Road closure, bridge construction delayed

Long-awaited Silver Lake Road project was set to start Monday

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Fenton — The project to replace the Silver Lake Road bridge just west of downtown Fenton has been temporarily delayed, allowing the road to remain open to traffic.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said the project contractor wasn’t quite ready to begin dismantling the bridge as planned on Monday, so to ease traffic the barriers were temporarily removed.

“He (the contractor) is letting the public continue utilizing the street until he is ready to start the removal and will then See CLOSURE on 5

Orange barriers stand ready to reroute traffic before construction on the Silver Lake Road bridge was delayed on Monday. The barriers were removed and Silver Lake Road was still open to traffic late Tuesday.

Linden High School has second bomb threat in less than a week

False alarms strain resources of police and fire departments

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On Monday, Jan. 25, at approximately 11:46 a.m., Linden High School went into lockdown due to a bomb threat found written on the wall in one of the girls’ bathrooms. After assessing the situation, staff members followed their emergency preparedness procedures and initiated bomb threat protocol.

The Argentine Police
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Fenton firefighter’s boats make the cut in Disney movie

Jeff Shook’s Coast Guard boats used in ‘The Finest Hours’

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The new Disney movie, “The Finest Hours” opens in theaters on Friday, Jan. 29, and one local man played a big part in providing the boats used for rescue in this true story of a maritime disaster. Jeff Shook, 44, a 1989 graduate of Fenton High School and 20-year firefighter and EMT with the Fenton Fire Department, owns Coast Guard boats that were used for the movie.

On Feb. 18, 1951, two World War II-era tanker ships, the SS Pendleton and SS Fort Mercer, faced catastrophe during a horrific nor’ easter off the coast of Massachusetts. The 500-foot-long ships split in two within hours of each other in frigid cold waters and monstrous waves, leaving crew members with just a few hours to live before the vessels went down.

“The Finest Hours” details the daring rescue of those mariners.

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Fenton restaurants featured in Michigan travel blog

City earns recognition as a ‘must see’ destination for 2016

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From giant peanut butter and jelly doughnuts at Crust and humongous sandwiches at The Laundry, to the huge pasta portions at the Fenton House, Fenton is beginning to reap the rewards of its growing reputation as a “foodie destination.”

Boasting more than 50 restaurants, Fenton has officially been recognized as one of “7 Must-See Michigan Destinations for 2016” by The Awesome Mitten, a guest blog on Michigan.org. Michigan’s travel and tourism website.

“Just south of Flint and easily accessible from the Detroit area, Fenton’s motto might as well be, ‘Go big or go home’ when it comes to its thriving food scene,”

See RESTAURANTS on 9
Students say ‘texting and driving’ laws not enforced

By Vera Hogan

Students in Winston Stoody’s eighth-grade class at St. John School will be approaching the Fenton City Council for the third time at the Monday, Feb. 1 work session. They were promised a spot on the February agenda at the Dec. 14, 2015 council meeting.

The topic of discussion will again be their quest to have local leaders pass a new ordinance that would enforce a ban on texting and driving.

“This wasn’t the first time these students have approached the City Council on this topic. They made a similar presentation two years ago, when they were in sixth grade.

“We didn’t think they took us that seriously,” said Gwen Feamster, 13. “They just sort of congratulated us and said ‘aren’t they cute,’ that sort of thing.”

The students believe now that they are in eighth grade, they will be taken more seriously.

Anyone who thinks that’s funny may want to think again. These students will be driving in two to three years — and many of them will be old enough to vote in the next Fenton City Council election in 2019.

At the Dec. 14, 2015 Fenton City Council meeting, Stoody’s students gave a PowerPoint presentation and each student got up and spoke to city leaders.

“We believe the problem has become more severe since then (two years ago) because of the increased use of technology.

Although distracted driving is already against the law in Michigan, Stoody’s students don’t think the law is being enforced, specifically as it relates to texting and driving.

Currently, Michigan state law prohibits any driver between the ages of 15 and 18 from using any type of cellular mobile electronic device while driving.

That ban is only for teenagers, inexperienced drivers who make up a small percentage of the total number of drivers,” they said.

Stoody’s class chose this cause for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was that the father of one of their classmates was seriously injured in an accident caused by texting and driving.

Brandon Iordanou, said his dad was involved in a serious accident near the entrance to the school. A girl, who was looking at her phone, caused a chain reaction crash resulting in her car and Brandon’s dad’s car going into the ditch.

