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Woman's body found on frozen Pine Lake

■ Sheriff says she drove from Tecumseh to clear her head, ended up in Fenton Township
By Sharon Stone

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, the deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 5000 block of Islandview Drive in Fenton Township after a homeowner called 911 at 9:58 a.m. to report a small purple SUV was blocking their driveway. There was no one in the vehicle, however, clothes and shoes were piled on the roof and a window was open.

Bare footprints could be seen near the vehicle and heading down to the home's dock on Pine Lake. Footprints could be seen on the lake's ice.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swan-
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2022

— THE YEAR IN REVIEW —

■ Tri-county area saw many changes, growth, fires, events and more

By Sharon Stone

The tri-county area saw many changes and excitement last year. From elections, fires in downtown Holly and Fenton, road construction, farmers markets, festivals, the federal government renaming Squaw Lake as Aanikegamaa Lake
See **REVIEW** on 19



Teen pleads guilty to stealing vehicle

■ Fenton Township case comes to close with sentencing on Jan. 31

By Sharon Stone

Isaiah Eugene Jackson, 18, was arraigned Oct. 13 in Genesee County 67th District Court with first-degree home invasion, unlawfully driving away of a vehicle, stealing a financial transaction device



See **THEFT** on 23
Isaiah Jackson

Material shortages cause delay on Argentine dam work

■ Engineer anticipates project to be completed in 2023

By Hannah Ball

Work on the Argentine Township dam is momentarily paused due to material shortages.

Alex Patsy, programming and development engineer at the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC), said they need materials to begin phase

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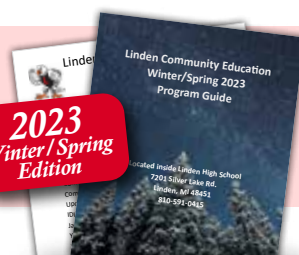


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'...an old-fashioned dance, social mixer'

■ Mom of three single daughters to host alcohol-free dance, party

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton woman with three single daughters between the ages of 21 and 26 has decided to host an in-person social mixer. Her event is to bring together Christian



Deanna Swanson

singles between the ages of 20 and 35 for an evening of socializing, mingling and playing games at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. This is an alcohol-free social event.

The event is set for Saturday, Jan. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance through Eventbrite (search "Answer To Prayer Singles") or \$30 cash at the door on the day of the event.

Deanna Swanson said an in-person event such as this could be a nice complement to all the online dating opportunities.

"Yep, an old-fashioned dance,



social mixer, like how my parents met back in the day, with a modern twist," she said when describing her vision for this Winter Social. "We are holding it at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center but hoping young singles will come from a wide surrounding area."

Tickets are now on sale at eventbrite.com. Search for Answer to Prayer Singles Winter Social.

Swanson said seating is limited to approximately 170 people.

“Yep, an old-fashioned dance, social mixer, like how my parents met back in the day, with a modern twist.”

Deanna Swanson
Fenton resident, Winter Social host

In addition to getting together with others in this age group, attendees are encouraged to bring a friend, mingle to music and have fun. There also will be ice breakers for attendees to get to know each other, games and prizes. Refreshments will be available.

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Words with Hannah

I planned to write about the 53 books I read this year, but I'm currently in Boston and I forgot to bring my notebook that contains all those titles, so it'll have to wait until my next column.

Instead, I'm going to write about one of the biggest shows on Netflix, "Emily in Paris."

My family and I started a new Christmas tradition last year. We make fun drinks and watch "Emily in Paris" on Netflix. The third season came out last week, so I was ecstatic to lounge on the couch at my sister and brother-in-law's place in the Boston area and dive back into the Emily Cooper Saves Paris Universe.

The show is not for everyone. The women of the family usually watch it when the guys watch football, but sometimes they watch it with us and actually become interested in the show, which is one of my favorites.

Emily, played by Lily Collins, is an American marketing executive that gets sent to work in Paris. She barely speaks any French, she's not great at her job at all, and some of her clothes are horrible. The first season was as messy as Emily, but it set up some great storylines. She meets a really hot chef named Gabriel



Hannah Ball
Staff Reporter

Let Emily enjoy Paris

and they instantly have a connection — but they can't act on their feelings because he's dating one of Emily's good friends.

The story gets even messier when Gabriel breaks up with his girlfriend and thinks he's going to leave Paris so he and Emily finally get together.

That was season one, and by season three, feelings are a bit messier and more involved. It's obvious that Emily and Gabriel are supposed to end up together. Though I really loved Alfie.

The love interests take center stage, but Emily's work life is just as dramatic. She was horrible at her job in the first season even though magically, things almost always worked out in her favor. Some of her ideas are the most obvious, simplest

and cliché ideas you've ever heard, and somehow the marketing firm's clients think she's a genius.

At one point, the company moves her back to Chicago, but she quits and chooses to stay in Paris. It's a really great moment.

The side characters have such charm and defined personalities that you don't have to like Emily to enjoy the show. Mindy is one of the best characters on the show, along with Sylvie, Luc and Julien.

And the outfits! Emily's fashion choices are 50% on point and 50% embarrassing. One of my favorites from season three was the rose blazer set and the big, red fluffy coat. It was perfect. I am desperate for that coat.

It's a fun, low stakes drama that I highly enjoy (that makes me want to visit Paris) and I can't wait to watch season four next year.

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SO NICE TO read about great school events like Shop with a Cop and exotic animals at Hyatt Elementary.

TO THE HOT-LINER who wants drivers to be nice to tailgaters. I do try to let them by. Areas to move over on these rural roads are few and far between.

THE BEST THING for the old red barn would be to break it down, and move it to a location that has plenty of parking available for say a restaurant or another outdoor type business rather than trying to fit a square peg into a round hole at its current spot.

WHY ARE SENIORS still paying property taxes? I paid my house off years ago and that included the property. So why do I owe the State anything that I own outright?

GREAT JOB LOOSE Center. You filled the house with Elvis fans. All had fun. Want to make more money? Turn off the parking lot lights. Dusk to dawn, the lights have been on for months.

Compiled by Sharon Stone, editor — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

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"I got engaged!"

Amanda Lewis
Fenton



"I found out how strong of a person I truly am and discovered I can overcome the un thinkable... becoming an even stronger pillar in this world."

Noelle Jourdain Gazell-Kelley
Linden



"Flew to Paris to meet my husband and we spent days seeing different parts of France. I'd go back in a heartbeat."

Delila Brown
Fenton



"It is hard to name just one. Our last child graduated high school. One daughter graduated college. One daughter got married. The coolest thing we bought was a slice of heaven in the U.P!"

JeanSteve Keiser, Holly



"I started a Notary business. I also completed my associate's degree!"

Emma Ziraldo
Fenton Township

Record amount raised for local cancer patients

■ Annual Pink Night Palooza brings in \$236,100

Our community has once again come together to raise money to help local cancer patients get through difficult, but lifesaving treatments. New for 2022, the 14th annual Pink Night Palooza offered donors and sponsors a choice to donate to Hurley's Breast Cancer Patient Services Fund or the Hurley Cancer Services Fund

Presenting Sponsor Hurley Medical Center and Founding Sponsor Financial Plus Credit Union announced that Pink Night Palooza raised a record amount of \$236,100. The money will be used to assist patients with bills, transportation, wigs or other needs that will help them get through needed treatments to save their lives.

In addition this year, \$15,260 has also been designated by donors to help patients fighting other types of cancer.

Throughout 2022, many supporters did give directly to support the Hurley Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program, providing an additional \$81,020.

"Since 2008, I have been working with so many women to overcome financial challenges while going through treatment," said Marsha Schmit, Hurley breast cancer navigator. "I serve younger and younger groups of women and men, as well as older patients who are on a fixed income. Your support helps them meet these challenges and allows them to focus on getting better."

Organizers would like to thank PNP Title Sponsors InstaLube and Regional Medical Imaging, the dozens of other sponsors of the PNP event as well as the businesses and organizations across our community who host mini-fundraisers throughout the year to independently raise money to help local cancer patients thrive. It is a true community effort.

Financial Plus Credit Union President and CEO Brad Bergmooser was thrilled PNP was able to return this year to a live event, saying "It was a great night celebrating all of the continued awareness and generosity of our community, supporting our friends and



neighbors who battle all forms of cancer." The event was also broadcast live on CW46 thanks to broadcast partner Mid-Michigan Now.

Save the date for the next Pink Night Palooza: Oct. 19, 2023.

Donations can still be made at pink-nightpalooza.com.

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Impactful events and newsworthy happenings in 2022

■ Below are only a few of the noteworthy events from last year

By Hannah Ball

In the tri-county area, 2022 was a year of fires, infrastructure improvements, growing events and communities coming together to help others.

Two municipalities were impacted by devastating fires this year. On Tuesday, June 21 in Holly, a fire destroyed Battle Alley Arcade Antiques, heavily damaged Andy's Place and the Holly Hotel, and caused minor damage to other neighboring businesses.

A week later on Tuesday, June 28 in Fenton, a fire heavily damaged El Topo/The Relief & Resource Co. and destroyed a barn. Both communities fundraised for the business owners and affected employees. Most businesses have indicated they have plans to rebuild.

One positive event in Holly this year was the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, which was available for the public to

see in Holly for a weekend in August.

A significant milestone in Fenton Township in 2022 was how much planning and preparing township officials have done for the Thompson Road Corridor and in bringing municipal water to sections of the township. The board of trustees adopted an updated Thompson Road Corridor Plan.

The board also approved plans to join the Genesee County water system and bring municipal water to Thompson Road and farther south to Linden. Work began this past fall.

In 2022, township officials approved plans for multiple housing projects along Lahring Road. Construction is currently ongoing for the 83-bed senior living facility, called Silver Lake Road Assisted Living, on Silver Lake Road.

The township also will receive \$10 million from the state to widen the Thompson Road bridge over U.S. 23.

