

67th District Court sues county board

■ Seeks to stop closures of outlying courthouses including one in Fenton

By Gary Gould

An attorney representing the 67th District Court has filed a lawsuit with the Michigan Court of Appeals seek-

ing an injunction against the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to stop the planned closings of the outlying courthouses.

Attorney John W. Fraser, with the Dykema Gossett PLLC law firm in Lansing, said he filed the lawsuit Monday after the board of commissioners failed to respond to a letter he sent them last

week demanding they halt plans to close the out-county courts and sit down with the judges to discuss other options.

Chief Judge Christopher Odette of the 67th District Court and the other district court judges retained the legal firm to represent them and sent a letter to the board of commissioners Nov. 6 calling on a halt to the plan to close the courts.

Fraser called the board's move to shutter the outlying courthouses an "unlawful and unconstitutional" attempt to "usurp the inherent authority of the judiciary" by way of a capital improvement plan.

At issue is an \$83 million capital improvement plan approved by the See **CLOSURES** on 12



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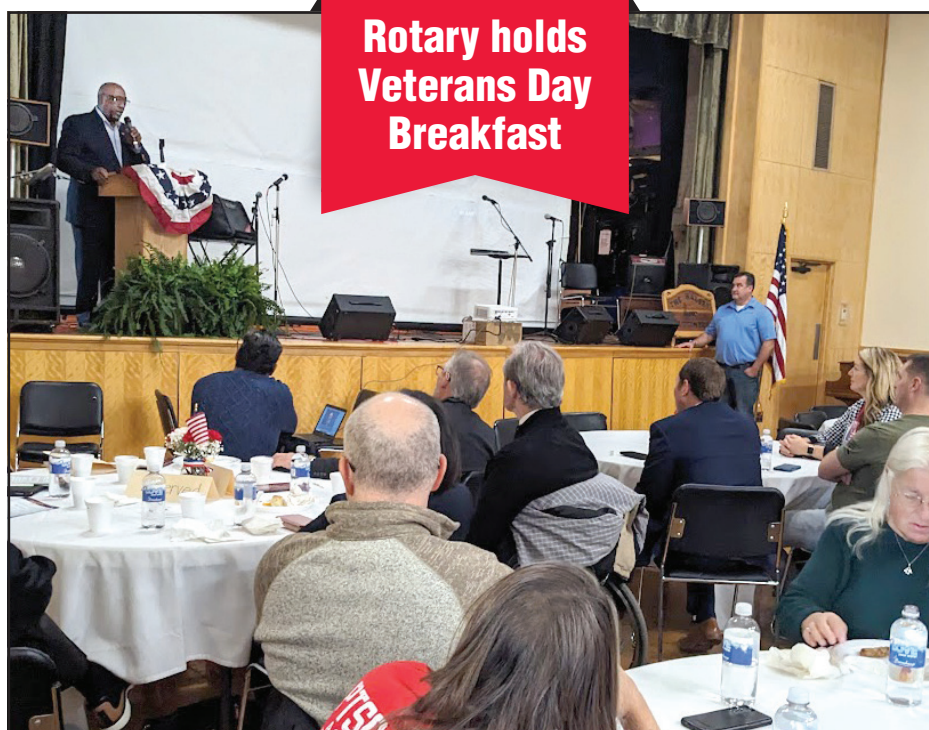
■ Jelly Roll, rapper/country music star to have graduation ceremony

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson could barely contain his excitement as he announced a Dec. 5 event at the Genesee County Jail and outside the jail at Fifth and Saginaw streets in downtown Flint.

On Dec. 5, the 57th annual CMA Awards New Artist of the Year winner Jelly Roll will make his way to Flint and the Genesee County Jail.

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Sgt. Phillip R. Wise speaks at the annual Fenton Rotary Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. See story and more photos on page 13. Photo: Hannah Ball

Gas line hit during street construction

■ W. High Street temporarily closed on Monday

By Hannah Ball

Fenton—Workers accidentally hit a gas line at the intersection of State Road and W. High Street in Fenton on Monday, Nov. 13 at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The city called Consumers Energy to fix the leak. Traffic on W. High Street was temporarily rerouted while the leak was fixed.

"Before any underground work takes place, MISS DIG identifies and marks utilities so they're not disrupted during construction. Around 2:30 p.m. yesterday, crews working hit an unmarked

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American Legion holds Veterans Dinner

■Annual event in Linden honors veterans

By Hannah Ball

More than 100 people attended the Linden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 119 annual Veterans Dinner on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Linden Masonic Lodge at 119 N. Bridge St.

The organization holds the event every year to honor Veterans Day, which was Saturday, Nov. 11.

“The event was an overwhelming success. It was so wonderful to be able to serve so many deserving veterans, active duty military and their families with a delicious meal, an emotional and heartwarming speech from American Legion 6th District Commander (Roger) Deaton, and ending the night with a raffle for prizes,” said Diane Alexander, treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 119.

During dinner, American Legion Post 119 Commander Jim Ramelis spoke about his past leading up to him becoming the new post commander. Pat Lozano, American Legion Auxiliary 119 president, and Jesus Lozano, past Post 119 commander, performed the Missing Man Table ceremony. Lozano and Alexander performed the Children



Attendees at the American Legion Veterans Dinner on Friday, Nov. 10 enjoyed dinner, listening to the guest speaker, raffles and more. **Photo: Bridget Koledo**

of Warriors Table ceremony.

They acknowledged and thanked the many businesses and organizations who contributed to making the dinner happen, Alexander said.

Alexander told the crowd about their annual Poppy Days, which are held during May. She presented Poppy Certificates of Appreciation to members of these businesses and

organizations who were in attendance and helped contribute to the dinner.

American Legion 6th District Commander Roger Deaton was the guest speaker.

To end the dinner, the organization held a raffle for all the veterans in attendance. Local businesses and organizations helped by contributing to the approximate 40 prizes.

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. This national holiday has been celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November since 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation.

As a tradition in our family, someone always volunteers to host Thanksgiving dinner at their house. Everyone in the extended family who is in town brings a dish or two to pass and they are welcomed with opened arms and lots of smiles. Our daughter is hosting this year and we can't wait to make new memories with our growing family that includes little ones of the next generation.

