

# LAFF Pathway one step closer to completion

■ City to reimburse SLPR \$177,473 to pay property owners for easements

By Sharon Stone

At its Oct. 25 meeting, Fenton City Council unanimously approved the

cost of LAFF Pathway easements and authorized the city manager to reimburse Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) the amount of \$177,473.29.

Ed Koledo, executive director of SLPR, told the city that SLPR had received all of the required easements

for The State Bank Trail portion of the LAFF Pathway, and they are ready to pay for the individual easements.

The city of Fenton is the fiduciary for the project and the current amount in the account is just over \$306,000.

Koledo told city council that SLPR worked with individual property owners

in these negotiations.

All of the 16 properties involved are on Silver Lake Road with 15 in Fenton Township and one in the city of Fenton. Fifteen of the properties required an easement and one a license agreement, which is like a long-term renewable

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**Tigers capture Metro championship crown**

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## Groundbreaking ceremony held for water tower

■ Officials thank everyone involved in Thompson Road/Southern Lakes Water Initiative

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — On Monday, Oct. 30, the Genesee County Drain Commission held a groundbreaking ceremony at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 370 facility on Thompson Road for the elevated storage tank that is critical to the success of the ongoing multi-jurisdictional water project.

Phase one of the Thompson Road/Southern Lakes Water Initiative is nearly done.

“This is the largest expansion of the water system since the water system was developed,” said Jeff Wright, drain commissioner.

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Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Oct. 30 held by the Genesee County Drain Commission for the elevated water storage tank that will be built on the northeast corner of the Fenton and Thompson roads intersection. The water tank is part of the Thompson Road/Southern Lakes Water Initiative, which will bring municipal water to properties in Fenton Township, Mundy Township and Linden. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Council approves road work costs

■ E. Street paving and miscellaneous sanitary sewer repairs covered

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved costs for construction services

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## Veteran's Memorial Dedication rescheduled

■ Pushed out to Memorial Day 2024 to accommodate as many people as possible

The city of Fenton has announced a change in dates for the dedication of the

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# Dort Financial Credit Union opens first branch in Oakland County

By Jim Newell

**Orion Twp.** — For 70 years, Dort Financial Credit Union has had the mission to serve the needs of the communities in which they operate, and now the credit union has turned its sights on Orion Township.

Dort Financial opened a new branch location on Brown Road in Orion Township, and President and CEO Brian Waldron said the credit union wanted to expand and Orion Township was the perfect fit for the credit union, its employees and the Orion community.

“We can serve all citizens in the state of Michigan. As we look at our demographics and our products and services and who we can serve best, it just made sense to move south from where we currently are,” Waldron said. “As we looked at the different areas, Orion Township popped right up on our radar with everything that’s happening in this area. It just made a lot of sense for us. We do have members who are current members of the credit union who live and work down here, and again that was part of our plan.”

This is Dort Financial’s first location in Oakland County and 11th overall. The



Dort Financial Credit Union President and CEO Brian Waldron (left) and Wayne Natzke, chair of the DFCU board of directors, cut the ribbon during an Orion Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 19 at the new facility on Brown Road in Orion Township. **Photo by Jim Newell**

credit union began in the Flint area and now has eight locations spanning Genesee County, as well as branches in Owosso, Lapeer and now Orion Township.

“This will be open to anyone who lives, works, worships or does business in the state of Michigan,” Waldron said.

Dort Financial is a full-service credit union providing a full range of banking and financial services. Membership is open to everyone in the greater Orion area.

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credit union also offers investment advising, a wide range of loans, credit card services and a friendly, knowledgeable staff to assist members.

“I think one of the great highlights is that we have a great staff here and they’ve been here for quite some time training and getting ready to open the branch. They’re very personable and friendly, so we’re looking forward to helping members with any of their financial needs.”

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## Sharin' the Spotlight

## November – the month of giving thanks

By Editor Sharon Stone

**C**an you believe it's already Nov. 1? It seems like only weeks since we put our pontoon in the water. They've always said as you age, the days, weeks and years just seem to fly by. I believe that to be a true observation.

Nov. 1 has a lot of meaning to me. First of all, I have to say happy birthday to my beautiful daughter. I can't wait for our family's get together to celebrate her. Looking back to when she was born, I remember the day prior vividly since it was Halloween. Her due date was nearly a week out so I decided to walk her big brother, who was just shy of his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, through our neighborhood in downtown Flint to do his trick-or-treating while my husband handed out candy. I made her brother a dinosaur costume and it was just so cute. Yes, I know how to sew and it's a great skill to have. Well, trick-or-treating was going quite well until we got about three blocks from our home and I heard that little voice saying, "Me no walk." I picked him up and carried him all the way back to our house. As luck would

have it, contractions started the next morning and by the end of the day, our family had grown by one.

Nov. 1 also is my parents wedding anniversary. My mom and dad got married in 1952 after meeting through a blind date. We grew up in Royal Oak. My dad passed away in 2004 at the age of 75, however, my mom is still doing quite well at 93. If he was still here, they would be celebrating their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. I'm so thankful that she's very well cared for at Provision Living, just a few hundred feet from my office. Although I miss my dad dearly, I'm so thankful to still have her here to see her grandkids and now great grandkids.

As I awoke today, I was so thankful to have my son back in Fenton. He's been gone for six years, but thankfully, a better job offer up here convinced him it was time to say good-bye to Miami. I also have a hunch that he missed his family and old friends too.

The wife of one of my cousins in southern Illinois starts her month of giving thanks by posting a message



Sharon Stone

on her social media of something for which she is thankful. I appreciate her posts and they make you stop for a moment to realize how much we all have to be thankful for if we look for it.

As we all sort through our Halloween candy and store away our costumes and decorations, to me that's a reminder that we're now heading into the busiest time of year with Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations.

To warm your heart and express how thankful you are, consider volunteering at one or more of several organizations in the tri-county area. There are many.

For starters, Fenton Center of Hope has many volunteer opportunities within their programs and services. Go to their website at [fentoncenterofhope.org](http://fentoncenterofhope.org) or call (810) 620-8167.

