School district prepares for cyber security threats

■'At some point, we're going to be a victim'

By Hannah Ball

Lake Fenton — School districts have become the number one target for ransomware and cyber security threats.

That's what Brad Reichert, executive director of technology and district services at Lake Fenton Community Schools, told the Lake Fenton Board of Education during the Monday, Jan. 9 meeting.

"Hillsdale and Jackson County, just before Christmas, lost three days of school. Both counties were entirely down

for three days because of ransomware attacks," he said.

These attacks impacted 22 school districts from Nov. 14 to Nov. 16, 2022. Ransomware is "a type of malicious attack where attackers encrypt an organization's data and demand payment to restore ac-See CYBER on 36

Phishing is the number one way that we're being attacked. 77

Brad Reichert Lake Fenton Community Schools executive director of technology and district services



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Holly man faces life in prison

■Pleads no contest to torture and homicide of 3-year-old girl

By Sharon Stone

During a pretrial Jan. 11, a 31-yearold Holly man pleaded no contest to charges involving torture and homicide of a 3-year-old girl. He faces life in



is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. Samual Lester Smart had been bound

over to Oakland County Circuit Court for a jury trial and remained lodged at the Oakland County Jail since his arrest

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Samual Smart



For the love of bread

Linden High School graduate Chase Gifford, 29, demonstrates how to make rosemary focaccia on Thursday, Jan. 12 at a residence in Argentine Township. He's currently enrolled in the Mott Community College Culinary Arts Program. His home bakery is called The Chase Bake. See story in Lifestyles on page 37. Photo: Hannah Ball

Former Linden Historical Society president dies

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Linden woman wrote her own obituary seven years ago **By Hannah Ball**

The Linden community is mourning the passing of a woman who has etched See NETTIE on 10

Local Streets Program continues in Fenton

Public information meeting to be held this spring

By Sharon Stone

Despite being in the middle of winter, work on some of the roads in the city of Fenton continues when possible.

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BRIDAL GUIDE 2023 Special section included with this edition





Kudos to Fenton High School, which hosted 'Taste of

Shakespeare.' Kudos to Mr. Mead and Mr. Place and their students in Honors World Studies. Very well done."

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Cause & Affect Gallery Annie Anglim, owner 126 N. LeRov St. Fenton, MI 48430 (810) 354-8214

Annie Anglim, owner of Cause & Affect Gallery, says the goal of her gallery is to affect the greater community. It began as a need to find space to accommodate a friend who is differently

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abled. There are more than 70 Michigan artists whose work is represented at the gallery. They offer various workshops and the instructors are artists themselves. She donates a portion of all sales to non-profits, works with local schools, provides internships and welcomes other organizations. There is a retail area in the gallery. "We are proud to work with organizations that help women artisans in third world countries through purchasing their goods fair trade," she said. "Our hope is that Cause & Affect Gallery inspires you and that you enjoy being immersed in our art." Anglim has a degree in art. Her work has been represented at galleries, juried fine art shows and currently is at Inspire Marketplace. She participates in Zonta Flint, the Fenton Arts Council board, the Arts & Culture Commission for Fenton, the Fenton Pride Collective board, the business development committee for the chamber, and the endowment committee for UU Congregation of Flint. She's married to Sara Griffin, and they have two children, Maxamilio and Maddie, who are completing their degrees. She enjoys reading and gardening in her spare time.





Plans to rebuild Andy's Place ongoing

We got the

plans drawn, we

just have to start

putting the puzzle

together. 77

Andrea Chapin

Owner does not vet know cost of restoration. rebuilding

By Hannah Ball

Approximately seven months after the devastating June 21, 2022 Holly fire that severely damaged numerous downtown businesses, Andy's Place still doesn't have a roof and debris still litters the floors.

However, plans are in motion to rebuild.

Owner Andrea Chapin said the family is doing okay. They're still sorting through the materials and cleaning up debris.

"All the water that went into the building caused a lot of damage and mold. We're still going through the insurance process as well. We've mostly recovered from the devastation of it," she said. "It was a pretty big loss obviously. not only of property but the business that we had as well. We were doing so well. It was probably the best year since the pandemic. We were just at the point where we'd been able to make an actually decent profit and then the fire happened."

They're looking forward to what's going to happen next.

In the meantime, they're exploring

creative ways to see their customers and bring in some revenue.

"I'm searching around for a food truck so that we can start getting some revenue in that direction," she said. They're learning more and more about running a food truck and what type of equipment they

would need to make their burgers and other food and drinks. They might park it in front of Andy's Place or some place else in Battle Alley.

"We're quick learners," she said. "We're looking forward to serving the community and seeing where we can go with it. We did

have the best burgers in town so we just need to keep that thought out there."

The rebuilding process has been more involved than Chapin anticipated. It's been a lot of work to communicate with insurance, going through all the inventory they lost, and coordinating with village officials and contractors.

"It was a giant loss. Everything had to be accounted for," she said. "It was a sad time. You don't want to deal with it because you're grieving. Time does heal. We still have the building that always looks very sad out there but sooner rather than later, it'll start looking more normal."

The biggest challenge now is getting together the architects, engineers and suppliers. BELFOR will do the restoration work.

"The goal was to have it started or at last have all pieces together by next week.

> We got the plans drawn, we just have to start putting the puzzle together," she said. "It's much more comfortable than where we were probably two months ago. There's solid evidence we do have a plan in action now."

Andy's Place owner Chapin, who's been a registered nurse for more than 40 years, retired from her case manager job at an auto insurance company to have more time to concentrate on Andy's Place.

> "The village leadership has been great," she said.

> They had a meeting in mid December attended by representatives from Oakland County, architects Studio Detroit, BELFOR, village representatives and more. Chapin said she really appreciates Oakland County's participation in setting up plans for restoration, coordinating with the Historic Preservation Office, gathering information on tax credits,

See ANDY'S PLACE on 38

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The 53 books I read in 2022

Words with Hannah

2 022 was a year I achieved a milestone — after years of trying, I finally read more than 50 books in one year. I finished 53, and I'll probably never do it again of my own volition. I don't want to rush reading. It sometimes felt like I was reading a book just to add it to my count instead of actually enjoying the story (some I did not enjoy).

The titles are a mix of genres from nonfiction, adult sci-fi/fantasy, young adult fantasy, Russian literature, psychology, literary fiction, K-Pop, historical fiction, mystery and more.

The 53 books I read this year in order (I apologize for the poor formatting):

"The Zodiac Academy" by Caroline Peckham and Susanne Valenti; "Getting to Good Riddance" by Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt; "Little Thieves" by Margaret Owen; "The Women of the Copper Country" by Mary Doria Russell; "Anatomy: A Love Story" by Dana Schwartz; "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom; "Honey Girl" by Morgan Rogers; "The Wives" by Taryn Fisher; "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid; "Light Years from Home" by



Staff Reporter

Mike Chen; "House of Sky and Breath" by Sarah J. Maas;, "One Last Stop" by Casey McQuiston; "Shine" by Jessica Jung; "Dark Places" by Gillian Flynn; "The Violence" by Delilah S. Dawson; "Railsea" by China Miéville; "Year One" by Nora Roberts; "Mississippi Megalodon" by Johnathan Rand; "Broken Monsters"

by Lauran Beukes; "City of Shattered Light" by Claire Winn; "Verity" by Colleen Hoover; "Bright" by Jessica Jung; "Island" by Aldous Huxley; "Once Upon A K-Prom" by Kat Cho; "Book Lovers" by Emily Henry; "Papillon" by Henri Charriere; (Title redacted) beta read for a friend; "The Wig, the Bitch & the Meltdown" by Jay Manuel; "The Mirror Empire" by Kameron Hurley; "The Blood of Gods: A Novel of Rome" by Conn Iggulden; "Super Adjacent" by Crystal Cestari; "The Love Hypothesis" by Ali Hazelwood; "Empire Ascendant" by Kameron Hurley; "To the Power of Three" by Laura Lippman; "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jenette McCurdy; "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoy; "Influence" by Sara Shepard and Lilia Buckingham; "The Honeys" by Ryan La Sala; "The Broken Heavens" by Kameron Hurley; "Beartown"

by Fredrik Backman; "Badass Stories: Grit, Growth, Hope, and Healing in the Shitshow" by Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt; "Dark Things IAdore" by Katie Lattari; "The Seat Filler" by Sariah Wilson; "The Ones We Burn" by Rebecca Mix; "Murder at Mallowan Hall" by Colleen Cambridge; "The Luminaries" by Susan Dennard; "How Long Til Black Future Month" by N.K. Jemisin ; "Nation" by Terry Pratchett; "Babel, Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution" by R.F. Kuang; "The Bone Shard Daughter" by Andrea Stewart; "Felix Ever After" by Kacen Callender; "Interrupted Journey" by John G Fuller; and "The Atlas Six" by Olivie Blake.

Please let me know if you've read any of these books!

I'm giving a special mention to Kameron Hurley, one of my new favorite sci-fi/fantasy writers. I found "The Mirror Empire" at R&B Used Books in Grand Blanc after getting my hair done at Le Rouge Salon + Beauty Bar where my best friend Nichelle works. Used bookstores are my personal gold mines for finding some of my favorite authors from Hurley to China Miéville to Robert Harris.

My other notable mentions are "Babel" by R.F. Kuang; "Book Lovers" See **53 BOOKS** on 36

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Milford have several low cost and even free electric vehicle chargers. Downtown Fenton has none. We should get with the times.

SO AGREE WITH the hot-liner who encourages parents to rid their homes of sugar and processed foods. Our household did that and are health vitals are better and we all lost some weight. Don't get the kids hooked on weight-loss meds and thoughts of surgery.

I AM SO glad I decided to do my business in Fenton and Clarkston. Now I don't have to drive down Broad Street in Holly with the poor road conditions and beat my vehicle's suspension to death. I know other people doing the same.

TO THE MICHGAN/Harbaugh hater. You're either an MSU or OSU fan and disgruntled by a sad losing season or the bowl game that was rigged with a shank kick. Also, I love how you left out three decades of 10 Wolverine bowl game wins.

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

What do you collect?



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Joe Denver Holly



"I collect cookbooks, old vintage and new to become vintage. Have been collecting them for 50+ vears."

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"Vintage Pyrex. Most of these bowls are older than I am."

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More than 19 million deadly doses of Fentanyl seized in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky

DEA also announces the seizure of over 379 million deadly doses in 2022 in U.S.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced the seizure of more than 50.6 million fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and more than 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2022. The DEA Laboratory estimates these seizures represent more than 379 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl.

In Michigan, Ohio and Northern Kentucky, DEA personnel seized more than 280,000 fentanyl-laced pills and over 600 pounds of fentanyl powder – more than 19 million deadly doses.

Fentanyl is the deadliest drug threat facing this country. It is a highly addictive man-made opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, the small amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially deadly dose.

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"In the past year, the men and women of the DEAhave relentlessly worked to seize over 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl from communities across the country," said Administrator Anne Milgram.

"These seizures, enough deadly doses of fentanyl to kill every American, reflect DEA's unwavering commitment to protect Americans and save lives, by tenaciously pursuing those responsible for the trafficking of fentanyl across the United States.

The DEA's top operational priority is to defeat the two Mexican drug cartels the Sinaloa and Jalisco (CJNG) Cartels — that are primarily responsible for the fentanyl that is killing Americans today."

Most of the fentanyl trafficked by the Sinaloa and CJNG Cartels is being mass-produced at secret factories in Mexico with chemicals sourced largely from China.

In 2021, the DEA issued a Public Safety Alert on the widespread drug traf-

ficking of fentanyl in the form of fentanyllaced, fake prescription pills. These pills are made to look identical to real prescription medications, including OxyContin, Percocet, and Xanax, but only contain filler and fentanyl, and are often deadly.

