

Linden woman taken to hospital after rollover

■ At-fault driver of crash in Argentine Township is postal worker

By Sharon Stone

A 54-year-old Linden woman driving a 2007 Cadillac Escalade sustained non life-threatening injuries

when her vehicle was struck and rolled over on Silver Lake Road in Argentine Township on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

She was transported by Swartz Ambulance to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township.

The at-fault driver, a 47-year-old woman from Durand, also sustained minor injuries, however she declined

medical treatment or transportation to the hospital. She was driving a U.S. postal vehicle.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said the postal worker was driving northbound on S. Seymour Road, south of Silver Lake Road, at 2:25 p.m. She attempted to turn

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The driver of this 2007 Cadillac Escalade was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries Tuesday, Nov. 14 following a crash in Argentine Township. Submitted photo

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Residents complain about trash cans in road

■ Linden officials speak favorably about creating ordinance

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Monday, Nov. 13, during the Linden City Council meeting, officials expressed support for an ordinance that would regulate how long Linden residents can keep their trash cans outside to prevent cans from getting into the street.

Resident David May spoke during public comment about the “bad apples,” including their

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The joy of miniature therapy horses

Nicole Stilson greets one of her miniature horses, Kory, on Thursday, Nov. 16 at her property in Fenton Township. She runs a nonprofit called Carousel of Hope Miniature Therapy Horses. See story in Lifestyles on page 25. Photo: Hannah Ball

City extends contract for school resource officer

■ Officer's contract at two elementary schools will expire June 2024

By Hannah Ball
Linden —

On Monday, Nov. 13, Linden City Council approved a letter of understanding to extend the contract for the

school resource officer (SRO) who covers two Linden schools in the
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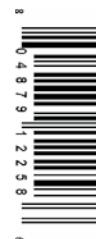


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Local author pens ‘Forgotten Fenton’

■ Book explores tales of Fenton’s past

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton author who wrote “The Mysterious Mrs. White: The True Story of Four Michigan Murders and the People Who Got Away With Them” has penned another book about Fenton’s history called “Forgotten Fenton: Uncovering the Mysteries of a Michigan Town.”

Allie Seibert’s latest book is an anthology of 10 different stories of Fenton’s history from the 1830s to present day. It will soon be available at Fenton’s Open Book.

“You’ll learn about the flight school — a school from which many of the graduates died in flight-related accidents — that existed in Fenton in the early 1900s, the controversial Urban Renewal that changed the entire landscape of Fenton’s downtown, a sharpshooter who traveled with Wild West shows and shot his gun in the office of a future president, and the famed resorts and hotels that existed on Lake Fenton in the late 1800s and early 1900s. My favorite, however, has to be the life story of a name synonymous with Fenton: Joe

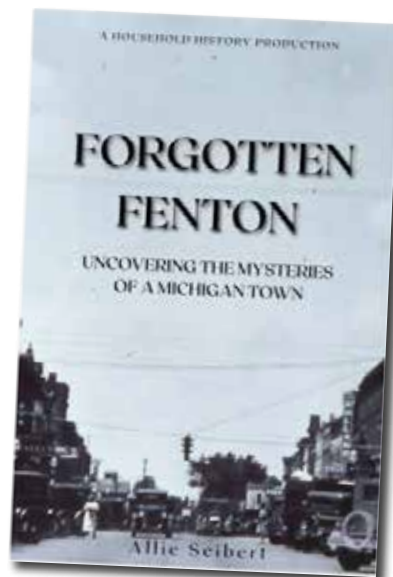
Smallbone,” Seibert said. She read newspaper articles from GenealogyBank and various libraries and visited the AJ Phillips Fenton Museum for research purposes.

“Without the preservation of these newspaper archives, photographs, and information, nothing in this book would have been possible. The volunteers at the museum are doing incredible work in maintaining the history of our town and preserving it for generations to come. Connie Foley, especially, has been instrumental in my writing,” she said. Seibert also used ancestry.com to understand many of the subject’s life stories.

“My absolute favorite story in the book is Joe Smallbone’s. I’ve heard his name mentioned since I moved to Fenton, but I never really knew his whole story,” she said. “And now that I’ve done the research, I’m not sure if very many people truly do either. He was so much more than an ‘eccentric’ or an ‘electronics genius.’ I really hope that if people take one thing from my book it’s that Joe was a human being — with feelings, ambitions, and sorrows, just like any of us — and deserves to be remembered as such, beyond the stereo-



Allie Seibert



types and surface-level descriptions.” Since Seibert and her husband moved to Fenton in 2020, she’s read “nearly every book under the sun” about Fenton’s history, she said.

“I really can’t get enough. Fenton has such a rich and fascinating history, but the trouble is that a lot of the stories are spread out over a bunch of different sources,” she said. “After I wrote ‘The Mysterious Mrs. White’ I had the idea of compiling some of my favorite See **AUTHOR** on 18

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Words with Hannah

Britney and The Fall of the House of Usher

Freeing Britney Spears from her conservatorship is no longer enough. Now she deserves justice.

I recently finished her bestselling memoir, "The Woman in Me" in one sitting. I knew 90% of the information in the book, but hearing about it firsthand from Britney herself was heartbreaking and enraging.

Her parents, Jamie Spears and Lynne Spears, should have to pay back every cent they took from her and go to jail. Tri-Star, the company that helped establish the conservatorship, should have to pay back every cent, lose all their business licenses and then those involved in taking advantage of Britney should go to jail.

I fully believe her parents are evil. Her father, who was an abusive drunk, made a full-time career leeching off Britney and forcing her to perform when she was exhausted. Her mother is a special kind of devil. Lynne Spears wrote a book and went on tour soon after they forcibly institutionalized Britney at an abusive facility for months. Her mom got Britney to start drinking at age 14 but



Hannah Ball
Staff Reporter

then they won't let her drink when she's an adult.

The gall of these people to claim Britney needed rehab when they wouldn't let her drink or take any medication or pills they didn't approve. Britney got to a point where she thought her family was literally trying to kill her, and I believe those thoughts were valid.

One argument I hear is "the conservatorship was good for her in the beginning." No it was not. Taking away people's rights and liberties is never good.

What led to the conservatorship in the first place? It happened not long after she shaved her head and hit a paparazzi's car with an umbrella. She owns her hair, she can do whatever she wants with it. Are you going to call the police when your friend gets a haircut you don't like?

If we're going with the idea that one act of violence means someone should be in a conservatorship, then how many NFL players and other pro athletes should be in one? How many of these guys are domestic abusers? Should anyone who's convicted of domestic abuse or violence be put in a

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"An otter, they're playful, have the thickest hair of any mammal (I've always had crappy hair) and they love to eat. Besides, they're so cute!"

Cherie Smith
Fenton



"Barn owl."

Ronald Marchand
Fenton



"I would have to say I would love to be a dolphin as I love being in the water would be cool to explore and go all over plus being super intelligent."

Angie Alvarado, Holly



"Eagle."

Karlee McFarlane Holt
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THIS IS FOR everyone who feels that they must have a dog. That's fine, but not all your neighbors are dog lovers and I am so sick of you letting your dogs bark for hours. This is especially for the people in the village of Holly. Please do something.

REGARDING THE RECENT accident at White Lake and Runyan Lake roads. A roundabout or flashing red light wouldn't have stopped this accident from happening. Folks just need to stop running stop signs and red traffic lights.

WHY IS THE senior center in Linden having fundraisers and asking for money from the public when they already get a substantial amount from SLPR through the Genesee County Senior Millage? We taxpayers already donate enough to the center, for operational costs. Cutbacks would be the better solution.

I LOVE FENTON'S Open Book store. I shop there every time I'm back in Fenton. Y'all are lucky to have an independent shop downtown.

Township awards bid for new barn roof

■ Holly Heritage Farmstead to get 20-year guarantee on \$38,575 project

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Township Board of Trustees voted 3-1 during its meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15, to hire Hillman Roofing, LLC, to replace the roof of the historic Hawley Barn, also known as the Holly Heritage Farmstead, due to its deterioration. Clerk Karin Winchester abstained from voting since the owner of Hillman Roofing is her son-in-law, which she informed the board during discussion. Trustee Steve Ruth voted no.

On June 1, Winchester crafted a request for proposal (RFP) for the roof replacement and sent out 10 RFP packets to roofing companies.

By the initial deadline of July 15, the township had received just one proposal. On Oct. 19, Winchester revised the deadline and made direct calls of inquiry to the 10 companies. By the new deadline of Nov. 1, the clerk's



Holly Township awarded a contract to Hillman Roofing, LLC to reroof the historic Holly Heritage Farmstead barn.

office received one additional proposal.

The two companies that submitted proposals were T.T.H.P. Construction, LLC and Hillman Roofing, LLC.

T.T.H.P. owner Matthew Halberstadt proposed \$30,800, which would include labor, material and dumpster. He noted, however, if the roof boards are spaced

apart and the roof needs to be re-sheathed (approximately 120 sheets at \$65 per sheet) of 7/16-inch plywood would be installed over the existing roof boards. If needed, a change order would be provided once the roof was opened up.