The Barn and Warda Foundation needs volunteers for their Thanksgiving CommUNITY Lunch on Thanksgiving Day, which provides a full Thanksgiving Day dinner at The Barn

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

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**How do you connect with the students?**

Connecting with students is my main focus. Building relationships and those genuine connections are what my job is all about. One of the ways I connect with students is spending one on one time with them, meeting them where they are at, getting to know what they like and dislike.

**How do you motivate the students?**

I motivate students by advocating for them. I advocate for students to receive the services they need. I work hard to teach students the skills they need to communicate, cope, and continue to achieve their goals in the school setting. I motivate students by making sessions fun, building positive relationships, and providing verbal praise. I work hard to know my students well so I can motivate them in the ways that will work best.



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**Dollar Tree proposed to be built in Linden**

■ Store could be built across from Alpine Marketplace

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — On Monday, Nov. 6, the Linden Planning Commission is expected to review the final site plan for a proposed Dollar Tree that could be built at 495 W. Broad St., two parcels away from Dollar General and across from Alpine Marketplace, in Linden.

Wolgast Acquisition Corporation is planning to build the store at 495 W. Broad St. which is the current site of Schultz Landscape & Design. Wolgast, which is based in Saginaw, has an agreement to purchase the property from Steven Schultz.

The Dollar Tree preliminary site plan was approved at the Sept. 5 Linden Planning Commission meeting. Adam Young, city planner, said the applicant submitted a final site plan, which will be on the planning commission agenda on Nov. 6.

An empty parcel separates Dollar General from this site.

Daniel Cusson, chairperson of the planning commission, said he was not at the September meeting. He (WHO?) said the planning commission cannot deny a

site plan application because of two or 10 similar stores in a row.

“That is up to those individual businesses to have a plan. I think it is great for the city that properties are being developed. Hopefully the businesses last and thrive. If they don’t, it clears the path for another business to come in with infrastructure in place,” he said.

This 3.77-acre site is zoned general commercial district (GC). Retail sales is a principal permitted use in this zoning

district. The existing building and other amenities at the site will be removed and replaced with a new 9,870 square foot Dollar Tree with 41 parking spaces.

“Related site improvements will include a driveway, off-street parking lot (41 spaces), sidewalk, landscaping, lighting, utilities, and a stormwater detention system,” according to the meeting minutes.

Wolgast Corporation has not responded to requests for comment.

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The team at Tri-County Times/View Newspaper Group proudly handed over a check for \$7,500 to FARR (Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network Inc) on Monday. The money was raised at the fifth annual Bottles, Brews & News, View Newspaper Group's craft beer and wine fest, which features craft beer, hard seltzer and wine samples, live music and food. Hundreds of people attended, enjoyed live music and sampled drinks. Held in September each fall, the event has raised a total of more than \$28,500 for FARR since its start. On hand for the ceremonial check presentation Monday was Tri-County Times Editor Sharon Stone, Marketing Specialist Bridget Koldeo, Brand Manager Emily Caswell, FARR volunteer Carla Juarez, FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek, View Newspaper Group Graphics Manager and Tri-County Times General Manager Jen Ward and View Newspaper Group Advertising Director Pete Clinton. Keep an eye out for details on the 2024 event, which will return next fall to downtown Fenton's Rackham Park. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



### STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

A simple definition of the word "statute" is "a law enacted by a legislature." There are literally thousands of federal and state statutes.

Usually statutes don't present any issues even though they can be complex and difficult to understand. However, there are times when statutes must be interpreted to determine their meaning.

There are three categories of when statutes must be interpreted: drafting errors, changed circumstances, and incomplete rules.

Drafting errors include typos and errors arising from textual mistakes or inferences.

Changed circumstances are situations where the meaning and application of certain words changes over time.

Incomplete rules refer to situations where a legislature couldn't foresee all possible circumstances or cases where a statute is meant to be applicable.

The rules of statutory interpretation are called "canons." A canon is a rule.

The following are some selected canons, including some with Latin phrases (because I like Latin and its precision).

If the language of a statute is clear and unambiguous, the statute is to be interpreted as written.

The use of the same words in the same statute should be interpreted alike. Where different words are used in different parts of a statute, it is presumed that a different meaning was intended to apply to each word.

Statutes are presumed to be constitutional.

Statutes must be construed to give meaning to all language used in the statute. The legislature is presumed to not include unnecessary language in legislation.

Now for the Latin.

Statutes that relate to the same subject must be read together ("in pari materia") as constituting a unified whole.

"Noscitur a sociis" (it is known from its associates). The meaning of words may be indicated or controlled by those with which they are associated.

"Ejusdem generis" (of the same kind). This refers to the legal principle of interpreting ambiguous words in a statute by looking at the words that come before them.

I'll stop here as there are numerous other canons that I could cite but space does not permit.

The point to all of this is that statutory interpretation is not easy and is just as hard as it looks.

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# Fenton escape room approved

■ Fenton Planning Commission approves special land use permit

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The Fenton Escape Room is coming to Fenton.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Fenton Planning Commission approved a special land use request for the facility, which will be at 1439 N. LeRoy Street.

Owner John Buterakos said there's a lot of cool restaurants in the area and an escape room is something the community needs.

"They're a lot of fun and there's no age limit," he said. "You go in a room for an hour and there's like 25 to 30 clues or something you got to solve as a group... usually, it's a three out of five difficulty so they're not impossible but they're not super easy either."

They will have six rooms to start. If it gets busy, Buterakos said there's an empty suite next door and they could expand. They did research across the country and found that the average escape room facility has six rooms.

The theme of the rooms will change on average every six months. One theme is a cabin in the woods in which it's completely dark and participants use flashlights. Other themes include a zombie apocalypse and murder mysteries.

Buterakos said there are "so many scenarios."

"It's a lot of fun," he said. This activity is for family, friends and businesses. Buterakos said they have a lot of interest from businesses seeking team building opportunities.