Fenton Township and Linden entered into service agreements with Medstar Inc. after reports of long wait times for ambulances. Linden City voted to join the Genesee County water system as

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Argentine and Fenton townships

Fenton Township

From Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk

"2022 was a very eventful year for Fenton Township. Township officials and staff have devoted considerable resources to improving services for township residents.

"The biggest news for 2022 was the approval of contracts to connect to the Genesee County water system. By allocating a substantial portion of our own American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, along with \$6.5 million in ARPA funds from Genesee County, Fenton Township was finally able to move forward with bringing municipal water to our community. Phase I is already under construction and Phase 2 should follow close behind.

"Fenton Township also took a large step forward in our interactions with

the public. A new website was launched March 1, providing easier access to information and multiple ways to contact the township regarding various issues and concerns. The township also entered the social media universe in 2022, establishing a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"The township continued to fund road improvements this year. Working with the Genesee County Road Commission, Fenton Township repaved four local roads in 2022, totaling just over 2 miles in length.

"The Fenton Township Planning Commission had a very busy 2022. They approved an updated Thompson Road Corridor Plan in August and began work on updating both the Master Plan and the 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan, both of which will be

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Fenton Township man volunteers to accept lake name ideas

■ Will work with state and federal officials to rename lake deemed derogatory

By Sharon Stone

In November 2022, Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine announced that residents living on Aanikegamaa Lake (formerly Squaw Lake) who wish to be part of a discussion at the local, state and federal level were to contact him at the Fenton Township office.

Lorraine's announcement came after the federal government changed the name of a lake in Fenton Township.

On Sept. 8, 2022, the Department of the Interior (DOI) announced the Board on Geographic Names (BGN) had voted on the final replacement

names for nearly 650 geographic features with the word "squaw."

According to the Ojibwe People's Dictionary, Aanikegamaa means "chain of lakes."

Lorraine is forwarding all of the Squaw Lake name issues to Fenton Township resident Mark Shantz as he was told by federal and state officials that it would be best if residents drove this. Shantz' home is on Aanikegamaa Lake. Shantz volunteered to head this issue.

He said he is currently awaiting new name ideas from residents. "Once we have names, we will ask residents to vote on which one they prefer. Once we complete that, the federal paperwork starts," Shantz said. He can be reached at (248) 396-1093.

Our top 10 viewed stories of 2022

By Hannah Ball

At the end of every year the Times editorial staff looks back and tracks what stories were most read online. Below includes the top 10 stories.

10. Two-vehicle crash on U.S. 23

One person was taken to a hospital after a crash on northbound U.S. 23 just north of Torrey Road in Fenton City on Dec. 19.

9. Eagles defense shines but offense struggles in 6-0 loss to Goodrich

In this Sept. 2 article, Sports Editor David Troppens writes about Linden's first home varsity football of the season did not go as their fans hoped. Goodrich was able to muster one touchdown drive and earn a 6-0 victory.

8. Thousands attend Fenton Freedom Festival

Thousands of people attended the Fenton Freedom Festival on Monday, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day. Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem and chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival committee, said after a two-year delay due to the pandemic, Fenton's return to the Fourth of July Freedom Festival is being celebrated by all as very successful.

7. Fenton Township man arrested for domestic violence

A 59-year-old Fenton Township man was arrested May 4 for domestic violence after slapping his girlfriend, who's allergic to tuna fish, in the face with a tuna fish sub.

6. Eagles improve to 3-1, defeat Bronchos 29-13

Sports Editor David Troppens writes in this Sept. 17 article how first-year varsity football coach Chad Williams changed the methodology of the team. The Eagles played the Bronchos, who also are playing under a first-year head coach Billy Keenist Jr., at Holly High School and earned a 29-13 road Flint

Metro League Stripes Division victory.

5. Fire chief explains how Holly fire spread

In this June 22 story, Steve McGee, fire chief of the Holly Village Fire Department, explains how the fire was able to spread quickly due to high winds. Firefighters from nearly 20 municipalities arrived to help. Local departments worked throughout the night to contain the flames.

4. Historic Holly Hotel damaged in June 21 fire

Published on June 24, days after the Holly June 21 fire, the Times recounts the history of the building. This was the third fire that affected the Holly Hotel. The owners, Chrissy and George Kutlenios, are committed to rebuilding the restaurant that they've owned and ran for decades.

3. Fenton fire burns, destroys speakeasy

On Tuesday, June 28, a fire burned down a barn on Adelaide Street and badly damaged El Topo/The Relief & Resource Co. in Fenton. The Edward Jones building, just west of El Topo, also sustained minor damage.

2. Fire in downtown Holly

On Tuesday, June 21, a fire started at Battle Alley Arcade Antiques. This building was destroyed. A large portion of Andy's Place restaurant was destroyed, the Holly Hotel restaurant and Moose Lodge sustained severe water damage and a few other businesses have structural damage.

1. Natural gas line explodes off Runyan Lake Road, north of Center Road

On Wednesday, March 16, a natural gas leak was reported off Runyan Lake Road just north of Center Road in Tyrone Township. There was a fire and several people reported hearing and feeling the explosion.

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Gone but never forgotten

■ Tri-county area remembers several who died, made the news

By Sharon Stone

Each year, the Times obituary pages are filled with the names of loved ones who lost their lives, however, there are those whose deaths resulted in a news story. This year, there were 11 of those deaths. They are listed in order of the dates they died.

Don Merrill

Former Lt. Don Merrill of the Fenton Police Department died Dec. 28, 2021. His story did not make it into the 2021 Year in Review. Merrill of Fenton joined the police department in 1979, after serving as a reserve patrolman. He was promoted to sergeant in 1993 and lieutenant in 2002. He served as interim police chief for eight months in 2003. When he retired, he received numerous letters of thanks and recognitions from the community and was awarded a Department Citation for Meritorious Service in 1989 for his actions in the arrest of two felons involved in a theft from a night deposit box.



Bill Miller

Former Gaines Fire Chief Bill Miller died Jan. 1, 2022 of natural causes. Miller helped build the Gaines Township Fire Department from scratch in 1979. A February 2015 Swartz Creek View article announcing his retirement noted that he was the longest-serving continuous fire chief in Genesee County at that time. Miller was a descendant of the first settlers of the Swartz Creek area, originally called Miller's Settlement, for whom Miller Road is named.



Jerry Palmer

Gerald (Jerry) Palmer, 89, of Fenton, died Jan. 20, 2022. He was chief of the Fenton Fire Department from 1990-1997. He served with the fire department from 1961 to 1997. He was a lifelong resident of Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School, where he lettered in four sports. He was inducted into the Fenton Sports Hall of Fame for Football.



Cathy Miller

Cathy Miller, 70, of Groveland Township, died Feb. 16, 2022. Her husband Howard Miller was charged with her death. He died approximately a month later.



Ted Goupil

Ted Goupil, 87, of Fenton Township, died Feb. 22, 2022. He served on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years, 10 of them as clerk. One of his most significant accomplishments was working to build sewers around the township's many lakes. He was also retired after 10 years as principal at West Shore Elementary in the Lake Fenton schools. He and his wife, Pat, of 62 years, a retired Realtor, have been long time residents of Fenton Township.



Gilda Mizell

Gilda Mizell's body was discovered Jan. 21, 2022. She was a 64-year-old Gaines resident who was found dead in her vehicle in her driveway on Seymour Road in January. Her death went unnoticed for weeks, and no one took care of the animals on her property.

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Ongoing court cases

■ Tri-county area sees wide range of crimes in 2022

By Sharon Stone

The Times covered several arrests and court cases in 2022. Crimes ranged from domestic assault, armed robbery, violating the state marriage act, threat of terrorism, attempting to disarm a police officer, interfering at abortion clinics, and involvement at the Jan. 6, 2021 protest in Washington, D.C.

Below are summaries and statuses of cases reported on in 2022.

Caleb Tierney and Cameron Zayler

A former Genesee County Jail guard, Cameron Zayler, 24, of Prudenville and formerly of Davison, was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court on June 1, 2022 for two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) in Linden.

Zayler's friend and alleged accomplice, Caleb Tierney, 25, of Davison and formerly of Linden, has one charge of first-degree CSC in Linden. His case also was bound over May 31 to circuit court for trial. Tierney is a former Flint police officer. They both have a pretrial hearing Jan. 19.



Matthew Krol

Matthew Krol of Linden was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 by federal agents for his alleged involvement in the events at U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC, on Jan. 6, 2021. Krol is charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers using a dangerous weapon or inflicting bodily injury; civil disorder; entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly and disrupt-



tive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds and the act of physical violence in the capital grounds or buildings. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment May 16 and has remained in federal custody in Virginia since his arrest. A status conference is scheduled for Jan. 9, at 3 p.m.

Megan Imirowicz

On Oct. 1, 2021, Michigan State Police (MSP) Metro North troopers responded to an aggravated assault complaint in Groveland Township where a suspect, Megan Imirowicz, then 18, allegedly threw drain cleaner on her father causing significant injuries. Her father died from his injuries in March 2022 and her charge was elevated to homicide. Her trial in Oakland County Circuit Court is set to begin April 17.



Joshua Allgeyer

Joshua Robert Allgeyer, 39, of Holly, was arraigned in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. He was charged with two counts of felonious assault, three counts of possession of a firearm in commission of a felony, one count each of carrying a concealed weapon, felon in possession of a firearm and felon in possession of ammunition. Motion to dismiss counts 3-6 were granted on Oct. 27. His trial is set to begin Jan. 23, in Oakland County Circuit Court.



Heather Idoni

A grand jury for the Middle District of Tennessee indicted Heather Idoni of Linden and 10 other individuals Oct. 3, 2022 on violations of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, which prohibits



even temporary interference with reproductive health care services, which could include abortion, and conspiracy to obstruct access to a clinic providing reproductive health services, which could include abortion. A trial date of Jan. 10, has tentatively been scheduled.

Idoni is facing similar charges for allegedly obstructing a women's reproductive health clinic in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 22, 2020. A trial date of Aug. 9, has tentatively been scheduled.