The cost of 120 sheets of plywood at See **ROOF** on 18



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Holly Township election site to relocate August 2024

■ Location moving from current Karl Richter campus to Sherman Middle School

By Sharon Stone

Beginning with the August 2024 Primary Election, Holly Township and Holly Village voters will have a new polling location – Sherman Middle School, 14470 N. Holly Rd.

The Holly Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved this change by resolution at its meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The polling location for Holly Township and Holly Village voters was changed to Sherman Middle School gymnasium in September for the election cycles beginning in 2024.

Recent discussion with Steve Lenar of Holly Area Schools indicated that Sherman Middle School would not have proper parking access for voters until the end of the 2024 school year.

The current polling location is at Karl Richter Community Center gymnasium, 300 East St.

City okays liquor license transfer request

■ Michigan Liquor Control Commission has final say for Fenton Party Shop

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council provided a favorable recommendation for a liquor license transfer request during its meeting on Monday, Nov. 13.

AJ Singh Fenton, Inc. requested to transfer ownership of a 2023 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licensed business with Sunday Sales from Shri Ganeshlaxmi Corporation.

AJ Singh Fenton, Inc. will be the licensed owner of the Fenton Party Shop, 502 W. Silver Lake Rd. The business has one owner, Amrinder Singh.

Acting Police Chief Lt. Dan Forbush conducted an investigation of Singh for the city. The store is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

AJ Singh Fenton, Inc. is a new company, however, Amrinder Singh also owns Bear's Liquor Store in Flushing, which has had no previous liquor license violations.

Forbush's investigation showed no

history of any criminal conviction or driving-related infractions that would impede a successful transfer of the liquor license.

The Michigan Liquor License Commission will consider the city's recommendation and conduct its own independent investigation of this request.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Leaf and yard waste collection in Holly Village ends November 29

Every Wednesday through the end of November, yard waste will be collected by Republic Trash Services in Holly Village. Yard waste is accepted in brown paper lawn and garden bags or loose in trash cans up to 30 gallons and clearly marked "Compost." Yard waste includes grass, clippings, leaves, garden debris, small branches/ shrubbery less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter (must be bundled and tied). Republic does not accept straw or hay, apples, logs or tree stumps, dirt, rocks or sod, or compost in plastic bags. Call the village offices at (248) 634-9571 with any questions.

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New Options for PAIN! No Drugs, No Injections!

By Erica Rainer

Pain is the bodies natural, God given alarm system and as odd as it may sound, we are extremely lucky to have this sense. Even though it can (quite literally) be a REAL PAIN IN THE BUTT at times. Sciatica is pain that begins in the nerve roots, located on either side of the lower spine, moving through the sciatic nerve which runs the length of each leg from the buttocks, down to the foot. The leg agony, called radiculopathy, "it can be worse then back pain, and can come and go at times but if left untreated can lead to much worse problems in the future" Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center of Fenton "It's very common for patients to come in describing an agonizing, sharp, shooting, burning pain that starts in the buttocks and

neck, resulting in headaches or pain, numbness, tingling and/or muscle weakness in the arms and hands or down in the low back and buttocks, resulting in Sciatic Pain. Once the patient goes to their MD, takes their prescriptions and then goes back, still in pain, they are usually referred to physical therapy, pain management or a surgeon. Most patients respond to physical therapy however, once the program has finished many report the pain returns. When they visit pain management, they may be prescribed the same types of drugs their MD gave them or they may jump straight to the steroid based epidural shots, injected directly into your spinal column (which may not be FDA approved so please be advised to do plenty of research if you ever find yourself in this situation). As for having surgery...

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Recent advances in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain have led to the development and huge success of Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results of this treatment have been published in major medical journals. With success rates as high as 90% many back surgeons are now recommending their patients try this treatment first before having surgery. Now, right here in Fenton Michigan, at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center you can try their highly successful treatment option to avoid surgery.

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flows down to the leg and at times into the foot with numbness, tingling and cramps in the leg." The sensation "can be intolerable," says Dr. Ide. "Some people describe it to be similar to the nerve pain you experience when you have a toothache," he explained.

After reviewing many different treatment options we have found that typically the average person who suffers from Sciatic pain usually experiences the same frustration when seeking help. They tend to start off going to their doctor who prescribes them one or more of the following; Muscle Relaxers, Pain Pills or Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs. The Muscle Relaxers tend to make patients tired but do relax the muscles. The Pain Pills mask the pain while on them, but tend to make many people tense, nauseous, constipated and unable to focus. The Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs give some people weakness, moon face, weight gain, insomnia and mood swings. All in all, the pain usually comes back once the drugs are gone because nothing was ever corrected just masked. These drugs all focus on the symptoms and not the problem. This is often the case with most pain related to the spine and nerves, regardless if your issue is in your

well we all know that surgery is risky and should always be the last resort. Once you make the decision to have surgery, there is no going back and undoing it and many other options are off the table after surgery. Regardless of how the symptoms are treated, the number one problem with finding relief through these treatments is that they only focus on treating the symptoms and not the underlying

Definitely not your average doctors office! I have never been anyplace that is so in-depth. They have a ton of different treatments, the staff is friendly & professional & it's nice -n- clean. ~Sue T. Holly

This condition will eventually lead to muscle wasting, nerve damage, numbness, constant tingling down to the toes and eventually sexual dysfunction, even loss of bladder/ bowel control. Left untreated, the intense pain can rapidly wear you down and drain the joy out of life. People lose hope and have no idea where to turn.

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of ultra-advanced technology not utilized elsewhere in the area for precisely diagnosing the cause of your pain; and a unique program for reconstructing the damaged area causing the pain; this means superior long-term results for most people" said Dr. Ide.

Because the treatment is non-surgical, safe and easy, most patients report an almost immediate relief from their pain. However, as Dr. Ide says "we are happy patients experience less pain but the pain is just a symptom, our goal is to correct the underlying structural problem which will result in the symptoms going away as well. The pain is usually the last thing to show itself and usually the first thing to disappear but if not properly treated and maintained, will show up again and again in the future."

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City updates rules and procedures for meetings

Amendments include changes to public comment

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Monday, Nov. 13, Linden City Council approved amendments to the rules and procedures for the conduct of municipal meetings.

"These rules serve as guidelines for the organization and the conduct of the council, so that the city is governed and conducts its business in an orderly fashion," according to a memorandum from City Manager Ellen Glass and Clerk Tessa Sweeney.

The guidelines cover definitions of meetings, public notice requirements, meeting minutes, expected conduct, public comment, how the city is required to comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and more.

Glass said, "This is something that we review every year and the document can be reviewed at any point. So if something's not working and we don't feel that it's effective, we can bring it up and review it again and make any necessary questions."

One topic of discussion was when and how the city would respond to the public's questions asked during public comment. The city created a form residents can fill out with their questions and concerns.

Under Section E: Public Participation, the rules and procedures state, "Any person wishing to address the council shall fill out a comment form before the meeting that includes name and contact information. When the public comment is approached on the agenda, individuals wishing to speak will be called upon utilizing the filled-out comment forms."

Residents should address these remarks to the presiding officer, which is the mayor. If the mayor is not present, the council shall appoint one of its members mayor pro tempore, who will preside over the meeting. Public comment is not time for debate but for questions or comments for the city council and/or staff to answer or research.

"Questions will be answered during the meeting if the information is readily

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City adds State Road to Elmwood subdivision project

Approves a change order not to exceed \$1,657,617 to continue road work

By Sharon Stone

During its meeting on Nov. 13, Fenton City Council approved a change order with DiPonio Contracting, Inc, to add State Road Reconstruction to the 2023 Elmwood subdivision project. Costs are not to exceed \$1,657,617.

In a memorandum from Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Brisson to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, Brisson wrote that Change Order No. 2 adds Division C to the Elmwood subdivision project.

Work will begin immediately to

perform the remaining pavement removal and preparation work to pave State Road before the construction season ends. Work is expected to be substantially completed in the next three weeks, which will allow State Road to be reopened to two-way traffic.

The contract with Diamond Excavating approved by the city in August was never executed by the contractor (contract price \$1,629,907). As such, city staff, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM), the city's engineering consultants and the city's attorney worked together to find an alternative solution. Adding State Road to the Elmwood project at contracted unit pricing was a practical and immediate solution at comparable cost.



Michigan bear population flourishes

■ Hunters reported good numbers

By David Fleet

It's been just short of 30 years since Groveland Township resident Jason Wilton first mixed a unique concoction of cookie dough, doughnuts, granola, topped off with a few gummy bears.

While the blend may be overly sweet to some, it's the perfect palette-pleaser for black bears.

Wilton is a bear hunter and the ideal menu item paid off for two of his friends in the northern regions of the state this most recent season.

Each August, Wilton makes several 13-hour treks from Oakland County to the Bergland hunting zone of eastern Ontonagon County in the western Upper Peninsula to deposit the bait. The September UP Bear season was by lottery and allowed baiting a few weeks prior to the opening.

"I really enjoy bear hunting," said Wilton, who over the years has been successful, but now assists family and friends to score a bear. "The weather is great in late summer and we hunt federal ground where there's plenty of room." Wilton hunted some very remote areas

off old logging trails near the Ontonagon River.

"The first part of the 2023 season started slow, it was an unseasonable 95 degrees during the day," he said. "That really slows the bears down, they are walking around the woods with a fur coat on, they did not move much. But it cooled off and the bait started working so it picked up."