"Businesses will come in with their staff and they do it as a group, trying to build team building," he said.

He hopes to open in January.

Justin Sprague, vice president of CIB Planning, Fenton's planning consultant, said they reviewed the special land use standards and found that they were in compliance.

They felt that this use would not generate excessive traffic or noise. Even during the busiest times, he said, that parking lot will be large enough to

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## Walmart celebrates completed remodel with ribbon cutting

Walmart Supercenter on Owen Road in Fenton celebrated the completion of its remodel with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 27. Store Manager Laura Wimbrow thanked the store employees and the customers. Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the store. Walmart announced the donation of \$1,000 to the Lake Fenton Music Boosters, \$1,000 to Snuggle Sacks and \$2,000 to the Fenton Pride Collective. Photos: Hannah Ball



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## ESCAPE

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accommodate the traffic generated by the Fenton Escape Room.

One condition the city set was no external activities as well as requiring that approvals from applicable consultants and agencies need to be granted prior to the space being used as an escape room facility.

Fenton Township resident Ed Koledo spoke in favor of the facility.

"I think it's a great idea that you guys are considering this and you got a recommendation to approve because this is kind of thing I think we need — more fun things to do," he said.

## ROAD WORK

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and miscellaneous sewer repairs related to some local road repairs. The meeting was held Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The regularly scheduled Monday, Oct. 23 meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25.

City council approved the costs associated with the scope of construction services provided by Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM), the city's engineering consultants, for paving of N. East Street and Ninth Street. There also will be miscellaneous sanitary sewer repairs on N. East Street and State Road, where construction engineering and contract administration will be performed on an hourly basis for a not-to-exceed cost of \$85,500.

Construction oversight is provided at a cost of \$124,800.

The city had approved the change order with Waldorf & Sons, Inc. 2022 Local Street Program contract at the Aug. 28 city council meeting, where the additional work effort will cost \$1,119,815.

Geotechnical material testing services are estimated at \$22,000 and will be presented to city council separately.

Since the change order for this work was previously approved on Aug. 28, construction on the project began last month. The project is expected to be substantially completed by the end of November.



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## MEMORIAL

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highly anticipated Veteran's Memorial at Fenton Freedom Park.

Creating a peaceful space to honor veterans in the city of Fenton has been a priority for many years. Ground broke in Freedom Park in September and crews began to install the tributary monuments, dedicated bricks, landscaping and a specially designed statue.

A dedication date of Nov. 11 was chosen before construction began.

The Fenton Veteran's Memorial Committee is committed to ensuring the park is accessible to all and the dedication ceremony is held on a day that holds special meaning to our veterans and service members.

To accommodate as many people as possible for the ceremony, the date of the Fenton Veteran's Memorial at Freedom Park Dedication will be moved to Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

Information about the event as well as construction progress will be posted regularly on the city's website



The curvy pathway shown here (2) at the Veteran's Memorial will display engraved bricks people have purchased for a loved one who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Veteran's Memorial Committee expects to hold a grand opening of the memorial on Memorial Day 2024.

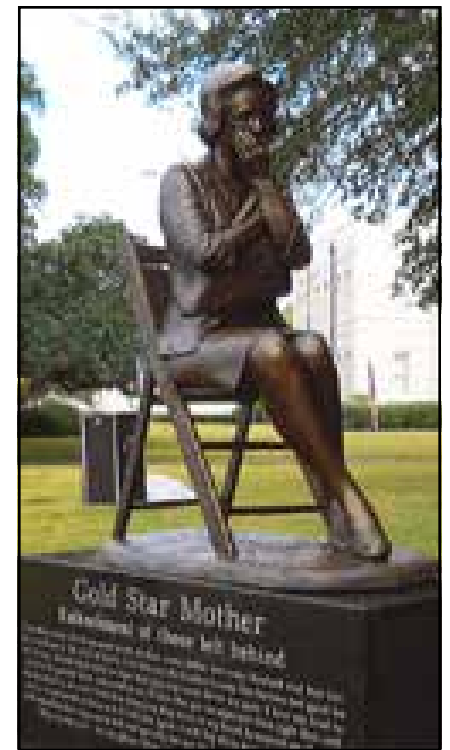
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Project donors can expect an updated and personalized invitation to the public ceremony by mail at a later date.

City officials thank everyone for their patience as it navigates a regularly

changing construction schedule and Michigan's weather to bring this highly anticipated memorial to this community.

Questions can be directed to Tessa Stickel, communications coordinator for the city of Fenton at (810) 629-2261.



A Gold Star Mother sculpture by Tom White Studios, Inc., similar to the one shown here, will be installed at the Veteran's Memorial in Fenton Freedom Park.



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## PATHWAY

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lease on property the state owns in Fenton Township.

Easements were negotiated individually following the method required by the state. Koledo said, "Basically, it was the value of the land for a square foot and the number of square feet the pathway would take running across the individual property."

He added that on some properties, there were additional circumstances the owner would endure due to the construction of the pathway. He said some donated their easement.

The cost of individual easements ranged between \$0 and \$92,460.

Koledo said payment of the easements is one of many steps toward completion of The State Bank Trail. The LAFF Pathway Inc. (LAFF) group continues their efforts to raise funds for the project, to include the easements.

The Fenton City Council approved transferring funds that were already raised by LAFF to cover the checks SLPR wrote for the easement agreements.

"We are currently in the process



(Left) In May 2021, Central Elementary School students walk on the new LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathway along Silver Lake Road for the first walk to Central Elementary School. (Right) In September 2021, members of The State Bank, LAFF Pathway and Fenton City celebrate a \$500,000 gift from The State Bank for the construction of a two-mile section of the non-motorized pathway called The State Bank Trail. **Times file photos**

of getting final approvals from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)," Koledo said. "With those approvals and the easements, we will be in a position to move to the next phase of the project, construction bidding."

Residents are advised to watch for LAFF and SLPR fundraising initiatives

this fall, winter, and spring to help close the gap in funding.