John Gleason

John Gleason, 68, of Flushing, pleaded guilty to one count of violating the state marriage act, a 30-day misdemeanor. He did this in a Livingston County courtroom Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022. He also agreed to step down from being the Genesee County clerk, effective Nov. 2, 2022.



Kimber Sattler, Christina Parker, Dajour Jackson, Cody Sanders

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at approximately 2 a.m., three suspects entered a home located on Fish Lake Road in Holly Township. They confronted the homeowner at gunpoint. The victim was held at gunpoint by one suspect while the others stole a firearm from the home. The suspects were wearing ski masks and gloves and were armed with an AK style pistol. The suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle.

Kimber Sattler, 33, of Flint, was convicted Aug. 4, 2022 and sentenced Sept. 1, 2022 to two to 15 years in state prison for armed robbery. She was



originally charged with armed robbery, home invasion first-degree, unlawfully driving away of an automobile and larceny of a firearm.

Christina Parker 34, of Flint, was charged with unlawfully driving away of an automobile, larceny of a firearm and armed robbery. She was sentenced Aug. 4, 2022 to 18 months to 15 years in state prison for armed robbery. She also was sentenced in Genesee County to 17 months to 10 years for possession of a controlled substance.

Dajour Jackson, 32, of Flint, was sentenced Aug. 11, 2022 to 27 months to 15 years in state prison for armed robbery.

Cody Sanders, 31, was sentenced Sept. 8, 2022 to 27 months to 15 years in state prison for armed robbery.

Jeremy Coder and Kevin Deisler

Two men, Jeremy Coder and Kevin Deisler, who allegedly believed they were arranging to have sex in June 2022 with a 15-year-old girl learned they were making plans with law enforcement. The were arrested and lodged in the Oakland County Jail, each charged with multiple felonies that could land them in prison for up to life if convicted.

The men were caught in an undercover sting operation orchestrated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. They were arraigned in 52-1 District Court on June 4, 2022. Coder has a pretrial in Oakland County Circuit Court on Jan. 18. Deisler's next court hearing is Feb. 6, in Oakland County Circuit Court.



Richard August Prausa, Fazlollah Farz Haritash, and John Erwin Dingens,

Three men, Richard August Prausa, 45, of Clarkston; Fazlollah Farz Haritash, 64, of Farmington Hills; and John Erwin Dingens, 61, of Corunna, who believed they were arranging to have

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sex with an underaged girl soon learned they were arranging a meeting with law enforcement in June 2022. They were charged with multiple felonies punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Dingens was bound over to circuit court for trial and has a pretrial hearing Jan. 26. Prausa was bound over to circuit court for trial and has a pretrial hearing Jan. 24. Haritash has a preliminary exam in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on Jan. 23.



Robert Nelson Jr

Robert Nelson Jr, 39, of Holly was arraigned Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022 on three counts of false report or threat of terrorism. He was arrested Aug. 20, 2022 at his Holly residence. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh reported that Nelson made a series of false 911 phone calls reporting bomb threats in an attempt to implicate someone else due to grievances. He waived his preliminary exam in district court and was bound over Dec. 2, 2022 to circuit court for trial. A pretrial is scheduled for Feb. 7.



Stanley Fournier

Stanley Fournier Jr., 38, of Fenton, was arraigned Sept. 17, 2022 on three felonies following a traffic stop in Fenton on Sept. 13, 2022. A consent search resulted in the recovery of a container containing a white substance, three bottles of a liquid, a plastic bag of illegal mushrooms, brass knuckles, two open bottles of intoxicants, miscellaneous prescription pills, a bag of cocaine, a

bag of meth, two scales an assortment of small plastic bags and an undisclosed amount of cash. He reportedly admitted possession of the cocaine, meth and mushrooms. On Dec. 13, 2022, he pleaded guilty to reduced charges. He was credited with days served and ordered to community service. A show cause hearing is scheduled for March 7.

Jared Salisbury

Jared Salisbury, 33, was arraigned Oct. 1, 2022, with one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes, a four-year felony. He was released from the Oakland County Jail on a \$25,000 personal bond. As a condition of bond, Salisbury is to have no contact with minor children and is not to use a computer or the internet. A probable cause conference is scheduled for Feb. 7 in 50th District Court in Pontiac.



Douglas Walsh

Douglas Walsh was found not guilty by a jury on Oct. 3, 2022, on all six charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct that he had been charged with in 2017.



Ethan Crumbley, Jennifer Crumbley, James Crumbley

Ethan Crumbley pleaded guilty Oct. 24, 2022 to the Nov. 30, 2021 shooting at Oxford High School in Oakland County. He was 15 years old when he shot and killed Madisyn Baldwin, Tate Myre, Hana St. Juliana and Justin Shills. The plea deal means there will be no trial. Crumbley faces



life in prison with no chance of parole. A sentencing date will be determined after a Feb. 10 hearing. His parents, Jennifer and James Crumbley were charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter. Their cases are pending and they all remain lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

Brian Pearson

On Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, Brian Pearson, 44, of Rochester, was charged with four counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a student at Holly Area Schools. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said that in May 2022, Holly police investigators were notified by Holly Area Schools officials that they were investigating a complaint they received from a former female student against a male Holly High School teacher for inappropriate conduct that occurred while she was his student during a period starting in 2012 and ending in 2014. Pearson was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial Dec. 6, 2022. A pretrial hearing is set for Jan. 12.

Ryan Davis

Ryan Davis, 40, of Fenton, is charged with one count of false report or threat of terrorism and has been bound over to circuit court for jury trial. He was arrested Sept. 15, 2022 and arraigned Sept. 16, 2022 in Genesee County 67th District Court. The charge is a 20-year felony. Davis obtained attention from police Sept. 14, 2022. 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. Acting Police Chief Jeff 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. He remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail on \$250,000 cash bond. A pretrial is set for Jan. 6 at 10 a.m.

Mitchel Reis

Mitchel Reis of Metamora was arraigned Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 in Genesee County 67th District Court following his arrest in Argentine Township on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. Reis is charged with attempting to disarm a police officer, a felony. A preliminary exam is set for Jan. 31 at 1 p.m.

Bobby Lee McMillan

Bobby Lee McMillan, 28, is facing sentencing on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) during a felony and four counts of accosting children for immoral purposes. McMillan was arraigned on the charges Oct. 22, 2022. A felony plea was accepted for a reduced charge of third-degree CSC and accosting children for immoral purposes. His case was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court on Nov. 22, 2022. A sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 6 at 9 a.m.



Joseph Mitchell

Joseph Mitchell, 38, of Burton, is lodged in the Genesee County Jail after bond was denied. His charges include two counts of first-degree CSC during a felony, two counts of accosting children for immoral purposes, two counts of child sexually abusive activity and human trafficking of a minor for commercial sexual activity. Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said a young victim was at Hurley Hospital in Flint. Child Protective Services were called to investigate and they in turn dispatched the county's Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (G.H.O.S.T.) to investigate. The



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TOWNSHIPS

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completed in 2023. Development activity also increased this year, continuing the “post-pandemic” recovery, with several new residential developments that began in 2022, including subdivisions on Lahring Road, Lobdell Road and Linden Road, and an assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road.

“2022 was a year of change for Fenton Township and the momentum will continue into 2023 as the township con-

tinues to work to improve infrastructure and services to our residents.”

Argentine Township

From Brian Saad, supervisor

“Argentine Township had very positive movement on the repair to the Argentine Dam. Old doors have been removed, coffer dam in place and new dam doors are ordered and final install work is being scheduled for late spring 2023.

“The tragedy at Sanford/Wixom Lake, Michigan could have thrown

us years behind, in Lansing; Senator Ken Horn and Representative Mike Mueller met with top GCRC officials, Clerk Joe Graves and myself and they helped make sure we received visibility for funding this critical infrastructure repair work. Several other ditch water and sewer maintenance management projects in the township are underway.”

“Argentine Township had a nice quiet year. Lockdowns are over and we are starting the slow return of car shows and Pathway/Shiawassee River activities. The Argentine Township Fire

Department has ordered a new Rescue Pumper, an International HV507 4x4 for \$475,000 and due to the ‘global supply chain problems’ expected delivery was 20-24 months as of July 2022.

“Myers Lake Campground opened and it was an immediate success providing some of the newest and best amenities for camping in a rustic but modern southeast Michigan setting.

“We have new and returning police officers in our Argentine Township Police Department and our police chief is the current longest serving police chief in Genesee County. A new police car has also been ordered and the timetable was 30 weeks from the November 2022 township board meeting.

“The Argentine Township Planning Commission updated the Master Plan, again solidifying our desire to remain a rural bedroom community. It directed the township board to work toward keeping fees and taxes low. Our annual audit was outstanding; the fiscal footing of our community is strong. Visit our web page for more information.”

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NEWSWORTHY

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Fenton Township expanded its Thompson Road water project.

The city made upgrades to the downtown area. Roger Sharp, CEO and founder of Sharp Funeral Homes, and Joe Kimble, Emeritus Professor at WMU-Cooley Law School., who paid to renovate the gazebo, also paid to fix the old water wheel, which is working again.

The Linden City Council is also different going into 2023. Former Councilor Aaron Wiens did not receive enough votes to keep his seat. Elizabeth Armstrong, the new councilor, was a write-in candidate and had her first meeting on Monday, Dec. 12.

The city had multiple successful and well-attended events this year. Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters, one of the largest family friendly Halloween events in the area, continues to grow and grow every year.

Linden also approved plans to make Triangle Park a trailhead for The State Bank Trail, which is expected to be constructed alongside Silver Lake

Road in 2023.

In August, voters approved a 5-mill millage to fund police and fire services in the city.

Construction was completed on the Beacon & Bridge gas station and the business is up and running.

In Argentine Township, work is ongoing to fix the dam. The Argentine Township Police Department is now host to a community food pantry, which was built and donated by Girl Scout Troop 75722. The Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off remains one of the township's most popular events. Thousands attend the event in February.