Wilton said they hunted late in the day and bears hit the bait just before dark.

"Bears are nocturnal and know to get at the bait early before others can feed," he said. "We hunt from tree stands and in very heavy cover. The shots are about 50 yards tops."

Wilton's success this year was in line with the Department of Natural Resources estimates.

Cody Norton, the bear, fur-bearer and small game specialist for the state DNR, said the state bear population has been relatively higher compared to a decade ago. Statewide bear populations are flourishing by design in the

Upper Peninsula and northern section of the Lower Peninsula, said Norton during an interview with The Citizen. The bear hunting quotas in both regions were reduced by the DNR in 2012.

"The 2021 bear population estimates for northern lower are about 2,200 animals, that's an increase of 70% since 2012," Norton said. "That's one bear for eight-square miles."

The bear population in the U.P. is about 10,650 or about one bear for every two miles, he said. Since 2012, that number has increased about 25%. Statewide total bear hunting permits are about 7,000, of those about 1,100 are issued for the Lower Peninsula.

"Right now we are at the point of stabilizing that population, that's our goal," he said.

The western Upper Peninsula had the highest concentration of bear harvested.

"We are hearing good things from the U.P. hunters this year," he said. "For bears, the main source of mortality is hunter harvest. Bears can live a long time and have few natural predators."

David Fleet is editor of the Ortonville Citizen.



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Over the past 11 years, the annual Save & Share event has helped raise more than \$200,000 for local charities including Carriage Town Ministries, Communities First, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Whaley Children's Center. **Submitted photos**

Save & Share celebration begins day after Thanksgiving

■ Skaff Furniture-Carpet One to host 12th annual fundraiser to support local organizations

In what has become as much of a holiday tradition as parades, football and a Thanksgiving turkey, the 12th annual Skaff Save & Share event will once again take place Friday, Nov. 24 through Monday, Nov. 27.

Over the past 11 years, this annual event has helped raise more than \$200,000 for local charities. That's money that has stayed right here in the Genesee County community to help those less fortunate.

"We've been a Save & Share charity partner with Skaff from the very beginning and we're excited to be a part of this important event again," said Dallas Gatlin, executive director of Carriage Town Ministries. "Over the years Save & Share has really had a

positive impact on our community and it's been a privilege to be associated with such amazing organizations."

In addition to Carriage Town Ministries, Communities First, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Whaley Children's Center are all once again involved.

As in years past, 5% of each and every furniture and flooring purchase over the four-day event will go to support the all-important work of these four outstanding organizations.

Customers can choose the charity they would like to support, or, if they prefer, they can share their donation among all of them.

"We are excited for everyone to stop by and see us over those four days," said Dick Skaff, president of Skaff Furniture-Carpet One. "We're going all out to reduce prices so our customers realize genuine savings on brand name furniture and flooring."

"With a portion of every purchase

going to local charities, it really adds to the festive spirit of the season," Skaff said. "It truly is a win-win situation for everyone."

Skaff Furniture-Carpet One is family owned and has been in business in Genesee County since 1911. The 70,000 square-foot Skaff warehouse/showrooms are at 23-Expressway and Hill Road.

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New internet, cable provider coming to Linden

■ City approves franchise agreement with WOW! just as Fenton and Holly have done

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Monday, Nov. 13, Linden City Council approved a Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Agreement with WOW!, an internet, cable and phone service provider.

The company expects to expand into Linden and the surrounding area in the coming months.

In 2006, Michigan adopted the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act to require uniformity in contracts/franchises between municipalities and video service providers.

“Under the act, a community could no longer extend a franchise to one provider while denying it to another,

or on terms different than it offered another,” according to a memorandum from Linden City Manager Ellen Glass and Clerk Tessa Sweeney. “Instead, every provider would be subject to the same contract/franchise and on the same terms.”

The city of Fenton approved this franchise agreement on Monday, Nov. 6 and the village of Holly approved it on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

“In the coming months, WOW! will be expanding its network to include the city of Linden. WOW! is excited to be able to offer its internet, video and telephone services to the residents of the city once our construction and installation work has been completed,” according to a letter from Michael Healy, director of government affairs at WOW!.

“We're very excited to be a part of the community and offer a new choice for your residents,” he said.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Cram the Cruiser Food Drive on Saturday in Livingston County

The Livingston County law enforcement community conducted its seventh annual Cram the Cruiser Food Drive on Saturday Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Officers, troopers and deputies from the Brighton Police Department, Fowlerville Police Department, Green Oak Township Police Department, Hamburg Township Police Department, Howell Police Department, Michigan State Police Brighton Post, village of Pinckney Police Department, Unadilla Township Police Department, and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office collected non-perishable food items and goods for donation to local food banks and shelters

throughout Livingston County.

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said law enforcement members would like to thank local area grocery stores participating in this annual event including the Howell City, Brighton Township, Hamburg Township and Hartland Township Kroger stores, Genoa Township Aldi, Busch's Fresh Food Market in Pinckney Village, Brighton City Aldi and Walmart stores in Fowlerville Village and Genoa Township.

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neighbors, who leave their trash cans out in the middle of the road instead of bringing them inside after their trash is collected.

“As a Harley rider, it's very dangerous. The wind picks up and the can goes out onto the road. We have gone through every avenue possible,” he said. “I would like to personally say that the chief of police and the mayor have been fantastic in trying to help us do this, but

their hands are tied. There's no ordinance, there's no law, there's no anything. They've gone over and spoken to all the people with the trash bins. They've tried to reason with them. They've tried to do all kinds of things, but with no prevail.”

He said he and his wife are both business owners and Linden is not a cheap place to live. The couple has watched trash cans blow out into the road, drivers stop to move them out of the way, and then the wind blows them back into the road.

May proposed an ordinance that would allow the city to fine people after

not bringing their trash cans inside after 24 hours.

“We don't have an ordinance here because we never needed one. Everybody just takes care of the cans. But with a few bad apples, we have this situation,” he said. “To prevent things from escalating, to create revenue for the city, to make our city look nicer with the Christmas lights... can we please address these trash cans once and for all?”

Sara Banks said the city council and police have done what they can.

“We have talked to them. Now it's just

turned to a whole other level. There's motorcycle accidents... the town has grown so much. The traffic is insane,” she said.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said currently, the city does not have an ordinance pertaining to leaving trash cans out. They've had one complaint on this issue since he's become the chief.

Mayor Danielle Cusson spoke in favor of considering an ordinance to regulate this.

“I do think that maybe it's time for us to investigate some kind of ordinance,” she said. “I just think it's something that we should consider. It's something that then could be enforced. I'm not about trying to regulate everything, but I don't think it's asking too much that people not leave things out forever.”

Councilor Pam Howd said leaving trash cans out is a safety hazard. On Silver Lake Road, she sees trash cans out on the edge of people's driveways that often tip over into the street because of the wind.

“It's just really a hazard especially when they miss something in the can and that's in the street,” she said.

Councilor Ray Culbert said he sees people put their trash cans right in the street in the public right away so it doesn't impact them getting in and out of their driveway.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

NOV. 19

2004: Ron Artest of the Indiana Pacers jumps into the stands to confront a Detroit Pistons fan who throws a drink at him as he rests on the scorers' table. This ignites what becomes known as "Malice at the Palace," one of the more infamous moments in sports history. The game at the Palace of Auburn Hills in suburban Detroit, a rematch of the previous season's Eastern Conference Finals, was expected to be physical. With roughly 46 seconds left and Indiana ahead, 97-82, Artest fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace, who shoved Artest, leading players and coaches from both teams to confront each other on the court. To calm himself, Artest lay on the scorers' table. Then a fan threw a cup of beer, hitting Artest. Artest ran into the crowd, followed by his teammate, Stephen Jackson, leading to a chaotic scene. Artest and the Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal swung at two fans who rushed to the court. The remaining 45.9 seconds were never played.

NOV. 20

1945: Twenty-four high-ranking Nazis go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for atrocities committed during World War II. The Nuremberg trials were conducted by an international tribunal made up of representatives from the U.S., the Soviet Union, France and Great Britain. It was the first trial of its kind in history, and the defendants faced charges ranging from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity. Lord Justice Geoffrey Lawrence, the British member, presided over the proceedings, which lasted 10 months and consisted of 216 court sessions. On Oct. 1, 1946, 12 architects of Nazi policy were sentenced to death. Seven others were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 years to life, and three were acquitted. Of the original 24 defendants, one, Robert Ley, committed suicide while in prison, and another, Gustav Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, was

deemed mentally and physically incompetent to stand trial.

NOV. 21

1980: 350 million people around the world tune in to television's popular primetime drama "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing, the character fans loved to hate. J.R. had been shot on the season-ending episode the previous March 21, which now stands as one of television's most famous cliffhangers. The plot twist inspired widespread media coverage and left America wondering, "Who shot J.R.?" for the next eight months. The Nov. 21 episode solved the mystery, identifying Kristin Shepard, J.R.'s wife's sister-in-law and his former mistress, as the culprit.