"We are almost there," he said. "We want to thank The State Bank, the Michigan Trails Fund, DMK/Charter Senior Living, the Graff Family Foundation, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint - Fenton Community Fund, Hurley Medical Center, Lasco Ford, Vic Canever, Randy Wise, Al

Serra, the George Fund, the DALMAC Fund, and the countless supporters of the LAFF fundraisers over the years (including Flannel and Furs) contributing toward making safe, non-motorized transportation a community priority."

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## GROUNDBREAKING

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Phase one of the project entailed installing water mains at the Fenton Township and Mundy Township line on Fenton Road and continued south on Fenton Road to Thompson Road. The project continued west on Thompson Road and will extend to the area around the U.S. 23 ramps.

Clean up work needs to be done and driveways need to be fixed before phase one is officially done.

In phase two, water mains will be installed on Torrey Road south to Lahring Road, then west to Jennings Road and then north to Thompson Road. In phase three, which is the final phase, the project continues west on Lahring Road to Ripley Road where it will connect to the Genesee County Water System and Linden City water infrastructure.

The total cost of the project is \$10,960,000. The county has given about \$9 million to the project in American Rescue Plan Act funds. The project also received a state grant.

The elevated water storage tank will be built at the northeast corner of Fenton and Thompson roads.

"This water tower is very important for many reasons. It will make sure that folks have consistent water pressure even when we lose power in these areas," Wright said.

He said Linden had multiple reasons to join the system, including seeking "one of the finest sources of water," which is Lake Huron, the changing state regulations, the cost of upgrading water infrastructure,

"Not only does this bring them very high quality water, it saves the residents of Linden money on their bill," Wright said. "Linden is a welcome partner in this."

Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine thanked everyone who helped make this project happen.

"Eight out of 10 of our wells were five times the federal limit for arsenic. It was an important project for me when I became supervisor," he said.

He thanked Shaun Shumaker, county commissioner and former Fenton Township trustee, and the union workers.

"Phase two is starting. Now that's probably the most exciting for me," Lorraine said. "Every school in Fenton Township will now have safe drinking water."



Clockwise from above are Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright, Genesee County Commissioner Shaun Shumaker and Mundy Township Supervisor Tonya Ketzler. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

"The tower is a very important part of the project as it will allow the pressure that's needed for phase two expansion throughout Fenton Township and also going all the way down to the city of Linden," Lorraine said. "The people that you vote in locally are the ones that make it happen."

This project gave the township an opportunity to expand the Thompson Road Corridor. Lorraine said demand for development in the area increases every day. He thanked State Rep. Mike Mueller, who arranged for Lorraine to give a presentation in front of state legislators about the need to expand the Thompson Road bridge that crosses over U.S. 23. The state gave \$10 million for this project. The bridge designs are complete.

Mundy Township Supervisor Tonya Ketzler said, "This is what good government is. This is what collaboration is. This is what the future of public spending should be... We're glad to be a part of this project."

Shumaker said his goal is to help local municipalities stay on the right track.

Beverly Brown, Genesee County commissioner, said this project is going to encourage expanding businesses and bring well-paid construction jobs to the county. She mentioned the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Woman in Skilled Trades program, which she recently helped expand into Genesee County.



Wright thanked the YMCA which allowed them to utilize the piece of the property for the water tower. He also thanked the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 370, elected officials, Rowe Engineering, Wade Trim Engineering,

Lawrence Engineering, the fabricators, American Pipe, Ferguson Pipe, and others.

"This is a great project," Wright said. He stressed that the ARPA funds made this possible.

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Dort Financial Credit Union executives presented a \$2,500 check to the Orion Community Foundation on Thursday. (From left) DFCU Community Relations Coordinator Nicole Sterling, Orion Township Trustee Matt Pfeiffer, Orion Township Trustee Julia Dalrymple, Orion Community Foundation Board member Ryan Skalneck, DFCU President/CEO Brian Waldron. **Photo by Jessica Gaul**

### DORT

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Another of Dort Financial's missions is to support the community they serve by volunteering and giving back.

During a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony on Oct. 19, Dort Financial executives presented a \$2,500 check to the Orion Community Foundation, Orion Township's new foundation that will distribute funds to area nonprofits, community and those in need.

Orion Township Trustee Matt Pfeiffer accepted the check on behalf of the community foundation.

"This obviously shows commitment by Dort to our community, and we welcome you," Pfeiffer said. "We really, really appreciate it. With the funds that we receive we're going to be working throughout the community in various ways for community improvements, scholarships, helping to support community events and working with our partners in the community to help make Orion even better than it already is."

DFCU Community Engagement

Coordinator Nicole Sterling launched the credit union's volunteer program, saying employees have really embraced the effort.

"Community also means the opportunity to give back. It's a huge part of our workplace culture," Sterling said. "And I'm happy to say that (employees) showed up. Year to date, we have 1,737 hours of community service."

"We're just excited to start being involved in the community within Orion Township. So, not only are we going to be able to help with all their financial needs, we're out here volunteering our time and hours and even making donations across Orion Township. We're excited about that," Waldron said. "Our tagline has been 'Fulfilling dreams and serving communities for over 70 years' and we truly do that wherever we're located."

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*Jim Newell is the managing editor of the Oxford Leader and Lake Orion Review.*

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to anyone who wants to attend. They also need volunteers for their Project Santa. They have information on their Facebook page, plus at [thefentonbarn.com](http://thefentonbarn.com) or call (810) 354-8889.

The Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) and Fenton schools are collecting food or cash for their Stuff the Bus program. Check

them out at [farmnetwork.org](http://farmnetwork.org).

Churches continually need volunteers to help others in the community. If you call your local school or police department, I'm sure they can connect you to groups that need volunteers or donations.

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Happy month of Thanksgiving.





Holly's Kendall Drake runs for one of his two touchdowns against Auburn Hills Avondale. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Holly leads at half, but falls to Avondale in playoff opener

By David Troppens

**Auburn Hills** —The first half went pretty well.

The Holly varsity football team was looking to get its first playoff victory in school history, and led at halftime of its Division 3 playoff opening contest at Auburn Hills Avondale by a 17-12 margin.