Usually, there is a pretty funny fail with someone's recipe. No one gets upset; it just leads to teasing forever in the most loving way. Homemade rolls I made 37 years ago still bring out a few jokes. When I was a kid, my mom made amazing yeast rolls and they just melted in your mouth. I figured anyone could make them. Wrong. I tried to be efficient and started the rolls at my own house by forming the rolls and letting them rise. They rose beautifully. I covered them with a towel and we made our way to our

Traditions make for cherished memories for families

in-laws and popped them in the oven to bake. Well, the time for transportation and a temperature change did something to the rolls and after they baked the right amount of time, we pulled them out of the oven and placed them in a basket on the table. They appeared to look fine. Our nephews thought they were the best, but only for rolling up into little dough balls and throwing them at each other. I still have not lived that down. I've never made them again either.

I can remember another time my brother-in-law made a layered salad. Instead of cauliflower for one of the layers, he put cabbage leaves. Again, it gave us something to laugh at and cherish for years.

Have you been noticing homes with their Christmas lights already glowing in the evening? I love it, but not having new lights bought, I feel behind in the game. I'm not too big with decorating for Halloween, and Thanksgiving usually just includes some colorful leaves and pumpkin scented candles. I can't figure out where everyone stores all of this stuff. I certainly don't have room.

Our Christmas lights were so messed up when we took them down last year



Sharon Stone

that we threw them all away. We figured we'd start with a fresh theme this year. I am so looking forward to stopping by one of our local stores to see what the latest outdoor decorations are and what colors are available. It sounds like we have some mild weather for the next week or so and this would be the perfect time to hang our new lights on our home and bushes. I do think, as following our tradition that even though the lights might be up, we won't turn them on until the day after Thanksgiving. Then, we are in full Christmas mode.

It's been nearly 25 years since we actually went to a tree farm to cut down our own tree with the kids. I miss that tradition, which included watching the tree machine shake all the dead needles and wrapping the tree in string. And, by the way, when you attach the tree to your vehicle's roof, make sure the trunk of the tree points to the front and the top of the tree points to the back of the vehicle. Yes, we might have lost a tree on Baldwin Road one year when we left Trim Pines tree farm.

We're restoring this tradition again this year and plan to go with our kids and grandkids to make a day to

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A SPECIAL THANK you to all the local businesses that provided meals and treats for the veterans on Veterans Day. Thank you.

I RECEIVED A Tri-County Times subscription for my birthday from a long-time TCT reader. She used to save the papers for me but now I get them delivered straight to my mailbox. It is the best, most thoughtful gift I have ever received. Thank you, Janice, for the amazing gift.

remember. I'm sure something will go wrong, however, in the Stone family, it just gives opportunities for rehashing funny memories and laughing until you cry.

We're also going to check out Greenfield Village's Christmas light display. I've never done this but heard it's an awesome trip.

I'd love to hear about your traditions. Write me at ssstone@tctimes.com if you have something fun, unique or unusual to share with the Times readers. Also, watch for the Times' Christmas section in next Wednesday's edition.

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

What movie or show is your favorite to re-watch? | streettalk



"Gilmore Girls! I have rewatched it at least a hundred times now!"

Abby Grace Holly



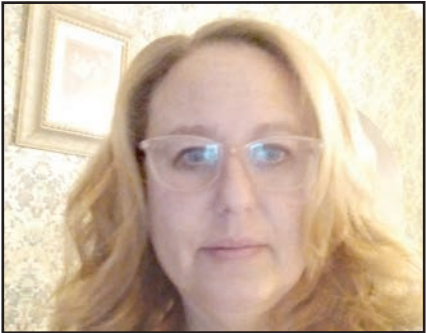
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HEIDI STRAUSS
and
CRYSTAL HILER

Heidi Strauss (left in photo) is in her third year as library clerk/technology aide at West Shore Elementary School and Crystal Hiler is a kindergarten teacher at West Shore. They work together on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) team projects.

How do you connect with students? Strauss said, "In a Young 5 to second grade building, it is easy to laugh with students, and we laugh a lot. I make an effort to learn all of the students' names as quickly as possible, but I am lucky they are so patient with me. Of course, it is easy to connect through books whether it be reading a book they like, getting to know their interests, letting them know when I have a book they might like, or made me think of them.

What do teachers need right now? Strauss said, "I believe what teachers need right now is trust. Educators study for many years, earning advanced degrees and specific certifications to become experts in their field — the same as a doctor, lawyer or any other professional. Just as we trust doctors to care for the health of their patients, teachers should be trusted to educate our students."

Tell us about a rewarding moment you've had with your students. Hiler said, "Kindergarten as a whole is rewarding because most kids come to school not being able to read and write a full story. By the end of the year, you can see how much they have grown and developed as learners. It is amazing and rewarding to see how far they have come! Kindergartners are also full of love."



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City approves franchise agreement

Internet provider expands, moves into Fenton area

By Sharon Stone

During its meeting on Monday, Nov. 6, Fenton City Council approved a non-exclusive Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Wide Open West Mid Michigan, LLC (WOW!). This agreement is required by state law.

In the coming months, WOW! will be expanding its network to include the city of Fenton. WOW!, based in Pottsville, Michigan, will offer its internet, video/TV and telephone services to the residents of the city once its construction and installation work has been completed.

As dictated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, WOW! is required to enter into a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with the city to establish the terms for WOW!'s operations in the city.

This franchise agreement is for 10 years. Before the expiration of the initial franchise agreement or any subsequent renewals, WOW! may apply for another 10-year renewal.

In this agreement, WOW! will need to designate a sufficient amount of capacity on its network to provide for the same number of public, education and government (PEG) access channels that are in actual use on the incumbent video provider system.

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Construction workers hit a gas line at the intersection of W. High Street and State Road in Fenton on Monday, Nov. 13. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

GAS LINE

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gas line while preparing the roadway. Consumers Energy was immediately contacted, and the Fenton fire and police departments barricaded the

area for resident safety. The break was repaired by Consumers Energy and all remaining utilities have been identified to avoid further confusion," said Tessa Stickel, communications coordinator and marketing manager of Fenton.