The Argentine Township Board of Trustees changed in 2022. After six years on the board, Scott Conner stepped down from his trustee position. Trustee Tom Hallman, who previously served on the board from November, was appointed to the seat.

All of these municipalities, except for Fenton, are in the process of updating their master plans or sections of their master plans. Fenton adopted its new master plan in January 2022. Citizens can find these plans on the municipality websites.

PINE LAKE

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son said deputies responded, drones were launched and the sheriff's dive team responded to start searching for the driver of the abandoned vehicle.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., a homeowner on Harp Drive, which is on the north end of Pine Lake, called 911 to report seeing an individual laying down on the ice.

Swanson said first responders made it out to where the individual was laying and determined that she was deceased, most likely from the elements. He said an autopsy would be done as well as toxicology testing.

The sheriff said the woman was identified as Lisa Marie Rothfuss, 44, of Tecumseh. Her family was notified of her death.

Swanson said Rothfuss had struggled with mental health issues. On Friday, Dec. 23, she told her family that she needed to clear her head. She borrowed a vehicle and started driving. He said her cell phone last

pinged Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 10:30 p.m. in Detroit.

The sheriff said there were no signs of foul play and there was no indication that she had any relatives, friends or interests in Fenton Township.

Swanson said Rothfuss posted Dec. 22 on her Facebook page that for her birthday this year she was asking for donations for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

As a reminder, Swanson said mental health issues can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere. "It happens in our town too," he said.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 200+ crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Swanson anyone dealing with a mental health issue also can call 911 to ask for help. "We'll help them," he said.

The Fenton Township Fire Department and Linden police assisted with the search.

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Or if you prefer your fitness in a little cooler environment, maybe lacing up your rubber-soled shoes and trying something new such as Broomball and Mini-Curling, located at The Barn in Fenton, is your best fit. For those lacking knowledge of these fun winter games, skates are not necessary! Both games involve teams and sliding/gliding across the ice to score using either a broom and ball or a solid piece of granite.

Winter lovers will also be happy to see the new youth classes for skating and beginner's hockey, also taking place at The Barn. Kids will love the chance to try a new sport, and parents will love the ease of taking a class through SLPR. For both classes, skates and a helmet are required, along with hockey gloves, elbow pads and shin pads. Both classes will help children in learning the basic skills of skating.

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and more, residents had much to talk about in 2022.

The fire that destroyed or damaged several businesses in downtown Holly in June stands out as one of the biggest stories of the year because it impacted so many people and businesses.

The following are some of the Times' biggest stories that the editorial department followed throughout the year.

FENTON

After 40 years of providing the finest chocolates and treats to Fenton, Carol Schuler, owner of Sweet Variations retired in January 2022. Her candy store used to be located where Bridal Loft is now located downtown. In 2016, she relocated her store to N. Fenton Road in Fenton Township behind Sagebrush Cantina.

Last winter, Fenton City Council indicated it would be investing \$30 million in infrastructure, which includes water, sewer, local streets, sidewalks. This would be done utilizing some federal and state funding.

Controversy began in October 2021 when Picasso Landscaping, owned by Brian Dennis, requested approval of a site plan and a special land use permit for property on Meadowridge Drive near Fenway Drive. Confusion over whether there would be concrete crushing resulted in talks being tabled. The Fenton Planning Commission eventually approved the site plan and special land use request for Picasso Landscaping during its March 24, 2021 meeting. Dennis filed a lawsuit against the city seeking monetary damages in excess of \$25,000 along with a reversal of the denial of a special land use permit for the concrete batch plant and to remove restrictions on his current operations. This court case is pending.

The Fenton Community Expo celebrated its 37th year in March 2022. It was held in person at Fenton High School.

In May 2022, Fenton City Council approved a \$4.1-million contract with Waldorf & Sons, Inc. for its 2022 Local Roads Program.

On June 3, 2022, after nearly 27 years with the Fenton Police Department, Police Chief Jason Slater retired. Lt. Jeff Cross has been serving as acting

chief since that time.

After a year of intricate work, Ronny Medawar, owner of Medawar Jewelers began the final steps of repairing the four-sided fire hall clock tower in June 2022. The clock had not worked in several years and the owners of the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant commissioned Medawar in July 2021 to make the repairs.

One week after the massive fire in downtown Holly, a fire broke out in downtown Fenton on June 28, 2022, causing damage to the El Topo restaurant and Relief & Resource Co. on Mill Street, as well as an adjacent barn. The barn was destroyed and the damaged restaurant was torn down in December.

In August 2022, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority announced the purchase of the former Deehl Chiropractic property on Pine Street at E. Caroline Street. Once the building is removed, the city plans to put in parking spaces as well as a storage garage and training space for the fire department.



This past summer and fall, Torrey Road, from North Road to the northern city limits was rebuilt for a total of \$1.3 million. Work also included a sidewalk from North Road to Georgetown Parkway.

In August 2022, the Fenton Planning Commission approved the final site plan for ALDI grocery store, which is proposed to be built between Target and the Fenton High School property.

After two years in an alternate format due to COVID, the St. John Applefest was held in person once again from Sept. 15-18, 2022. The event was deemed a success and the golf outing in memory of Ron Lockwood was sold out.

Also in September 2022, the Fenton Trolley, a free service of the Mass Transit Authority (MTA), started operating in Fenton.

In October 2022, Pat Lockwood, the city's mayor pro tem, received the Jim

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On Oct. 24, 2022, Fenton City Council approved an estimated \$389,218 for the Veterans Memorial Park Project, which will be constructed at Fenton Freedom Park. The city expects the project to be completed in time for Veterans Day 2023.

A Fenton family with seven kids was able to spend Christmas 2022 in their newly renovated home. The project of Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) was nicknamed Miracle on Sixth Street. Community members, several local businesses and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office joined forces to make the family's home safe again.

NEW BUSINESSES IN FENTON

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP

On Jan. 19, 2022, Holly Township Treasurer Mark Freeman announced that he would be retiring after 13 years of service on Oct. 30, 2022. In December 2022, the Holly Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting and voted to appoint Jen Ryan of Holly as treasurer. Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis said Ryan's resume is stellar. She is on maternity leave and will begin her duties with the township Jan. 30.

It was announced in March 2022, that the 2020/2021 N. Holly Road resurfacing project, from north of Grange Hall Road north to the Genesee County border, a partnership of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), Holly Township and the village of Holly, was recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA), Detroit Metro Branch. The APWA chapter named the road project

the 2021 Project of the Year in the \$1 million to \$5 million category.

A severe storm and weak EF-0 tornado on July 11, 2022 caused damage through the tri-county area. Strong winds damaged homes on the east side of Lake Fenton in Fenton Township. The storm traveled at a southeast direction. The Red Riding Hood Stables on N. Holly Road in Holly Township, owned by George and Chrissy Kutlenios, sustained heavy damage. This came after their other business, the Holly Hotel in downtown Holly was heavily damaged by fire on Tuesday, June 21.

During the November 2022 election, Holly Township residents approved a proposal to add two seats to the Holly Township Board of Trustees. The proposal passed by a vote of 2,916 to 2,207. The board of trustees will go from a five-seat board to a seven-seat board.

HOLLY VILLAGE



Holly Village was the site of two movies being filmed in January 2022. Christmas at the Holly Hotel and Cupid's Christmas were filmed in the downtown area and featured several local residents. The movie about the Holly Depot debuted in November 2022 and the movie, Christmas at the Holly Hotel debuted in December 2022.

On Feb. 8, 2022, Holly Village Council approved an ordinance amendment that would allow Holly Village to grant business licenses to qualified applicants to open recreational marijuana establishments. On June 28, 2022, Holly Village Council approved two marijuana retail licenses, one for The Brand Labs and one for Lume Cannabis Co. Village Manager Jerry Walker said he expects the businesses to open this winter.

At approximately 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, a fire broke out at Battle Alley Arcade Antiques in downtown Holly. With strong winds and tempera-

tures in the 90s, the fire quickly spread to nearby businesses. The fire raged for hours. The antique shop was destroyed and the Holly Hotel, the Holly Moose Lodge, Andy's Place, Creative Fashions of Holly, RHL Financial Group



and Ziggy's Ice Cream were damaged. The historic Holly Hotel sustained heavy damage and the owners have said they are committed to rebuilding. There have been fundraising efforts to help the other businesses and employees who lost their jobs due to the fire.

The Vietnam Moving Wall was installed at the Karl Richter Campus on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. Hundreds of people attended the opening ceremony. The memorial remained in Holly for several days.



During the November 2022 General Election, the voters in Holly Village approved a 15-year, 3-mill millage for fire and police services. Holly Village Council approved the millage proposal Feb. 8, 2022. In July 2022, Holly Village Council learned that the millage was accidentally placed on the August ballot at the county level. Village council then voted to keep the millage on the November 2022 ballot and invalidating any August election results.

During a special meeting on Nov. 7, 2022, Holly Village Council voted

4-1 to censure Councilmember Ryan Delaney for violating the village's code of ethics for council members. A candidate for village president, Delaney was elected president the next day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY, ROSE TOWNSHIP, HOLLY TOWNSHIP

On March 9, 2022, during a Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting, Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder admitted that she was attempting to remove NOCFA fire chief, Jeremy Lintz.

On March 15, 2022, the NOCFA Board of Directors citizen-at-large, Peter Stouffer submitted his resignation.

On April 14, 2022, Rose Township Treasurer Paul Gambka announced his resignation from the NOCFA Board.

On April 18, 2022, Scheib-Snyder announced her resignation from the NOCFA Board.

On April 26, 2022, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted to appoint Rose Township Trustee Glen Noble to the NOCFA Board. They also voted to appoint Gambka back to the NOCFA Board.

On June 6, 2022, the NOCFA Board appointed Brad Stilwell of Rose Township as the citizen-at-large for a two-year term.

On Dec. 15, 2022, Noble's seat became vacant when he submitted his resignation to the Rose Township Board of Trustees. Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller was then appointed to the NOCFA Board to represent Rose Township.

In September 2022, the NOCFA Board approved a three-year contract for the full-time firefighters' union.