The Bronchos were 24 minutes away from getting that all elusive first playoff win.

The Bronchos still played hard in the second half, but one thing killed them. It was turnovers. Holly turned the ball over three times in the second half, resulting in a tough 36-26 loss against the Avondale Yellow Jackets. The loss means the

Bronchos have come close to getting that first playoff victory in each of the last two seasons. Last season it was a tight loss at Fenton that kept them from getting it. The season also ended with a 6-4 mark. The six wins represent the first time the Bronchos have won that many games in more than a

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# Sports Times

## Tigers capture Metro championship crown

■Fenton dominates Stars foe Lake Fenton in three sets of title contest

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — It's been an outstanding Flint Metro League season for the Fenton varsity volleyball team.

The Tigers were the only team in either division to fly through the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record.

Playing on their home court against area rival and two-time Stars Division champion Lake Fenton, it seemed like the Blue Devils could give the Stripes Division champions a good test. If it was a test, the Tigers passed it with an A+ grade.

The Tigers dominated the championship match from the opening service to the final hit earning an impressive 25-12, 25-14, 25-10 victory against the Blue Devils, earning the outright Flint Metro League championship.

"It feels amazing," Fenton senior Lily Turkowski said. "I've been on this team since my sophomore year and we've come close but haven't made it, so it feels good to make it my senior year. ... We just really connected this last match. ... It

was amazing."

"It feels like all of the hard practices were worth it," Fenton junior Megan Gornick said. "I think that's the most we've played together. We pushed our mistakes away. We didn't let one after another happen. ... We had a lot of energy radiating off of each other."

"We've grown as a team and not as individual people," Fenton sophomore Eva Long said. "And I just think it shows that we are all in."

"I'm super proud of them," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jenna Long said. "They came out with a ton of energy and they wanted to win. Like we always talk about, controlling our side, and that's what they did. I mean they were fun to watch. Our bench was exploding every time which carried over to the court, and, we had a lot of big hits. And they served tough too."

Lake Fenton wasn't playing at full capacity, but the truth was no one was going to stop the Tigers on Thursday night. Anchored by setter Eva Long,



the Tigers' diverse and talented offense pounded down 34 kills while recording just eight hitting errors all night long. It was tough knowing where the Fenton attack was going to come from. Seven players had kills

and no one had more than eight. Anna Logan had eight while Gornick was close behind with seven. Meanwhile, Long had eight kills of her own while setting the offense.

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Linden's Ian Martin qualified for the D2 state meet at a regional event on Saturday. He's pictured here at another event. Photo: David Troppens

## Linden girls XC qualify for state meet

By David Troppens

It was a nice day at the Holly Division 2 regional at Springfield Oaks for the Linden varsity girls cross country team.

It was really special for Linden junior Chloe Josephson.

The Eagles won the team regional crown and Josephson won the regional individual title, earning the squad a spot in Saturday's D2 state meet held at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway.

Linden's girls won the meet with 42 points, scoring their

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Fenton's Nina Frost is headed to the D1 state cross country meet. Photo: David Troppens

## Fenton's Frost headed to Division 1 state XC meet

It was a tough day at the D1 regional cross country meet at Springfield Oaks County Park, as only one individual earned an invitation to the D1 state meet at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

Fenton's Nina Frost earned an individual spot by taking 16th in the women's race with a time of 20:00.46.

Fenton's girls and Holly's boys placed seventh in the team standings. The Holly girls took 10th and the Fenton boys placed 11th.

The Fenton girls other individual scorers were Catherine Borg in 39th (21:32.21), Taryn Craven in 44th (21:52.61), Caeyln Bono in 55th (22:17.41) and Izzy MacCaughan in 56th (22:23.46).

The Holly girls were led by Maddie Lindley in 26th (20:47.34). The rest of the Broncos' scoring five were Miah Randall in 50th (22:01.82), Taylor Byrne in 65th (23:00.04), Olivia McDowell in 66th (23:07.63) and Devon Byrne in 67th (23:07.95).

Holly's boys were led by Trevor Murphy in 33rd (17:26.86).

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# Blue Devils lead early, lose to Freeland, 40-13

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity football team had the ideal start for its D4 road playoff football game with Freeland on Friday.

The Blue Devils scored the first TD of the contest and the last one, but allowed 40 unanswered points in between, resulting in a 40-13 loss to Freeland.

The Blue Devils (6-4) had a strong first possession. Starting at its own 15, Lake Fenton got a big 42-yard completion from JJ LaVallier to Carson Haddad, moving the ball to the Freeland 43. A 10-yard completion to Clay Cook and a 23-yard completion to Murphy Conley moved the ball to the Freeland 6. Three plays later, Camden Fray scored on a one-yard TD run. Ashton Hunter kicked the extra-point and Lake Fenton led 7-0.

However, Freeland scored two TDs before the first quarter was over. Freeland's run game provided 349 rushing yards and the guy who usually scored the TDs was Sam Talaga. He scored on an eight-yard run for Freeland's first score. He also scored the two-point conversion, giving Freeland an 8-7 lead. On its next possession Talaga scored on a seven-yard run. Jake Metiva completed the two-point conversion pass to Brady Shavmoch, and the Blue Devils trailed 16-7.

The Falcons scored two more TDs in the second quarter, and both had Talaga's name on them. He scored the third Freeland TD on a 45-yard interception return for a score, and then scored the fourth on a on-yard TD run. In each case, he also ran in the two-point conversion. The

Falcons led 32-7 at the half.

Brayden Petre scored Freeland's fifth TD on a 41-yard run. The two-point conversion pass from Metiva to Tristan Comer put the Falcons up 40-7.

Lake Fenton had one last scoring drive. Starting on their own 36, the Blue Devils took eight plays to hit paydirt. Fray hit LaVallier for an 18-yard completion and Luke Boyce had a 19-yard run, setting up the Blue Devils' one-yard TD run by Camden Fray.