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Truth and honesty and the law
Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said “The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.”
In his play “All’s Well That Ends Well,” William Shakespeare wrote “no legacy is so rich as honesty.” These are words to live by.
When it comes to the law, truth and honesty play a vital role as everyone wants the parties in criminal and civil matters to live up to these standards.
Lawyers are specifically required to seek the truth and be honest.
This is seen in the Lawyer’s Oath to become a member of the Bar, and the Rules of Professional Conduct For Lawyers (the rules).
In Michigan, these rules became effective on Oct. 1, 1988. Previously

lawyers’ conduct was governed by similar rules in the Michigan Code of Responsibility and before that, the Michigan Canons of Professional Ethics.
There are 59 rules on a wide variety of subjects. The following are some selected examples of the requirements for truth and honesty by lawyers.
Rule 4.1 states: In the course of representing a client, a lawyer shall not knowingly: (a) make a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal or fail to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer.
Rule 3.3 states: A lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or lawyer’s services. A communication is false or misleading if it contains a material misrepresentation of fact or law or omits a fact necessary to make the statement considered as a whole not materially misleading.
Finally, Rule 8.2 states: A lawyer shall not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge, adjudicative officer, or public legal officer, or of a candidate for election or appointment to a judicial or legal office.

There are a number of other rules as to truth and honesty which are best summed up by the preamble to Rule 1.0 “A lawyer is a representative of clients, an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED
DOWNTOWN FENTON IS so charming and clean. Let’s keep it that way by picking up any litter you see when out and about.

WE WOULD LIKE to give a special thank you to Uncle Ray’s and all the businesses that participated in Veterans Day events. It was much appreciated.

LINDEN SENT OUT a survey and the majority of persons loved the small-town feel. Why then did Linden approve a Dollar Tree two doors down from Dollar General? Seems like a waste of money on the survey if the planning commission wasn’t planning on listening to the residents.

AFTER DRIVING AT the speed limit, a driver passed me on the right doing at least a 100 mph on U.S. 23. It was gratifying to see a few miles later when two state police cars had him pulled over. That made me smile.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DOES a person need to sit on the county commissioner board? Their recent attempt to move courts into Flint shows their ignorance. The locations of district courts were established by law. The commissioners can’t change that. Their reasoning is wrong. The state pays for their operation and expenses.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

BLOOD DRIVE
People are asked to donate blood on **Saturday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Holly. The blood drive will be held at Holly Calvary Church, 15010 N. Holly Rd., Holly. Recipients and their families will be thankful that you took just one hour of your time to save their loved one’s life in Michigan. Go to donate.michigan.versiti.org to schedule an appointment or contact volunteer Ellen Pease at (810) 265-4224. For every donation from Nov. 17-30, Versiti will make a monetary donation to select local Ronald McDonald House Charities up to \$40,000.

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DNR reminds hunters to report deer harvest online

Today, Wednesday, Nov. 15, is opening day of firearm deer season.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) reminds hunters across the state that deer harvest reporting is once again required this hunting season.

Now in its second year, mandatory harvest reporting of all deer is designed to provide the most efficient and effective data for deer management and conservation.

In 2022, 208,408 hunters submitted a harvest report, and nearly 83% of those hunters were able to complete their report in less than five minutes.

"We know Michigan's deer hunters care about quality hunting opportunities and healthy deer herds," said DNR deer, elk and moose management specialist Chad Stewart. "Each online harvest report takes just a few minutes but provides critical information about hunting experiences and deer abundance all over the state. That means better management recommendations for Michigan's deer population."

To facilitate the reporting process and ensure a smooth experience, the DNR offers these tips:

- Download the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app. The easiest and most convenient way to report a deer harvest is by downloading the official Michigan DNR Hunt Fish mobile app, signing in or creating an account, then entering the harvest report information.
- Have your hunting license/kill tag number ready. Before reporting a harvest, make sure to have the hunting license/kill tag number for the tag you physically placed on the deer. Taking a picture

of the tag with a smartphone can provide a helpful reference.

- Record the confirmation number. After submitting a harvest report, take a moment to wait for the confirmation number to appear, then be sure to write it down or capture a screen shot for your records.

Hunters also have the option to report their harvest online by using a computer or mobile device to access the reporting webpage at Michigan.gov/DNRHarvestReport.

To begin the report, enter your hunting license/kill tag license number and your date of birth.

If you happen to misplace your hunting license/kill tag number, you can log in to eLicense using your driver's license and birth date, or your user ID and password. Then, click on the Harvest Report tab to view the available tags for reporting. If you do not have an existing account, you will have the opportunity to create one to enter a harvest report.

For more information, visit the DNR deer harvest reporting webpage. If you require assistance or have questions, contact your local DNR customer service center or the main DNR Wildlife Division line at (517) 284-WILD (9453) during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The DNR thanks hunters for their contributions to natural resources conservation and wildlife management and encourages them to fulfill their responsibility to report their deer harvest and actively participate in conservation efforts.



(Above) Lillie Laskowski, 13, with her first 8-point buck bagged with her bow on Oct. 17. (Below) Lillie is with her father and hunting mentor Brent Laskowski. The deer was taken just two miles south of Fenton. The tag was attached just after her grandfather took these photos.



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Genesee Health Plan kicks off 2024 HealthCare.gov

■ Provides assistance for Genesee, Saginaw and Bay County residents

The 2024 Open Enrollment through the Federal Health Insurance Exchange, also known as HealthCare.gov (Affordable Care Act/Obamacare), began Nov. 1, and ends Jan. 15, 2024.

Through a three-year federal grant received from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Genesee Health Plan (GHP) will continue to provide enrollment services for the following health care coverage options, with staff available to help residents determine which plan to enroll in:

- **HealthCare.gov:** Open Enrollment through HealthCare.gov began Nov. 1 and ends Jan. 15, 2024.
- **Medicare:** Open Enrollment began Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7.
- **Healthy Michigan (Medicaid):** Healthy Michigan is a Medicaid program offered through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Visit GHP's web-

site for more information about Healthy Michigan. Enrollment is year-round.

• **Genesee Health Plan:** Genesee County residents who are at least 19 years old, do not have health insurance and meet the eligibility requirements may qualify for Genesee Health Plan coverage. Visit GHP's website for more information about its health plan. Enrollment is year-round.

"The continuation of the CMS grant allows us to provide more outreach, engagement, education and enrollment to those needing health coverage," said Jim Milanowski, GHP president and CEO. "Our priority is making sure community members in Genesee, Saginaw and Bay County know that we are here to help and have certified navigators to help them enroll in coverage that best fits their needs."