NOV. 22

1963: John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK), the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas, Texas, in an open-top convertible. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy rarely accompanied her husband on political outings, but she was beside him, along with Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, for a 10-mile motorcade through the streets of downtown Dallas. Sitting in a Lincoln convertible, the Kennedys and Connallys waved at the large and enthusiastic crowds gathered along the parade route. As their vehicle passed the Texas School Book Depository Building at 12:30 p.m., Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor, fatally wounding President Kennedy and seriously injuring Governor Connally. Kennedy was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Dallas' Parkland Hospital. He was 46.

NOV. 23

1959: Robert Stroud, the famous "Birdman of Alcatraz," is released from solitary confinement for the first time since 1916. He gained widespread fame when author Thomas Gaddis wrote a biography that trumpeted Stroud's ornithological expertise. Stroud was first sent to prison in 1909 after he killed a bartender in a brawl. He had nearly completed his sentence when he stabbed a guard to death in 1916. Though he claimed to have acted in self-defense, he was convicted and sentenced to hang. A handwritten

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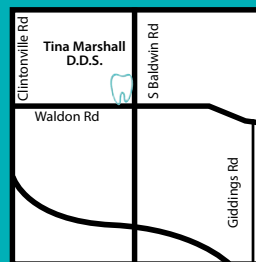
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AUTHOR

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Fenton history stories into a book so that they would all be available in one place. It's also about making sure that Fenton's history is remembered."

Seibert independently published "The Mysterious Mrs. White" in July. The book explores the suspicious deaths of multiple people that occurred in Fenton around 1908.

Seibert said she was "unbelievably lucky" and "beyond grateful" to receive the response she did for her first book.

"It was such a bizarre mystery that I needed to put it into words even just for myself to understand it," she said. "I'm grateful that people

are interested in the stories of the past. There are so many stories like 'Mrs. White' that exist all over the world — stories that have faded into obscurity because people stopped talking about them. By reading the book or even just by sharing the tale with someone else, you're helping to make sure that doesn't happen."

Readers and Fenton history enthusiasts can expect more from Seibert about Fenton's past.

"Fenton has so many stories scattered throughout its history — far too many for one

book. I plan on writing a sequel to 'Forgotten Fenton' where I cover more of Fenton's interesting, controversial, and buried histories," she said.

“There are so many stories like ‘Mrs. White’ that exist all over the world — stories that have faded into obscurity because people stopped talking about them.”

Allie Seibert
Fenton resident, author

ROOF

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\$65 per sheet could add \$7,800 to the total cost.

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Hillman Roofing, LLC owner Robert Hillman proposed \$38,575 for the roofing project. This proposal included 125 sheets of plywood decking. Hillman provides a guarantee of workmanship for 20 years.

The two proposals ultimately were just \$25 apart.

Trustee Derek Burton said the two companies, based on their proposals, have comparable experience in barn roofs. He favored Hillman's proposal due to the 20-year guarantee over T.T.H.P.'s two-year guarantee.

Winchester explained that Hillman is her son-in-law and she would recuse herself if the board thought that was appropriate. Burton said to prevent the perception of conflict of interest he agreed with her that she should recuse herself and not vote.

The Holly Heritage Farmstead

The township took on the project in 2014 to save the approximately 120-year-old, 80-ton barn. Leaders had a vision of turning the site into a venue that could support agricultural education and even offer a music and wedding venue.

The property at 13409 N. Holly Rd. is the home to the original Holly Township supervisor when the township was certified in 1838.

The entire scope of services include

the project management plan, site plan, site prep, and fence design and planning.

In a 2021 Times article, Kullis said the barn project had seen its share of setbacks during this pandemic. A lack of available contractors along with material shortages has caused the township to abandon any previous time frames they had set.

The lower section will house some historical farm implements along with telling the story of how this was a dairy farm. The upper level will be turned into an event barn for public and private use.

In September 2017, the massive red barn was moved 40 feet to the west. It was lifted from its failing foundation in order to construct a new foundation.

In September 2018, from the outside, the Holly Heritage Farmstead was idyllic with its white farmhouse and red barn sitting on a brand new concrete foundation. But underneath, a big problem was slowing the project down and could cost the township money. At several critical locations, the floor beams weren't lining up with the attachment points of the foundation itself, called pilasters, nor were the concrete bases for the vertical floor supports.

The problem was eventually solved without litigation or extra taxpayer money being spent — but it took a year.

During the Holly Township Board of Trustee meeting Aug. 18, 2021, Kullis announced the township received a gift of \$500,000 by the Charles Harding Stewart Mott family to be used exclusively for the Holly Heritage Farmstead project.

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Hurley Medical Center earns Surgical Quality Partner designation

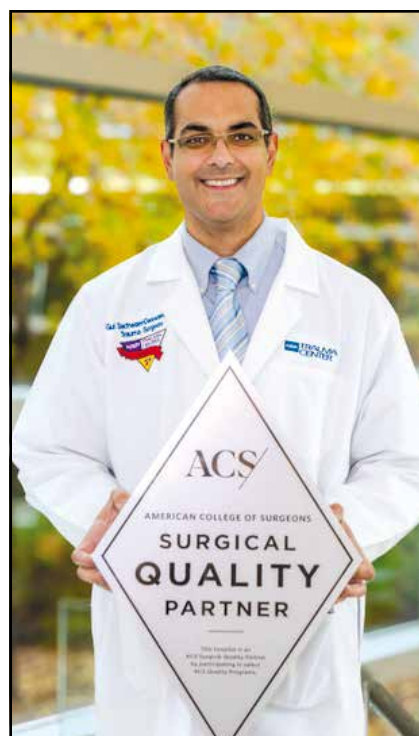
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Dr. Gul Sachwani, chief of trauma and acute care surgery at Hurley Medical Center, holds the Surgical Quality Partner award.

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Dr. Gul Sachwani, chief of trauma and acute care surgery at Hurley Medical Center, captures the essence of their commitment, saying, "Hurley is extremely honored to be recognized by the ACS for our commitment to ongoing quality improvement and patient safety. This designation speaks to our drive to continuously improve the care we deliver to our surgical patients. We are very proud to have our team's dedication, compassion, and clinical excellence be nationally recognized."

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CONTRACT

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city for six months.

Officer Jeremy Williams has provided police services at Hyatt Elementary and Linden Elementary schools since January 2022.

When he was hired, the contract term was for one year and would expire in January 2024. The contract will now expire on June 30, 2024 with the extension.

“The current contract states that the School District would pay the rate of pay for this Officer for a 185-day period that equates to the sum of \$52,655.14,” according to a memorandum from City Manager Ellen Glass and Police Chief Scott Sutter.

Glass said this timeframe works better with the city’s fiscal year and the school year.

The letter of understanding also amends the compensation rate of pay

for a 185-day period to the sum of \$56,401.14. The Linden Community School Board approved the letter and the amendments for the SRO at its October school board meeting.

Sutter said Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski is “very happy” with Officer Williams and that it’s a “fantastic partnership.”

“The staff there at both schools, Hyatt and Linden Elementary, really like what he’s doing,” Sutter said, adding that the SRO is “proactive” and has undergone training such as active shooter preparedness training.

“I think it’s great. I’m glad it’s working out so well. In today’s day and age, I think it’s important that we have that presence in the schools for the kids’ safety and just to look out for things we didn’t worry about before,” said Mayor Danielle Cusson.

All Linden schools are covered by an SRO.

MEETINGS

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available. If answers are not available during the meeting, Council or staff will contact the individual within 48 hours and respond to the questions within 10 days or when the information becomes available,” according to the rules and procedures.

Glass said they have incorporated the recommendations discussed by the city council. She said Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Simons suggested they add a section to the agenda to recognize the absent council members.

“I’m glad that we are addressing this. In the last year, we’ve had more people in attendance and unfortunately at some of the meetings, people have been rude and disrespectful and it makes it difficult for us to conduct business,” said Mayor

Danielle Cusson. “As mayor, it is my job to conduct the meeting and do it in accordance with the rules and procedures.”

She discussed the topic of public comment at Small Cities and said this is a good idea going forward.

Simons asked about the procedure for removing disruptive people from meetings.

In Section B: Conduct of Meetings, 8. Disorderly Conduct, the rules and procedures state, “The presiding officer may call to order any person who is being disorderly by members deemed disruptive or disorderly may be removed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.”

Glass said if a situation elevates to a certain point that the mayor feels removal is necessary for safety reasons, the police chief or another present police officer would be asked to handle the disruptive person.

LOOKING BACK

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plea by Stroud’s mother to President Woodrow Wilson earned Stroud a commuted sentence of life in permanent solitary confinement. For the next 15 years, Stroud lived amongst the canaries that were brought to him by visitors, and he became an expert in birds and ornithological diseases.

NOV. 24

1963: At 12:20 p.m. EST, in the basement of the Dallas police station, Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, is shot to death by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner. On Nov. 22, President Kennedy was fatally shot while riding in an open-car motorcade through the streets of downtown Dallas. Less than an hour after the shooting, Lee Harvey

Oswald killed a policeman who questioned him on the street. Thirty minutes after that, he was arrested in a movie theater by police. Oswald was formally arraigned Nov. 23 for the murders of President Kennedy and Officer J.D. Tippit.