The Blue Devils (6-4) have dealt with many injuries.

"It was a tough ride, but so much fun. There was never a dull moment," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "Other than the New Lothrop game, the kids brought it."



Lake Fenton's JJ LaVallier threw a TD pass to Carson Haddad. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Tigers fall behind early, lose to DeWitt in playoffs

By David Troppens

As has been the case each of the final two weeks of the regular season, the Fenton varsity football team got off to a slow start against a strong opponent.

And for the third time, that slow start cost the Tigers a chance to truly compete for a victory in the second half. DeWitt scored the game's first 35 points, and never looked back, earning a 56-28 home D3 playoff victory against the Fenton Tigers on Friday.

DeWitt scored three first-quarter TDs. One on an 80-yard TD run by Traverse Moore, and the second on a 45-yard TD

opass from Elliott Larner to Abram Larner. The final one came on a Moore one-yard TD run after a Fenton fumble.

Life didn't get too much easier for Fenton in the earlier parts of the second quarter. Abram Larner scored DeWitt's fourth TD on a 27-yard run with 10:50 left, and Robert Lilly had a four-yard TD score on DeWitt's next possession. DeWitt led 35-0 with 6:26 left in the opening half.

To Fenton's credit, the offense came to life after that point. A 14-yard completion on a third-and-10 play from Noah Dotson to Christian Kilpatrick kept a drive alive, allowing the duo to combine for a 27-yard TD

reception. Fenton trailed 35-7 at the half.

Fenton's Nolan Alvord intercepted a pass on DeWitt's first possession of the second half, and the Tigers scored quickly. Dotson hit Kilpatrick for a second TD score Fenton trailed 35-14 with 11:18 left in the third quarter. Maybe there was time for a comeback? DeWitt ended those dreams with Moore's 12-yard TD run about 90 seconds later. Fenton trailed 42-14. Fenton scored one more TD in the third quarter. Kilpatrick and Dotson combined for a fourth TD reception, this time for a 95-yard score.

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## Eagles become area's second victim of Mason, 45-20

By David Troppens

The tri-county area doesn't mind if any team never sees Mason ever again.

A week after the Bulldogs defeated Fenton 49-20, the Linden Eagles had to travel to Mason for the first round of the D3 playoffs. Linden fared a tiny bit better, recording a 45-20 loss to the highly rated Bulldogs.

Mason scored the game's first 31 points and went into halftime leading 31-0. The Eagles played better in the second half, and got its offense going during the final 24 minutes, but it wasn't enough.

Mason (10-0) had four TDs and a field goal in the first half, but only one score in the first quarter. That one came about midway through it on a long TD pass from Carson Carswell to Kaleb Parrish. The extra-point kick made it a 7-0 Mason lead.

The second quarter is what blew the game open. The Bulldogs scored on a AJ Martell TD run, a 50-yard TD reception from Carswell to Martel and on a five-yard TD reception from Carsell to Derek Badgley. A Mason interception also set up a 44-yard

field goal by Tyler Baker. Linden did try a 49-yard field goal by Michael Bush in the first quarter, but the kick sailed just wide.

Linden had some offensive success in the third quarter. A Bush completion for 20 yards to Landon Jones and a 17-yard reception from Bush to Monty Keener helped set up Bush's one-yard TD run. Linden trailed 31-8. Mason answered back with a 57-yard TD run by Martel, but the Eagles answered back again as well.

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entire top five within the top 20 positions. Josephson won the event with a time of 19:35.39. Her best competition was her own teammate, Melody Meckstroth, who took second (19:45.28). Addison Josephson also finished within the top 10 taking sixth (20:11.20) while Sidney Shepard was 13th (20:35.83). Finally, Ava Fahrenkkopf was the Eagles' final team scorer, taking 20th (21:15.91). Linden's other runners were Reagan Brooks in 25th (21:46.28) and Riley Schweitzer in 45th (23:18.81).

In the boys race, the tri-county area had two other individual state qualifiers. Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion placed



The Linden varsity girls cross country won a regional championship at its D2 meet on Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

sixth (16:18.62), earning his spot. Linden's Ian Martin placed 11th (17:15.12), earning his individual spot. In the team standings, Lake Fenton took sixth while Linden earned seventh. The Lake Fenton girls also placed sixth.

The Lake Fenton boys were the area's top male team. After Pinion, Cooper Steckroth took 18th (17:51.13).

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## CROWN

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"Fenton was on fire," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Brent Maynor said. "I've watched them play a couple of times this season and they played really well. I give them all the props. They came in and really wanted it. Their blocking was insane."

"The girls are disappointed but we just talked about it and we are going to use this as an opportunity to get better."

The Tigers scored the match's first three points, the third on a block by Gornick, and never took their foot off the gas pedal. The lead grew to 10-2 after a Long assist on a Logan kill. Lake Fenton had six kills in the first set, but also had five hitting errors and four service errors. Set point eventually came on an Abigail Gonzales kill.

Lake Fenton did score the



Fenton celebrates after winning the Flint Metro League Championship game against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

Photo: Mark Bolen

first two points of the second set with a Gabrielle LaBonte kill and a Sophia Zalac block, but the Tigers responded with four straight points on back-to-back kills by Gornick, a block by Turkowski and a kill by Long. Lake Fenton cut the deficit to just one, twice. The second time came at 5-4 after a Fenton violation, but a kill by Logan and an ace by Victoria Henson

upped the lead to 7-4. Fenton slowly opened itself to a big lead off of 14 kills in the second set. Set point came on an ace by Marissa Frazier.

Fenton scored the first six points of the third set, with Gornick earning two blocks during that run. Match point was set up by consecutive aces by Long, eventually earning match point on a Lake Fenton hitting error.



Holly's Noah Mathis tries to run downfield during the Bronchos' loss to Avondale. (Right) Holly's Kendall Drake catches a touchdown pass. Photos: Mark Bolen

## HOLLY

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decade (2011).