To help assist residents in Genesee, Saginaw, and Bay counties with questions about health care coverage, GHP hosted a Health Care Phone Bank on Nov. 2, staffed by volunteer operators from GHP, Greater Flint Health Coalition, Hamilton Community Health

Network and Valley Area Agency on Aging. Community members called in with questions ranging from Medicare to Medicaid and HealthCare.gov Marketplace.

"For our health care system to work, people must have access to affordable health in-

surance. Health plan, like Genesee Health Plan, make that possible, and I am grateful for their partnership in ensuring families get the care they need," said Congressman Dan Kildee. "In Congress, I will continue to deliver

federal resources home to ensure no mid-Michigan family has to choose between paying their medical bills or keeping a roof over their head."

In August 2021, GHP received a three-year federal Navigator Cooperative Agreement Award from the CMS to Support Navigators in federally facilitated exchanges. Under the grant, GHP will continue to help Genesee, Saginaw and Bay County residents enroll in health care coverage during 2024 Open Enrollment. GHP is one of 57 recipients nationwide and one of three organizations in Michigan to receive the grant for 2021-2024.

This project is supported by the CMS of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$324,365 with 31% funded by CMS/HHS (\$324,365) and 69% (\$722,497.12) funded by non-government sources with a total project cost of \$1,046,862. The contents are those of author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

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Jim Milanowski
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Davison Motor Sports hosts ribbon cutting and grand opening in Holly



Davison Motorsports, 15133 N. Holly Rd., Holly, held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Oct. 25. The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce helped the business celebrate with the ribbon cutting. Call (248) 328-6955 for details.

City approves additional engineering costs

■ **Donated LAFF Pathway funds to be used toward boardwalk along Silver Lake Road and Silver Lake**

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Nov. 6, Fenton City Council approved additional services for The State Bank Trail portion of the LAFF Pathway from Nowak & Fraus Engineers (NFE).

This is for the additional engineering that was requested by the permitting agencies for the boardwalk along the shoreline of Silver Lake Road. The cost is not to exceed \$22,556.

Funds are available in the Non-Motorized Trail Fund. All of the money in this fund is from donations for this purpose.

According to NFE, NFE completed grand inspection drawings that were submitted to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and permitting agencies for the required approvals to move this project through the bidding phase.

As a result of the findings and continued permit approval process with Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), it has been determined that a boardwalk will be required along the shoreline of Silver Lake Road and Silver Lake. Converting the design of this section of the pathway to a boardwalk will require additional design services.

NFE expects the final design will be completed within the next 90 days and that bidding with MDOT will occur in January or February.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU SHAUN Shumaker for be the voice of common sense for the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. Your lone opposition to consolidating the district courts is commendable.

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TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE GLADES I STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within The Glades I Street Lighting Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the installation, operation and maintenance of street lights in the first phase of The Glades condominium subdivision and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$2,980.25 in the first year and \$980.00 per year for each year thereafter.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular working hours of regular working days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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JELLY ROLL

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Jelly Roll, 39, whose real name is Jason Bradley DeFord, quietly earned his GED in 2007 at the age of 22 while incarcerated. Swanson said there was no recognition or graduation for the CMA award winner.

Through a short video following the CMA awards, the sheriff invited Jelly Roll to take part in his graduation ceremony inside the jail. Through the sheriff's I.G.N.I.T.E. program, graduation ceremonies are regularly held for inmates who complete their studies. A graduation for male inmates was held Nov. 14 and there will be a graduation for female inmates on Nov. 26.

"This is like the modern day Johnny Cash in jail," Swanson said. "A lot of people are Jelly Roll fans. People love a story of second chances. This will be a modern-day Folsom Prison."

The Folsom Prison reference harkens back to two concerts that country singer Johnny Cash performed at the lockup in 1968 and his hit song "Folsom Prison Blues."

Jelly Roll watched Swanson's video and responded with his own video where he said he and his colleagues would work it out. The singer also is set to perform later that night at Little Caesar's Arena for radio station Channel 95.5's Jingle Ball concert with Usher and others.

This event at the jail has been in the making for several months.

Swanson's I.G.N.I.T.E. program has caught the attention of many people including the hosts of the morning show at 99.5 WYCD Detroit's Country, Josh Holleman, Rachael Hunter and Steve Grunwald of the Josh, Rachael and Grunwald in the Morning show.

In addition to his radio job, Grunwald is a part-time marine deputy for Genesee County. He's also become friends with Jelly Roll. "There's so many connections," Swanson said.

Grunwald and Jelly Roll began talking and formed a friendship.

Following his concert at Pine Knob in August, Swanson filmed a short video asking Jelly Roll to come to



Following the 57th annual CMA Awards, New Artist of the Year winner Jelly Roll expresses his excitement and gratitude on his big win and becoming a role model for others who are seeking a second chance. **Submitted photo**



(Left) Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announces plans to bring in Jelly Roll, the award winning rapper/country music star, to the Genesee County Jail on Dec. 5. (Right) Jelly Roll, who's real name is Jason DeFord, will take part in his own high school graduation ceremony at the jail.



Flint so that he could show him what the I.G.N.I.T.E. program is doing for those incarcerated. In response, Jelly Roll recorded a video of himself and sent it to Swanson.

From those initial videos, all those involved began working to bring the singer to Genesee County.

The sheriff is convinced that Jelly Roll will inspire the inmates that when they "get out, do right, they too could become a mega star in country music."

Swanson said Thursday that Jelly Roll will get the graduation ceremony he deserves. He anticipates the singer to perform for the community just

outside the jail.

The sheriff said the law enforcement will work out details to ensure the event is safe and secure. "There's a lot of things to do, but we'll get it done right," he said.

Swanson also asked that anyone who wants to show their gratitude to the award winning musician for coming to Flint to visit Jelly Roll's social media and thank him for coming to the city and to let him know that he's loved in Flint.

About I.G.N.I.T.E.

On Sept. 8, 2020, Swanson of Fenton Township, alongside a group of community leaders, unveiled stacks of new Chromebooks that would help Genesee County inmates further their education. The then new I.G.N.I.T.E. program aimed at reducing the recidivism rate, which is the percentage of released prisoners who relapse into criminal behavior and return to jail. I.G.N.I.T.E. stands for Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education.