"Fentanyl in pill form is a deliberate attempt by drug cartels to make illicit drug use more appealing to Americans. We have seized fentanyl in just about every size, shape and color in both Michigan and Ohio," said DEA Detroit Special See **FENTANYL** on 36



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STREETS

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Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel Brisson provided an update on the 2022 Local Streets Program.

For the 2022 Local Streets program, Brisson said underground utility work in the numbered street subdivision will continue over the winter months as weather conditions allow.

"The goal is to have all underground utility work completed by the end of winter so road reconstruction can be completed in the spring as soon as asphalt plants re-open," he said.

Torrey Road and Main Street repaving projects were re-opened to traffic last November 2022. Both projects will include any restoration work, such as lawn reestablishing, performed as needed to close out both projects.

The Local Streets Program and Utility Capital Improvement Program includes the following projects for 2023:

• Phase 2 of the numbered streets subdivision includes new water main on N. East Street from First to Ninth Street



• State Road from S. Holly to western city limit will have a new water main installed. The city will coordinate its utility work with Consumers Energy to retire and replace a gas main that has reached the end of its service life. Reconstruction of the roadway will immediately follow all underground utility work.

• The Elmwood subdivision will undergo water main replacement, storm sewer repairs as needed, and reconstruction of all streets within the subdivision.

• Reconstruction of Davis Street (Shiawassee to Oakwood Cemetery entrance), W. Rockwell (Davis to S. West Street), S. West Street (W. Rockwell to Shiawassee), W. Elizabeth (Shiawassee to Adelaide), Park Street (Shiawassee to S. Holly), W. Rockwell (western limit to Adelaide), S. Holly (Adelaide to Sin-



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This image shows the Fenton Road Program map for construction years 2022 thru 2024.

clair), Sinclair Street and Henry Street.

• Oak Street (Rockwell to Elizabeth) will have a new water main installed to replace a galvanized water main that is not looped.

Brisson added that design is near completion and permitting with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for water main work is underway. Bidding for all projects is planned for late January with recommendation to Fenton City Council for project approval in late February/early March. The bid is expected to be awarded in March.

City staff and the city's engineering team will host a public information

meeting in the spring to provide detailed information on all utility and road projects. The city website (cityoffenton.org) will be an information source before and during construction.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GLAD TO SEE other people writing in about the potential side effects of the mRNA vaccine. We've gotten to where we question everything the government tries to decide for us. You cannot stop a virus, regardless of what mainstream media tells you. Eat right, socialize, exercise and get outdoors.



Free 'Soup Day' set for Jan. 26 in Linden

Donation event supports Linden Pay It Forward and its many projects

Members of the Fenton and Linden communities are invited to enjoy a warm bowl of soup and fellowship with friends and family in the community on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge #132 at 119 N. Bridge St., in downtown Linden.

Six non-profit organizations in the Linden/Fenton area have partnered to bring the community a monthly soup night. All are welcome. Bring the kids, grandpa, grandma, aunts, uncles and yourself to this free event.

There are two additional Soup Davs scheduled:

• Thursday, February 23

• Thursday, March 23

Denise Marks, president of Linden Pay It Forward, invites you to attend this first soup night and see what it's all about. So far, she said the community response has been "amazing."

THERE ARE NO guarantees at the post office either. I returned a package through the post office on Dec. 12. I found out three weeks later that the post office used Fed-Ex to pick it up and store it at a warehouse. It didn't arrive until Jan. 4.



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Community development committee meeting scheduled Holly Village Council has scheduled a community development committee meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m., at the Holly Area Schools Board of Education Room at 920 E. Baird St., Holly. The council invites community members to attend the meeting. With Holly Area Schools' bond projects continuing, the administration offices will eventually be moving to the Sherman Campus in the summer/fall of 2025 to make way for a new middle school. Holly Village Council also uses this facility. At their Jan. 10 meeting, council members voted to discuss and gain input on a location for future meetings. The village council intends to video record and/or live stream the meeting on Feb. 8 for residents to watch live or afterward.

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NETTIE

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herself into the city's history.

Linden resident Nettie Holtslander, 89, former president of the Linden Historical Society, died Thursday, Jan. 5. She was Citizen of the Year in Linden in 2009 and will be remembered for her work contributing to the preservation of Linden's history and involvement in the Linden Presbyterian Church.

The obituary about Nettie Holtslander published in the Times on Sunday, Jan. 15 was actually written in March 2016 by Nettie Holtslander herself.

"She was like that. Everything had to be perfect. She probably knew her children couldn't get it right, and she was probably right. If you had to write an important letter, you ran it by mom. She had spreadsheets for everything," said Rick Holtslander, her son. "She was very organized. Details were never overlooked."

She played softball and basketball at Linden High School in the early '50s, and her varsity sweater is on display at the Linden museum next to her 1947 Cushman scooter that she donated. She was also in the Linden Marching Band. She organized her high school class reunion.

Rick, whose full name is Frederick Jr., was named after his father who passed about 20 years prior. He said their parents were active when they were younger and used to take motorcycle trips across the country and go snowmobiling out west. They are buried in Fairview Cemetery in Linden. A snowmobile and motorcycle are etched into the tombstone.

Holtslander never remarried, but she spent 20 years with a close friend, Gary Childs. Rick said he was like a stepfather to them. His mother had Alzheimer's at the end of her life. She was comfortable, Rick said, but her mind wasn't with her. Childs visited her every day.

"She was a very organized, active person. The church meant the world to her and the Historical Society was a big thing in her life. Her grandkids were a big part of her life," he said.

The family plans to do a visitation in the spring. They ask for donations to the Linden Presbyterian Church in lieu of flowers.

She was the president of the Linden

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Nettie Holtslander and Gary Childs

Historical Society for 15 years, from 1995 to 2010. She remained a member after stepping down. David Kincaid became president after Holtslander.

Current President Peter Maas said, "Nettie was a wonderful and caring individual who was always willing to help. As president of the Historical Society, she was both a mentor and a leader who was loved by all.

"She cared a lot about the museum and spent many hours in the Mill building. One ofher biggest projects she took on was the organizing of the Linden Alumni Directory in the early 2000s. This popular book is still used today by former LHS students but definitely needs to be updated."

Holtslander was born Dec. 12, 1933 in Barryton, Michigan. Her mother died when she was 4, according to her obituary, and she always gave credit to her father for raising her and three older siblings. They moved to Linden and Holtslander graduated as valedictorian in 1952 and became secretary of the superintendent. She was also a high school secretary in the Lake Fenton School District for 38 years.

She married Frederick Holtslander in 1952 while she was in high school and he was in the Navy. They were together for more than 48 years and they had three children together, Rick, Terry and Herbie.

Holtslander was a member of the Linden Presbyterian Church for more than 65 years, taught Sunday School for 17 years and served as a deacon and an elder.

Don Neuville, retired pastor of the Linden Presbyterian Church, met Holtslander when they both attended



Nettie Holtslander

elementary school in Linden. He was two grades behind her.

"She was one of the folks who was a leader," he said. "All the kids seemed to love her. She did a magnificent job at everything she did." As deacon, she was responsible for visiting people struggling with illnesses and doing acts of charity on behalf of the church. Neuville described her as "always creative."

"She was talented in a lot of ways. I would say that she was a friend to anyone that asked her to do something or need something. She was there to help. She looked after her own family real well," he said.

Holtslander was part of a ladies group that did a lot of work around the church.

"She was very faithful in worship," he said, adding that she often read scriptures and led worship in different ways.

"Her nature was very gentle. She always thought before she spoke. Her words were always kind... She wore a big smile, a very winning smile. People were lifted up by being around her. She and her husband, Fred, were always active and could be counted on," he said. "She really practiced what she believed. She treated everybody really well and had a strong faith."

Even when her memory loss was severe and she didn't always remember people, Neuville said she was able to remember songs and psalms.

Fifth grade students invited to show off art skills

Michigan State Police seek new '2023 National Missing Children's Day Poster'

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Missing Children's Clearinghouse invites fifth grade students statewide to participate in the 2023 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest.

The annual contest creates an opportunity to promote child safety while discussing the issue of missing and/or exploited children. There are almost 950 missing children in the State of Michigan currently.

Michigan's winning artist will have a shot at the national contest, which includes a free trip to Washington, D.C. and their artwork featured as the National Missing Children's Day poster. The 2018 national winner was a Michigan student from Clinton Township.

Contest rules are as follows:

• Applicants must be in the fifth grade.

• Original artwork should reflect the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" and the phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.

Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.
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Drivers of stolen vehicles sought

Led several police on high speed chase before ditching vehicles in Howell

On Jan. 10, at approximately 3 a.m., a deputy with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office observed two vehicles, a black Dodge pickup and a white Jeep Wrangler, traveling at a high rate of speed on westbound I-96. A registration plate was obtained on the Jeep, and it was reported stolen out of Southfield.

The deputy attempted to stop the vehicles but they continued increasing their speeds and passing each other. The vehicles exited I-96 at Fowlerville Road and traveled north taking side streets until they reached Grand River Ave and headed back east toward Howell. The vehicles re-entered I-96 east at Highland Road and exited at Pinckney Road heading north into the city.

The city of Howell police units joined into the pursuit and the vehicles were lost after crossing the railroad tracks on Michigan Avenue north of Mason Road.

Shortly after, Central Dispatch received a

call from a citizen stating that they observed multiple people running down Braeview Drive. Howell units responded to the area and located the Dodge Ram pickup running with the doors open. Upon checking the Dodge pickup, it also was reported stolen.

A perimeter was set up and a Sheriff's Office K-9 team was deployed in an attempt to locate the suspects. An exhaustive search of the area was conducted but the suspects were not located.

This incident remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office was assisted on scene by Howell City police, Michigan State Police and Hamburg Township police.

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Superintendent recognizes work of school board

January is School Board Recognition Month members to be recognized at Jan. 18 meeting

January is School Board Recognition Month, a time to recognize the work of school board members and to celebrate public education. A local superintendent wants to highlight their efforts and also to invite the community to attend the next school board meeting to show support to school board members serving Linden Community Schools.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, "Over the past year, schools across the country have been faced with many challenges. The Linden Board of Education members have been steadfast leaders, helping navigate our school district in a manner that benefits our students."

Ciesielski added that school board members for Linden develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of the district's education system. They bear responsibility for the annual budget and the welfare of students, employees and school buildings.

They are citizens whose dedication and decisions affect our children and build our communities.

"The main goal of the Linden Board of Education is to support student achievement," Ciesielski said. "They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan."

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women, said Ciesielski.

"This January, we are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member," he said.

Linden Community Schools will recognize the efforts of each member

Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the regular scheduled board meeting at 6 p.m.

"We salute the public servants of all districts whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible," he said.

The individuals serving Linden Community Schools are Shari Luck, Scott Maker, Michelle Shayna, David Haney, Jarrod Montague, Steve Murphy and Brook Hansen



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NAMI Genesee County support group sessions announced

NAMI Genesee County is a support, education and advocacy non-profit organization for people with mental disorders, their family and friends. Family support meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Building H, 2346 Stonebridge Dr., Flint, NAMI Connections is for adults with a disorder and meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. If any Genesee County public school is closed because of bad weather, meetings are canceled that night. NAMI Family-to-Family includes eight weeks of classes for family and friends of people with disorders and begins at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25. Pre-registration is required. NAMI support groups and classes are free of charge. For details, call (819) 232-6498.

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LOVE IS

► Through more than a decade of schooling, their teenage years and COVID delays, Fenton Township couple creates a beautiful love story

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton Township couple have been building their life together since they met in the eighth grade. After postponing their nuptials a couple of times due to COVID, they married in October 2021 and are expecting their first baby this spring.

Meet Ellen and Philip Stair, both 27.