NOV. 25

1950: The so-called “storm of the century” hits the eastern part of the U.S., killing hundreds and causing millions of dollars in damages. Also known as the “Appalachian Storm,” it dumped record amounts of snow in parts of the Appalachian Mountains. Forming over North Carolina just before Thanksgiving, the storm quickly moved north, striking western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia. These areas were blanketed with several feet of snow for several days and travel was impossible for nearly a week in some places. The storm was deemed responsible for the loss of 160 lives over several days.

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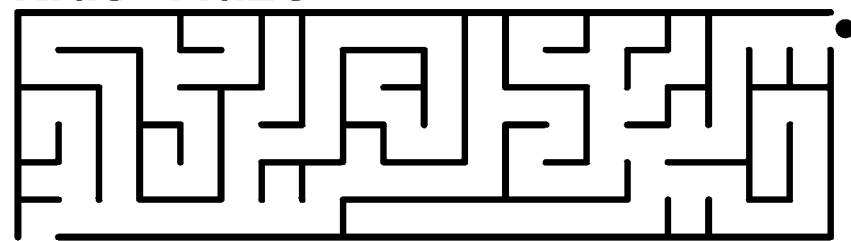
**CITY OF LINDEN
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**PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING
TEXT AMENDMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the City of Linden’s Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing as part of a Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. within Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens’ comments on a proposed text amendment to Section 154.048 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance and create a new Section 154.100 to allow and regulate radio, television, and electrical appliance repair, and shops of plumbers, electricians, and other similar services and trades within the LS, Local Service District.

The text of the proposed amendment is available for review at City Offices located at 132 East Broad Street, Linden, MI, 48451 during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to comment may do so during the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023, and should be addressed to:

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Kids' Maze

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Lake Fenton's
Nolan Pinion

LF's Pinion earns Team Michigan spot at MITCA Meet of Champions

By David Troppens

The normal portion of the prep cross country season may have ended with the state meet a few weekends ago, but that is only the first portion of the season for many runners.

After the state event, for those who desire to continue to compete, there is the MITCA Michigan Meet of Champions a week after

the state meet.

And plenty of area runners, and even some coaches, took advantage of the event to extend their season at least another week.

No one took advantage of it more than Nolan Pinion. He qualified to be one of the 12 male runners to make Team Michigan for the MidEast Meet of Champions, taking place

Saturday (November 18) in Kettering, Ohio. He placed sixth in the Boys Elite Team 5K, automatically earning his spot.

Two other area coaches were able to have some fun as well. Linden cross country coaches Ben Cox (Linden girls) and Trevor Hall (Linden boys) were the coaches who

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Sports Times



Detroit's Glover Quin makes a tackle during the Lions' 2016 Thanksgiving Day win against the Vikings.

Lions last Thanksgiving win was during the 2016 season

By David Troppens

Editor's Note: *It's become a small tradition for the sports staff to feature stories on some memorable Detroit Lions' Thanksgiving Day games from the past as we near the holiday.*

This installment will be the

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Seniors experienced the rise of LF's volleyball team

■ Rose program from a couple-win to a 30-win squad

By David Troppens

Frankenmuth — When Lake Fenton seniors Sophia Zalac, Addison Reitano, Luci Kamischke and Joslynn Stalo were freshmen, the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team won a whopping one or two matches.

In short, it wasn't a program with much of a winning tradition to say the least.

But, things changed, quickly.

The next season Brent Maynor was hired as the new varsity volleyball coach and suddenly the team that couldn't ever win, was hard-ly ever doing anything but winning.

So while last week's regional championship match marked the end of the senior players' volleyball careers at Lake Fenton, it's clear that their class left a positive mark on the program.

"When I was a freshman, I think they won one game all season. Our program has grown tremendously," Stalo said. "We went from one win to 30 wins, so it's just a huge improvement to see our program grow. And I hope it continues and I hope we make it further down

the road. I'm really proud of my team. I love every single one of them, and I hope they all come back next year. I

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Two of Lake Fenton's four seniors this fall on the varsity volleyball team were Joslynn Stalo (left) and Sophia Zalac (above). Photos: Mark Bolen

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SENIORS

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want to come back and see all of them play.”

Let’s look at their progress. By the senior class’ sophomore, some of them were already playing varsity volleyball with Maynor. That team won 16 matches and advanced to the district title match before bowing out of the tourney.

Last season, the program won 26 matches, was the Flint Metro League Stars Division co-champions and represented the division in the Flint Metro League championship game. This season, the Blue Devils got even better. They won 30 matches, won the Stars Division championship again with a 9-1 division record and became the only team to play in both Metro League championship matches.

Then came the postseason. In it, the Blue Devils swept Goodrich, Ortonville-Brandon and Flint Powers Catholic to cruise to a Division 2 district championship. The run didn’t end there. The Blue Devils avenged its regional semifinal loss to Mt. Morris last year, by sweeping the Panthers in three sets in this year’s regional semifinal. The season came to an end in the regional championship match against the tourney hosts Frankenmuth on Nov. 9, capping the Blue Devils’ season with 30 wins.

“I think we just got along really well as a team, and we are still driven as a team,” Stalo said. “We work really hard in practice.”

“I’m impressed by the leadership



Two of Lake Fenton’s four seniors this fall on the varsity volleyball team were Addison Reitano (left) and Luci Kamischke (bottom). The senior class ended its career with the Blue Devils’ varsity program with two Flint Metro League Stars Division championships, two Division 2 district championships and a 30-win season this year.

Photos: Mark Bolen

they’ve shown,” Maynor said. “The previous year I came here they had won three matches the two previous years. We went up to 16, 26 and this year we had 30 wins. It’s been a work in progress. That’s two districts in a row and two league (division titles) in a row. The program has changed it around.”

The seniors have made their mark. Zalac earned second-team All-Metro Stars Division status while Stalo and Kamischke were honorable mention selections. They learned valuable lessons while with the program as well.

“I definitely learned to be part of a



MITCA

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drafted the runners for the Complete Runner sponsored team. They did pretty well considering the boy’s team finished second and the girl’s squad took fifth at the meet. Cox also went to the meet to coach the squads.

Meanwhile, there were 11 other runners from the tri-county area that competed in different events held at Shepherd High School as well.

But Pinion was the star. Competing for a team called Raized Up, he placed sixth in the Boys Elite Team 5K race, earning a personal best time of 15:15.8, just 14 seconds behind first-place finisher Seth Conner (15:01.5). He qualified for Team Michigan by about 15 seconds. Pinion’s team placed ninth out of 14 squads. He was the first Raized Up team member to finish the race.

“It is super cool and I’m really looking forward to the experience of representing Team Michigan,” Pinion said. “I knew a few seniors last year who went, and they had a ton of fun.

“I had a fantastic race with a new PR. I saw that I was sixth and automatically knew I was in, so I was super excited. I am really going to try to take in the experience.”

Another area runner was selected on a squad. Linden’s Chloe Josephson was selected for the female Raized Up team and placed 125th with a time of 19:41.7. Her team finished 12th.

The Linden varsity girls brought four other runners to compete in the girls elite open event. Addison Josephson finished 21st (19:37.7) while teammate Melody Meckstroth finished just three places behind her in 24th (19:40.6). Sidney Shepard placed 98th (20:40.5) while Reagan Brooks took 114th (20:57.8).

Six other male runners competed in the boys all-comers 5K race — five from Holly and one from Lake Fenton.

The area’s top runner in the event was Trevor Murphy who took 24th in 17:16.1. Meanwhile, Holly’s Broden Ladd took 78th (17:44.7) and Lake Fenton’s Cooper Steckroth took 96th (17:51.1), earning top-100 finishes. The Holly varsity boys team had two more runners. Zac Brown finished 112th (17:56.9) while Landon Heikka took 170th (18:26.6). Two other Holly middle school runners competed. Eighth-grader Cole Heikka took 232nd (19:06.9) while seventh-grader Travis Murphy finished 342nd (22:08.3).

team,” Kamischke said. “I’ve always been a track runner and that’s by myself, but I really learned how to have team energy and we help each other out.”

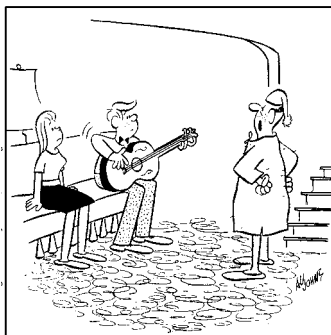
“I learned you have to be mentally strong and have fun,” Reitano said. “Not having fun does not make you win.”

They see only a brighter future for the program.

“I’m very excited to see what our team does next year,” Kamischke said. “I’ll definitely be supporting them. Every single year, we’ve been doing better.”

Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



“I changed my mind — go back to

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TODAY’S WORD

LIONS

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first this holiday season. Today, we'll remember the last time the Lions actually won a Thanksgiving Day game.

The Lions were on an ultimate high. They entered the 2016 Thanksgiving Day game with a 6-4 record, and with the Vikings at 6-4, this was the battle for the top spot in the NFC North Division.

Good start to the first quarter

The contest started well for Detroit. They took the opening kickoff and drove it down the field. Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford completed six passes for 46 yards during the drive, completing a key eight-yard pass to Anquan Boldin on a third-and-3 play from the Minnesota 10 to the Vikings' 2. Boldin caught the next pass, for a two-yard TD score. Matt Prater's extra-point gave the Lions a 7-0 lead with 7:14 remaining in the first quarter.