During that 2020 unveiling of the program, Swanson said, "We all make mistakes. Every one of us has made a mistake that could cost us dearly or has cost us dearly," Swanson said. "Every one of us has an opportunity, and based on what we do with that opportunity, brings us to where we are today."

The I.G.N.I.T.E. program at the Genesee County Jail has grown since and the program has sparked nationwide recognition. Swanson said Genesee County's I.G.N.I.T.E. program is the standard and is now in seven states and 22 more are onboard to utilize this program.

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Chris Wise and Randy Wise announce the expansion of their Randy Wise Automotive Team by hosting a groundbreaking on a new Toyota building at 8430 Holly Rd.

Randy Wise Automotive Team expands

■ Groundbreaking ceremony held for new Toyota building

The Randy Wise Automotive Team hosted the groundbreaking ceremony of its new Toyota building set to be completed by fall of 2024 at 8430 Holly Rd.

Randy Wise acquired Randy Wise Motorcars, formerly known as Grand Blanc Motorcars, in October 2021, gaining four new automotive brands. The Randy Wise Motorcars building is currently home to Toyota, BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Sprinter.

"The Grand Blanc chamber is overjoyed that the Wise family has chosen Grand Blanc for their Toyota store. We love having them a part of our chamber family," said Leigh LaForest, executive director of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce.

The recent acquisition of the once vacant lot at 8430 Holly Rd., will boast a 25,000-square-foot facility with a 12,000-square-foot state-of-the-art service center, showroom and

support space.

The new Toyota dealership will be built by the Lurvey Construction Company, delivering an expertise in historic, healthcare, industrial, commercial, multi-family and academic institution construction.

"We are proud to partner with the Randy Wise Team and our local building trades to deliver this beautiful Randy Wise Toyota dealership," said Dave Lurvey, president of Lurvey Construction.

"Randy and Chris made a clear commitment to the community with this new state-of-the-art facility and we are proud to be involved with its delivery."

Randy Wise Automotive is part of a dealer group with eight locations and 13 brands founded in 1989. The Automotive Team is the largest automotive group donor to a United Way in the state of Michigan.

"Randy and I are so excited for this new venture. We have outgrown our current location and look forward to serving our expanding customer base at our new dealership (hopefully) next fall" said Chris Wise, vice president of Randy Wise Automotive Team.



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Holly Pharmacy hosts ribbon cutting on Nov. 1



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CLOSURES

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Genesee County Board of Commissioners Sept. 13. Part of the plan calls for closing most or all the outlying 67th District Court buildings by this time next year.

The capital improvement plan was drafted by Derek Bradshaw, director of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, and Josh Freeman, director of administration for Genesee County, to address four deteriorating buildings housing various county offices that are mandated by law.

The plan has been met with opposition not only from leaders in the communities affected by the closures, but by all of the 67th District Court judges who say they weren't consulted by Bradshaw and Freeman prior to the plan being voted on by the board.

The letter goes on to demand the commissioners reverse their Sept. 13 action to close the courts and seek another way to find funding for its capital improvement plan.

Fraser also questioned whether the board was properly granted the authority to abandon its lease with the city of Davison for the courtroom there.

Furthermore, Fraser claims the board lacks the "unilateral authority" to shutter six courthouses citing Michigan law which mandates the court sit in several of the cities in which the board seeks to close court operations—Flushing, Fenton, Burton, and Grand Blanc—due to having populations in excess of 6,500.

"Moreover, the judges of the 67th

District Court have unanimously rejected the plan and have determined that the court shall sit and shall continue to sit at its current locations to best further the efficient administration of justice within the 67th District," Fraser said. "Further, constitutional principles of separation of powers prohibit the board from infringing on the court's inherent authority to manage its affairs and discharge its statutorily and constitutionally imposed functions."

Fraser said the court demands the board immediately cease:

- Any and all further actions or attempts to disrupt it's business operations
- Actions to interfere with any 67th District court location
- To send correspondence to the city of Davison advising that Freeman's attempts to terminate the court's lease were beyond his legal authority and is consequently null and void and then to amend the plan following consultation with the court.

"The chief judge has authorized the court to commence civil litigation against the board and the county to ensure that the court's autonomy and authority as a separate branch of government are preserved," Fraser said in the letter.

The View reached out to Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney David Leyton, who serves as corporate counsel to the board of commissioners, and he declined comment.

Gary Gould is the editor of *The Davison Index*, which is part of View Newspaper Group.



The Davison City Administration Building, which also houses the Davison 67th District Court, will be the first to close under the county's plan. Photo: Gary Gould



Sgt. Phillip R. Wise (left) signs copies of his book "Fragile Delivery: Operation Babylift" after the Veterans Day event on Friday, Nov. 10. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter stands while Taps plays at the end of the Veterans Day Breakfast put on by the Rotary Club of Fenton.



The large audience listens to presentations during the Veterans Day Breakfast.

Rotary holds Veterans Day Breakfast

■ Veteran details plane crash during maiden flight of Operation Babylift

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — The Rotary Club of Fenton held its ninth annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. The room was packed with veterans and their families to commemorate the national holiday, which was Saturday, Nov. 11. Approximately 175 people attended.

The speaker was Sgt. Phillip R. Wise, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a Flint native. Wise joined the Air Force during the height of the Vietnam War.

Wise is the author of "Fragile Delivery: Operation Babylift," which details his experience being one of the few survivors of a deadly plane crash.

"I was happy to get that (the book) out. Now that more and more people know about this humanitarian mission, it makes us all aware that when you serve, when you're called to duty, you got to do what you got to do," Wise said.

In April 1975, President Gerald Ford ordered Operation Babylift to save as many orphans as possible during the fall of Saigon. On April 4, 1975, soldiers fit as many babies and young children as they could onto a C-5A Galaxy Aircraft, which was the largest plane in existence

at the time.

The Flint native joined the service 53 years ago. Wise knew there was a good chance he'd be sent to Vietnam.

"I decided since I had to go, I might as well enlist in a service that I want to go into. I enlisted in the Air Force on Nov. 2, 1970. 53 years ago," he said.

Wise trained to become a medical evacuation technician to help save lives. He had missions all over Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Thailand, Korea and more.

“...when you're called to duty, you got to do what you got to do.”

Sgt. Phillip Wise
Flint native, veteran

Wise was on the maiden flight of Operation Babylift. When they arrived, he saw thousands of kids waiting to be evacuated. He described the waves of heat and how everyone was drenched in sweat.