Eighth grade classes are known to take trips to Washington, D.C. Ellen Sage, who was attending St. John School in Fenton, and Philip Stair, who was attending St. John Vianney School in Flint, found themselves traveling to D.C. on a bus together with their classes. Ellen knew of Philip from sports and said she thought he was quite handsome. She could tell by the way he was behaving on that trip that he was interested in her but she was still apprehensive. Ellen's mother was a chaperone on this trip and also had the opportunity to meet Philip.

Back from their trip, he asked her out and they went to the movies. She much preferred his behavior once they returned home and she began to really like him. They started going out. She said once in the beginning of ninth grade they broke up for about two weeks but even then, they felt as though they were meant to be and got back together.

Ellen attended Fenton High School and Philip went to Powers Catholic. They saw each other all of the time but still had friends from their own schools. Both played sports and stayed busy. They attended countless homecoming dances and proms as a couple during their high school years.

After graduation they both attended Michigan State University. Philip was goalie for MSU's soccer team and Ellen was busy with her own clubs and studies. Philip graduated with a degree in economics and is a project manager for Miller Industries in Fenton Township. After graduation, Ellen was accepted to a physician's assistant school in Florida where she lived for nearly three years. Their relationship became long distance during that period but remained strong.

Through all their years of schooling, Ellen and Philip continued to plan their future together. They are both Catholic, both valued higher education and had faith that everything would work out. Although they had disagreements now and then like any other couple, they knew they wanted to spend their lives together and eventually have a family.

With a year left in PA school, they finally got engaged. Philip relocated to Florida to oversee a project in the area for Miller Industries and they set a wedding date for Oct. 3, 2020.

Then COVID hit.

Ellen's schooling was interrupted, her clinicals stopped. They returned to Michigan and kept trying to plan the wedding that they had always dreamt of. They saved their money and started planning to build a home. They rescheduled

their wedding for February 2021, but again, COVID gathering limitations squashed their plans.

"We wanted everyone we love to be there," Ellen said. Finally, their special day became a reality on Oct. 22, 2021 when they were married at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. "It was the best day ever, totally 100% the best day ever."

Ellen said that the timing eventually worked out perfectly and all their loved ones were able to attend the wedding. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

Ellen is now a PA at Fenton Medical

Everything happens for a reason.



Center and they have moved into their new home in Fenton Township.

Looking back at the wedding delays, Ellen said they just adjusted. "Everything happens for a reason," she said. "We knew we were going to get married, there Junior high school sweethearts Ellen and Philip Stair were married on Oct. 22, 2021 at St. John Church in Fenton. Their reception was at the Woodfield Country Club in Grand Blanc. **Photos: Nicole Daniels**

were no ifs. God always has a plan."

With them meeting in eighth grade and Ellen being the oldest of four children, her younger siblings grew up with Philip too. "It's very special to us, all the family memories," she said.



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Your bridal

Here's what you really need to start your life together

Are you really going to use that panini press you registered for, or that bread machine you

thought you had to have when you signed up for your bridal registry?

After you've been married for a few years, you'll know exactly what gifts have been the

workhorses in your kitchen, and which items you should've left on the shelf.

It's very important to give extra

thought to the items you put on your registry, because this is the one time in your life that people will be buying you big gifts ... and lots of them.

One bride from Kitchn.com who looked back on the items she registered for 10 years before has five items

> she is very glad to have registered for, and what she'd do differently today:

1. DISHES

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2. FLATWARE

Pick a really great set that you will use for years and love. Register for at least 12 if you plan to do any entertaining. Ditto for the dishes above.

3. BASIC COOKWARE SET

Register for premium cookware, because there are reasons it's worth

Wedding registry do's and don'ts

• **Register shortly after your engagement**, because people will be buying engagement gifts, in addition to wedding gifts.

• **Register at more than one place.** This way, your guests will have a variety of gifting options. Try to include at least one big-name retailer, so your out-of-town guests can easily shop for you.

• Select gifts at a variety of price points. Yes, you can register for that luxury bedding or a stand mixer, but make sure there is a full range of items so guests can select gifts within their means.

• Connect your registry with your wedding website. That way, your guests will have easy access to your registry.

• Feel free to keep adding items. People will be buying gifts for you throughout your wedding, and some, even after for special occasions. If you keep your registry current, you'll make it easier for people looking for gift ideas.

You can have a less traditional registry,



the extra price. You can skip the super expensive pre-packaged set and create your own small collection where every piece makes it into high rotation.

4. CRYSTAL WINE GLASSES

Pick a pattern that you know you can live with and enjoy for years, and make sure to register for six more than you think you need!

5. MINI FOOD PROCESSOR

You can work a Cuisinart 3-cup food processor for years, until it totally gives up on you a decade later. You might want a larger food processor, but the "little guy" is super easy to use and clean, and lasts practically forever.

like one for gardening equipment or camping gear, but also include a traditional list for people who feel more comfortable with a few classic options.

• You can also give a signal that gifts of money are welcome, but that would be done by word of mouth, not listed as part of a registry. Some websites also facilitate cash gifts for saving money for a down payment on a home, so do your research carefully on setting up your registry.

• Don't plan to use your wedding gifts until after your wedding. On the very off chance that your wedding date would be canceled, long-standing etiquette states that wedding gifts are to be returned to the giver. You can't do that if it's already scratched and used.

• Remember to send a thank you note for each gift you receive. If you send a card as soon as the gift arrives, it will make it easier to keep up with, and will also help with your workload after the honeymoon.

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Sunday, January 15, 2023 **BRIDAL** – 17

EDDING DAY

12-18 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

- Research
- □ Select your date
- □ Choose the style of wedding
- Determine your budget
- Consider hiring a wedding consultant
- □ Research & book ceremony & reception sites
- Book caterer & choose menu
- □ Choose bridal party members
- □ Compile a guest list, gather addresses
- □ Interview vendors
- Book photographer & videographer

9-12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

- Order wedding cake
- Order dress, veil, shoes & accessories
- Order bridesmaids' dresses & shoes
- □ Plan honeymoon & make reservations
- Arrange for time off work
- Research a wedding insurance policy
- Book florist

6-9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

- □ Have engagement photo taken
- □ Send engagement announcement to newspaper
- □ Have an engagement party
- Reserve any rental equipment needed
- □ Select color scheme
- □ Book wedding singer/musicians
- □ Order invitations, announcements, programs, napkins and stationery
- Order unity candle
- □ Reserve accommodation for out-of-town guests



3-6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

- □ Choose favors
- □ Purchase or reserve groom's attire
- □ Choose groomsmen, flower girl, and ring bearer attire
- □ Plan new living arrangements
- Book a room for wedding day
- □ Arrange transportation for wedding
- □ Choose and order wedding rings and engraving

2-3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

- □ Purchase gifts for wedding party
- □ Check state/county marriage license requirements
- Complete quest list
- □ Mail invitations
- □ Have a wedding shower
- □ Attend premarital counseling
- Discuss service with officiate □ Schedule rehearsal time &
- rehearsal dinner
- □ Renew or get passports
- Give photographer "must take" photo list
- Deliver song list to DJ
- □ Write your own vows, if you choose
- □ Choose your readings for ceremony

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2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

- Give caterer final head count
- Begin seating chart, write place cards
- U Write toasts for rehearsal dinner
- □ Address announcements
- Review final RSVP list call unaccounted for guests
- □ Final fitting for groomsmen

1 WEEK IN ADVANCE

- □ Finalize seating arrangements
- Pick up dress
- Confirm last-minute details with each vendor
- Get your marriage license
- **Confirm honeymoon arrangements**
- Pack for honeymoon
- Buy a guest book
- □ Have ceremony programs printed
- Notify post office of address change
- □ Prepare name change document
- Contact newspaper regarding
- announcements
- Confirm details with bridesmaids
- □ Confirm details with groomsmen
- □ Attend bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Get last pre-wedding haircuts
- □ Have final gown fitting



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2-3 DAYS IN ADVANCE

- □ Have your gown pressed or steamed
- Groom: final fitting, pick up tux
- Check that groomsmen have picked up attire
- Determine wedding party positions during ceremony and during recessional/processional
- Give place cards, etc. to reception site

1 DAY IN ADVANCE

WEDDING DAY

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POST-WEDDING

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- □ Pack a ceremony/emergency bag
- □ Attend rehearsal / rehearsal dinner
- Present attendants with gifts
- Give marriage license to officiate
- Confirm all transportation for ceremony/reception
- □ Have a manicure and pedicure

□ Present each other with gifts

□ Take it all in and enjoy your day!

□ Prearrange for someone to return

Designate someone to return tuxedo

Have bride's gown taken to be cleaned

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GIETS & EAVODS

Wedding planning is a unique experience unlike any endeavor most couples will ever encounter. Much effort goes into planning a wedding, and that includes building a budget that ensures the big day will be fun without breaking the bank.

Most couples planning a wedding have never tied the knot before, so it can be difficult to determine a reasonable amount to spend. It's easy to go overboard when planning a wedding, and couples may find their list of wants and, consequently, their expenses, growing as they get into the weeds of wedding planning. Though it might require some difficult decisions, couples can keep these tips in mind so they can build a wedding budget that won't land them in debt after saying, "I do."

• Determine funding. The days when a bride's parents would finance the wedding entirely on their own are largely a thing of the past. According to a recent WeddingWire Newlywed Report, parents now pay for 52% of wedding expenses. As couples begin establishing a wedding budget, it's imperative that they first determine who, if anyone, will be helping them finance the big day. Fifty-two percent of wedding expenses is a significant amount of money, but in that scenario, couples will still need to come up with roughly half of the money needed to fund their weddings. Couples without substantial savings may be forced to cut back in order to avoid beginning their life as a married couple in debt.

See BUDGET on 20



BUDGET PLANNER

As a general guideline, allow approximately 50% of your budget to the reception, then 10% each to flowers, photography, attire and music. The last 10% goes to stationery, favors and misc. items.

CEREMONY & RECEPTION

FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Ceremony Flowers		
Ceremony Decorations		
Reception Flowers		
Reception Decorations		
Bride's Bouquet		
Groom's Boutonniere		
Wedding Party Bouquets		
Wedding Party Boutonnieres		
Parents/Grandparents		
Special People		
Subtotal Cost		

STATIONERY

	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Announcements		
Save-the-date Cards		
Invitations & Envelopes		
Reply Cards		
Postage		
Programs		
Setting & Place Cards		
Other Stationery		
Subtotal Cost		

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Wedding Party Gifts Parents' Gift Favors Ring Pillow Unity Candle Guest Book Other Subtotal Cost	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
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Reception Band/DJ Cocktail Hour Music Ceremony Musicians Subtotal Cost	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
ATTIRE &	ACCESSOR	RIES
Groom's Tuxedo/Suit Bride's Gown Accessories Headpiece/Veil Groom's Accessories Hair/Makeup Bride's & Groom's Rings Dress Alterations Subtotal Cost	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
TRANSPORTA	TION & LO	DGING
Wedding Night Hotel Room Guest Shuttle Limo/Car Rental Subtotal Cost	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
PHOT	OGRAPHY	
Photographer's Fee Engagement Portrait Videographer Fee	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost

TOTAL COST

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• Make a list of potential expenses. Location will be a significant factor when determining potential expenses. For example, a 2022 ValuePenguin analysis of data from The Wedding Report found that the average wedding in Massachusetts cost roughly \$30,500 in 2020, while couples tying the knot in Arkansas spent around \$12,500 on their weddings. With such wide fluctuations, it's important that couples get an accurate estimate of how much it may cost them to get married in a given city. Couples who met in a city and still live in a city but grew up in a suburb might save a considerable sum by getting married in their hometowns. Compare and contrast prices in locales you're considering, and then build your budget accordingly. This can help you avoid sticker shock and going over budget. Notable expenses to budget include the venue, attire (i.e., wedding dress and tuxedo rental), hairstyle and makeup, entertainment, photography, and transportation, among others.