The Vikings responded. They drove 65 yards on 14 plays, scoring on a Matt Asiata five-yard TD run. Earlier on the drive, it looked like Detroit stopped the Vikings when Glover Quin intercepted a pass at the Lions' 10. However, a defensive pass interference erased that pick. The teams were tied 7-all with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.

Defenses start taking over in second quarter

What looked like may be an offensive oriented game, changed in the second quarter. Both teams were forced to punt on their second possessions. The Lions were able to get on the board again before the end of the half, however. Starting their third possession of the game at their own 30, the Lions collected 41 yards on a completion from Stafford to Golden Tate. Theo Riddick followed with a 12-yard run and Detroit had the ball at the Vikings' 17. However, that's where the drive stalled. Detroit eventually settled for a Prater 29-yard field goal, giving Detroit a 10-7 lead with 6:45 left until halftime. Each team had the ball two more times before the end of the half, but the defenses held, as Detroit took its slim three-point lead into the second half.

Vikings take lead

The Vikings slowly forged ahead in the second half. While the Lions were busy punting and running just 13 plays on offense during their first three posses-

sions of the second half, the Vikings figured a way to muster up two field goals. The first was set up by a 41-yard completion from Sam Bradford to Jerick McKinnon, giving the Vikings possession at the Lions' 20. Four plays later, Kai Forbath kicked a 30-yard field goal, tying the game at 10-all.

On their next possession, the Vikings ran 13 plays and drove 76 yards for the go-ahead field goal. That kick was from 28 yards out. Minnesota led 13-10 with 12:38 left in regulation.

When Detroit had to punt with 9:26 left, the Vikings had a chance to take a two possession lead late. However, Minnesota gained just two yards on a Bradford completion to McKinnon, setting up a fourth-and-1 scenario. A good punt and a Lions' penalty had Detroit taking over at its own 2 with just 5:02 remaining.

Detroit fights back

Detroit collected key first-down plays on a Riddick seven-yard run and on a 29-yard pass from Stafford to Boldin, putting the Lions at their own 47. Another nine-yard reception to Boldin put the Lions in field goal range, and eventually they kicked it. With 1:49 left in regulation, Prater kicked a 48-yard field goal, tying the game at 13-all.

Still, the Vikings had a chance to drive for the game-winning score. However, on a third-and-7 play, Bradford's final pass of the game was picked off by "Big Play" Darius Slay with just 30 seconds left. Detroit was now set up for the game-winning field goal, and Prater made the 40-yarder as the game ended.

"I knew they were going to throw," Slay said. They didn't want overtime. They knew what happened last time."

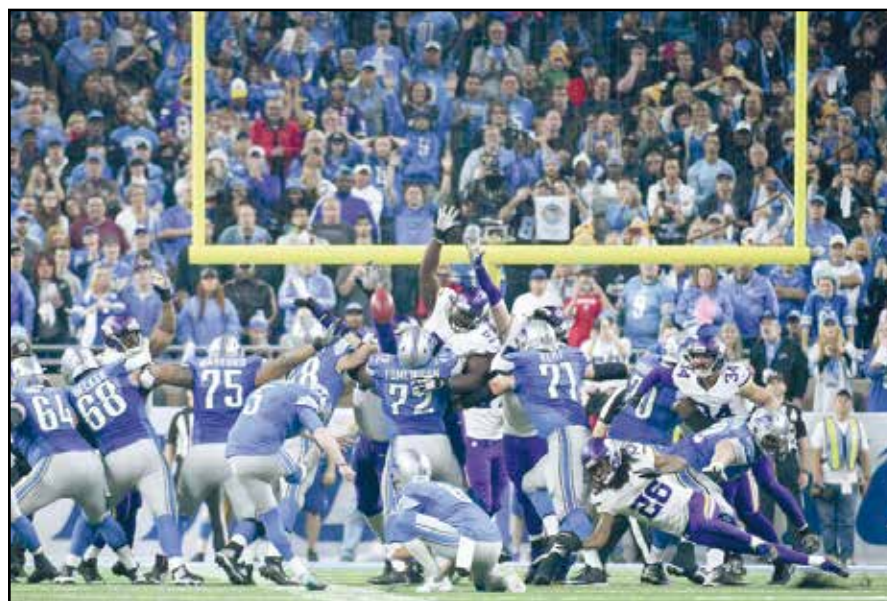
"I wish I could have seen him fall off the outside route and come back in," Bradford said.

What happened next?

The Lions were now 7-4 and in sole possession of first place.

"If they were handing out trophies the day after this win, I'd feel a little bit different," Caldwell said. "It means nothing right now, right? We haven't done anything."

The Lions did figure a way to lose the division. They ended the season on a three-game losing streak and finished second to Green Bay. The Lions still made the playoffs, but lost to the Seattle Seahawks, 26-6.



(Above) The Detroit Lions' field goal kicker Matt Prater attempts and converts the game-winning 40-yard field goal with no time left in regulation. The Lions beat the Vikings 16-13 during the 2016 Thanksgiving Day game. (Left) Darius Slay (right player) celebrates his interception with teammate Haloti Ngata.

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Weekend Sudoku

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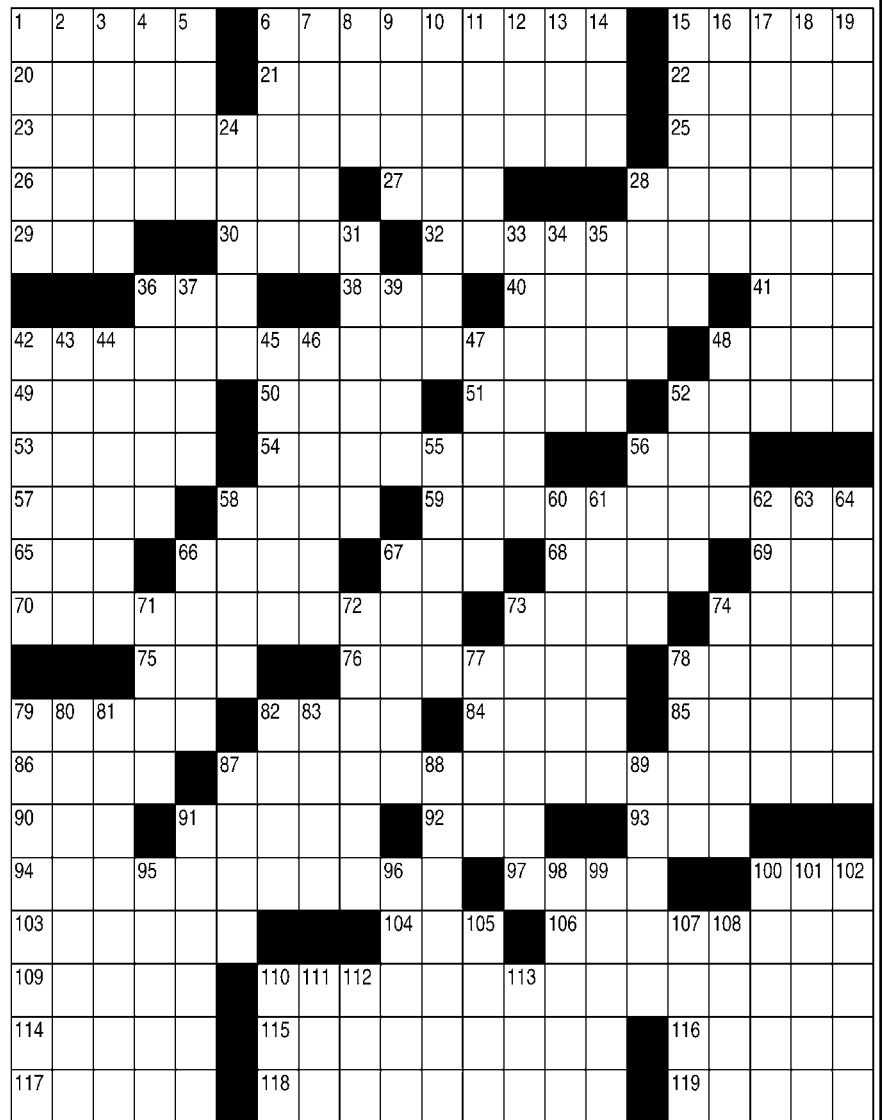
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KING FEATURES

Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: GOLDEN STATE GIRLS

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WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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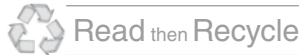
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS: PINCH, BLAND, GLANCE, LAVISH Answer: The book the sorcerer used to learn magic and new incantations was — SPELLBINDING

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: SWING, SPIKE, ASIDE, RANCOR Answer: KISSING



