League. However, for the first time ever, they weren't able to play in the league championship game due to the fact that the Eagles won a tie-breaker among the three squads tied atop the Division (the other team was Swartz Creek), meaning Linden went to the championship game.

Entering the playoffs, the Tigers appeared to be strong. However, the Holly Bronchos gave the Tigers a real scare in the first round of the playoffs, as Fen-



The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team celebrates a kill during a recent match. The Blue Devils are No. 6 in our Tri-County 2022 Fall Top 10 list. Photo: David Troppens

ton earned a tight 29-26 verdict. Then, a week later against Linden, the Tigers lost a 35-7 contest in the D3 District Championship game. Still, at 8-3, the Tigers proved they remain one of the elite teams in the Metro.

No. 6 - Lake Fenton volleyball: In two short years, Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Brent Maynor has taken the Blue Devils from a squad that won two matches the previous year to a squad

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was the 1967 WFDF Genesee County Player of the Year.

"Sports taught me how to work with other people and how to deal with difficult situations," Lewis said. "Sports makes you a better person."

"All of my accomplishments wouldn't have happened without my teammates, my coaches, the people and the community supporting me."

Lewis is also a member of Fenton High School's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was inducted in 2009, the

second class inducted into the Hall.

Lewis felt honored to have the coaches he did. Ken Wegner was the varsity football coach while Wolfert was the wrestling coach.

"I remember the work ethic they instilled in me and everybody," Lewis said.

"We had a winning football team and the wrestling program came from nothing to being one of the top teams in the state by my senior year. I was fortunate to be able to be put in those programs with the two coaches I had. They influenced a lot of people."

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Naswell, 12, finished the 2-mile race in 11:05.6, and was the fourth runner to complete the race for 127 Project. Gavin Katic, 13, was the team's sixth runner to finish and placed 25th overall (11:44.2).

Nathan Katic finished his prep running career with the Fenton Tigers,

earning first-team All-Flint Metro League honors. Katic finished each of the three Flint Metro League jamboree races in third place, posting a time of 16:18.30 in the final race.

His best time of the season came at the MITCA Michigan Meet of Champions, where he posted a time of 16:01.4. He also was recently named Academic All-State.

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that went 7-3 in the Stars Division a year ago and now to a Stars Division title this season. It's been a remarkable climb.

The Blue Devils earned a share of the Stars Division title with Clio with an 8-2 mark, in what was probably the more talented (certainly deeper) Division in the Metro League. Lake Fenton earned the right to compete in the first-ever Flint Metro League Championship game against the Linden Eagles due to the fact that the Blue Devils won the head-to-head tiebreaker against Clio, defeating the Mustangs in both matches.

Once at the championship match, the Blue Devils fought with Linden, but ended up losing the contest in four sets, meaning the Blue Devils finished the season just as co-Division champs.

However, the Blue Devils weren't done yet. Lake Fenton defeated Brandon in a D2 district semifinal match, setting up a third match with Goodrich. The Blue Devils (25-14-3) won that tight match 3-2, earning them the district crown. The season ended in the opening round of regionals, as Mt. Morris defeated the Blue Devils in three straight sets.

No. 5 - Linden volleyball: The wait is finally over. The Linden Eagles have finally won a Flint Metro League Championship. And they found a pretty cool way to do it. They became the first-ever victors of a Flint Metro League Championship match, when they defeated

the Stars Division representatives Lake Fenton Blue Devils in four sets. But let's backtrack a little.

Linden earned its spot in the title match because they went a perfect 10-0 in Flint Metro League Stripes Division competition, winning all 10 matches by three-set sweeps. They dominated the Stripes squads. Still, Fenton had a chance to earn a co-division title and had an outside chance at earning the spot in the league title match, during the last division battle of the season. However, the Eagles made sure that didn't happen with a pretty convincing victory against the Tigers.

At the championship match, Linden controlled action in most of the contest, earning a 3-1 victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

State tourney play didn't go well for the Eagles, however, as they lost in the semifinal round to Grand Blanc 3-1. Linden still ended the season with a strong 36-5-1 overall record, tying a school-record for wins.

The challenge was figuring out how to rank Lake Fenton and Linden volleyball. More often than not, the sports staff would rank a district title higher than a league crown. However, in this case, the Eagles went a perfect 11-0 in league play and defeated Lake Fenton. They also lost just five matches. So, for now, we gave Linden the edge. That could end at the end of the school year in our top 16 poll. We'll have to see if the sports staff changes its mind by then.