• Make a list of what's most important. Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings. An earnest discussion about what's most important to each person can ensure you both get what you want. Each person can make a list of their priorities, ranking them from most important to least important. Once lists are shared, couples can see where their priorities converge and where they diverge. Any items that rank low on each person's list of priorities can be afforded less funding, while those that are high on each list can take up more of the budget, if necessary.

• Commit to a limit before spending a dime. Committing to a limit before spending a dime can help couples keep wedding costs more manageable. Once that number is defined, couples can then work within its parameters, which can make potentially difficult decisions a little easier by narrowing options at a time when options can seem endless.

A well-planned budget can be just what couples need to begin married life on strong financial footing. *Source: MetroCreative.com*



Incorporating your four-legged friend into your wedding

By Hannah Ball

Pets are family, and if you want to include them in your wedding, there are multiple ways to make sure it's classy and fun.

First, check with the venue and make sure they're pet friendly. Figure out where in the vicinity they allow animals, and scope out where you'll have someone take your pet to do their business before and after the ceremony.

You don't want them going "No. 2" where the guests will be or be able to see.

Arrange for multiple family members and friends to take turns watching your pet. Your pet must be comfortable with them and able to relax and stay quiet.

Your pet could be the "pup of honor." Have a bridesmaid or groomsmen walk down the aisle with the pet on a leash to stand with the wedding party during the ceremony. Have fun decorating the leash to fit the wedding theme.

Consider making your pet "the flower dog." They can carry a basket of flower petals, or they can walk down the aisle wearing a flower collar.

If you want to give them a more important job, they can also be the ring bearer. Put the rings in a small bag or box and tie it to their collar. Trust one of the bridesmaids or groomsmen to retrieve the rings.

If your pet is more erratic and can't be trusted with these errands, they can simply be walked down the aisle to stand or sit with the wedding party.

Deciding if they'll stick around for the reception is a different matter. With all the activity of food, music, lights and dancing, it might be best if someone can take your pet back to the hotel for the night.

There's also the risk of kids feeding the dog toxins, like chocolate.

Tips and ideas:

Tell your guests a dog will attend in case anyone has allergies.

Make sure your dog's wedding attire suits the theme. Think about a bow tie, a flower crown or ribbons.

Bring your dog to the venue the day before to sniff around, pee and get Morgan and Brian Trojan of Fenton included their dogs, Gracie and Remi in their wedding day this past July. Photos: Ashley Basset

accustomed to the area. Rehearse your dog's role. Tell the photographer if you want to include your pet in the wedding photos.

Prepare a bag for them, including treats, plastic bags, toys, a water bottle and bowl.

Include your dog in the save-thedates, invitation or website.

Source: akc.org



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No matter how many wedding magazines or planners you read, you are bound to forget some aspect of your planning. Remember all the last minute things you might need for your big day.

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How to take the

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Weddings

are among the most complex events many people will ever plan. Couples often try to go the extra mile in an effort to make the day

mile in an effort to make the day memorable for themselves and their guests. That pressure can make a wedding day feel a little frenzied. Thankfully, there are various ways to ensure the vibe of the big day is happy and not hectic.

Hire a wedding planner/ coordinator

Leaving the nitty gritty to a professional wedding planner takes a lot of pressure off of couples. The renowned wedding resource The Knot says wedding planners are clued into everything there is to know about a wedding and they can be tapped to take care of just about anything on couples' to-do list.

Consider a package deal

All-inclusive resorts are popular vacation spots because variables like entertainment, lodging, food, drinks, and more is all taken care of, leaving vacationers with little to do other than show up and relax. Couples can apply that same approach on their wedding day. Host the ceremony and reception at the same site, which takes the

potentially

problematic issue of getting guests to and fro out of the equation. Some venues may even provide in-house vendors like photographers and florists. Such vendors' familiarity with the venue reduces the risk of surprises that can derail wedding day schedules.

Pick your priorities

Avoid getting bogged down on a million details by making a list of your priorities when planning. Couples can revisit this list a couple of days before their wedding so they remember what's most important to them on the big day. This refresher can ensure couples don't get too concerned if minor issues arise during their big day, helping them remain calm and keeping a focus on all the fun to be had during the day.

It's easy for couples to feel a little overwhelmed on their wedding day. Some simple strategies can take the hectic out of couples' wedding day and ensure they keep their focus on one another and their loved ones.

source: MetroCreative.com



Brides- and grooms-to-be select people who are near and dear to their hearts to be special parts of their momentous days. So the chance to participate in a friend's or family member's wedding is a great honor.

A wedding party plays a key role in both the ceremony and reception. Participants do everything from helping couples make decisions to addressing invitations to providing emotional support. As so much is asked of the wedding party particularly the maid/matron of honor and bridesmaids — it's customary to bestow gifts on those people who devoted so much time and effort to the wedding. These potential bridesmaid gifts can serve as a thoughtful and unique to way to thank bridesmaids for all that they've done.

• **Photo books:** Gift the bridesmaids with photo books of carefully curated photographs taken throughout the wedding planning experience. Pepper the books with other photos, such as images of you with the bridesmaids at fun moments throughout your lives together.

•Portrait wine or champagne glasses: Beverage glasses customized with the bridesmaids' likenesses painted or printed onto them make for great gifts. Bridesmaids will enjoy sipping their favorite drinks in special glasses for years to come.

• **Personalized phone cases:** Who doesn't rely on their mobile phones these days? Treat your bridesmaids to something special with colorful phone cases with their names embossed or printed on the outsides.

• Wellness or spa gift card: After all of the running around for the wedding, bridesmaids may need a little extra pampering. Gift cards to a local spa can fit the bill.

• Birthstone jewelry: Necklaces, rings or earrings become that much more special when they're customized to the recipients. Purchase jewelry with your bridesmaids' birthstones so they'll be as unique as each woman.

• Friendship bracelets: Gift each bridesmaid with beaded friendship bracelets that features all of the ladies' initials. Be sure to keep one for yourself, and you all can enjoy nights on the town showcasing your special bracelets.

• Monogrammed robes or purses: A customized pocketbook, robe or another

item bridesmaids will use every day can make for an extra-special item that will serve as a daily reminder of how much you appreciate them.

Bridesmaid gifts are a great way for brides to thank their bridesmaids for all that they've done to make a couple's wedding day special.

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Photography is often left in the very qualified hands of professional photographers. However, couples can pitch in to make their photos really pop. These picture pointers from industry insiders can help couples put their best smile forward.

Leave ample time

A carefully orchestrated timeline can ensure photos are the best they can be. Why? Because a couple who is relaxed and not overwhelmed will notice that attitude translates to their photographs. When planning wedding timelines, couples should leave ample opportunities for getting dressed, chatting with the wedding party and going through various photography settings to grab great photos, advise the experts at Martha Stewart.

Put together a short list

The photographer will have his or her ideas of which shots to cover, but a couple with specific goals in mind should relay that information to their photographer. For example, if a grandparent is getting up in years, request some solo photos of that person so you can look back on happy times together. Certain couples want to be snapped posing with a beloved pet. Putting that on the list helps ensure it will happen.

Play your style safe

A wedding day is not a time for the bride or groom to try a dramatic new style, according to photographer Amanda Lamb. Resist the urge for a daring cut or color. It's also likely not the place to try out new facial hair or heavy makeup. A couple unaccustomed to the way they look may be shy in front of the camera.

Enlist a family photo coordinator

If the photographer does not have his or her own assistant, recruit someone who is assertive to help wrangle everyone for the family shots. Attempt to get family photos when family members are relaxed but not too far rumpled by dancing or having a good time.

Delve into the details

Prepare wedding details, like gowns, shoes, accessories, etc., in advance to save time once the photographer arrives, suggests Desi Mendoza, a pro from Dez and Tam Photography. Invest in a beautiful hanger for the wedding gown as well, because you may want to photograph that on its own.

Learn to pose

Couples can practice posing in front of mirrors to get a feel for body positions that put them in their best light. A photographer's advice in regard to posture is invaluable as well. Create space between arms and the body and learn how to angle the body so you look your best.

Photos will capture wedding day memories forever. Couples can put themselves in the best positions for success by following some photography guidelines.



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Here are a few dates you might want to mark on your calendar some of them just may be worth a road trip!

DATE	TIME	BRIDAL SHOW	LOCATION
January 6 & 7	Friday 5 - 9pm, Sat 11am - 5pm	Grand Rapids Bridal Show	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
January 7, 2023	Saturday 1 - 3:30pm	Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Wedding Expo	Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
January 8, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	The Brides Bridal Show- Chelsea	Village Conference Center, Chelsea
January 8, 2023	Sunday 12 - 3pm	Weddings To Be Bridal Show - Fern Hill	Fern Hill Golf Club, Clinton Twp
January 8, 2023	Sunday 11:30am - 3:30pm	Southwest Michigan Bridal Show & Party Planning Expo	Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo
January 15, 2023	Sunday 12 - 4pm	Winter Bridal Celebrations	TCF Center, Detroit
January 20, 2023	Friday 5 - 9pm	Grand Rapids Wedding Affair	Grand Rapids Public Museum
January 22, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	Wedding Event Show - Bloomfield Hills	The Kingsley, Bloomfield Hills
January 22, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	Here Come the Brides Bridal Show- Brighton	Brighton High School, Brighton
January 22, 2023	Sunday 11- 2pm	Shelby Township Bridal Expo	The Palazzo Grande, Shelby Twp
January 28, 2023	Saturday 11am - 4pm	Winter Bridal Show of West Michigan	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
February 5, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	Wedding Event Show - Birmingham	The Community House, Birmingham
February 26, 2023	Sunday 12 - 4pm	Bridal University at Ford Field	Ford Field, Detroit
February 26, 2023	Sunday 1 - 5pm	Here Come the Brides Bridal Show - Mt. Pleasant	Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
February 26, 2023	Sunday 12 - 4pm	A Lovely Day Bridal Show	The Westin, Southfield
March 5, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	The Brides Bridal Show - Ann Arbor	The Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor
March 5, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	Wedding Event Show - Plymouth	The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
March 19, 2023	Sunday 1 - 4pm	Wedding Event Show - Bloomfield Hills	The Iroquois Club, Bloomfield Hills
April 16, 2023	Sunday 12 - 5pm	Michigan Bridal & Wedding Expo	UWM Sports Complex, Pontiac
November 12, 2023	Sunday 12:30 - 5pm	Michigan Bridal & Wedding Expo	4 Mile Showplace, Grand Rapids



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Considering an at-home wedding?

►Here are some things to address as you begin planning

Many couples preparing for their trip down the aisle follow the familiar sentiments expressed by Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." Such couples feel "there's no place like home" when hosting a wedding ceremony or reception.

There are many benefits to hosting a wedding at home. Homes often hold couples' most cherished memories, and hosting a backyard celebration or an intimate indoor ceremony at your own home or the abode of a loved one can be a cost-effective way to have a good time.

Here are some tips to help couples navigate hosting an at-home wedding.

ASSESS YOUR SPACE

The average home is not equipped to handle hundreds of guests, wait staff, caterers, and parked cars. Concessions in regard to comfort and safety will have to be made when drawing up the guest list. The wedding resource The Knot advises the general rule is six- to 10 square-feet of floor space per guest for row seating. You'll probably need even more space for buffet tables, seating and a dance floor.

You will likely need to temporarily move furniture to comfortably to fit everyone indoors — or rent a large enough tent for a backyard wedding.

BOOK AN OFFICIANT EARLY

Confirm with an officiant that they can oversee the wedding proceedings at your home. Many religious officials are not able to perform ceremonies outside of a place of worship.

LEARN IF IT'S LEGAL

Certain municipalities may require permits for parking on street, noise past a certain hour, closing of streets, and much more. Do your research. You may need to coordinate parking at a nearby lot (like a school closed on the weekend) and shuttle people to your home.