ROSE TOWNSHIP

By a vote of 1,076 to 656, the residents of Rose Township approved the Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Operating Millage during the Primary Election on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022.

Members of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) elected Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller as the 2022 "Township Clerk of the Year." A veteran of four presidential election cycles (2008, 2012, 2016, 2020), Miller has

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RULES: Children must be 3-11 years old to enter. Winners will be contacted on Wednesday, Jan. 5, prize pickup no later than Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Winners' names and artwork will be published in the Sunday, Jan. 8 edition. No purchase necessary.



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REMEMBRANCE

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Donald Arnold

Donald Arnold, 56, of Fenton, was killed in a motorcycle crash on May 13, 2022, in Brighton Township. At approximately 5:14 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a vehicle versus motorcycle injury crash on Kensington Road at I-96 in Brighton Township.



Paul Clish

Paul (Bubba) Clish, 68, of Walled Lake, was killed June 24, 2022, in a motorcycle crash in Springfield Township. He was operating a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle southbound on Dixie Highway near Hutchinson Drive shortly after 3 p.m. when a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox driven by a Davisburg woman turned left in front of him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.



Steven Dusenbery

Steven Dusenbery, 48, of Argentine Township, died July 5. A nurse driving to work discovered his body lying in the middle of Cole Road in Argentine Township. His bicycle was nearby. Police said at the time that he might have had a medical issue, prompting him to fall to the ground.



Christy Ambrose

Christy (McFray) Ambrose, 46, of Fenton, was killed in an automobile crash Friday, Sept. 9 at the intersection of Denton Hill Road and Denton Creek Drive in Tyrone Township. Ambrose's husband was critically injured. The 35-year-old Fen-



ton man driving the second vehicle was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries while his passenger was not injured.

Michael Gricius

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, Michael Scott Gricius, 31, of Grand Blanc, died in a single vehicle crash in Livingston County. His 2019 Chevrolet Silverado was southbound on Oak Grove Road south of Co-hoctah Road when it left the roadway and struck a tree.



MORE CRIME

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young victim at Hurley indicated their older 13-year-old sibling was another victim. A preliminary exam is set for Jan. 10 at 2 p.m.

Jacob Williams

Jacob Williams, 35, of Fenton Township, was arraigned Oct. 7, 2022, in Genesee County 67th District Court on one felony count of domestic violence, third offense, stemming from an alleged incident involving a female on Oct. 5, 2022. Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to Woodhaven Drive to investigate an unknown trouble call at 1 a.m., in Fenton Township. The female told the deputies the two had argued and it became physical. The deputy observed marks on the woman's neck and her jaw area was swollen. She was transported to Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc Township for medical attention. A preliminary exam is set for Jan. 10 at 11 a.m.



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THEFT

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and unlawfully using the financial transaction device.

Jackson and another juvenile male were involved with a stolen vehicle case in Fenton Township that happened Sept. 30 at 5:45 a.m.

A Buick Enclave that was stolen from a home on Quail Ridge Court in Fenton Township was later recovered from Pineview Estates in Genesee Township on Monday, Oct. 3 by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

At 5:47 a.m. on Sept. 30, Ring surveillance video showed a male suspect, Jackson, walk into an open garage on Quail Ridge Court and drive out of the garage in a Buick Enclave. The sheriff said the homeowner had been loading items into their SUV parked in the garage and the vehicle was running. He said the owner went back into the home

for a few minutes to get more items. A credit card that was in the Enclave had been used at a gas station in Flint. The Enclave had been involved in a brief police chase when police had spotted it but the chase was cut short. There was some damage done to the vehicle.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said the investigation was a team effort between community members, Genesee Auto-Theft Investigation Network (GAIN), and area police departments to apprehend the suspects and recover handguns from an unrelated case.

A plea hearing in district court was held Nov. 18 with Jackson pleading guilty to amended charges. The case was then bound over to circuit court for sentencing.

On Dec. 21, Jackson pleaded guilty to unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and illegal use of a financial transaction device. His sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 31 at 8:30 a.m.

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Rose Township Board of Trustees Trustee Position Vacancy

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The only statutory requirement for holding township board elective office is that a candidate must be a qualified elector of the township and registered to vote.

To qualify for consideration, individuals must be 18 years of age, a U.S citizen, and have resided in Rose Township at least 30 days (property ownership is not required.)

Letter of interest with resumes will be accepted up to January 11, 2023 and a meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023 for interviews.

Contact Information

If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

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- Understands the duties and responsibilities of the office of township trustee
- Aware of the roles and responsibilities of other elected and appointed offices in the township
- Demonstrates knowledge of the various committees, boards and commissions serving the township, including their roles and responsibilities
- Understands how township policies and procedures are set
- Demonstrates knowledge of how ordinances are lawfully adopted and legally enforced

(2) Interpersonal Skills

- Communicates effectively
- Listens attentively
- Works effectively with individuals, departments and committees to achieve desired outcomes
- Possesses knowledge of what constitutes ethical behavior
- Demonstrates behavior that results in public trust
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(3) Leadership Abilities

- Possesses vision, especially relative to the township's needs or potential
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- Possesses effective policy-making skills and decision-making skills
- Utilizes consensus-building techniques
- Possesses persuasive/influential abilities
- Motivates others to achieve desired outcomes
- Utilizes public relations skills to position the township positively

(4) Policymaking Skills

- Understands how to objectively monitor administrative actions for compliance with existing policy and law, and to ensure that policies and practices serve the public well
- Knows how to critically examine proposals to evaluate how the proposed policies and practices could affect the township
- Creates effective systems for establishing rapport with constituents, ensuring that voters' needs are brought to the attention of the township board
- Understands how to constructively participate in, or lead, committees, including setting objectives and goals, conducting productive meetings, and providing accurate reports
- Utilizes effective research techniques to become more knowledgeable about matters that come before the township board and/or committees
- Understands the budget process, financial statements and how to use fiduciary responsibilities to manage the township's affairs in the best interests of the public
- Understands purchasing policies and the bid process
- Possesses knowledge of contracts, including intergovernmental agreements

(5) Township Issues

- Possesses knowledge about current issues affecting townships
- Aware of legal matters that could impact the township
- Understands the elements of risk management
- Aware of financial matters affecting the township, including revenue sources
- Possesses knowledge about land use
- Understands the planning and zoning process
- Possesses knowledge of township services and their policy implication

The Board of Trustees will review applications, letters and resumes and interview. One individual will be appointed at the scheduled Board meeting January 18, 2023.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Eagles fall in final of tourney to Genesee Christian

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The good news was the Linden varsity boys basketball team's tenure at the Lake Fenton Winter Classic began with a thrilling 57-55 victory against Chesaning on Wednesday.

The bad news was the Eagles couldn't overcome a strong Genesee Christian squad that advanced to the state quarter-finals a year ago in the Thursday's title game. The Eagles lost a 72-42 verdict.

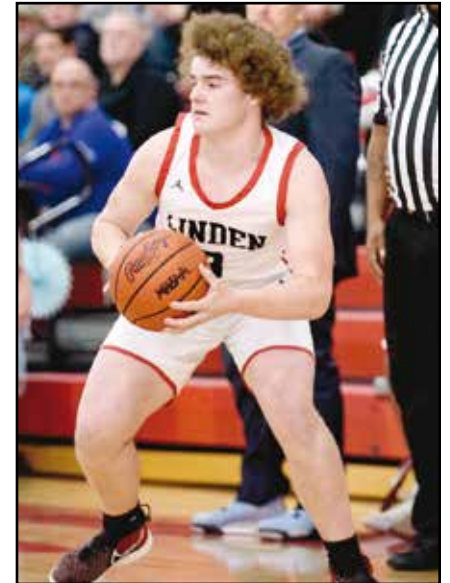
Overall, the Eagles enjoyed being a part of the event.

"We loved to be part of the holiday tournament at Lake Fenton," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Matt Christensen said. "It was a great competition and a lot of fun. The championship did not end the way we wanted,

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Sports Times



Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond defends Detroit Country Day's Carrington Thomas during the Tigers' 67-50 win against Country Day. Bond scored nine points, grabbed six rebounds and earned three steals. Photo: David Troppens

Tigers beat Country Day easily, 67-50

By David Troppens

Fenton — For two seasons, Sam Dillard II was waiting for his time.

His time is here now, and he's prospering with the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

The junior has become the Tigers' most dangerous scoring threat, and he retained that title against Detroit Country Day when he scored a team-high 19 points against the eight-time past state championship squad, leading the Tigers to a dominating 67-50 victory.

"I was waiting my turn," Dillard said. "For the first couple of years I was learning from people like Seth

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LF wrestlers win holiday tourney

■ Defeat Tecumseh in tourney final to win event

By David Troppens

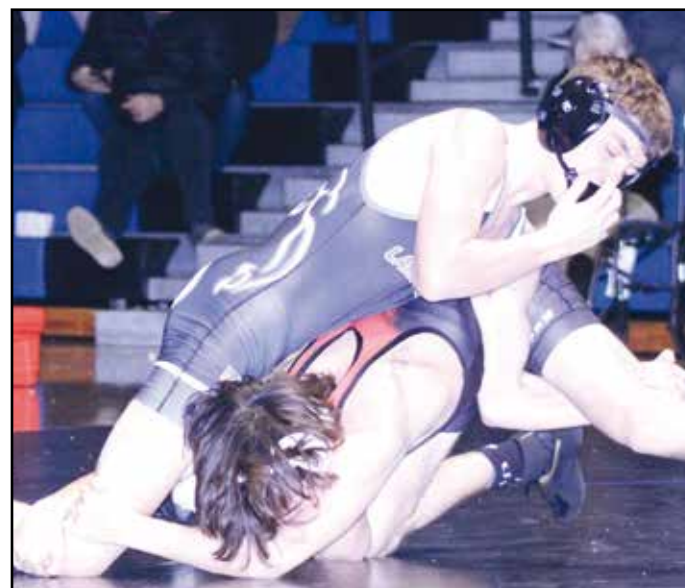
The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has won its second tournament of the young season.