The children's ages ranged from 1 to 8 years old. The plane picked up soldiers, women volunteers and approximately 250 children. The plane was so full that babies shared seats. Adults sat on the floor. Wise was on the lower level.

"Those kids were in shock, crying," he said. There were no fall out masks on the lower level of the plane in case of rapid decompression.

At 25,000 feet in the air, tragedy struck.

"We usually cruise at an altitude between 35,000 and 50,000 feet. So we took off and start climbing. We got over to the South China Sea. Ten minutes into the flight, the rear cargo doors and

ramp blew off," he said.

"As soon as I look back, I hear this loud noise. Bam bam. All of a sudden, everything in the back went out with the doors. The pallets of equipment, medical supplies, and several bodies flew out with the doors," he said.

The pilot, who was from Flushing, knew he couldn't maintain control of the aircraft. He used a maneuver to break his speed but was going too fast for a normal landing. Wise said they barely cleared the Saigon River before they crash landed.

"Debris was scattered for miles," he said. "After we crash landed, I don't remember any of that. They found me hanging upside down entangled in wire cable with my head laying open and my eyeball hanging out...I do remember hearing the helicopter."

The rescue crew thought he was

dead at first. Wise was the only person out of the 200 on the lower deck who survived. Wise has been in contact with other survivors of the crash, including kids on the upper level who survived.

After the C-5 went down, the Air Force grounded the rest of those models. He's been to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. with his family to pay respects to his crew members. The U.S. Air Force awarded Wise the Airman's Medal for heroism. He returned to Flint and became a mailman.

Scott Ward, Fenton Rotary president who's been part of the organization since 1985, said Wise is a Flint hometown hero.

"Our rotary club is so proud to honor our veterans. We love hearing their stories. Listening to them makes all the planning and work we put into the project all worthwhile," he said.

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Linden buys digital speed, message sign

■ Drivers encouraged to slow down when entering city limits

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden officials hope that the new digital speed sign will encourage drivers to watch their speed.

In October, the city bought a Speed Alert 18 Message Trailer from All Traffic Solutions for \$12,206. It's currently set up on Silver Lake Road across from Price's Airport.

For months, members of the Linden

City Council have raised concerns about drivers going too fast when entering the city. The portable sign can display the speed of a vehicle and can also show messages such as "slow down" or "too fast."

"The city will be using the signs to alert drivers to their actual speeds and remind them to be good neighbors and to improve compliance with posted speeds," said Police Chief Scott Sutter. "The portability of the speed sign will allow the city to

move the device to different locations when needed. Additionally, this can be used for the various events that the city is involved with."

The sign can display messages about road closures, the dates of events and more.

Councilor Elizabeth Armstrong, who's spoken out multiple times about wanting to encourage people to drive slower, said she's "very excited" about this sign.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■ **FENTON SHOULD TAKE** over the landscaping and litter abatement of our three U.S. 23 exits. It really elevates the community when they are professionally maintained.

■■■ **I DON'T UNDERSTAND** why so many are against electric vehicles. The more people buy electric the less demand for gasoline and the cheaper gas will be. Remember how cheap gas got during pandemic when demand was low. I want everyone to buy electric and let me have my cheap gas.

THE HOT-LINER CONCERNED

■■■ about entitlements and the Pentagon budget needs to know mandatory spending, sometimes called entitlement spending, consists of about two-thirds of all federal spending. The Pentagon budget is only 12% of the U.S. budget.

■■■ **WE DO HAVE** open borders. There are as many as 24 million illegals living in the USA. Since taking office, President Biden has allowed 6 million illegals to enter the USA and taxpayers pay.

■■■ **WE DO NOT** have an open southern border. Any 'news' source telling you this is intentionally lying to you.

■■■ **UKRAINIAN, SUCH A** deal willing to take on Russia so our boys won't be called, however Congress claims it's a waste of money.

■■■ **JOBS PROGRAM? WWII** — 405,000 killed, 100,000 missing; Korea 36,506 killed, 1,653 missing; Vietnam 58,209 killed; and Afghanistan, Iraq 7,700 killed. And you call this a jobs program providing goods and services?

■■■ **I CALLED ONE** insurance company to get a quote. Now I get up to 15-20 calls a day from all over the U.S. I text STOP, I put phone number on 'Do Not Call' list, I blocked numbers on my iPhone, they cannot be blocked. How can I get rid of calls?

■■■ **NO PROBLEM WITH** unions but why is it okay for union officers to make tens of thousands of dollars more than members but for corporate officers it's wrong? Just curious.

■■■ **TO ALL THE** Bidenites that think he's doing a great job. I just saw that Moody's has downgraded our credit rating.

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Julie Williams

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Lake Fenton Schools**





One of Fenton's swimmer who will be at Friday's D2 state meet is Tess Heavner. Heavner recently verbally committed to compete at Notre Dame University after she completes her prep career.

Photos: Mark Bolen

Tigers expecting to have strong showing at state

By David Troppens

Fenton — They are a small group of girls, but the size of the group doesn't matter sometimes.

It's the powder keg they have inside them.

And the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team has some powerful talent behind the six athletes they have going to Friday and Satur-

day's D2 state event being hosted at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Four swimmers — Tess Heavner, Katie Dunfield, Addison Dolliver and Josie Fries — and two divers — Ella Koch and Kimberly Burkett — will be Fenton's competitors at the event. And Holly will have one as well. Riley Hummel will give the tri-county area three divers at the competition.

The girls are excited.

"Even though we have only a small group of girls, we are all really excited," Heavner said. "The energy is high. Also, we are positioned in the meet with our rankings and our seeds, that I think we all have a chance of coming back in relays, making it to the finals and all that stuff."

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Sports Times

Blue Devils' season comes to an end in regional final

■Lake Fenton volleyball falls vs. Frankenmuth, losing in three sets

By David Troppens

Frankenmuth — It was a great season.

It included 30 victories, a second straight Flint Metro League Stars Division title and a second straight district crown.

The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team's ultimate goal was to win a regional championship.

The Blue Devils got to that match on Thursday, facing the regional tourney hosts Frankenmuth on its own home court looking for that regional championship. Unfortunately, that goal fell one step short as the Blue Devils lost to the Frankenmuth Eagles by a 25-17, 25-18, 25-14 score in the regional championship contest. For the most part, Frankenmuth never really lost control of any of the three sets.