HIRE A CLEANING SERVICE

It's important to present a clean, inviting space when hosting a wedding at home. A cleaning service will conduct Paige and Austin Gargagliano tied the knot in the back yard of their home in Gaines this past September. Months of preparation for the big day proved worth the effort — the weather was beautiful and their wedding day was picture perfect. Photos: Hannah Marchien Photography

a thorough cleaning before and after the festivities, freeing up your time for last-minute tasks or to embark on your honeymoon.

CONSULT WITH AN INSURANCE CARRIER

Inquire if having such a large party at home is covered by your homeowner's

insurance policy, particularly if your home is damaged or someone gets injured during the festivities. Supplemental liability insurance or an umbrella policy may offer greater protection.

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KRISTEN CHAPIEWSKI

"My husband and I worked second shift together. When he asked to take me out on a date, he realized a dinner date wasn't going to be easy to plan with our schedules, so I suggested a breakfast date. A year later, he takes me out on a breakfast date to Mega. I did not

realize what was happening and I kept interrupting him during his speech which made him lose his spot. It wasn't until the little black box came out and he scooted out of the booth to get on a knee that everything clicked. It'll be 9 years in June. I still interrupt him."

JYNESSA OLSON "My husband and I took an anniversary trip to Denver. He proposed to me on top of the Daniels and Fisher clock tower

in Denver Colorado. I thought we were going to a roof top dining experience and we went to the top of the clock where I was suprised with rose petals, music, dinner, and his proposal. Pictured in the back is the face of the clock tower 18 floors up. Friends for 10+ years. Dated for 4. Now married."

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"I proposed in Rocky Mountain National Park at Bear Lake. Went on a trip with five friends and one is a great photographer. We were able to catch the moment without her ever suspecting a thing."

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SHARON GREEN

"We never had a proposal. We just knew that we would be together forever and after Marine Corp boot camp and training I flew to California and we got married. When he picked me up from the airport that night we slept under the stars. Wouldn't change it for anything. Celebrating 49 years this year." MARY ANN LEHMAN MORGAN "My husband proposed to me at the Soo Locks in 1960. Married in 1961."





LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

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JAN. 15

1929: Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a Baptist minister. King received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 helped organize the first major protest of the African American civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated civil disobedience and nonviolent resistance to segregation in the South. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and the movement gained momentum. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

JAN. 16

1919: The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified by the requisite number of states. The movement for the prohibition of alcohol began in the early 19th century, when Americans concerned about the adverse effects of drinking began forming temperance societies.

By the late 19th century, these groups had become a powerful political force, campaigning on the state level and calling for total national abstinence. Despite a vigorous effort by law-enforcement agencies, the National Prohibition Act failed to prevent the largescale distribution of alcoholic beverages, and organized crime flourished in America. In 1933, the 21st Amendment to the Constitution was passed and ratified, repealing prohibition.

JAN. 17

1995: The Los Angeles Rams announce they are leaving Southern California after 49 years and moving to St. Louis. The team, which reportedly lost \$6 million in 1994. is lured to Missouri with a package that includes a new \$260 million stadium and a \$15 million practice facility. The Rams' move, which came seven years after the NFL's Cardinals (1962-87) left St. Louis for Phoenix, was led by then-majority owner Georgia Frontiere and minority owner Stan Kroenke. St. Louis' competitors for the franchise were Baltimore and Anaheim. California. In 2016. the Rams moved back to Los Angeles.

<u>JAN. 18</u>

1975: Barry Manilow scores his first #1 single with "Mandy." He would go on to sell more than 75 million records over the course of his career. At the height of Barry Manilow's popularity, none other than Frank Sinatra himself said of

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Manilow. "He's next." Yet even in his heyday, the more youthful arbiters of "cool" were not kind to him. They called Manilow's music bombastic and schmaltzy, even as Americans devoured his every release. But critics may have missed the point. Barry Manilow never fancied himself hip or cool - far from it. "I have purposely tried not to stay in sync with the times," he has said. "I just do what feels good." Even as a teenager in the 1950s, Barry preferred pop standards and Broadway show tunes to Elvis Presley records, and it was his love of this style of music that led to his big break.

JAN. 19

2004: At an energetic rally on this day, Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean emits a noise that many will claim ended his career in electoral politics. The "Dean Scream," as it quickly came to be known, was a unique and revealing moment. A former three-term governor of Vermont, Dean was seen as the candidate of the Left and was the only Democrat who openly criticized the Iraq War in his campaign for the party's nomination. Despite losing to John Kerry, Dean took the stage that night with enthusiasm. He ended his remarks by fervently cataloguing the contests yet to come, concluding with a shout of "...and then we're going to Washington, D.C., to take back the White House! Yeah!" His voice cracked on the final "Yeah!," turning the word into a bizarre yelp that was broadcast and, before long, replayed hundreds of times on news programs all over the country.

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JAN. 20

2017: In the culmination of his extraordinary rise to power over a tumultuous election year, Donald John Trump is inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States in Washington, D.C. From the time he kicked off his presidential campaign in June 2015 at his namesake Trump Tower in New York City, Trump seemed an unlikely candidate for the nation's highest office. But with his promises to crack down on immigration, bring back jobs for working class Americans and overturn the political establishment, the real estate developer and reality TV personality triumphed amid a crowded Republican primary field. He then pulled off an upset victory over his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, in the general election in November 2016.

JAN. 21

1977: President Jimmy Carter grants an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded the draft during the Vietnam War. In total, some 100,000 young Americans went abroad in the late 1960s and early '70s to avoid serving in the war. Ninety percent went to Canada, where after some initial controversy they were eventually welcomed as immigrants. Still others hid inside the U.S. In addition to those who avoided the draft, a relatively small number, about 1,000, of deserters from the U.S. armed forces also headed to Canada. While the Canadian government technically reserved the right to prosecute deserters, in practice they left them alone, even instructing border guards not to ask too many questions.

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Blue Devils collect their revenge vs. Arbor Prep

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The date was Feb. 15.2022.

On that date, the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team lost a road game to Ypsilanti Arbor Prep 57-47. Since then, the Blue Devils have wanted their chance at redemption.

On Monday night, in front of a nearly

full house crowd at Lake Fenton High School, the Blue Devils, ranked No. 4 in Division 2 in the first Associated Press poll, got their wish.

The Blue Devils (10-0) took a 3-2 lead on a Kendyl Smith assist on a Gabby Gerald layup and never trailed Arbor Prep (the No. 1 team in D3) again, eventually earning a 45-39 victory. The team,

along with the Lake Fenton students in attendance, celebrated almost as though it was a state championship victory when the final buzzer sounded.

"It's the team we've been practicing for the whole year," junior Emerson Baker said. "It's been the team at every practice we've been working on some-See BLUE DEVILS on 35

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Lake Fenton's Makenna Clement (left) scored 12 points in the Blue Devils' win against Arbor Prep. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Ashton Hunter drives to the basket in a recent contest. Photo: Mark Bolen

LF wins second straight, defeats Clio By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team took some time to take control of its road contest at Clio on Tuesday.

But when the Blue Devils (5-4, 2-1) did, they dominated.

Leading just 30-29 at halftime, the Blue Devils had a strong start and end to the third quarter and then went on a 13-0 run to start the fourth to earn a pretty strong 67-49 victory against the Mustangs.

"We came out a little slow in the first half, and Clio hit some See LF on 34

Tigers remain perfect in Metro, defeat Holly

By David Troppens

Fenton — Playing on a Tuesday night in front of about one-third of a crowd they usually would on a more traditional Friday night date, the Fenton-Holly varsity boys basketball did battle for the early lead of the Flint Metro League's Stripe Division at Fenton High School.

And while the visiting Holly Bronchos has their moments. Holly rarely led as the Tigers enjoyed a 62-50 victory. The win places Fenton at 3-0 in the Stripes Division (5-4 overall). The win came just after the Tigers lost three straight games. However, none of them were Stripes Division contests.

"Coach said this was a must-win game," Fenton's Justin Banura said. "We had three (losses) in a row and we couldn't go to four in a row. It wasn't like we were getting blown out. We knew we were competitive in those games and we should've won those games. We weren't sad about them. We just had to learn from them and not let it happen again."

The Tigers apparently learned their lessons. After a in the third quarter. Holly hit

tight first quarter, the Tigers' defense forced Holly to 1-of-11 shooting and six turnovers in the second quarter, changing what was a 14-13 lead after one quarter to 29-18 by halftime. The Tigers never trailed again.

"I told the guys this is one we have to get," Fenton varsity boys basketball Chad Logan said. "Friday night (a loss against Lake Fenton) was a tough game on the road, but we had two good days of practice and this was a good result. This was good for the kids. They are leading the league. We'd like to play in some bigger games."

Really, neither team had much success to start the third, but eventually Fenton's Chris Piwowarczyk broke the ice with a layup. That started a 10-0 Fenton run. It continued with a steal and a breaking layup by Ja'Hion Bond and a three-pointer by Colin Ter-Burgh. Banura had a conventional three-point play after connecting on a putback and fouled, capping the run. Fenton led 24-13. It was a 29-18 lead at halftime.

The Bronchos fought back



Fenton's Gage Graham attempts a shot among the Holly defense, including against Deshawn Willis. Photo: Christopher Summers

on 7-of-11 shots from the field and all six of the squad's free throws during the third quarter. Still, Holly trailed 39-29 after a jumper by Fenton's Sam Dillard II with 3:45 left in the stanza. That's when Holly went

to work. Mason Clark hit two free throws and that started a 10-2 Holly run. Ashton DeHart hit two inside buckets during the run and Ka'Vion Smith hit a during layup closing the gap shots," Lake Fenton varsity See TIGERS on 34

Fenton wrestlers split matches versus Kearsley, Goodrich

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity wrestling team faced off against last season's Division 2 state runner-up Goodrich squad on Wednesday, and found out the Martians are still pretty good this season.

The defending Metro League champion Martians defeated Fenton, 58-12. The Tigers (5-2 in the Metro League) opened the night with a strong 63-12 victory against Kearsley.

Against Kearsley (3-4), the Tigers won five of the seven matches that actually happened on the mat. Four of those victories were pinfall wins. Philip Lamka (175), Ben Triola (190), Garrett Clark (138) and Owen Freeman (120) earned those pinfall wins. Meanwhile, Chris Dobek (215) also won his match by decision.

Many of the matches were forfeit wins. Tigers winning by forfeit were Dylan Beverly (157), Kyle Dunfield (165), Aiden Velzey (106), Jamal Horne (113) and Ian Beverly (132).

es against the state-power Martians. Velzy (106) defeated Conner Clark by pinfall in 2:34, while Freeman (120) earned a forfeit win.

Many Tigers fought their Goodrich (7-0) opponents well. Clark (138), Lamka (165), Triola (190) and Carson Krzeszak (285) each fought to decision losses.

Fenton returns to Metro action on Wednesday when the Tigers travel to Clio to face area rival Linden and meet hosts Clio.





(Top photo) Fenton's Chris Dobek won this match against Kearslev's Jacob Mosher by a 7-1 decision. (Left) Philip Lamka (175) takes down his Kearsley opponent, Kasen Johnson, during their match. Lamka won this match by pinfall in the first period at 1:45. Fenton defeated Kearsley but the Tigers lost to Goodrich. Photos: **David Troppens**

The Tigers won two matchake Fenton defeats Linden, earns Metro sweep

By David Troppens

Another tri-county rivalry happened at a non tri-county venue in Flint Metro League action Wednesday.

Lake Fenton and Linden faced off in a Metro event at Swartz Creek, and the Blue Devils came out of the varsity wrestling contest with a 49-27 victory.

Lake Fenton also defeated Owosso 65-12 while the Eagles defeated Swartz Creek 42-30.