The Linden varsity volleyball team celebrates winning the first-ever Flint Metro League Championship match. The Eagles are No. 5 in our Tri-County 2022 Fall Top 10 list. Photo: David Troppens

No. 4 - Fenton boys soccer: In Shel Kunji's first season at the helm, the Tigers had another really strong season.

The Tigers started the season super hot, and proved they were a state power from the start, winning their first six games. The Tigers' first non-win wasn't even a loss. It was a 1-1 tie against Grand Blanc. After that, the Tigers rattled off another five straight wins before tying Linden 2-2. A 5-2 victory against Lake Fenton was followed by a 1-1 tie against Flint Powers, upping the Tigers unbeaten streak to 15 games. Their first

loss followed, a 1-0 defeat to Goodrich. Through this run, they were also ranked in the top 10 in D2. The loss to Goodrich meant the Tigers had to settle for a tie for second in league play with area rival Linden.

Once in the postseason, the Tigers defeated Walled Lake Western 7-1 and then South Lyon East 2-1. However, the season came to a close in the district title match, a 3-1 loss to Riverview.

To finish higher in the poll, the Tigers needed to win at least a district crown.



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a goal by Jacob Hornbach. Kyle Raynor scored two goals in the second period and the fourth Eastside Stars' goal came with 11:11 left in the third period by Nolan Trainor.

The Griffins, which includes players from Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton high schools, scored its sole goal with 6:14 left in the third period. Caden Crandall scored on the power play off of assists by Jace Dumeah and Mitchel Luck.

The Griffins' Mitchel Luck (center) fights to win a faceoff deep in the squad's end in a recent game. The Griffins lost games to Flint Powers and East Lansing last week. Photo: David Troppens

The Griffins had scoring opportunities. They had six power-play chances. Eastside had just three, and all three were killed off by the Griffins. The Griffins had 15 shots on net.

Against Powers, the Chargers scored three goals in the first period and five in the second period. Cooper Gerhardt had two goals for Powers while Jack Dawley, Weston Reinig, Nolan Berner, Brendan Sly, Andrew Burny and Mason Czarneski had a goal each.

The Griffins returned to action on Tuesday with a home game against Midland. Results of that game were not known at presstime.

The squad competes against Genesee at Hartland Sports Center on Friday at 5:30 p.m.



History resurfaces in Holly

■ Holly Hotel's historical interest increases with discoveries in basement

By Sharon Stone

Holly — The things you expose during a restoration — maybe even a secret passageway and buried empty caskets.

The fire in downtown Holly on Tuesday, June 21, caused extensive damage to the historic Holly Hotel, owned by George and Chrissy Kutlenios.

They've owned the building since George bought it after the 1978 fire. He found historical items and slowly put his touch on everything at the Holly Hotel.

Five months after the June 21 fire and restoration work is a slow work in progress. Removing damaged materials affected by fire, smoke, water or mold takes time. Consultations with insurance inspectors, restoration experts, contractors and weather is adding to the challenges to bring the Holly Hotel back to life.

As previously reported in the Times, the Holly Hotel's sprinkler system was heat activated and it saved most of the attic area. Chrissy said the lower level sprinklers turned on later, but not before it was filled with smoke and several feet of water from firefighting efforts. She was told that firefighters used approximately one million gallons of water fighting the fire.

The couple have vowed to rebuild the landmark that sits in the heart of

downtown Holly.

Last week, Chrissy and George posted on the Holly Hotel's Facebook page that they wished they were putting up Christmas decorations, but instead, engineers and contractors were working on plans to restore the building, keeping as many historical features as they can.

The Holly Hotel is filled with history. It was the hub of social activity in the early 1900s. Civic and social groups utilized the Holly Hotel while travelers and salesmen used the public rooms for meetings and demonstrations. Sunday dinner at the Holly Hotel was a formal event for locals and visitors alike, usually preceded by a performance at Baird's Opera House, one block south.

In the 1800s, prohibitionists first attempted to end the trade of alcohol drinks, to put a stop to a society filled with alcohol-related problems. In 1920, in the United States, prohibition became a nationwide constitutional law that strictly prohibited the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. It lasted until 1933.

Like many restaurants and other businesses during that time, business owners turned to an underground world of smuggling imported whiskey, rum and other liquors by waterways or land and secretly selling the spirits in speakeasies to individuals who still wanted to buy and enjoy the beverages.

When contractors recently started work around the Holly Hotel's foundation, an underground passageway was

exposed on the exterior wall that connected to the basement of Battle Alley Arcade Antiques building next door. The June 21 fire started in Battle Alley Arcade Antiques and what little remains is being removed. The slight curved outline at the top of the stone passageway can be seen where the old stones of the original 1800s foundation meet concrete bricks that were added later.