The Blue Devils had reason to feel good about their season.

"We all worked super hard to get here," senior Addison Reitano said. "We played for a team with each other for so

More coming Sunday

The sports staff will look at the impact of the senior class on this season's regional tourney run by the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team in the weekend edition.

long, it really means a lot that we got this far and that we had this opportunity to do this good."

"I remember the varsity team my freshman season barely won two games," senior Luci Kamischke said. "And then my sophomore year I got put on varsity and then we just started moving up. This is the farthest we've gotten in so long. I feel we accomplished a lot tonight, even though we lost. I love my team. We have good energy, we won districts and we had a good season."

Just two nights earlier the Blue Devils were pretty domi-

See **BLUE DEVILS'** on 16



The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team competed against Frankenmuth in a regional final, but lost to the Eagles. Here are some photos of the action at the regional championship contest on Nov. 9.

Photos: Mark Bolen

BLUE DEVILS'

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nant offensively in a regional semifinal contest against Mt. Morris, but the Blue Devils struggled against Frankenmuth, who was able to provide their share of offensive power as well.

The opening set began with some game nerves on both sides, as Lake Fenton had a hitting error on the first volley and Frankenmuth had a service error on the second one. However, the Blue Devils continued to struggle with unforced errors. They trailed 5-2 early on mainly due to two hitting errors and two service errors during that early run. Lake Fenton seemed to recover after that. An ace by Alexa Murray tied the match at 5-all, and a kill by Caraline Eakes, tied it again at 6-all, but Frankenmuth scored the next three points on two kills and a block, earning them a 9-6 lead.

From there, Lake Fenton slowly fell behind by as many as eight points in the first set. The last time came at 21-13 on a kill by Frankenmuth's Madison Geer. However, a Frankenmuth service error and hitting error was followed by a ace by Jillian Ferrill, cutting the lead to just 21-16. That's as close as the Blue Devils would get. An Eakes kill cut the gap to 22-17, but Frankenmuth scored the set's final three points, with set point coming on an Audrey Geer kill. Lake Fenton finished the first set with nine hitting errors and two service errors.

Frankenmuth used Geer's arm to get two early kills and a 3-0 lead to start the second set, but the Blue Devils had a run of three kills by Ferrill, tying the set at 3-all on one and 4-all on another. However, Madison Geer had a kill and Miranda Polley had an ace, setting up a 5-1 Frankenmuth run. During that run, the Blue Devils had two hitting errors and a violation. Frankenmuth led 10-5. The



Blue Devils bounced back. An ace by Joslynn Stalo, a kill by Parker Beardsley and a Frankenmuth hitting error cut Lake Fenton's deficit to just 11-10. But, Frankenmuth would rattle off six straight points, with a lot of the points earned on Lake Fenton errors. Lake Fenton trailed 17-10 and never tied again. The Blue Devils cut the gap to three, twice. The second time was at 20-17, but Frankenmuth had a kill and two blocks down the stretch, eventually earning the 25-18 second-set win.

The Blue Devils started the third set strong. Kills by Sophia Zalac and Ferrill helped the Blue Devils to an early 5-2 lead, but Frankenmuth erased that quickly with a five-point run. Frankenmuth led 7-5 after a Lake Fenton violation. The lead quickly grew from 8-6 to 14-6 during a six-point service run by Frankenmuth's Addie Bickel. During the run, the Blue Devils had four hitting errors. Lake Fenton was unable to challenge for the lead after that.

"We came out with energy and each game we had less and less energy," Stalo said. "Coming into this, we were hype listening to songs in the locker room, but our warm-



(Top left) Lake Fenton's Caraline Eakes prepares to block a hitting attempt in the Blue Devils' loss to Frankenmuth. (Immediately above) Abigail Sells makes a dig while (Top right) Parker Beardsley makes a dig in the same match. Photos: Mark Bolen

up wasn't the best. I think we were kind of playing scared."

"I feel like we would do pretty good, get tied and then we would just lose it and our energy would just go down," Kamischke said. "We kind of had that problem sometimes."

"We didn't play our best. We made a little run and then missed a serve or would make a silly mistake like hit it out

of bounds," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Brent Maynor said. "Every time we came close, they'd pull away."

Ferrill led the offense with 11 kills, while Zalac and Eakes had three kills each. Stalo had 14 assists and four aces. Stalo was 7-for-7 at the service line with two aces as well. Addison Reitano had 12 digs.

Three divers qualify for state at regional meet

By David Troppens

Three tri-county divers earned their spot in the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships being hosted Friday and Saturday.

They earned their spots at the D2 diving regional held at Fenton High School on Thursday.



Riley Hummel

Holly's Riley Hummel and Fenton's Kimberly Burkett and Ella Koch each qualified.

Hummel had an outstanding performance, capturing second at the meet. She posted a score of 329.85, only being beat out by Livonia Churchill's Sadie Yessler, who won with a score of 367.45. For Fenton, Burkett finished eighth (296.90) and Koch finished ninth (293.40), earning state trips as well.

The competition was done in stages — the prelims, the semis and the finals. Hummel was in fourth after the preliminary round (150.75), 11.75 points out of first. Koch (139.75) was in seventh place while Burkett (137.15) was ninth. After the semifinal round, Hummel (234.95) was comfortably in second place while Koch (212.85) and Burkett (210.30) were in ninth and 12th, respectively.

The Tigers had two other competitors in the event, both being cut after the semifinal round. Sophi Williams finished 17th overall with a score of 187.95 while Jessie Livingston placed 18th (184.55). Holly's Percy Kline also competed but was cut after the semifinal round in 19th place (183.85).

The D2 state meet begins Friday at the Holland Aquatic Center.

TIGERS

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"The group of girls we are taking is a lot smaller than I am used to," Dolliver said. "But we are all really close so it will be really fun."

"We are all kind of nervous, excited and are all working hard," Dunfield said. "We think that it is going to go really well, and our taper is going to go really well. We've been working toward this all season, so we are jumpy and excited for it."

Who is in what event?

The Tigers will have two relays competing — the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay — and several athletes competing in individual events. Heavner will compete in 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke while Dunfield will compete in the 100 freestyle and the 200 freestyle. Addison Dolliver is qualified in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle.