The reason they knew she was texting and driving is because the girl and Brandon’s father rode in the same ambulance. “She kept apologizing for being on her phone,” said Stoody.

“That’s how they knew what caused the accident.”

Brandon said his father had to have surgery on his back and was told he would have back problems for many years to come.

“I’m super excited though,” said Brandon on Jan. 21. “We found out he will be able to go back to work in two weeks.”

Student Sara Dziadzio, 13, said they do not have an issue with a Blue Tooth technology.

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St. John eighth-graders dedicated to do something about that
WINTER FUN BEGINS INDOORS

Paint, bowl, skate and cook with your family at different venues in the tri-county area

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You don’t have to “hibernate” in the winter if you’re not a fan of this season’s cold temperatures, ice and snow. But with just a little thought and a few ideas for creative outings, you and your family can have a lot of fun in these next few winter months.

BOWLING

If you haven’t bowled since you were a kid, you can re-create those memories and visit either Fenton Lanes or Holly Lanes Bowling Center for an afternoon or evening of strikes and spares. It’s an inexpensive sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. You can rent any of the equipment you need, basically all you need is a bowling ball and shoes, for about $10 for two games.

Both Fenton Lanes and Holly Lanes have open bowling on weekends and specific times during the week. It’s best to call ahead to make sure that open bowling is available at the time you plan to go, according to JoAnn Berg of Fenton Lanes. You can also plan a special family event at the bowling alley, to celebrate a birthday, holiday or other occasion.

If you find that you really enjoy the sport, you might consider joining a bowling league, which will get you out “on the lanes” on a regular basis.

Summary

There’s plenty to do during the winter months in Michigan, even if you’d rather stay indoors.

PAINTING AND OTHER CREATIVE PURSUITS

Whether or not you’re an artist by training or skill, you can enjoy an afternoon or evening of crafts or painting — no talent required.

Inspiration Arts and Crafts Workshop in Holly is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, from 12 to 4 p.m. for events and classes, including some drop-in crafts for all ages. For information on events and class times, visit their Facebook page or inspiration-sholly.com.

COOKING CLASSES

You and your family can learn to spice up your life with healthy Mediterranean cooking, savoring the scents of lemon, garlic and mint as you learn to make rice and grain dishes, fresh salads and homemade dressing.

Classes are scheduled on Tuesday evenings in two different sessions in March and in May through slpr.net. “They’re appropriate for all ages,” said Nancy Mufley, program administrator for SLPR.

The Laundry and Crust also conduct classes in the winter for pie baking, breads and cocktails, but they are all sold out with a waiting list, according to Holly Nachtigal, marketing director for both the restaurant and bakery.

Indoors

Destinations like the Flint Children’s Museum and the Detroit Institute of Arts (right) are excellent cultural learning opportunities for families.

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Welcome to Flint—don’t drink the water!

Until he took over as emergency manager of Detroit’s school system in January 2015, Darnell Earley was emergency manager of the city of Flint—and the man responsible for poisoning Flint’s water supply. Governor Rick Snyder appointed him to both jobs.

It didn’t take a government scientist to know something was seriously wrong with the Flint water distress. You could smell it, taste it, and see it. People started showing up at public events with jugs of brown-colored water, right out of their taps. Yet when residents of Flint turned for help—to government officials at the local, state, and federal level—every one of those officials failed to do their job, starting with the governor.

In April 2014, a cost-saving measure estimated at $1 to $2 million a year, Earley ordered that Flint stop getting its drinking water from Detroit’s water supply and instead draw from the Flint River, which has known decades of industrial pollution.

Problems soon surfaced. Residents complained about the new water’s foul odor, brown color, and strange health effects. By October, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) advised residents to boil water before using it. It took Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards to discover the problem: Water from the Flint River corroded lead pipes at 19 times the rate of water pumped in from Detroit.

Not until October 16, 2015, did Flint switch back to Detroit’s water system. And not until this week did Gov. Snyder agree to the governor of Flint, accept responsibility for the problem, and promise to fix it.

The city’s corroded water pipes are still delivering leaded, foul-colored water. It’ll take years to replace them all. Meanwhile, the entire population of Flint can drink only bottled water supplied by the National Guard. Parents bathe their children in city water and hold their breath. All for the chance to save a buck.

Some residents of Flint are calling for Gov. Snyder’s resignation. But filmmaker Michael Moore, Flint’s most famous son, has a better idea: Rick Snyder should be arrested and charged with the crime of poisoning a city’s water supply.