"It's been a great season," Holly senior Boston Curtis said. "It's my senior year and this is my last year with the boys, and I did everything I could. I put in all the work in the offseason — 6 a.m. in the weight room. Sometimes stuff doesn't go your way, and tonight was just one of those nights."

"I will remember all of the family I made," senior Tony

Simmons said. "We all get together as a family and we all have each other's backs no matter what. It's something you can never forget."

"I'll remember all of the family I made here," senior Kendall Drake said. "We all love each other. We get into each other's faces every now and then, but it's all love. I'll never forget this team we had."

The game started out so well for the Bronchos. Avondale actually looked like it may strike first when it drove the ball deep

into Holly's end, but on a fourth-down play, Holly's Isaiah Searles earned a sack, giving Holly the ball at their own 28.

The Bronchos' offense took advantage. Holly drove 72 yards in six plays, scoring

on a 12-yard TD pass from Boston to Drake. It was set up by completions of 11 yards to Drake and 14 yards to Simmons. Andrew Cross made the extra-point and Holly led 7-0 with 6:09 left in the first quarter.

"I remember seeing the safeties flying over to cover Tony, so I just sat down and waited for the pass. Boston saw it, so he threw it to me."

Avondale responded with a TD drive during its next possession. The Yellow Jackets drove 63 yards in nine plays, scoring on a nine-yard run by Matthew Lloyd. Avondale missed the two-point play and trailed 7-6 with 8:56 left in the half.

Holly's offense answered back with a 58-yard 11-play TD drive. Curtis completed a 17-yard pass to Drake and an 18-yard pass to Keinen Melton, setting up a 16-yard TD pass to Drake. It was a reverse screen pass that had Drake running down the sideline until he score.

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# Obituaries

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## Ronald R Beebe 1945 - 2023

Ronald R Beebe - age 78, of Rose Township, passed away on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023. In recent years, he had battled COVID which very nearly took him, but he was a fighter. He returned home but never fully recovered. As a result, his last few months were spent at Woodland Park Senior Assisted Living in Flint. Ron was a lifelong resident of Rose Township on his family farm that was once a fruit orchard with one of the largest barns in Oakland County. Ron had worked at GM Buick Assembly Plant, UAW Local 599 for over 30 years and was able to enjoy retirement for more than 25 years. The most apt description of Ron is that he was a character. Everyone who met him would remember him from his colorful clothes to his coon skin and Captain Nemo hats that he loved to wear. He would frequently stop by for a chat or to tell you about a new interest that he had read about. His many hobbies included painting, model boats and submarines, model trains, and playing board games. He had a special love for "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." His own painting of "The Nautilus" was once hung in Disneyland, California. He also made a model of "The Nautilus" that required



thousands of hand tapped rivets and is over seven feet long! He was a member of the Detroit Model Railroad in Holly as well as the RC submarine and boat club. In addition, he loved to read and had a many and varied library of books. Furthermore, he had a keenness for both mythical and normal creatures. He always had a dog over his lifetime and housed many cats. Regarding mythical, he had much regalia including his large Bigfoot statue (cemented down after a few incidents) in his front yard. Ron always dressed the Yeti in the attire of the coming holiday. Ronald was preceded in death by his father, Elvin Beebe; mother, Florence Beebe (Cole), and his brother, Emerson. He is survived by his niece, Dorothy Carroll, and great nephew, John. He will be greatly missed by his special friends, the Konopka Family, John Wineland, Kevin Garth, Dennis Donovan and John Paul Maziarz and a great many other friends and acquaintances. Visitation will be at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, on Thursday, November 2 from 2 – 7 PM. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, November 3 at 11 AM in St. Mary Magdalen in Brighton. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

## Basil LaVerne Moore 1942 – 2023

Basil LaVerne Moore - age 81, of Holly, died on Friday, October 27, 2023. A visitation will be held on Friday November 3, 2023 from 2 – 9 PM at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. The funeral service will be held on Saturday November 4, 2023 at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Ortonville with Reverend Dr. Mark J. Hill officiating, with a visitation from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will take place in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West following the service. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).



# Obituaries

## Sandra Elaine "Sandy" Lemon 1939 – 2023

Sandra Elaine "Sandy" Lemon - age 84, of Fenton, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday,



Church in Troy. She also was a member of the Fenton Rotary Club and the Bayview Club. Surviving are her children, Lana (David)

November 3, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A livestream of the service will be available on Sandy's obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)). Steve Andrews will be officiating the service. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday, November 2 from 4 - 8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Pregnancy Resource Center, 3404 Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48503. Sandy was born October 8, 1939 in Buffalo, NY, the daughter of George Emmanuel and Pauline Elizabeth (Sherman) Bjorling. She was a 1957 graduate of Fenton High School and was crowned Ms. Fenton. She had resided in Fenton most of her life. Sandy retired from the Fenton Area Public Schools after 29 years of service as the Director of Nutrition. She was a former member of Kensington Community

Jones of Buford, GA, Steve (Susan) Lemon of Crockett, TX, Missy (Bill) Vincent of Fenton; grandsons, Daniel (Judy) Lemon of Pearland, TX, Joshua Jones of Roswell, GA, Christopher Lemon of Spring, TX, Zachary Jones of Cullowhee, NC; granddaughters, Chelsey (Austin) Langley of Middleville, MI, Morgan (Nicholas) DiMaggio of Metairie, LA, Paige Lemon of Austin, TX, Logan (Jeremy) Nolkemper of Fenton; great-grandchildren, Kennedy Lemon, Harrison Lemon, Beau Langley, Baylen Langley, Noah Langley, Keller Langley, Henry DiMaggio, Lucy DiMaggio, and Carter Nolkemper; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Edward and George Bjorling; sister, Myrna Feetham; daughter, Lisa. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Gage G. D. Peruski 1997 – 2023