The biggest spotlight will be on Heavner. Heavner finished as a state runner-up in the 200 individual medley a year ago and also placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke. Heavner was qualified in all of the individual swimming events, so she was able to choose her events. Earlier this season, she finished second in the 200 individual medley at the MISCA meet, an all-star meet that includes most of the best swimmers in the state through all divisions. She was the top-finishing D2 athlete at the meet. At the same meet, Heavner was the top D2 performer in the 100 backstroke. She also was the runner-up in that event.

"I had a pretty good state meet last year, so all of the hard work I've done this year and my whole season last year, I'm really confident for states this year," Heavner said. "The energy has been high, so I know we are all re-

ally excited."

So what type of goals does Heavner have?

"I just really want to try my hardest, see what happens and see if my hard work pays off," Heavner said.

It seems the Fenton team has fantastic freshmen surface every one or two seasons these days, and this season's is Dunfield. Dunfield finished sixth overall in both of her individual events at the MISCA meet and is capable of making some waves herself during her first state meet trip.

"It's been nice to pick (my events) because I can choose different ones if I want to, but I chose the ones that I feel I'm good at," Dunfield said. "It's exciting that I am able to choose. I want to get a 1:56 in the 200 free and a 54 in the 100 free."

The divers, of course, will compete in the diving competition. Holly's Hummel enters the event after placing second at the Fenton regional.

Fenton team goals

The girls have some solid team goals.

"I don't think we will place as high as we did my freshman year, (the team placed fourth that season)," Dolliver said. "But I do think we can be fifth or sixth. It's very exciting."

"This year I want to be all-state in an event because I



(Left photo) The Fenton varsity state swim and regional dive team included swimmers (top row) Katie Dunfield, Tess Heavner, Addison Dolliver and Josie Fries; and regional divers Sophie Williams, Kimmy Burkett and Jesse Livingston. Missing from the photo is diver Ella Koch. Three of Fenton swimmers competing at the state meet are Fries (immediately below), Dunfield (bottom left) and Dolliver (bottom right).

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haven't done that before. So I'm hoping we can do that in one of the relays."

"I think it would be fun if our relay made it to the finals and got all-state," Heavner said. "I want to have fun with the relays because our relays are pretty fun. We like our medley relay."

"I think we are capable of placing top eight in a relay for sure," Dunfield said. "It doesn't matter what relay. Our relays are really good. ... Individually, all of these girls are super fast and super amazing."



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FEATURES

Midweek Crossword

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1 Lass

4 Choose

8 Beanies

12 Historic time

13 Actor's quest

14 Theater award

15 Contingency funds

17 Goddess of victory

18 Orange veg-gies

19 Pursuing

20 Cellist Casals

22 Innocent one

24 New York canal

25 Misfortune

29 Balloon filler

30 Pal

31 Big D.C. lobby

32 Melancholy melodies

34 Alike (Fr.)

35 Aftermath

36 Condition

37 Of the Arctic

40 Chinese dynasty

41 Egg

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49 BPOE mem-bers

50 Lectern locale

51 Sticky stuff

DOWN

1 Prized pos-session

2 Altar constel-lation

3 Small beetle

4 Teaser ad

5 Charged bits

6 The Browns, on score-boards

7 Lock opener

8 Have a huddle

9 Slightly

10 Toll road

11 Crystal gazer

16 Like ganders

19 "Dear —"

20 Stew veggies

21 Operatic solo

22 Police ID

23 Tosses in

25 Nonsense

26 Attractive

27 "I smell —!"

28 Hardy cab-bage

30 Sow's mate

33 Hindu teachers

34 Sicilian volca-no

36 Prepares flour

37 Sit for a photo

38 Ellipse

39 Hide in the bushes

40 1502, in Old Rome

42 Brick carrier

43 "I — Rock"

44 Eastern "way"

45 "Game of Thrones" aier

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Obituaries

James Paul LaRose

1923 – 2023

James Paul LaRose - age 100, of Fenton, died Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Funeral services were held 10 AM Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation was held 4 – 8 PM Monday, November 13 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton Lions Club. James was born September 4, 1923 in Archbald, Pennsylvania, the son of Antonio and Josephine (Petrelli) LaRose. James was the founder and successful owner of LaRose Tool Company in Warren. He was a member of the Fenton Lions Club. James was an avid bowler who also enjoyed baking and traveling. Surviving are grand-children, James (Alisa) Diez, Robert (Maria Davey) Diez, Tina (Gerald) Jackson; great-grandchildren, Christina Diez, Alexis Taylor, Amanda Jackson, Emily Diez, Elizabeth Diez, Charlie Diez; great-great-grandson, Maverick Pool. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace; and two daughters, Lorraine and Nancy. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of
November 13, 2023

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may see the details of a situation a little differently this week. While you may have been sticking to one way of doing things for some time, a new way may mean a breakthrough.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your passion for a long-forgotten project is renewed. Dust off what you started, and see it through to completion. The results may surprise you.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Are you ready to communi-cate, Gemini? It's time to have an important conversation with someone close to you. It may not always be comfortable, but it needs to be done.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a message will come to you that will shed light on something that you have been missing for some time. In fact, it is so simple you won't know why you missed it before.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may need some financial fixes this week. Take control of your spending and identify ways you can curtail it further going forward. Ask for help, if necessary.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Lately your good advice and common sense offerings have largely gone unheard or unheeded, Virgo. This week someone starts giving you the attention you deserve.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if brain fog has set in the last few days, you may get a reprieve this week. Rather than floundering around, you'll have a direction to go and be focused on your goals.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You may have been too close to the action to realize an important piece of the puzzle, Scorpio. After having an opportunity to step back for a bit, the picture becomes much clearer.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, career gears could be spinning right now. You have a lot of questions to ponder, including whether you should stay put at work or maybe look elsewhere.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Actions speak louder than words, Capricorn. Others will take note of your efforts and embrace any chance to work alongside you.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

It is time to stop waffling on a particular situation, Aquarius. You have done the research and checked it over many times. Make a decision knowing you are prepared.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

You may need a crash course in negotiation, Pisces. There is something you have your eye on, and you may have to haggle over the details so things go your way.

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Midweek Sudoku

WEEKLY SUDOKU
BY LINDA THISTLE

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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Midweek Jumble

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