The Blue Devils recorded five pinfall wins against Linden. The Blue Devils dominated the middle weights, earning pinfall wins from 144 to 165. Ty Johnson (144) pinned Tyler McCabe in 49 seconds to start the run while Lake Fenton's Noah Hall (150) pinned Lucus Carr in 3:46. Michael Schultz (157) followed with a pinfall of Jordan Brennan in 1:23 and Luke Wright (165) completed the run with a pinfall victory against Brady Makela in 4:52. The other Lake Fenton pinfall victory was earned by Josh Ezell (215) against Pete Didilus in 1:15. Lake Fenton's other six-point wins were Wyatt DeVasher (106) and Jorge Marvin (113) earning forfeit wins.

Lake Fenton also had Clay Cook (120) earn a major decision win against Brendan Shingleton and Kaleb Digiacomo (132) defeat Ben Wingblad by decision.

Linden won five matches against Lake Fenton. The Eagles had three pinfall wins. Bryce Shingleton (126) pinned Robbie Moore in 43 seconds, while Michael Bush (175) pinned Karson Crist in 5:40. Itiel Delgado (285) also defeated Gabe Parker by pin in 1:57.

Corcoran. Finally, Jase Grundy (190) • By David Troppens earned a forfeit win for Linden.

matches against the Dragons. Lake Fen- • regular season. ton pinfall winners against Swartz Creek are DeVasher, Marvin, Moore, Corco- feated. Lake Fenton continued its impresran, Johnson, Hall, Schultz and Ezell. • sive season with an easy 85-23 victory on Cook earned a technical fall while Digiacomo and Crist earned decision wins. Devin Rudnicki (138) won by forfeit.

Bush and Grundy. Delgado and Carr game of the season. earned decision wins.

: Lake Fenton girls win another game, Linden's Adoniah Delgado (138) also earned a 2-0 decision win against Drew beat Lady Mustangs

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basket-The Blue Devils won all but two ball team is at the halfway point of the

The Blue Devils (11-0) remain undethe road against Clio.

The 83 points marked the Blue Dev-• ils' highest offensive output of the The Eagles won eight matches against * season while the 23 points allowed Swartz Creek. Five Eagles won by pin- represented the lowest amount they've fall. They were Brendan Shingleton, • yielded since holding Ortonville-Bran-Bryce Shingleton, Delgado, Makela, • don to 16 points during the team's third

See LAKE FENTON on 33

Lady Tigers' defense sparks win vs. Holly, 48-32

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team had some success early on against the Fenton Tigers.

The Bronchos scored the first three points, led at one time 5-2 and looked comfortable.

However, that's when Fenton's pressing defense took over. The Tigers' defense helped Fenton score the final 16 points of the first quarter and eventually cruise to a relatively easy 48-32 victory against the Bronchos.

Holly began the game with Alana Simmons hitting two free throws, Anneliese Thisse hitting a free throw and Thomas scoring a layup. At that point, Holly led 5-2 with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

However, the Tigers' press started to take its toll. The Tigers' 16-0 run started with an Abby Logan three-pointer, and continued with Logan earning a

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The game was over by the end of the first quarter as Lake Fenton's potent perimeter came took over, nailing 14 three-pointers. Lake Fenton hit six in the first quarter (two by Emerson Baker and one each by Amaya Smith, Savannah Fellenbaum, Anna Prevost and Ella Prevost), earning the squad a 26-8 lead after one quarter.

Four more treys were hit during the Blue Devils' 18-point second quarter. Kendyl Smith hit two while Fellenbaum and Baker had one each. Lake

breaking layup, a foul and a converted free throw for a conventional threepoint play. Fenton led 8-5. Fenton's next four points came on layups by Keegan Weddle and Madison Slezinski. Fenton led 12-5 with 2:45 left in the opening quarter. The run ended when Adrienne Staib giving Fenton an 18-5 lead entering the second quarter.

Fenton (5-5, 2-1) scored five more points at the start of the second quarter, extending the run to 20 points. The final three came on a three-pointer by Lauren Gadola. A Thisse layin ended the run, but by then Holly trailed 23-7. Fenton went on to take a 31-11 lead at halftime and a 43-19 lead after the third quarter.

"Our kids worked hard to bounce back after last game," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchey said. "Our coaching staff challenged the kids to play at a different pace and

Fenton led 44-16 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Ella Prevost scored eight points while Amaya Smith and Fellenbaum netted five each in the squad's 25-point performance. Lake Fenton led 69-20 at the end of three quarters. Parker Beardsley led the Blue Devils in a 16-point fourth, netting six fourth-quarter points.

Every Blue Devil scored. Amaya Smith had 12 points while Fellenbaum and Ella Prevost netted 11 points each. Makenna Clement chipped in nine points while Anna Prevost, Beardsley, Cola Sisk and Kendyl Smith netted six points each.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BOWLING

Swartz Creek def. Fenton: The Tigers won the first Baker game 152-138, but lost the second 195-181.

Brady Mitchell led the Tigers with a 186-155-341 two-game series while Brandon Cairduff bowled a 173 game.

▶ Flushing def. Linden: Austin Huyck led the Eagles with a 232-214-446 two-game series while lan Patterson had a 204 game.

▶ Holly def. Corunna: Sean Dankert bowled a 179-216-395 two-game series, while Andrew Mascorro bowled a 195-183-378 series. Ryan Dalton and Ryan Sparklin each had 190 games. Holly won both Baker games 223-168 and 159-138.

GIRLS BOWLING

Swartz Creek def. Fenton: Jena Fijolek led the Tigers with a 199-152-351 two-game series.

► Flushing def. Linden: The Eagles were led by Mackenzie Miller's 125-140-265 series.

Corunna def. Holly: Tatum Stuemke led the Bronchos with a 142-117-259 two-game series while Fionna Maclean bowled a 135 game. it paid off. Holly stayed with us because of their effort."

Logan led the Tigers with 12 points while Keegan Weddle netted eight points. Staib chipped in six points and eight rebounds while Slezinski had five points and five rebounds. Grace MacCaughan had five points while Madi LaRowe netted four points and five rebounds.

Makena McGee led the Bronchos (2-7, 1-2) with 12 points and six rebounds while Thisse had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Simmons had six points and nine rebounds.

"The press hurt us. We need to fix that a bit," Varner said. "We started out well but then they called a time out and put the press on and we turned it over.

"We did a lot better job with the press in the second and third quarters."



Abby Logan scored 12 points in a victory against Holly on Tuesday. Photo: Mark Bolen

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WEEKEND TIMES

Lady Eagles fall to Flushing Raiders, 50-31

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team was able to hang with Flushing for a half on Tuesday.

But, the Raiders outscored the Eagles 21-6 in the third quarter, eventually resulting in a 50-31 home victory for Flushing.

The Eagles (4-3, 2-1) fell to an 8-2 early deficit, but quickly got back into the game, and spent a good deal of the second quarter trailing by just one point. The final time coming at halftime when Linden

trailed 21-20. However, the second half was all Flushing.

Kesley McLennan led the Eagles with 10 points. She took part in every bucket in the first quarter for Linden, scoring two and dishing an assist on the other. Olivia Mawhinney and Megan Widner had six points each with Widner recording three steals. Mawhinney had a team-high five rebounds and three assist. Addyson Sturgis and Kayla Widner had two steals each.

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Linden boys lose close verdict vs. Flushing nal quarter.

By David Troppens The Linden varsity boys basketball team fell behind early against Flushing on Tuesday.

After one quarter, the Eagles trailed 12-4.

However, the Eagles battled back, actually took the lead in the fourth but then lost a tough 50-47 verdict at home against the Flushing Raiders.

The Eagles (2-5, 1-2) at one time trailed 12-0 before scoring the final four points of the first quarter. Those hoops came from Reed Krueger and Monte Keener. From there, the Eagles had to battle back. Linden trailed 27-19 at halftime and cut the gap to 37-32 entering the fi-

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to 41-39 by the end of the third quarter.

quarter with a 7-0 run. Dillard capped

the drive with a driving four-footer, giv-

ing the Tigers a 53-42 lead with just 4:14

left in the contest. The Bronchos never

committed 17 of them. Holly also strug-

gled with rebounds, collecting seven less

than Fenton. Minus the 7-of-11 shooting

in the third, the Bronchos shot 9-of-34

wanted it worse. That's all I can say," Holly varsity boys basketball coach

Steve DeHart said. "They outrebounded

boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski

said. "They hit a couple of shots and a

few three pointers in the first quarter. Clio

wanted to win and played hard. I give

them a lot of credit the way they started.

and came out of halftime and made win-

ning plays. We got stops on defense and

were able to get it out on the floor and

run more in the third quarter. Our de-

one quarter and led just 30-29 at half.

The Blue Devils trailed 19-17 after

"At halftime we hit the reset button

"They played harder than we did and

the other three quarters.

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fense led to offense."

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Turnovers hurt Holly. The Bronchos

effectively got back into the game.

However, Fenton began the fourth

Once in the final quarter, the Eagles trailed 42-27 with 5:17 left when they made their run. Joe Miller hit a three-pointer and that was followed by a steal and breaking layup by Krueger and a layup by Jase Becher. Linden led 44-42 with 3:40 left in regulation.

Linden increased its lead to 46-43 with two converted free throws by Miller with 3:09 left. However, Flushing (2-5, 1-2) fought back. Three straight layups and a converted free throw by Brayden Jones put Flushing up 48-46. From that point, the Eagles only got as close as 1 one more time. It came on a

converted free throw by Miller with 1:07 left. The Eagles trailed 48-47. However, Flushing's Jones converted two free throws upping the gap to 50-47.

Linden had possession twice with a chance to cut into the lead or tie the game with a three-pointer. Each time Miller attempted the shot (the second time from midcourt as the game was ending.

Becher led the Eagles with 15 points, all coming in the final three quarters. Krueger netted 10 points while Colin Weiss and Miller had eight points each. Jones led Flushing with 19 points.

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us grossly. ... We knew that was going to be a big part of the game. Until we figure out a way to play hard on a consistent basis, we are going to be a very inconsistent team."

Dillard led the Tigers with 21 points. He also had four rebounds and three steals. Banura had 17 points and eight rebounds while TerBurgh had eight points and four rebounds. Gage Graham had eight points and six boards.

"I think we are all like a family," Banura said. "There is no beef with this team. We don't fight. We are a tight-knit group of guys and I think we play great defense. ... And we get to the basket a lot, a lot better than past years. I like this team."

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. Lake Fenton opened the third quarter with a quick 7-0 run, capped by a steal and breaking layup by Coleson Lessner, giving the Blue Devils a 37-29 lead with 4:42 left in the quarter. Clio was able to cut it back to 38-35 after a three-pointer by Jacob Rossel, but that's as close as the Mustangs would get. Lake Fenton ended the quarter on a 14-4 run. A Gavin Teffner assist on a Carson Haddad layup, foul and converted free throw started the run. Lake Fenton led 43-35. Brandon Bossert had two steals that were converted into breaking layups.

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BLUE DEVILS

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thing to beat them. And now that we've beat them we are so happy because last year we fell short (against Arbor Prep) in the last quarter. This meant a lot to us."

"This is a vendetta game for us, and this game shows we can come out and compete with Arbor Prep and not just compete with them but bring it to them," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said. "We definitely can get to our goals — to get to the state tournament this year."

The Blue Devils started the game with a different starting five than traditional and it appeared to pay off. Sophomore post player Gerald made it pay off. She scored Lake Fenton's first three points, giving the team the lead for the first time. She also played strong defense against Arbor Prep's post playing twins Stephanie and Stacy Utomi. She finished the first quarter with four points and four rebounds as the Blue Devils jumped to an early 9-4 lead after one quarter. That helped set the tone for the rest of the game.

Arbor Prep closed the gap to as close as 9-8 and 13-12 on buckets by Stacy Utomi, and remained close the entire first half, but the Gators never took the lead. Back-to-back three-pointers by Baker upped the Lake Fenton gap to 23-17 at halftime.