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Egg and nest destruction approved for area lakes

Program aims to reduce goose-human conflicts on Silver and Marl Lakes

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Fenton Twp.—The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its meeting Monday to continue the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Canada Goose nest and egg destruction program. The proposal was brought forth by the Silver and Marl Lake Homeowners Association for Silver and Marl Lakes in 2016.

The resolution passed 5-1. Clerk Bob Krug cast the dissenting vote. Trustee Vince Lorraine was absent.

“I just look at this as being an humane way to take care of a problem,” Krug said. “The round ups are bad enough, but when you’re out there smashing eggs and tearing up nests, that’s just not right.”

This program allows landowners to fill out a permit to destroy eggs and nests to encourage geese to migrate north, according to the DNR. Participants must first meet eligibility requirements and attend training.

“The DNR requires that the municipality give us a resolution approving that we get the permit to do this nest and egg destruction,” said Richard Sandell, past association member who continues to help with the goose management program. “I ask that you approve it so we can keep the momentum going on this program.”

This program aims to resolve goose and human conflicts, according to the DNR. Most complaints are from homeowners and business owners located near lakes who are frustrated with goose droppings on lawns, beaches, docks, sidewalks and other locations.

Geese will often nest in shrubbery near buildings and can be aggressive toward humans when they approach. These geese have also been known to damage agricultural crops by eating them or walking on them.

Sandell said the program has been working. In 2013, there were five nests and 27 eggs. In 2014, there were seven nests and 26 eggs, and in 2015, there were three nests and 20 eggs.

“There’s fewer nests, so it’s working,” he said.

Wes Nolde, the current president of the association, said he spoke on behalf of all the residents and nonresidents who use Silver Lake Park.

“Part of this is keeping the lake as clean as we can, reducing E. coli and reducing the waste, but also managing that we do have great wetland in the area,” he said.

Canada Geese

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CLOSURE

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need to shut it down,” said Czarnecki. “I thought that was a good idea to help out the community.”

The contractor is also verifying underground utility locations. Czarnecki will get an update at a meeting Wednesday morning as to the progress of the long-awaited project. The removal of the bridge was set to begin on Monday, and be finished by September. During construction, traffic would be routed via Adelaide Street and Shawassee Avenue.

The project is expected to cost $1,013,063. The city will be responsible for paying $50,653, plus engineering fees by OHM.

This is part of a string of city projects, including the recently completed Streetscape, which completely revamped downtown streets, sidewalks and lighting.

HOT LINE

IF THE ELECTION ends up as Trump vs. Hillary Clinton, she will win. So keep promoting Trump, it plays right into our hands.

IT IS A sad reflection on the quality and morality of our entire country when all the candidates have massive negative histories of scandals, divorces and cheating on spouses.

WOULD IRAN CRAPutation and put American sailors on their knees in an execution fashion when Ronald Reagan was President? Thank the ayatollah.

EIGHT-THOUSAND CHILDREN in Flint need to be treated for lead poison-

ing and the only Hot Line I’ve seen on the topic is whining about having to pay to fix the problem? Rethink your image of being a generous and caring town. Fenton, I’m giving you a grade of “F”.

I’VE ATTENDED ZUMBA morning classes at Chassé for over 2 years and enjoyed every session, I met fun, wonderful people along the way. I hope we bump into each other again soon. I have no last names so I can’t call them, but want them to know they are all in my prayers. Things will get better.—Kay S. of Holly.

WE WILL BE the highest taxed state in the nation with no voice about it. Flint is not the only city in big trouble. That combined with our public schools. The taxes to fix and bail them out will cost us large.

TO THE PERSON urging me to vote for Bernie Sanders. Why would anyone with half a brain vote for a self-proclaimed socialist?

THE LITTLE EAGLE Wooden Park in Linden is not a dog park. Parents are letting their dogs loose out at a child’s playscape area, which is fenced in. That means the dog is dumping where everyone else’s child plays. Multiple people are doing it. Pick up after your dogs.

DOES ANYONE really stop to think about all that tragedy with the water debacle in Flint? Think back to when Katrina happened in New Orleans. Those people down there now drink safe water. Flint didn’t go through a natural disaster and they still can’t drink their water. The government doesn’t care.

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Fenton Township officials approved a plan that would reduce the number of geese that call Silver and Marl lakes home.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELLO

The city of Fenton first discussed replacing the Silver Lake Road bridge in 2012, after an inspection declared some parts of the bridge were in “poor” condition. Michigan’s Local Bridge Program will pick up most of the cost.
Prices effective through Saturday, January 30, 2016
The retroactivity of Miller v Alabama

Some time ago, I wrote a column on the issue of whether it is allowable to impose a mandatory sentence of life without the possibility of parole for juvenile offenders when they have been convicted of murder.