Discussions with historians confirmed to George and Chrissy that the basement of the business next door during the early 1900s was likely used as a secret storage area of liquor in case the Holly Hotel was raided during the prohibition years.

George said that local historian Vera Cook Husted (1896-1991) had self-published a handwritten 74-page book, "A Business History of Holly, Michigan, 1876-1976. He said after the '78 fire, she had told him back during the prohibition time, there were two passageways from the Holly Hotel to the old arcade building next door — one in the basement and one on the second floor that led to a bedroom. Liquor could be passed from either of these secret passageways.

"This was common in the '30s," George said. "The locals didn't talk about it."

George also mentioned that when they did excavation work after the 1978 fire, they discovered new, unused caskets buried under the basement floor. He said it was unclear if the caskets were made next door and stored in the Holly Hotel's basement or if any were made in



(Top left) Most of the west side exterior wall of the Holly Hotel has been removed leaving the interior susceptible to the elements. (Top right) Look closely and see the original rock foundation meeting concrete bricks that had been added later to close the passageway. (Below right) Remnants of a secret passageway from the basement of the Holly Hotel to the basement of the building next door can be seen between the wood studs. **Photos: Sharon Stone and Hannah Ball** the basement of the Holly Hotel.

This area of the basement, prior to the June 21 fire, was referred to as their Agora room, which is Greek for a gathering place. It was adjacent to their newly created Alley Cat Club that also was in the lower level.

George said with so many bars in the Holly area, the rum runners or bootleggers knew there was a good market for liquor in Holly. "Bars always had a secret stash. It was a well known secret," he said.

Restoration work will continue and protecting the interior from the harsh winter elements of Michigan are a priority.

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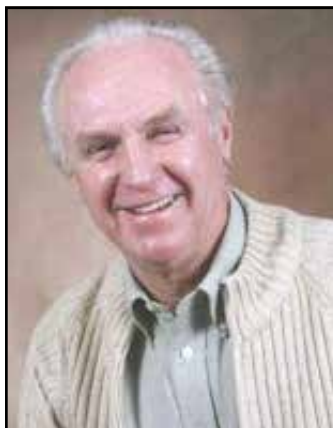
Obituaries

Times

David William Maguire

1939 – 2022

David William Maguire - age 83 passed away peacefully on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Trinity Health (Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland) in Pontiac. Born March 30, 1939, in Pontiac. David was the oldest of seven children to J.W. (Mac) and Ruth (Watson)



Management Degree. He retired from General Motors after a 30-year career. He held various roles within GM including Superintendent at Central Foundry Division. After retiring from GM, he created a Lean Manufacturing Consulting Business and

Maguire. He is preceded in death by his parents and his oldest sister, Beverly (Macadaeg). He is survived by his wife, Cynthia (Beerbohm) Maguire; his children, Christopher (Missy) Maguire, Holly (Maguire) Selden; his siblings, Sue Maguire, Lora (Joe) Cole, Mary Maguire (Michael Boyd), Martha (Jon) Ritter and Paul Maguire; along with his three grandchildren, Morgan, Andrew and Addison, many nieces, nephews, friends, the mother of his children, Alexandra (aka Sandy) Maguire (Poulin) and former son-in-law, John Selden. David graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1957. Before graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served in active duty from 1956-1960 as a Machinist Mate. He served on the USS English (DD696) a WW2 Destroyer. After the Navy, David attended Flint Junior College and lived in the "Waterford House" with his lifelong friends. After Flint JC, he Graduated from Michigan State University with a Business

then finished his work career as an Associate Broker at Michigan Westshore Realty in Pentwater, MI. David resided in Fenton, with his wife Cynthia (married September 6, 2003) and their beloved cat, (Sheba) and dog, (Cassie). David was an avid hunter his entire life. He had a strong Christian faith and was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. Since moving back to the area David was involved with the Holly Post of the American Legion. David cherished his large family and his Irish heritage. Celebration of life will be at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St. Holly, on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Visitation from 9 - 11 AM preceding the service at 11 AM. Luncheon to follow, details forthcoming. He will be laid to rest next to his parents at Andersonville Cemetery in Davisburg. Donations may be made to the American Legion, Doctors Without borders or a donation of the giver's choice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

ANGEL TREE

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which helps children in low-income households receive gifts for Christmas. The program is put on by the Kiwanis Club of Linden in order to help families in the Linden Community Schools district.