The Blue Devils earned the second title at the Corunna Team Tournament, earning first place by beating Tecumseh 42-36 in the finals of the 10-team competition.

Lake Fenton dominated its first four opponents, defeating East Lansing 66-17, Eaton Rapids 70-12, Grosse Isle 74-6 and Perry 70-12. They recorded 28 pinfalls in those four victories. But it was the victory against Tecumseh that was the true competition at the meet.

The Blue Devils had Karson Crist (190), Wyatt DeVasher (106), Jorge Marvin (113), Clay Cook (120), Drew Corcoran (138), Ty Johnson (150) and Noah Hall (157) earn pinfall victories against Tecumseh in the title match. All of Lake Fenton's wins were by pinfall in the final bout.

The Blue Devils had two wrestlers record 5-0 nights with five pinfall wins. They were Johnson and Corcoran. Four other Lake Fenton wrestlers finished with 5-0 nights. Hall was one of them, earning four pinfall victories among those five wins. Marvin (106/113) and Crist (175/190) were Lake Fenton wrestlers that went 5-0 with three pinfall victories while Cook went 5-0 with



one pinfall win. He also had two technical fall victories.

Kaleb Digiacomo (132) had a strong 4-1 day with four pinfall wins. Other

(Above photo) The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team won the Corunna Team Tournament, defeating Tecumseh in the final 42-36. (Left) Lake Fenton's Robbie Moore recorded a 4-1 record with three pinfall victories while competing at the event.

wrestlers that went 4-1 were DeVasher (106/113) and Robbie Moore (126).

Moore had three pins while DeVasher See **WRESTLERS** on 27

Griffins defeat Tri-Valley Titans, 4-1

By David Troppens

In the squad's final game before the winter break, the Fenton-Linden area Griffins defeated the Tri-Valley Titans 4-1.

The area co-op hockey team scored three goals in the first period and cruised from that point. The only thing keeping them from a shutout win was a third-period goal by Tri-Valley.

The Griffins had 32 shots with Carson Gardner scoring on two of those shots. Also scoring a goal each were Parker Harrison and Jace Dumeah.

Gardner had a say in all four goals. He assisted the two he didn't score. Caden Crandall led the squad with three assists while Dylan Holloway had one assist.

Porter Loboeki made 33 saves in net, earning the victory. The one goal allowed was the least any team had scored against the Griffins this season.

After losing their first four games, the Griffins are now 3-5 overall. The squad travels to Sault Ste. Marie for a road game on Jan. 6. They will face Alpena on Jan 7.

Blue Devils swept in Winter Classic tourney

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The inaugural Lake Fenton Winter Classic didn't go the way the Blue Devils would've hoped.

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team lost both of its contests.

After losing a competitive 65-57 verdict against a very good and eventual champion Genesee Christian squad, the Blue Devils lost its second game against Chesaning by a 58-40 margin, Lake Fenton's worst offensive performance of the season.

The Blue Devils enter their holiday break with a three-game losing streak, falling to 3-3 overall.

"It felt like an out of body experience," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Ty Szczepanski said about the Chesaning loss. "Chesaning is much improved from the last two seasons. They are senior-heavy and they deserved to win. They played a great game, specially on defense. And then they iced the game in the fourth.

"We need to look in the mirror, realize where we are at and make the choice to get better. If we do that, we will be fin.

I look forward to seeing how our guys respond. I certainly believe in them. We just need to make the choice to do it."

The Genesee Christian contest was a super entertaining game, one that stayed close until the fourth quarter. Both teams were shooting the ball well through three quarters. Lake Fenton had hit on 19-of-34 shots with seven of them being three-pointers. Meanwhile, the Soldiers had hit on 19-of-39 shots, netting eight treys. The squads entered the fourth tied at 47-all.

However, Genesee Christian eventually took over in the fourth. Lake Fenton took its only lead in the final quarter at 49-47 after a Gavin Teffner bucket, but Genesee Christian went on a 9-0 run after that hoop. When the run ended with a breaking layup, the Blue Devils trailed 58-49 with just 4:52 to go. Lake Fenton cut the deficit to just 59-55 after a Brandon Bossert assist on a Teffner three-pointer with 2:14 remaining, but they'd never cut the gap to less than four. The Blue Devils were still within 61-58 after two converted free throws by Coleson Lessner with 57.4 seconds left, but Genesee Christian locked up the victory by nailing four free throws down the stretch.

The Blue Devils shot the ball well, nailing 22-for-47 shots, but 21 turnovers kept the Blue Devils from extended scoring runs. The loss wasted an outstanding offensive effort by Brit Antonangeli, who scored 21 points, with 15 coming from behind the three-point arc. Ashton Hunter chipped in 11 points while Lessner had nine points.

"The turnovers are something we've been trying to clean up the last couple of games," Szczepanski said. "Last Friday against Corunna, I thought it was more us making mistakes shooting ourselves in the foot more. Today, I thought it was more of a credit to how good Genesee Christian's defense was."

The Chesaning game was the Blue Devils' lowest-scoring contest of the season by seven points. The Blue Devils scored single-digit point totals in two of the four quarters, while Chesan-



(Top) Lake Fenton's Gavin Teffner dribbles toward the lane during the Blue Devils' loss to Genesee Christian. (Immediately above) Brit Antonangeli plays defense. Photos: David Troppens

ing scored 23 points in the fourth and 17 points in the first. The Blue Devils trailed 17-7 after the first quarter against Chesaning.

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(Logan) and people like that. So I patiently cheered for my teammates, and when it was my time, it's my time."

It was the second straight season the Tigers have defeated the traditional state power. Dillard has been on both of those squads.

"It feels good beating them because of their history," Dillard said. "It feels good to have beat them twice, once last year in a close game and this year in a blowout."

This was never really a close competition. Country Day's only lead came at 3-2 after a three-pointer by Christian Owens. However, Fenton's Colin TerBurgh followed with a trey of his own and Justin Banura hit on

a putback bucket, putting the Tigers up 7-3. The lead closed to 7-6, but Fenton finished the first quarter on a 10-4 run. It started with a breaking layup by Ja'Hion Bond, and ended with a Dillard three-pointer at the buzzer from about 30 feet out. Fenton led 20-10 after one quarter and Country Day was never back within single-digits in the first half again.

In fact, Fenton scored the first seven points of the second quarter as well. It started with a Dillard trey, continued with a Jadon Burnau putback hoop and ended with a free throw each by Burnau and Bond. The Tigers led 27-10 and that lead never was seriously threatened. Fen-



(Above) Sam Dillard II scored a team-high 19 points during the Tigers' 67-50 victory against Detroit Country Day.

Photo: David Troppens

ton ended the first half nailing 13-of-27 field goals, which included five three-pointers in that mix. They also turned the ball over just six times. Meanwhile, Country Day turned the ball over 12 times and hit just 7-of-25 shots during the opening half. Fenton led 34-21 at halftime. Only a three-pointer by Owens kept Country Day that close.

Fenton netted 18 more points in the third quarter, and led by a comfortable 52-30 lead entering the fourth. One could argue Country Day snuck back into the equation for a brief moment in the fourth quarter. Country Day cut the gap to The Fenton lead was down to 56-36 with 4:29 left, but a driving layup by Ayden Bowe

upped the gap back to 12. Fenton also iced the game at the charity stripe, making 7-of-10 free throws during a two-minute period.

Dillard added six rebounds to go with his 19 points. Banura netted 14 points and a team-high eight rebounds while Bond had nine points, six rebounds and three steals. TerBurgh had six points, all six coming on two treys in the first quarter, while Gage Graham had six points and four rebounds. Burnau chipped in five points and three rebounds. Owens led Detroit Country Day with game-high 21 points. J'mari Wiggins added nine points for the visitors.

Luke Wright (175/190). Ezell and Julian had two pinfall wins while Wright pinned one opponent.

Gabe Parker (285), Michael Schultz (165) and Hunter Carey (215) had a win each.

WRESTLERS

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pinned two opponents.

Lake Fenton wrestlers that recorded 3-2 records at the tourney were Josh Ezell (215), Carter Julian (144) and



(Above) Ja'Hion Bond dribbles downcourt during the Tigers' 67-50 victory against Detroit Country Day. Photo: David Troppens

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Eagles defeat Chesaning at Lake Fenton Winter Classic

The Linden varsity boys basketball team began the Lake Fenton Winter Classic with a super tight game against Chesaning, sneaking out of Lake Fenton High School with a 57-54 victory.

The contest was close throughout. The game entered the fourth quarter with the Eagles leading 47-44, but with 1:19 left in the contest, Chesaning's Lucas Powell hit a free throw, giving Chesaning a 54-51 lead with 1:19 remaining.

However, Linden answered back with a three-pointer by Colin Weiss, tying the game at 54-all with 1:00 left. Linden's Bryson Phillips earned a steal during Chesaning's next possession, giving Linden a chance to take the lead. The Eagles capitalized when Monte Keener hit a putback attempt and was fouled on it as well. Keener also hit the free throw, and the Eagles led 57-54. That ended up being enough to ice the victory.

Wiess led the Eagles with 16 points, while Keener, Jake Miller and Reed netted nine points each.

EAGLES

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but we will learn from this experience and get better from it. Congratulations to the Genesee Christian players and coaches on a great performance. They lit it up from deep. They do it the right way over there. We can't wait to see them again later in the season."

Christensen wasn't kidding about the Soldiers' ability to hit three-pointers. They hit nine treys in each of their two games at the tourney. The most dangerous of those shooters was Tyler Chapman. He hit six treys against the Eagles and five in the Soldiers' first-round victory against tourney hosts Lake Fenton. Genesee Christian couldn't be stopped in the first quarter. Chapman hit four treys in the opening eight minutes, while Trenton Boike scored 10 points from inside the three-point arc, resulting in a 28-point quarter. The Eagles tried to stick close. Joe Miller netted eight first-quarter points for Linden, but the Eagles still trailed 8-14 entering the second quarter.