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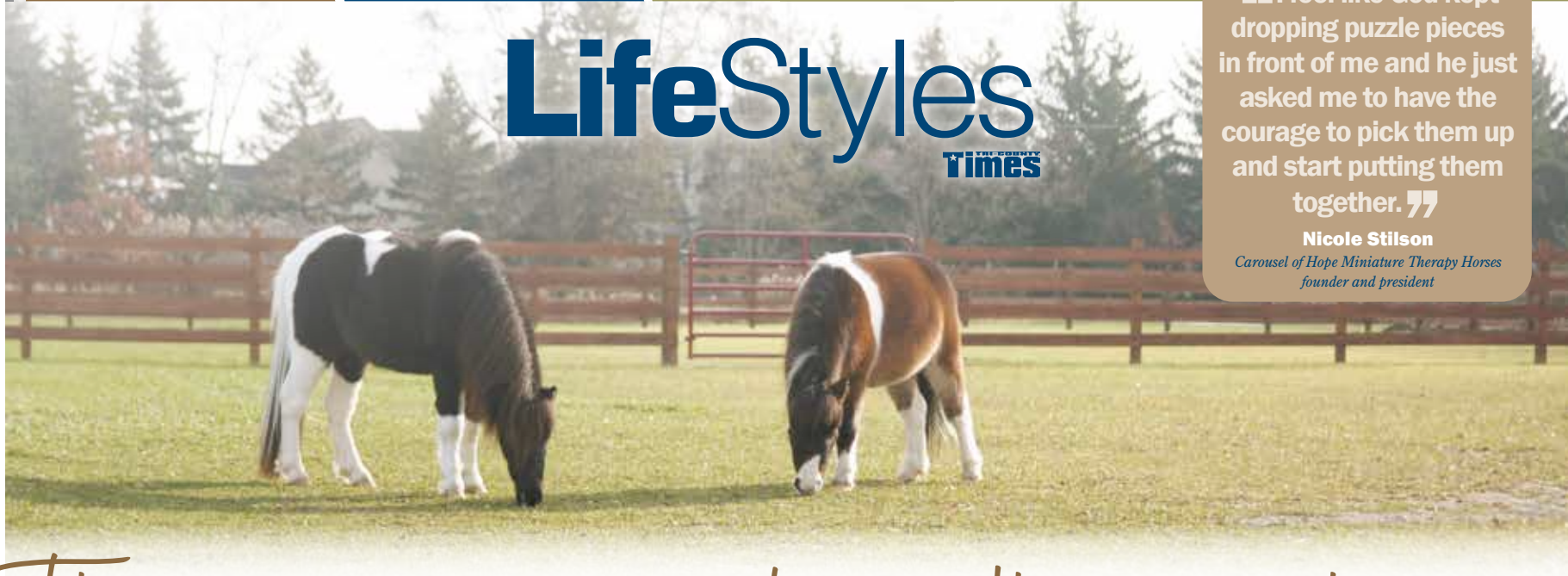
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THE WEEKEND TIMES

“I feel like God kept dropping puzzle pieces in front of me and he just asked me to have the courage to pick them up and start putting them together.”

Nicole Stilson

*Carousel of Hope Miniature Therapy Horses
founder and president*



The joy of miniature therapy horses

■ Fenton Township woman creates nonprofit, engages in community service

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Meet the minis.

Selena and Kory are the stars of the nonprofit Carousel of Hope Miniature Therapy Horses. Nicole Stilson, founder and president, operates the nonprofit out of her family's property in Fenton Township. Her goal is to bring people joy through therapy visits and community service.

“It's been super fun for me. I wanted a way to continue to give back to the community and to share my love for horses,” she said. “While I certainly feel like I'm doing that when I share them with everyone, I in return am reaping so many benefits. It's been a huge blessing for me too, bigger than I could have imagined.”

Stilson, a doctor of veterinary medicine, got the horses in July of 2022. Kory turned 2 in August and Selena will be 2 in January. Their favorite treats are mints and black licorice. “They're very different. That's part of what makes training so fun and challenging at the same time,” she said.

Before pursuing her nonprofit, Stilson,



Fenton Township resident Nicole Stilson said miniature horses can grow up to 38 inches tall. Selena, who was named after Selena Gomez, is about 29 inches tall. Kory, who was named after one of the breeder's friends, is nearly 32 inches tall. Selena has white on her nose. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

who's been involved with horses since she was 8, spent 21 years in the veterinary profession. She developed compassion fatigue and COVID took

its toll. Around the time Stilson was making that decision to leave the practice, a quote from Ann Voskamp lingered in her mind — “You were

made for the place where your real passion meets compassion, because there lies your real purpose.”

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BRITNEY

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conservatorship?

Justin Timberlake was especially horrible to her in the press after he cheated on her multiple times (which Britney always kept quiet) they broke up and after he got her to have an abortion. He built his career on trash talking her and shaming her. He's getting completely beat up in the court of public opinion, and he deserves every blow.

I am so glad Britney is free from their control and has told her story. I hope she has all the happiness in the world.

The Fall of the House of Usher
(Mild spoilers ahead.)

I can't say how much I loved and enjoyed "The Fall of the House of Usher" on Netflix made by Mike Flannagan. It's gothic, it's mild hor-

ror, it's delicious sibling drama and family angst. It's everything you expect from a Mike Flannagan show. You learn in the first episode that all the adult siblings in a super famous family are dead, and their deaths are somehow tied to their father. The father is the main character. You like him at times, but mainly you think how evil he is (this is the bad father column apparently).

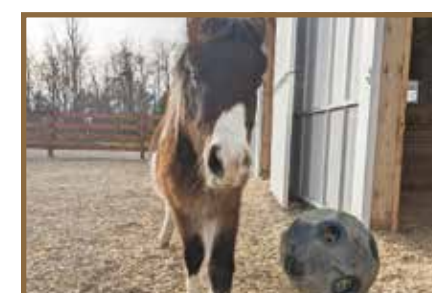
The siblings' personalities were as horrible as their deaths. The show gets an A+ for their characters and interpersonal dynamics.

My one complaint is that I wanted the siblings' deaths to be inadvertently caused by each other. The first two were, and you can make an easy argument that the last one was too. They all loathed each other and adding to each other's demise would have made it that much better.

Still, this show is a 10/10.



Photos: Hannah Ball



HORSES

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She started researching therapy horses. At this time, they didn't have the space to keep these animals.

"I feel like God kept dropping puzzle pieces in front of me and he just asked me to have the courage to pick them up and start putting them together," she said.

She met the owners of Tanglewood Assisted Living at a horse show and the woman told Stilson she could keep them on her property and use their barn.

She then discovered the Seven Oaks Farm Therapy Horse Program.

"They're the only program in the United States that has both a certification for handlers and registration for horses," she said. "There's no legal requirement for therapy horses to be certified or for their handlers to be registered and certified in the U.S. It's something I've chosen to do, because I want to do this and do it right. I want it to be a great experience for those who come in contact with the horses, and I want it to be safe."

Training involves making sure Selena and Kory are comfortable walking on different types of surfaces, getting them comfortable with loud noises, training them to walk up and down stairs, and more.

She takes them for walks through neighboring subdivisions. People often stop and ask questions or want to pet the horses.

"Any opportunity for interaction is an opportunity to train," she said.

Large horses can be intimidating due to their large size. "But you shrink them down to this level and it's like the size of a really fluffy Great Dane or a Saint Bernard," she said.

She hopes to spread the word about her nonprofit and continue building on their mobile visits

Stilson takes them to visit Symphony Linden, Tanglewood, St. John School and more. She's hoping to host more individuals or small groups on their property. There's a family that comes once a week with their daughter, who's on the autism spectrum.

"It's been really amazing to watch. All of them grow as a family and work together," she said, adding that the young woman has built more self-confidence. "She's learning what it is to work and to take care of something, and she loves it."

The couple are seeking a conditional rezoning from residential to agricultural that would limit the keeping of animals to the miniature horses. The Fenton Township Planning Commission will review their application on Thursday, Nov. 30. They have received letters of support from their neighbors who love the horses.

"You show up here and there's a peace, there's a calm. I can't explain it," she said.

If anyone is looking for volunteer opportunities or wishes to arrange a visit, visit the nonprofit on Facebook or the website carouselofhopeminis.org. Donations are also welcome. Stilson said she's open to fundraising ideas.

Word Search

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Answer: Ryan Gosling

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN RESPONSE TO what Biden could do for inflation. How about the government stops giving money away? Illegal immigrants get free housing, health care, food and phones. How many of our veterans get that? Prioritize the people who are already here.

TO THE HOT-LINER who asks, what does a president do about inflation? Ronald Reagan did a great job on it, but he's not around to ask but Donald Trump is. Soon, he'll show you.

AT LAST THE entire Warren Commission's pathetic report on President Kennedy's assassination that took place Nov. 22, 1963 has been released. Finally, conspiracy theories are irrefutable undeniable facts. Rest in peace Mr. President, you did your best to avoid sending troops to the Bay of Pigs and Vietnam debacles.