Gage G. D. Peruski - age 26, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023. Gage will be deeply missed by friends and family. He is survived by son, Rayne; mother, Courtney (Greg) Clausen; sister, Sydney Clausen (Noah Allinger); grandmothers, Sherie Peruski and Chris Clausen; aunt, Constance Peruski; aunt, Sue Licholat; uncle, Ed Licholat, James Brown, John (Carol) Peruski, Larry (Linda) Peruski; Bernadette Hopkins (honorary), Jennifer (Darrel) Clausen Adams; cousin, Penelope Brown; honorary cousins, Jake Tinker, Lillian Hopkins, Ava Hopkins, Mya Hopkins; cousins, Trina Clausen Adams and Kaylyn Adams; along with many first and second cousins, and paternal parent, Gabe Darnell. Gage was most excited about being a new dad and the prospects of watching Rayne grow and sharing in his favorite pastimes which included cooking with family, spending money, skateboarding, fishing, hunting, listening to music and



vacationing. He had great plans for the two. One of his greatest achievements was overcoming dyslexia and having a career in the skilled trade industry as a machine and tool builder, just like his grandpa. Friends and family will remember him most by his great smile, beautiful blue eyes, generosity, and sense of humor. He lit the room up with his loud music, true religion wardrobe, hat collection and Jordans

to match. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, George Peruski; uncle, Tony Peruski; and grandfather, Gregory Clausen. The family would like to thank Cody Hopson, Haylei Woodyard, Dante Frank, and Jackie Woodyard for their lifelong friendship and support. A special thanks to the Idoni family. Visitation will be Saturday, November 4th, from 1 PM until a Time to Share Memories at 4 PM, at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, in Fenton. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Darrell Dean Tobias 1938 – 2023

Darrell Dean Tobias - age 85, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Friday, November 3, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held 11 AM until the time of service at 1 PM on Friday November 3. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Community Foundation of Fenton or Grand Blanc Fields Assisted Living and Mid-Michigan Hospice. Darrell was born August 9, 1938 in Flint, the son of Lawrence Smith Tobias and Beatrice Marie (Kirkpatrick) Tobias. In 1956, Darrell graduated from Beecher High School. He then studied at Mott Community College through the University of Chicago College of Traffic and Transportation Management. He married Annetta Meyer on September 3, 1960 in Flint. He was employed by CSX Railroad



as a superintendent, retiring in 2003 with 46 years of service. He was a member of Fenton Township Service Club, Lake Fenton Property Owners Association and the Moose Lodge. Darrell enjoyed golfing, boating, working in his yard and being with his family. His favorite places to visit were Bermuda and Myrtle Beach. Darrell is survived by his wife of 63 years, Annetta; sister, Wanda Brink; many nieces and nephews, many

great-nieces and great-nephews and many great-great nieces and great-great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Adella Wildman, Jean DeDominces, Joann Corleu, Betty Redman and Mona Beach; brothers, Robert Tobias and Leo Tobias. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).





## Midweek Crossword

**KING FEATURES**

**ACROSS**

1 Big mouth

4 Scoundrel

7 Actress Rogers

8 Underneath

10 Choir member

11 Loves to pieces

13 Woven containers

16 Raw mineral

17 Levels

18 Cistern

19 Pet food brand

20 Feel sorry for

21 Answers an invitation

23 Sandbox toys

25 Dandies

26 Billions of years

27 Simile part

28 Egypt's Mubarak

30 Pallid

33 Company codes used at a stock exchange

36 Journalist Bly

37 Bakery smell

38 Japanese wrestlers

39 Minnelli of "Arthur"

40 AOL rival

41 Tofu source

**DOWN**

1 Chop finely

2 Out of control

3 Spy's device

4 Fragrant wood

5 At — for words

6 Dweeb

7 Israel's Golda

8 Innocents

9 Cotton pest

10 Tango team

12 Sports figures

14 Eyeglass frames

15 Pigs' digs

17 Hosp. hook-ups

19 Hosp. hook-ups

20 Math ratios

21 Cello bow application

22 Parking spots

23 Shetland, for one

24 Cracker shapes

25 Corpulent

26 Road curves

28 Big wheels at sea

29 Hunter in the sky

30 Lightheaded

31 Mater lead-in

32 Code-breaking gp.

34 Heidi of "Project Runway"

35 Vivacity, in music

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## Midweek Sudoku

		6		4			1	
	3		9			8		
4				2	5			7
1				3			9	
		2	7					1
	6				8	3		
		8		7		4		
	1		5					9
5					4		6	

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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# Horoscopes

For the week of **October 30, 2023**

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, beware of misinformation and make an effort to form your own educated opinion. Take everything with a grain of salt and verify the facts.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
If someone is struggling right now, show some support or offer helpful words, Taurus. A small gesture can go a long way, even if you do not think it will have a major impact.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/June 21  
Gemini, if you are feeling out of sorts in a situation or do not know how to proceed, ask someone who has been in this situation before. It never hurts to ask for help.

**CANCER**  
June 22/July 22  
It is time to balance the energy between yourself and another person that has felt cumbersome, Cancer. Start with a conversation and discover if the other party is feeling the same way.

**LEO**  
July 23/Aug 23  
Leo, when you are full of self-confidence, others' actions do not bother you much. Those people can be arrogant or even abrasive and you'll be comfortable in your skin.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, ambition may be good for the workplace, but you need it in your personal life as well. Figure out some goals on a personal or even romantic level, and get started.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Be aware of someone who is trying to take advantage of you, Libra. Remind that person that you have strict limits. Never get pushed in a direction you do not want to go.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 23/Nov 22  
Scorpio, you do not have to change your plans or ambitions to what others want. Stick with your own ideas and goals and you'll be surprised at what you can accomplish.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
A friend might want to sell you on some big idea this week, Sagittarius. It may ultimately prove a sound venture, but you need to do your own research and figure things out for yourself.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Surround yourself with the best friends you can find, Capricorn. These people will have your back when a tricky situation pops up sooner than you might think.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, embrace any challenges that arise in the days ahead. You can be successful if you maintain your focus and prevent distractions from blocking your path forward.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, if everyone seems to be moving at a faster pace than you, you may feel pressured to speed up. Just keep working at a rate that is comfortable for you.

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