The Soldiers didn't really cool off in the second quarter. Chapman scored



(Above) The Linden and Genesee Christian varsity basketball teams huddle for a prayer after the tournament championship game between the squads at Lake Fenton High School on Dec. 22. (Left) Linden's Reed Krueger had nine points in the Eagles' tourney opening 57-54 victory against Chesaning. Linden went 1-1 at the tournament while tourney hosts Lake Fenton lost both of its games.

Left photo: Mark Bolen

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another eight points (six from three-point land) and eight more from Zeke Ford in a 24-point quarter. Meanwhile, Linden couldn't keep up. Hurt by the Eagles' 3-for-10 free-throw shooting in the second quarter, Linden scored just nine second-quarter points and trailed 52-23 at halftime.

That was basically the contest right there. Chapman followed up his 22-point effort against Lake Fenton in the semifinal with 23 more points in the championship game. Boike fin-

ished with 18 points while Ford had 12 points. Linden was led by Monte Keener's 13 points while Miller finished with 10 points. Linden could've cut into the gap with some good free-throw shooting, but nailed just 7-of-21 free throws.

The game ended with both teams doing a prayer after the contest.

"It was an awesome 'bigger than sports' moment," Christensen said. "Win or lose, this is more important than anything."

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January is National Blood Donors Month

■ Numerous opportunities to donate blood locally

By Sharon Stone

Today, Sunday, Jan. 1 starts National Blood Donors Month.

On Dec. 31, 1969, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donors Month (NDBM). The month long observance was meant to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood at a time when more blood is needed.

For more information on Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB), go to aabb.org.

As of Dec. 13, the blood drive total at Holly Calvary Church reached over 522 good donations (whole blood-449, Double Reds-65, Plasma-8) for the 12, once-a-month blood drives that are hosted by the Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. The area account representative for Versiti, Brad Warju said, "It's amazing. That's over 1,500 lives (in Michigan) will be impacted."

The Versiti blood drives in Holly are planned and carried out by a retired teacher, Ellen Pease, a volunteer for the

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan and Holly Calvary Church of Holly. Working with Pease is a partnership of volunteers including local adults plus student volunteers from Holly, Linden, and Fenton high schools. The students are learning leadership skills and responsibility while serving their community.

"The students are hard workers and a joy to work with," Pease said. "The reason we've been doing blood drives at Holly Calvary Church since 2015 is to save the lives of patients who may have heart defects, blood diseases, cancer, transplants, leukemia, and trauma patients across lower and upper Michigan.

"Hospitals will only use donated blood for their patients' needs. There is no substitute for living, life-saving blood. A typical blood donor can donate every 56 days or two months."

The Versiti Blood Center of Michigan versiti.org/michigan (1-866-MIBLOOD) provides over 120,000 units of blood annually to local patients in over 85 Michigan hospitals and has a nationally recognized stem cell (marrow) program.

Holly Calvary Church's next blood drive is Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. Appointments are preferred, however, walk-in donors are honored when time allows. The church is at 15010 N. Holly Rd., Holly. Go to Versiti.org/Michigan to make an appointment.

People are encouraged to make an appointment for one of the 2023 Versiti blood drives in the Michigan area by using their zip code search <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/> zip or contact Pease at (810) 265-4224, email hollyblooddrives@gmail.com or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hollyblooddrives/>.

American Red Cross

In addition to the Versiti blood drives at Holly Calvary Church, those interested can donate through the American Red Cross. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter your zip code for the nearest blood drive.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, All Saints Lutheran Church in Hartland is hosting a blood drive from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, the First United Methodist Church in downtown Fenton is hosting a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Hartland



is hosting a blood drive from 1 to 5:45 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, Linden Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the First Presbyterian Church in Fenton is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 13, the Fenton VFW Post on N. LeRoy Street is hosting a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m.

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earned certification as a Master Municipal Clerk by the IIMC, and her MiPMC level II from the MAMC. She was elected in 2008, after years of service in the private sector as a Project Manager and earning her MBA.

On Dec. 15, 2022, Rose Township Trustee Glen Noble submitted his resignation letter to the Rose Township Board of Trustees. His resignation from Rose Township duties also removed him from his duties serving as a board member on the NOCFA Board of Directors. He had been appointed to the NOCFA Board during a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. The township seeks to appoint a new board trustee.

The fence around Rose Center Cemetery on Milford Road was replaced for approximately \$31,000. Replacement was necessary after it was damaged by a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver in February.

On June 27, 2022, the Oakland County Election Commission ap-

proved recall language regarding the recall of Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder and Treasurer Paul Gambka. The recall language was submitted by Rose Township resident Don Speace. Enough valid signatures, however, were not obtained to place the recall on an election ballot.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

The Tyrone Township Historical Society held an online auction to help raise funds to relocate the historic Town House, which sits on former Tyrone Township property. The historical society also hosted a Pioneer Day on July 23, 2022.

Tyrone Township Clerk Marcella Husted resigned from her clerk's position Feb. 1, 2022. On March 16, 2022, the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees named Pam Moughler as the new clerk. Moughler was reelected as clerk in the November 2022 election.

HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS

The voters in the Holly Area Schools district approved a renewal of the \$97 million bond for district-wide

improvements and the construction of a new middle school in the May 2022 election. In the November 2022 election, Lisa Oaks, Jennifer Young and Liz Cunningham were elected to the Holly Board of Education.

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On March 9, the Fenton Board of Education named Mike Baker as the new principal of Fenton High School. Superintendent Adam Hartley stepped down June 30, 2022 and the school board named Heidi Ciesielski, the former teaching and learning executive director, to be superintendent, effective July 1, 2022. Mike Pearce, Ashley Prew and Renee Juhl were elected to the school board in the November 2022 election. Voters also approved a sinking fund millage renewal.

LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

During the Aug. 2, 2022, election, voters in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district approved the renewal

of the school district's sinking fund millage. Approval of this .9846 mill sinking fund millage for the next 10 years allows the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2022 tax levy.

In the November 2022 election, Michael Peraino and Shannon Elenbaas were elected to six-year terms.

HOLLY ACADEMY

Holly Academy welcomed Derrick Bushon as its new director/superintendent and Christopher Kidd as its new curriculum director and middle school administrator at the beginning of the school year.

LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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, 2022, election. Incumbent Steve Murphy and newcomer Brook Hansen were elected to six-year terms.

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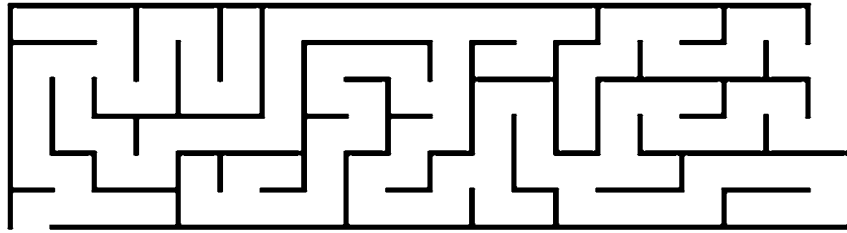
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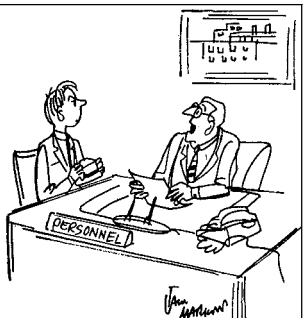
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22 Relaxes
23 Wife of Henry VIII who was always mimicking people?
25 One of five womb-mates
26 Cookout pest
27 Photo — (PR events)
28 Ripen
30 Suffix with govern
33 Computer game family
35 Guy who directs films in a very mechanical manner?
38 Bashful
39 Intensely cold
40 "Falstaff" and "Fidelio"
42 Madrid cheer
43 King Arthur's chauffeur?
46 Pro song selectors

- 47 Giant bird of lore
50 Rock concert gear
51 Dog command
52 Python's kin
53 Je ne sais —
54 War general George
57 Apportion something erroneously?
62 Glam rocker Brian
63 XI less IV
65 Actress Esther
66 Young girl
67 What Archie Bunker said when a discriminatory comment got him in trouble?
73 Up until now
75 Stood up
76 Auditing gp.
77 Year, in Rio de Janeiro
80 Walk around with a voting slip?
85 Einstein's language
87 War deity
88 Reel go-with
89 Singer
91 Omar of "Juice"

- 92 Mao — -tung
93 Coll. dorm monitors
94 High rubber footwear item worn while catching crustaceans?
99 Jan. preceder
100 Food scarcity
101 High no. for a valedictorian
102 Suffix with pay
103 Wine with a childproof lock on its bottle?
107 Get really wet
108 Knight's title
109 Primitive calculators
110 Valuable strike
112 Parlay, say
114 One staring
115 Actress Brigitte who lives in Stratford?
123 Didn't dine out
124 Subscription extension
125 High-fat fruit
126 Hatchlings' hangouts
127 In the optimal case
128 Made a duplicate of, in a way

- DOWN
1 Buddy
2 Gardner or DuVernay of the screen
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5 Ladle, for one
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11 Pine relative
12 — Lingus
13 Fizzy stomach settlers
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24 Rejections
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30 Bust out of
31 Tribal healer
32 Enjoying the benefits of an effective medication
34 Folklore tale

- 35 Give gas to
36 Valuable strike
37 Gin mill
40 Hersher of the diamond
41 Tylenol unit
44 Part of i.e.
45 Drug bust gp.
46 Scale starter
47 Liquid carpet cleaners
48 — and aahs
49 Dot on a map
52 Nut go-with
53 Conk out
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59 Dress smartly, with "out"
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69 TV horse of the '60s
70 Age-revealing stat
71 Troop gp.
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84 Bit of advice
86 Yank's foe
90 Name in frozen waffles
93 See 119-Down
94 — Remo
95 Med. plan
96 Household dye brand
97 In heaven, say
98 Go toward
99 Subterfuge
100 Did some angling
103 "Cosmos" author Carl
104 Drop off
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Guess Who?