"One reason (I changed the lineup) was I knew their coach was planning on our normal starting give, so part of it was strategy," Deick said. "The other reason was we looked at our lineups against Fenton and the starting five I chose was the five that did best in terms of (plusminus rating) as a team together. So we just went with it, not necessarily who was playing well, but who was playing well together.

"Gabby has improved immensely this season alone. She's going to be a key player for us not only this season, but for seasons to come. ... She's very strong and not afraid to bang with the big players. She thrives in those conditions and I think tonight gave her a chance to thrive in those situations and she what we can do."

"I knew I was going to start and I kind of had to shut down the twins, and I think I did a pretty good job of it," Gerald said. "I think we learned we can play team ball pretty well. We learned we can move the ball, and play well under pressure." In the third quarter, the Blue Devils threatened to blow the game open. Lake Fenton opened the half with a 5-0 run. Kendyl Smith hit a three-pointer and a Savannah Fellenbaum layup rose the lead to 28-15. Arbor Prep was able to cut the back to 32-24 after three quarters, but it still seemed that the Blue Devils had control of the game entering the fourth.

In the fourth, Arbor Prep cut the gap to five in three different occasions, but was unable to cut any closer. The first time came at 34-29 on a putback by Kayla Covington, but a layup by Cola Sisk raised the gap back to 36-29. The next time came at 37-32 after a conventional three-point play by Stephanie Utomi. However, Smith nailed two free throws to up the gap back to 39-32. The third time came at 41-36 after jumper by Utomi, but two converted free throws by Clement upped the gap to 43-36. Finally, the lead was just 43-37 after a made free throw by Covington with just 16 seconds left. However, Amaya Smith iced the game with two free throws.

"We learned when we come together with our defense, honestly, we're good," Clement said. "We can beat some topnotch teams."

"I think our team chemistry is better than any other year," Baker said. "We all want to do so good and be successful. It helps a lot for sure to win games."

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(Top photo) The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team celebrates its 45-39 victory against Arbor Prep on Monday. The Blue Devils avenged a loss against Arbor Prep a year ago. (Left) Lake Fenton's Amaya Smith plays defense against an Arbor Prep player during the contest. Smith finished the game with six points, three rebounds and three steals. Both teams entered the contest ranked in the state. **Photos: Mark Bolen**

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Agent in Charge Orville O. Greene. "These fake pills are readily found on social media, yet no pharmaceutical pill bought on social media should be considered safe. The only safe medications are ones prescribed directly to you by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist."

In November 2022, the DEA alerted the public to a sharp nationwide increase in the lethality of fentanyllaced fake prescription pills. DEA laboratory testing in 2022 revealed that six out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contained a

potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from the DEA's

announcement in 2021 that four out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contain a potentially deadly dose. In 2022, the DEA seized more than

double the amount of fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills that it seized in 2021.

The DEA also seized nearly 131,000 pounds of methamphetamine, more than 4,300 pounds of heroin, and more than 444,000 pounds of cocaine. The DEA is now providing a regularly updated counter at dea. gov to track approximate amounts of fentanyl pills and fentanyl powder seized by the DEA.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GAS BACK UP to \$3.25 and suddenly all the Biden apologists get silent. Why so quiet? Do you no longer think Biden deserves credit for lowering gas prices?

CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS STORED by his Corvette in his garage in Delaware? Biden then says it's not like his car was parked in the road. Are you kidding me? You just can't make this stuff up anymore. When will he be held accountable?

NICE TO KNOW Biden works for Mexico,

Canada and the Cartels. At least now we know who he does work for, but it's not the U.S.

WHEN ARE OUR streets going to be fixed? The entire tri-county area is so bad and Pinnacle Shores might have the worst in Fenton.

TALK ABOUT PUTTING the screws to us, prices are 20% higher but wages haven't gone anywhere. I wonder where that extra 20% is going.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL be no lawsuits that come from the negative effects of the COVID vaccine. The drug companies and anyone else involved will be immune from prosecution. I pray for all those who took the jab.

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cess," according to the Computer Security Resource Center (CSRC).

Lake Fenton has also experienced a small scale ransomware attack five years ago in which the attackers locked job description and other files.

"We had somebody click on something in an email and all the files they had access to were locked. Unfortunately, they were not proud of what had happened, so they didn't share it. By the time they did and I realized it, our backups didn't go back far enough."

Reichert is working to ensure this doesn't happen again at Lake Fenton. Superintendent Julie Williams said Reichert has been at the forefront of making sure that the district's systems are protected.

Ransomware attacks impact school districts in numerous ways, including lost days of school, lost data, hours of restoration and recreation, insurance costs, contractor costs and public relations concerns.

"Once you've been a victim, you're known to be a victim and they're going to come get you again and again until you fix your problems. So that's a real scary one," he said.

The school has implemented numerous safety precautions to prevent these attacks. One precaution is using multifactor authentication (MFA), which requires users to provide two or more verification factors to gain access to a system. Often these systems will require a username and password as well as a pin from a phone app.

"That is the single most important thing that we do to make sure that our information is secure," he said. Lake Fenton has MFA in place for Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, Schools Open system to budget and payroll information, and other system administration tools.

The Genesee Intermediate School District actively monitors and manages a firewall that protects the county network, and Lake Fenton also regularly runs security scans.

"At some point, we're going to be a victim. Everyone is going to be a victim at some point. So what are we doing? We're doing every backup under the sun that we possibly can," Reichert said.

The district does multiple backups for their systems and uses SentinelOne Endpoint Protection on all servers and Windows desktops.

"Phishing is the number one way that we're being attacked," Reichert said.

The CRSC defines phishing as "A technique for attempting to acquire sensitive data, such as bank account numbers, through a fraudulent solicitation in email or on a website, in which the perpetrator masquerades as a legitimate business or reputable person."

Lake Fenton staff receive training on how to spot these fraudulent emails that ask them for sensitive information.

"Once a month, we do a phishing test so we send everybody an email that looks like a bad email. If people click on it, they get enrolled in the training," he said. "We also have a tool that lets people report emails as potential phishing."

On Monday, Jan. 16, they will have Michigan State Police come in and do a presentation on cyber security threats for the staff.

"We're all going to be a victim at some point," he said, adding that they're working on a plan for when this happens. Williams said insurance companies are adamant that people don't engage with phishing emails.

One common phishing email she sees are scammers claiming they're from the UPS and that a package has been delivered or is being delivered.

"I'm getting them daily here at school, but then also on my personal email at home," she said.

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by Emily Henry; "Railsea" by China Miéville; "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid (which is going to be a movie!) and "The Atlax Six" by Olivie Blake,

which I left at my sister's in Boston. I went to Barnes & Noble to finish it.

The best book I read this year was "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. It'll tear your heart out, which is why I recommend it to everyone. Remember to shop local! Order from Fenton's Open Book.

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For the love of bread

Michigan Reconnect program provides free tuition for Michigan residents age 25 and older at community colleges

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp. — A Linden High School graduate and Mundy Township resident is taking advantage of a state program to fulfill his dreams of becoming a chef.

Chase Gifford, 29, is enrolled in the Mott Community College Culinary Arts Program and working toward his culinary arts degree. He's also studying for his baking certification. On Thursday, Jan. 12, he gave a breadmaking class on how to make rosemary focaccia at a residence in Argentine Township for a small group of people.

"I feel like bread is just big boy playdough. It tickles some part of my child brain, it's very nostalgic. It's a very tactile thing. And of course, unlike play dough, you get to eat it when you're done," he said. "It's really fun for me. Plus it's one of those things that is such a staple for everyone. It's something that never ceases to be delightful. No matter how many thousands of focaccia I've made, I still find it irresistible and I can't stop eating it."

His tuition is being paid for by Michigan Reconnect, a program that provides Michigan residents age 25 and older free tuition to their in-district community college to earn an associate degree or Pell-eligible skill.

"As soon as I heard about the program, I was like, well 'I have to look into this.' It ended up working out good for me," he said. "I tell everyone about Reconnect. I tell people at the gas station, I tell people in the parking lot. It's a good way for me to learn the business side of things, not just how to cook."

Gifford described Mott's Culinary Arts Program as a state of the art culinary facility. He started his studies in January 2022 and anticipates he'll earn his degree after three years. The Linden graduate is currently working three jobs.

"I really enjoy the opportunity to connect through a friend. At first, he



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both work with chefs who have vastly more experience than me with their own businesses as well as other students who are still passionate about the craft," he said. "I also really like that it's a way for me to make something without being afraid of messing up. That's what I'm there to do is learn...there's lots of opportunity for failure."

Gifford heard about Michigan Re-



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was in disbelief. Then he looked into it and discovered he qualified. He didn't think he'd have the opportunity to attend college otherwise. It's difficult to work multiple jobs and save up to pay for school.

"Learning the business side of things from a book is one thing, but being able to talk to a chef and ask questions is invaluable. You can cook good food all See BREAD on 38



BREAD

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day but if you can't run the business side of things, you're going to fail," he said.

The program has allowed Gifford to gain necessary experience, knowledge and life skills to start his own business. He worked at a bakery in Grand Blanc and now has a home bakery called The Chase Bake. More information can be found on his Facebook page "The Chase Bake."

Gifford worked at the Relief & Resource Inc. speakeasy for about a year and half before the fire last summer badly damaged the business.

"When I decided that I wanted to become a chef, I thought that all chefs know how to bake a good loaf of bread," he said.

The first bread he made was a honey whole wheat bread that he said came out "like a brick." But he wanted to try it again. Years later, the rosemary focaccia recipe he demonstrated Thursday has become his most requested.

"This has been my most popular recipe since I started baking. It's also one of the easiest loafs I do. It's one that can be kind of hard to make, but it's very forgiving in the oven," he said.

On Thursday, Gifford went through his 10-step process for making rosemary focaccia and showed the class how to weigh ingredients, the best way to stretch and fold the dough, how to shape it and more.

Gifford can be contacted through his Facebook page The Chase Bake.

From Michigan Reconnect

"We know that starting or going back to school can be a daunting task. And that being able to afford tuition may not be the only challenge you're facing. But we also know that with the help of additional resources, we have all the confidence in the world that you can find the help you need to achieve your college dream."

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grants and more.

Chapin does not yet know how much it will cost to rebuild. While she and her family are eager to reopen, they're not the only ones. People ask her daily for updates on rebuilding and she's even heard people in shops ask store owners and cashiers when Andy's Place will be rebuilt.

"They can't wait until we reopen.

Andy's Place was a great place to go. It was very family friendly. It's been missed. There's all the social events, the sports events for the kids - where do you go for a good burger? Andy's. That's where they would go," Chapin said. "It's been a missed destination and I get a lot of support from everyone, even from people out of town."

She asks that patrons of Andy's Place send her photos of the inside of the restaurant. The architects are looking for reference photos.



PRISON

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after bond was denied.

He had initially been charged Jan. 4, 2021 with torture and first-degree child abuse following the death of a 3-year-old girl. On June 25, 2021, a charge of homicide (felony murder) was added during his preliminary exam.

The charges stem from a Michigan State Police (MSP) Metro North Post investigation into the Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 death of Trinity Chandler of Groveland Township. Smart was the live-in boyfriend of Justine Comstock, Trinity's mother. They lived at Groveland Manor.

Comstock was the first witness to testify at the preliminary exam. She testified on June 25, 2021, that Smart was her boyfriend of one-and-a-half years and that he was not the father of Trinity. He moved in with Comstock and Trinity in July 2020. Comstock said Trinity prior to her death was in good health. The young girl wore eyeglasses.

Comstock said she worked as a caregiver for the elderly overnight and Smart would drive her to and from work and watch Trinity when she was working. Smart was not working a job as of October 2020. "It was a good relationship up until the end," she said.

On Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, Comstock said Smart drove her to work for her 7 p.m. shift in the van owned by Smart's father. Comstock testified that she called Smart at 6 a.m. to come pick her up from work. At 6:30 a.m., she said Smart called her and said that Trinity was unresponsive. She said she could hear panic in his voice. She said she told him to call 911 or take her to the hospital. He took Trinity to the Holly Fire Department for help. Smart's father rode with Trinity to Ascension Genesys Hospital while Smart drove and picked up Comstock so that they could both go to the hospital.

By the time Comstock saw Trinity, the young girl was deceased.

Comstock testified that at 10:25 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2020, Trinity and Smart were together at her home.

State police obtained a search war-



Trinity Chandler

rant to get and unlock Smart's phone. Det. Sarah Markel of the Detroit Police Department Homicide Division testified that she was able to use advanced software that would extract a two-minute video on Smart's phone that he had deleted. The software determined the date stamp for the video was 10:25 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2020.

The prosecutor placed a laptop on the judge's desk during the preliminary exam and played the video for the judge and attorneys. Those watching the hearing live streamed on YouTube could not see the video, but could hear it. There were sounds of a child crying, as well as music playing in the background.

The detective testified that Smart said he'd be going to prison and that his life was over. The detective said Smart admitted to rough-housing too hard with Trinity.

Dr. John Bechinski of the Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office testified that Trinity appeared to have been a normal 36-pound 3-year-old. Bechinski testified that the twominute video extracted from Smart's phone correlated to the injuries found on Trinity. He said the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest. The medical examiner said the type of injury to Trinity's chest occurred several days before her death. The doctor said the manner of Trinity's death was homicide. "The pressure on the child's chest was enough to damage the heart," he said. "It was consistent with what was on the video."

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The Fenton Township Board has scheduled a public hearing to discuss local road improvement projects for 2023. Citizens are invited to provide input regarding potential projects, which may include improvements to paved or unpaved local roads. The hearing will be held during the board's regular meeting on Tuesday January 17, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lower level meeting room of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The public may also participate in the public hearing via Zoom. Instructions for participating via Zoom will be posted on Fenton Township's website at <u>www.fentontownship.org.</u>



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Obituaries

Nettie Caroline Holtslander 1933 - 2023

Nettie Caroline Holtslander - age 89, of Linden, moved on to her heavenly Home, January 5, 2023. A memorial service will be a later date. In lieu



of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Nettie was born December 12, 1933. in Barryton, Michigan the daughter of Zelma Burnham and Carl Covert. Her mother died when she was four years old, and she always gave great credit to her father for raising her and three older siblings. The family later moved to Linden. which she truly loved. She graduated as valedictorian of her 1952 class and went on to be secretary to the superintendent. In later years she lived in the Lake Fenton school district and was high school secretary for 38 years. Nettie married Frederick Holtslander April 15, 1952, while he was in the Navy, and she was still in high school. They had 48 1/2 years together. Three children were born to this union. Frederick Jr. (Rick), Terry and Herbie.

Her family was first and foremost in her life. She was baptized at age 16 in the Linden Presbyterian Church and her membership was well beyond 65 years. She

taught Sunday School for 17 of those years and served as both a Deacon and an Elder for several years. Keeping in contact with her many classmates and planning numerous class reunions kept Nettie busy. Nettie was a member of the Historical Society and served as President for 10 years. Surviving are her close and loving friend, Gary Childs; son, Rick (Susan) Holtslander, grandchildren. Jenna (Joshua) Dagen, Jordan (Jeremy) Kilbourne, Nicholas Rodgers, Linsey (Lance) Osmond, Jacob Holtslander, Alex (Alissa) Holtslander; 12 greatgrandchildren. Nettie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frederick; daughter, Terry and son, Herbie. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dan E. Bates - age 71, went home to be with the Lord on Friday. December 2, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. Dan was born January 9,



1951 in Florence, Alabama to his mother, Ruby and his father, Carmel. Dan moved to Michigan when he was a teenager and attended Holly High School where he met the love of his life, Georgina. He married his high school sweetheart on October 24, 1970 and spent 52 years happily married and started a beautiful life together. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1973 and served the Fenton community for 46 years as an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance and received many achievement awards throughout his career. He was a faithful Christian and family man. He prioritized family above everything else in his life. He had a strong relationship with the Lord and shared his faith with others. He loved music, and especially singing. He had a wonderful voice and shared his ministry through

Dan E. Bates 1951 - 2022



especially by his family and close friends. He was the proud father of two children and five grandchildren that he loved dearly. He is survived by his wife, Georgina; his sons and their spouses, Dan Jr. and Suzanne, Jason and Danielle: his five grandchildren. Drew. Noah, Evan, Olivia, Austin; and sister, Regina Cole. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton Thursday, January 19, 2023 1 - 3 PM. Memorial service will be held at 3 PM Thursday, January 19. 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Carriage Town Ministries 605 Garland St., Flint, MI 48503. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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was an avid

golfer and

enjoyed

spending

time on the

golf course

with friends

and family.

He will be

greatly

missed

by those

around him.



Dora Rudder

Dora Rudder - age 72, died January 3, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Kirby Katelyn Johnson Kirby - age 32, died January 3, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jere Camp

Jere Camp - age 84, died January 4, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sharon Urbin

Sharon Urbin - age 75, died January 4, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William "Sonny" Dearlove

William "Sonny" Dearlove -age 92, died January 8, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Obituaries

Linda Elaine Denton 1942 – 2023

Linda Elaine Denton — We celebrate the life of Linda Elaine Denton, 80, of Howell, who passed away peacefully Friday, January 6, 2023,

surrounded by her family. Born on May 19th. 1942, to Herman (Bud) and Eleanor Wolf in Detroit. Linda was a graduate of Redford High School. In 1963, she met Jim Denton and after 13 dates, they shared their first kiss. The adoring couple remained married for over 58 years. Linda tolerated numerous challenges in married life, such as two years as a military wife at Fort Benning Georgia, a move from the city to Parshallville. well water, dirt roads, imperfect children and her husband's lack of parking skills. Linda was a force in both personality and voice. Despite her petite frame, she stood tall over those who knew her. Among the memories her family will always recall include: laughing. Sanders Fudge. chocolate brownies, a body sculpting champion, style, holding court,



boundless energy, nicknames, her secret garden, wine, entertaining, the occasional cigar, singing, Guiding Light, headbands,

matchmaking, the Parshallville Rat Pack, a good book, antique trips, movies and popcorn, Lake Shannon boat rides, instructing aerobics, and above all, a fierce devotion to her family and loved ones. Linda is survived by her husband, Jim of Howell: her children. DJ Denton ("Giggy") of Milford, Melissa Smith ("Bippy") of Howell and Emily Marone ("Kizzy") of Fenton (we will miss you mom). Sons and daughterin-law include Mindy, John and Ken ("you're not listening to me!") and her five grandchildren, Jared Denton, Jake Smith, Lydia Denton, Phinn Marone and Gus Marone (rest in peace Mimi). Farewell Toots, "Til the 12 th of Never - Jim. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (alzfdn.org) in her memory.

Ernest V. Barnes - age 98, died at home on Monday, January 9, 2023. He was born in Pontiac, on June 7, 1924. Married Catherine Baker in Lansing, on December 23, 1944. He served in World War II as a Tech Corporal in the Army. He made his living as a farmer, worked in the Grand Blanc Tank Plant, and as a salesman in various

fields before owning Tank and Pump of Michigan, belonged to the Michigan County Drain Commissioners since 1964, and was a life member of American Public Works Association. He was a Founding Member of the Fenton Lions Club, has been a member for over 58 years, receiving many awards, including two Melvin Jones Awards. He was a life member of the Fenton VFW and a former member of the Fenton City Planning Commission, Neighborhood commissioner for Boys Scouts, and Board member for Boy Scouts Troop 212. Ernie and Kate had five children, Penny (James) Warner, Atlanta, MI, Laney (Dianna) Barnes, Blanchard, MI, Dennis (Joy) Barnes, Bushnell, NE, Barry (Steve Burton) Barnes, Palm Springs, CA, Cynthia (Kenneth) Jensen, Bardstown, KY: 12 grandchildren, Dawn Warner,

Ernest V. Barnes 1924 – 2023



Jeffrey Warner, Barbara Stein, Christopher Barnes (deceased), Frank Meo, James Meo, Michael Barnes, Dawn Baker, David Cooper, Victoria Foster, Kyle Jensen, Caitlin Jensen; 28 greatgrandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren; one Barnes family niece, Helen (Doug) Krantz; and numerous Baker family nieces and nephews. Preceded in

death by his wife of 67 years, Catherine (Baker) Barnes; mother, Alta (Barnes) Vandervoort; father, Ernest Barnes; brother, W.J. "Dub" Barnes; sisters, Ina (Barnes) Tahash and Leontine (Barnes) VanKuren; and niece, Janet (VanKuren) Rowe. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with burial following at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Monday, January 16, 2023 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Fenton Lions Club, Lions International Foundation, or VFW Post 3243. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kimberly Mahard

Kimberly Mahard - age 68, died January 4, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rita Taylor Bita Taylor - ag

Rita Taylor - age 65, died January 4, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jolene Everhart

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Obituaries

Marie L. Rice 1936 – 2023



"Dick" in 1956, spending

62 years together. Marie

daughters, Linda (Lynn)

Rice. She was grandma

to Raymond (Eva) Talbot,

Robert (Meagan) Talbot.

(Ryan) Rodriguez and Rachel (Garrett) Gormley.

grandchildren, many

Jessica Rockman, Jasmin

She also leaves 11 great-

nieces and nephews, as

well as sister. Jeannette

leaves three loving

Welch, Ann (Harold)

Rockman and Cynthia

brother, Michael Taubitz and sister-inlaw, Bernice Taubitz. Marie loved music and played the piano most of her life. She enjoyed spending time on the

Johnson:

sugar sand beaches of Lake Huron and putting her toes in the water. She kept busy with many hobbies over the years, making lifelong friends along the way. Marie was preceded in death by husband, Dick; son, Robert; parents; sister, Ann Townsend: brother. Joseph Taubitz and infant brother, Anthony Taubitz. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilvfuneral home.com.

Charlene Farough

Charlene Farough, daughter of Everett and Wilhelmenia Gray, Holly H.S. graduate and former Adult Ed instructor in Davisburg, passed Sunday, January 8, 2023 in Hersey. Inurnment Holly National Cemetery, Saturday, January 14. Corey Funeral Home Evart, **www.coreyfuneralhome.com.**

Carol A. Ostermyer

Carol A. Ostermyer - age 83 of Fenton, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother and grandmother. **www.temrowski** familyfuneralhome.com for service day and time.

WEEKEND TIMES

Shirley Haase

Shirley Haase - age 83, died January 4, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Toni Sparks

Toni Sparks - age 74, died January 5, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Shepard

Patricia Shepard - age 77, died January 5, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kenneth Carlson

Kenneth Carlson - age 91, died January 6, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carol Batdorf

Carol Batdorf - age 91, died January 2, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Karla DeWitt Karla DeWitt - age 68, died January 6, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joan Nicks

Joan Nicks - age 87, died January 6, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles Miller, Sr. Charles Miller, Sr. - age 89, died January 7, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leslie Holtslander Leslie Holtslander - age 77, died January 7, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www.

sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Christine Fetterhoff

Christine Fetterhoff - age 71, died January 7, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kathleen Rosebohm Kathleen Rosebohm - age 76, died January 7, 2023. Services provided by

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Erik Warren Erik Warren - age 80, died January 8, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



David Zupec

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Laurie Willard - age 55,

died January 8, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rosemary Lobdell Rosemary Lobdell - age

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Larry Williams

Larry WIlliams - age 70, died January 9, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joseph Bandy

Joseph Bandy - age 74, died January 9, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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Puzzle Answers

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