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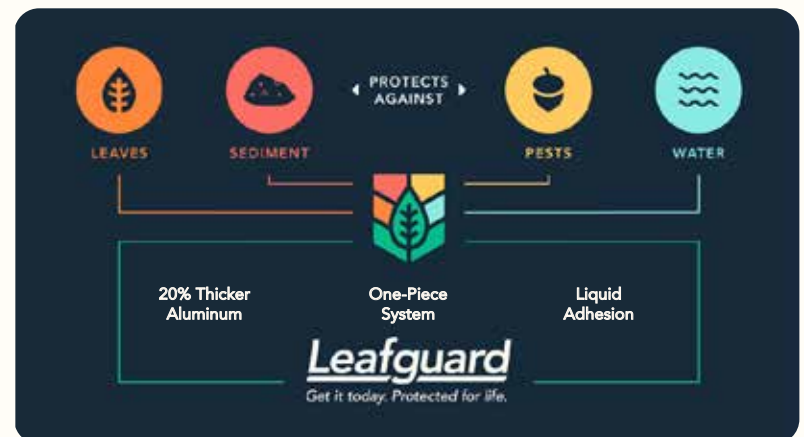
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WHAT CAN BE EASY TO GET INTO, BUT TOUGH TO GET OUT OF?

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Jumbles: TOY BIKE MELT TRUE
Answer: What can be easy to get into, but tough to get out of? — TROUBLE

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Obituaries

Times

Marion Mae Wardie

1927 – 2023



Marion Mae Wardie - age 96, of Linden, passed away Monday, November 13, 2023. Private services will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make a contribution in her memory to the Linden Historical Society, Linden Kiwanis or Lobdell Lake Association. Marion was born May 27, 1927 in Lapeer, the daughter of Harry and Gertrude (Rubbert) Marble. She married Calvin "Bud"

Wardie on June 19, 1948. Marion worked for Dr. Stephen Miller in Linden for many years. She enjoyed traveling, taking trips to the casino and entertaining at her home on Lobdell Lake. She is survived by her children, Marion Lynn Taylor (Dale Pearsall), Gayle Wardie and Matthew Wardie; grandchildren, Kelly (Scott) Dues and Wendy (Craig) Washburn; great-grandchildren, Allison McBride, Jake Harris and Lexi Mae Washburn; great-great grandchildren, Cameron and Tyler; sister, Dolly Young; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin "Bud" Wardie; daughter, Caleen Kristy Wardie; son, Craig Michael Wardie; grandson, Jeff McBride and five siblings. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Martin

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Larry Bush

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Shirley Hyder

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Amanda Elkins

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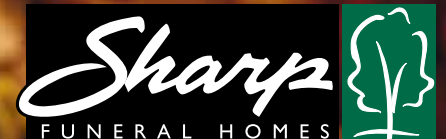


Doris Cherry

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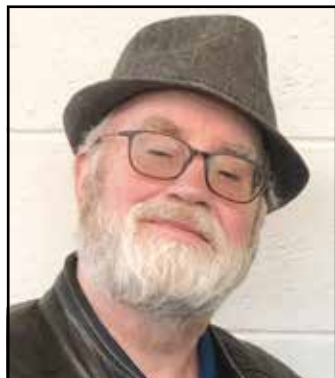


Obituaries

Times

Douglas L. Jordan 1945 – 2023

Douglas L. Jordan - age 78, of Linden, passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 21, 11 AM at Linden Free Methodist Church, 13274 Linden Road, Linden. Pastor John Price and Pastor Michael Anderson officiating. Burial in Argentine Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton from 2 -8 PM on Monday, November 20. There will be a family viewing on Tuesday at 10 AM before the funeral. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to My Brother's Keeper in Flint, MI. Doug was born August 19, 1945. He was the only son of Josiah and Audrey (Shelp) Jordan. He lived most of his life in Linden and raised his own family in his childhood home. He was a 1964 graduate of Linden High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Dianne Hurd August 14, 1965, at the Free Methodist Church in Linden. Doug was very active in the church. He held positions officially, cared for his church family in ministry, and worked behind the scenes to ensure the building was well maintained. He worked with the youth for many years. He brought the Upward Basketball Program to Linden as an outreach for Middle School students. He will long be remembered for hosting Friday night basketball. Many men attended and enjoyed that time together. Doug was an electrician by trade, as was his father. He was very proud that his sons also became electricians. He was an active member of the I.B.E.W Local 948 and retired from Newkirk Electric after 35 years



of service. Later in life, he became the Vice President and all-around handyman of My Brother's Keeper in Flint. Doug loved to be busy and active. He was an avid golfer and spent many hours on the golf course with his son, Jeff, father-in-law, Mel, and many friends. He took up hiking later in life and enjoyed walking many local trails and worked his way toward his big trip to the Appalachian Trails with his

walking buddy Tim. Doug loved God, Family and the Tigers. He went to his first game as a young man with his father. And then to countless games with his family, especially his wife Dianne. He was always willing to help anybody that needed him. He loved his family well. His children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the loves of his heart. His family will miss him terribly. His wife of 58 years, Dianne; four children, Steve (Maribeth) Jordan of Kings Mountain, NC; Jeff (Terri) Jordan of Fenton; Amy Jordan of Webster, MA; and Sandi (Dean) Whittaker of Rockford; he had 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; a sister, Laura Jordan of St. Petersburg, FL; mother-in-law, Grace Vickroy of Fenton; sisters-in-law, Liz Hurd of Linden and Debbie Myers (Tim) of Fenton along with and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay (David) McCall and Nancy (Ray) Tarbox; brother-in-law, Dan Hurd and his father-in-law, Mel Vickroy. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard Mark Berger 1938 – 2023



Richard Mark Berger - age 85, of Fenton, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 25, at 1 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church, Fenton. No flowers please. Contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Fenton or to a charity of your choice. Expressions

of sympathy may be shared with the family on Richard's Tribute Wall at detroitcremationsociety.com. Richard Mark Berger was born on January 6, 1938, in West, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor and Josephine (Detterman) Berger. Richard is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Berger, his daughter, Darlene Berger; his two sisters, Andrea (Royce) Walston, and Joan (Marvin) Nors. Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Isidore and Josephine Berger, and brother, Clarence Berger. Richard's obituary was written by his loving family.

Kathleen Cripe

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Merle LaLonde

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Terrance Barr

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Obituaries



Ann Turner Podlesak

1966 – 2023

Ann Turner Podlesak - of Fenton passed away peacefully on Friday November 10th, 2023 at age 57. She was born March 6th, 1966 in Flint, the daughter



sister, cousin, niece, and caring friend to many. Surviving are mother and step-father, Susan and Art Yeotis; father and step-mother, Daniel L Turner and Marlene

of Susan Yeotis and Daniel L Turner, both of Fenton. She graduated from Fenton High School in 1984 where she was class president, captain of the ski team, and editor of the yearbook. Ann attended both the University of Michigan-Flint and Ferris State University. Ann lived in the Fenton area where she raised her two daughters, Channer and Lydia Podlesak, with former husband Robert Podlesak. She was a 25-year employee of Sharp Funeral Homes. Ann was a former member of the Junior League of Flint and the Rotary Club of Fenton. Through the years she also worked part-time at The Iron Grate. Her creativity was evident in the beautiful displays within her living space and her thoughtful gifts to others. Ann was a proud daughter, mother,

Murphy; two daughters, Channer and Lydia Podlesak; brother, Matthew A Turner; fiancé, Patrick M Gysel; nieces, Jordan (Michael) Aurino and Taylor Ovadek; beloved Daschund, Stretch; and many relatives and friends. Ann will be missed by all, and her spirit will be with us forever. Respecting her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial gathering held on Sunday, November 26th from 2 – 7 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Liver Foundation (<https://liverfoundation.org>). www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bobbette Jane (Rush) Collison

1939 – 2023

Bobbette Jane (Rush) Collison - age 84, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 with her family by her side.



watch the Pistons at the Palace of Auburn Hills and was a 25 year season ticket holder. She enjoyed going to her cabin in Tawas in the summer and winter, when she

Funeral services were held 3 PM Friday, November 17, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was held 4 - 8 PM Thursday, November 16 and 2 PM until the time of service on Friday. Burial will be 1:30 PM Monday, November 20, 2023 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Detroit Pistons Foundation. Bobbette was born November 6, 1939 in Flint, the daughter of Harold Leon and Alva Syvetta (Stacey) Rush. She married Thomas W. Collison Jr. on November 30, 1963. They met through mutual friends at a dance at Mott Community College. Thomas went to serve four years as a Marine. Bobbette graduated from Utley High School and earned a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. She taught First grade in Linden Community Schools for 36 years before retiring in 2000. She loved going to

wasn't teaching. Bobbette loved to drive tractors in parades and over the Mackinac Bridge. She was very active in Tractor Club, Daughters of the Union, Marine Corps Auxiliary and Genealogy, but what she enjoyed the most was spending time watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events. Bobbette also enjoyed sewing and crafts. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Thomas Collison Jr.; son, Thomas (Colleen) Collison III; daughter, Sarah Terry; grandchildren, Thomas (Harley) IV, Katie (Josh), Joe (Katy), Nicole (Jacob); great-grandchildren, RJ, Jazmynn, Peyton, Jasper, Declan, Vayden; sister, Betty "Joanne" Scheick; her pride and joy, fur babies, Sanely, Lady Jane; and her nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Pam Garty. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joel Clark

Joel Clark - age 61, died November 14, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joanne Canning

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Robert Walsh

Robert Walsh - age 93, died November 15, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Clarence Heidenberger

Clarence Heidenberger - age 94, died November 13, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Andrew "Drew" Weigandt, Jr.

Andrew "Drew" Weigandt, Jr. - age 59, died November 12, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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