Debbie Brindle, chairperson of Angel Tree and Linden Community Education director, collects applications from students and families in the schools. Families fill out forms about what gifts their children want. Volunteers put this information on the Christmas trees at Alpine Marketplace and Village Ace Hardware in Linden and people take the cards, buy the gifts and return them to Angel Tree volunteers.

Brindle has been involved in the program for about 20 years.

"We provide a way for families who may be in financial difficulty to get Christmas gifts so gifts are under a tree for a child who may otherwise not have them," she said.

The registration deadline is this Friday, Dec. 2. This gives Kiwanis members and other volunteers time to sort the information, buy gifts and organize them.

If there's a family with four kids, and the volunteers bought all the gifts for two of the kids but only one or two presents for the other kids, Kiwanis volunteers will go out and buy more gifts for those two kids. The largest family in the program has seven children.

As of Monday, Nov. 28, Angel Tree has accepted 43 families and Brindle continues to receive submissions.

The number of families that apply every year fluctuates. Brindle said they anticipated more families this year and

the need has met their expectations. Before Thanksgiving, there were about 26 families registered. The week of Thanksgiving, they received applications from nine more families.

"The community provided Christmas for 122 kids last year," she said. "It was a cool thing."

The return of the Linden Follies will help this year. The Linden Education Association event, planned for Thursday, Dec. 1, is the main fundraiser for Christmas Express and Angel Tree. Linden teachers and staff are putting on the show this year for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"That is where we get the most of the money that we use to help the families. It's a god send, it really is," she said.

Brindle said the cards are taken soon after they're put up on the trees.

"We can't keep angels on the tree. We can only put as many angels as we get," she said. "Kiwanis is all about helping kids. That's what the Kiwanis group does."

Families will pick up gifts on Saturday, Dec. 17 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Linden Middle School.

"They're just grateful that they have that help. There are so many families that are going through hard times. They've lost their job or they're missing family members...and need that help and support. We have never had anyone ungrateful. They're always so happy to get what they get," she said. "We've had some families that have needed Angel Tree and then the next year they come to us with a check or donation toward Angel Tree because we've helped them the year before. It's always a good story, it's a good feeling."

FOLLIES

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turning this year. Many students have never been to Follies and can't wait to see their teachers and other staff members on stage. We are hoping to have a large crowd and raise just as much money as possible."

Peggy Slater, one of the main organizers of the event, said in 2020 the teachers made donations to Christmas Express and Angel Tree. In 2021, they had a district-wide penny war in which grades competed against each other. The third graders won. They were able to donate more than

\$3,000 last year.

"We don't really have a goal, but we have donated upwards of \$5,000 some years. I'm not sure how many staff are actually involved, but all of the buildings, administration, and the school board have prepared acts. People can expect a little talent and a lot of silliness on Thursday," she said.

The press release states, "The 2022 LCS Faculty Follies will return on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. This annual, one-of-a-kind event is a staple for the Linden Community, and all proceeds go back to our community via Angel Tree and Christmas Express. #lindeneaglepride"

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Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

Ans. here: X E P L I A O C C S A T B E N A

Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
This week no one can help you but yourself, Aries. You have to figure out a way to get to the bottom of a problem on your own. But then the reward will be twice as sweet.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
There are a few obstacles in your path this week, Taurus. But nothing you can't get around. If you have a few people help you out, your work will be even easier to manage.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Gemini, when a current plan of attack isn't working out quite right, you may have to approach it from a different direction. A new angle can bring with it a new perspective.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
You may need to push yourself a little further this week to make up for lost time, Cancer. Hunker down and get things done. There's rest to have on the other side of the effort.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Turning a blind eye to a certain situation will not make it go away, Leo. It will only postpone the inevitable, which is getting it handled. Don't procrastinate any longer.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Others may not want to hear the truth, but you're still going to offer it up, Virgo. Forge ahead even if you may lose some friends in the process.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Think twice before you act this week, Libra. It's easy to take the path ahead right now, but there may be some other way to go that could prove more rewarding in the long run.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are looking for a change but you don't know what that should be just yet. You may have to try on a few different shoes before you find the right fit.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius birthday season is in full swing right now, so you are in a festive mood. That will continue right into the holidays, when you may be the life of the party.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you can change if you want to. It just requires a little effort right now to figure out the path you want to take. Brainstorm a few ideas and you can find a goal.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Keeping secrets will only work for so long, Aquarius. Sooner or later the truth will be revealed and you will need to come clean. Take the high road from the start.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
After a few bumps, you find your groove, Pisces. Supervisors will recognize your efforts and perhaps give you the notice you deserve.

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