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Answer: Timothee Chalamet

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Answer: Holly

Puzzle Answers

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Grid with crossword answers filled in.

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

Word search grid with 15 words circled.

Obituaries



Donald Bruce Martin III 1944 – 2022

Donald Bruce Martin III - age 78, of Linden, Michigan, passed away on Sunday morning, December 18, 2022, at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Bruce was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Donald Bruce Martin II and Mary Maxine Martin Rohrbough on May 2, 1944. Bruce was the middle of three children: older sister, Kay (Martin) Swiger; and younger sister, Terri (Martin) Buffet. Bruce's father was an early employee of IBM, so the family moved often during his childhood, including upstate New York; Morgantown, West Virginia; and back to Dayton, Ohio. When Bruce was 15, his father died suddenly due to a damaged heart caused by childhood rheumatic fever. When his dad passed, he and Bruce were in the process of building a boat in their garage. Bruce completed that project on his own, thus beginning a life-long love of the water. As a teenager, Bruce would take that boat out with his friends and would waterski on literally anything, including wooden doors and a chair that he attached to skis. Bruce continued waterskiing the rest of his life and was known to slalom well into his late 60's at his home on Byram Lake in Linden, Michigan. After graduating from Colonel White High School in Dayton, Ohio, Bruce went to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. There he met the love of his life, Vicki Sue (Orndoff) Martin, who was attending the Riverside School of Nursing. He finished college at West Virginia University with a BA in Industrial Psychology, then married Vicki on December 30, 1966. Bruce and Vicki lived briefly in West Virginia and Michigan before settling in Covington, Ohio. There Bruce and Vicki started their family, became active members first of the Covington Presbyterian Church, then of the Covington Church of the Brethren, and made many life-long friends. Bruce was a deacon at the church, served on the Board of Directors of the Covington Savings and Loan, President of the Western Ohio Personnel Association, and played the tuba in the Covington Community Band. Bruce loved being a dad and a grandpa. He attended every one of his son Bruce's athletic events and was a Band Booster when



Kerri played in the Covington High School Band. He was also a father figure in the lives of many of the neighborhood kids, as well as to his many nieces and nephews. Bruce also loved animals. He spent his high school summers in Iowa assisting his uncle, a veterinarian, caring for the various farm animals in the region. From his pet rat as a kid, to his granddog Molly, Bruce was fascinated with God's creatures. Bruce's favorite job was as Plant Manager of Stanley Garage Door Openers in Covington. He worked hard to make sure every employee felt valued. Highly respected, he was invited as an Adjunct Instructor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), teaching courses in Manufacturing Technology. In 1994, Bruce and Vicki moved to Byrum Lake in Linden, Michigan, to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Dad loved that lake and his neighbors and rarely missed watching the sunset from his porch. Bruce is survived by his son, Donald Bruce (Monica) Martin IV of Clio; and daughter, Kerri Lyn (Mike) Burba of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, Jake (Mandy) Martin, Luke (Jordyn) Martin, Emily (Aidan) Taylor, and Meghan Burba; great-grandchildren, Benny Martin and Maggie Martin; and sisters, Kay (Fred) Swiger, and Terri (Michel) Buffet. Bruce is reunited in Heaven with his wife, Vicki, who passed away in June 2021, and his parents, Donald Bruce Martin II and Maxine Martin Rohrbough. Bruce will be laid to rest in Ridgelawn Cemetery in Breckenridge, MI, next to Vicki. A memorial service will be held at Davison Missionary Church in Davison, on Saturday, January 7, at 2 PM, with a meal following. Visitation will be at the church from 12 – 2 PM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bruce's honor to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 W. Broad St. Linden, MI 48451. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Latecha Bell 1963 – 2022



Latecha Bell - age 59, of Brighton, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022. Per Techa's request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Techa was born March 22, 1963, in Red Oak, the daughter of Carl Kenneth and Cheryl Jill (Crego) Ayliffe. She was a 1981 graduate of Linden High School. She married Jack T. Bell May 24, 2019, in Howell. She had resided in Brighton for the past four years, coming from Howell. Techa was the apartment manager for the Brighton Plaza Apartments in Brighton. She enjoyed diamond painting and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to laugh and was always the life of the party. Anyone who spent any time with her came away with a story worth telling. Surviving are her adoring husband, Jack, who made the last years of her life, her happiest; daughter, Callie Spears of Fenton; step-son, Jack P. Bell of Howell; grandchildren, Calvin, Kyra, Hazel, Kalvyn and Morgan; mother, Cheryl Ashley of Howell; brother, Carl Ayliffe of Holly; step-brothers, Jeff (Mina) Ashley of Linden, Tim (Rhonda) Ashley of Linden, Scott Ashley of Linden, Dwayne Ayliffe of Fenton and Richard Ayliffe of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her dad, Roy Ashley; daughter, Cheryl Edwards; brother, Billy Joe Ayliffe; and sister, Lisa Meyers. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Elizabeth "Bette" Anne Garrison 1938 – 2022

Elizabeth "Bette" Anne Garrison- age 84, of Howell formerly of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Per Bette's request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions in Bette's name please do so to St.Jude Children's Research Hospital or Doctor's Without Borders. Bette was born April 8, 1938 in Flint, the daughter of Jesse and Sophia (Sayad) Odishoo. She was a 1956 graduate of St. Mary Catholic High School and she received a bachelor's degree from Northwood University. She retired in

1999 from General Motors in Supervision. Surviving are her sons, Michael Garrison (Maria Perr) of Madison, WI and Jeffrey Garrison (Carol Dunlap-Garrison) of Howell; grandchildren, Hailey, Stephen, Joseph and Rebecca; sister, Janice (John) Witman; brothers, George (Claire) Odishoo and Jesse Odishoo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Sophia Odishoo. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lawrence George Southwell

Lawrence George Southwell- age 85, of Fenton, died Thursday, December 22, 2022. He is survived by his wife; two sons and their spouses; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Norbert Burrell

Norbert Burrell - age 93, died December 18, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Karen Ingram

Karen Ingram - age 63, died December 19, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Vivian Secrist

Vivian Secrist - age 93, died December 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kathleen "Kathy" Lucas

Kathleen "Kathy" Lucas - age 77, died December 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gregory McNeill

Gregory McNeill - age 64, died December 25, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Burgess II

Donald Burgess II - age 63, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Montreuil

Robert Montreuil - age 77, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charlene Ames

Charlene Ames - age 81, died December 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas "Tom" Frederick

Thomas "Tom" Frederick - age 83, died December 24, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kelly Mathers

Kelly Mathers - age 62, died December 25, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Janice Francisco

Janice Francisco - age 90, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James "Mike" Binkley

James "Mike" Binkley - age 70, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rita McCarthy

Rita McCarthy - age 70, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rose Trealout McGinnis

Rose Trealout McGinnis - age 67, died December 22, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Dutcher

Robert Dutcher - age 83, died December 26, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Thomas William Smith 1943 – 2022



Thomas William Smith - age 79, of Linden, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2022. Per Tom's request cremation has taken place and a celebration service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice. Tom was born February 1, 1943 in Owosso, the son of Charles Arthur and Harriett Elizabeth (Stewart) Smith. He was a 1961 graduate of Owosso High School and he received his Bachelor's

in Education from Central Michigan University. He married Barbara Ann Yuille July 26, 1986 in Linden. Tom retired from the Linden Community Schools as a teacher and coach for over 30 years. Surviving are his wife, Barbara Ann; son, Michael (Jennifer) Collard of Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Nolan and granddaughter, Grayson; brother, Charles A. (Janet) Smith, Jr. of Durand; sister, NellAnne (Jerry) Hebekeuser of Owosso; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and co-workers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles, Sr. and Harriet Smith. The family wishes to extend special thanks to his niece, Cheryl (Fred) VanNewKirk and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Beth and Bill Ingham and the Lakeview Park Drive neighbors. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Karen DelReal

Karen DelReal - age 63, died December 21, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Nona Blake LaRock

Nona Blake LaRock - age 86, died December 23, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret Trivett

Margaret Trivett - age 72, died December 23, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joyce McClintock

Joyce McClintock - age 77, died December 24, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert "Bob" Spence

Robert "Bob" Spence - age 67, died December 24, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Castro

Robert Castro - age 71, died December 25, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



DAM WORK

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two of the project, which is to replace the stop logs on the auxiliary spillway. Originally, they were hoping to begin this phase in September. They're hoping it will happen sometime this winter.

"The contractor isn't sure when we'll get the material. We're trying to get materials made and fabricated. It's very time consuming right now," Patsy said. "It's been like this since COVID but it's tough to get a finger on when things will arrive."

In November 2019, the right principal spillway on the Argentine Township dam failed, resulting in Lobdell and Bennett lakes losing approximately 11 inches of water over the course of about five days. During the following years and throughout the summer of 2021, Argentine Township residents put pressure on township, county and state officials to have the dam fixed. They regularly attended Lobdell-Bennett Lake Association meetings to express concerns about the infrastructure and the potential of the dam failing entirely, similar to what happened when

the Edenville Dam failed in 2020.

The GCRC and contractor E. T. Mackenzie began work in May 2022. Upgrades include replacing both the primary outflow spillway gates and installing new operating mechanisms. They will replace the logs, which are opened and closed depending on conditions, in the auxiliary spillway. Upstream work also includes replacing the trash grate, which keeps out branches and other items. Repairs cost approximately \$700,000, paid for by the GCRC.

They installed a cofferdam in the summer, which allows them to open and work on the gates. Their goal is to maintain the lake levels. If the water level rises to a level that can't be controlled by the auxiliary spillway, the water will go over the cofferdam.

"It's in a good spot, really. It's just a matter of getting the materials," Patsy said. "I appreciate the patience of the people down there. We're trying to keep the lake in use while we work on the dam. The dam is going to be just fine; it's just a matter of time."

Traffic along that section of Silver Lake Road will be reduced to one lane intermittently. They anticipate completing the project in 2023.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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