The Supreme Court in Miller v Alabama, 560 U.S. 460 (2010), held that mandatory life without parole sentences are unconstitutional as applied to juveniles. However, the Supreme Court did not address whether the Miller decision was retroactive to cases that had already been decided at the time Miller was rendered.

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A boatload of actors are seen here off the coast of Quincy, Massachusetts on one of Jeff Shook’s boats during the filming of “The Finest Hours.”

BOATS
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According to Shook, the planning for this movie began about two years ago.

“When the book, of the same name, was purchased by Disney for the movie rights, research began within the movie community,” Shook said. “A script was developed and the scenes planned out and the search for locations, director, props, actors, and support staff began.

“I was contacted early on because every place they turned to research finding Coast Guard boats, my name popped up as the ‘go to’ person,” he added.

“It was a wonderful experience and a lot of fun,” said Shook. “I was hired as a technical advisor and to supply the 36-foot wooden motor life boats they needed for the film.

“With my boats in various stages of restoration and condition, three of mine were determined one of them could not be used, boats in this condition in the water operating. It had to be historically accurate. There are two of these kinds of historic artifacts and original and newly fabricated boat parts which were used on all of the boats to make them identical.”

Some items were replicated by the prop department, such as the boat radio.

“A second boat was needed out of the pile near the movie set in Boston.

“A second boat was needed out of the water on a motion base, which the nonprofit Iron, the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy happened to have, so this one was selected for this job,” Shook said.

“This boat needs a lot of help and restorations dollars to make it museum ready, but it fit the job,” he added.

Total of four boats were needed in the movie. Most important was a boat used for the rescuers coming home into the harbor and leaving the harbor, and in the water operating. It had to be historically accurate.

There are two of these boats in this condition in the country. Since it was determined one of them could not be used, Shook’s boat was Disney’s only option.

“Basically, without my boat they told me the movie could not be made,” said Shook. “So after learning about the needed modifications we came to terms and I was off to the races.”

Shook said his work for the movie turned into a second full-time job done mostly remotely with him in Michigan and Disney in Quincy, Massachusetts.

“I assisted all kinds of departments, set decorating, marine, props, special effects, art department, etc.,” said Shook. “I also was required to be on set to train the actors how to drive my boat and give first hand input on the boat outfitting process.

“So I traveled to Quincy Massachusetts to get the job done,” he said. “I supplied all kinds of historic artifacts and original and newly fabricated boat parts which were used on all of the boats to make them identical.”

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The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn features one of the top six museums in the U.S., documenting pre-historical times through the doors of its more than 50 interactive exhibitions and events — from Taste in Fenton to the new Restaurant Week, held last week.

For a true cultural experience, take a day to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the top museums in the U.S., documenting pre-historical times through the doors of its more than 50 interactive exhibitions and events — from Taste in Fenton to the new Restaurant Week, held last week.

Fenton has grown into its own as a destination for different food experiences, said Hamel. "When we (The Laundry) opened, people said we wouldn’t be able to make it in Genesee County, but we found you don’t have to live in New York City or be a sophisticated person to enjoy great food. Food is an affordable luxury for people at all different income levels." Hamel was instrumental in starting Restaurant Week, which debuted last week Jan. 17-23, showcasing 17 restaurants in Fenton for the first time. He also spearheaded "Taste in Fenton" 11 years ago. In addition to mentioning Cruise, The Laundry and the Fenton House, The Awesome Mitten also recognized two autumn foodie destinations: Spicer Orchards for its cider, doughnuts, wine tasting and family fun and the St. John Applefest for its carnival food, apple pie and entertainment.

The other six "Michigan Destinations for 2016" mentioned by The Awesome Mitten included:

• PLMOUTH: "A town that while in the heart of suburbia, gives off the feeling of being in a small town far, away.

• FRANKENMUTH: "No town epitomizes Christmas and the holidays in Michigan more than Frankenmuth.

• GRAND HAVEN: "The Grand Haven lighthouse and pier is reason enough to choose Grand Haven for a first-time visit."

• OSCODA: "The Lake Michigan coastline gets a lot of love, but the Sunrise Coast and Lake Huron showcase their own beauty, like in the resort town of Oscoda.""
Blue Devils fall to Beecher, but defeat Powers in OT

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It was a tough Friday night for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

First, the squad pushed state-power Beecher in the Bucs’ own home gym, but the Blue Devils fell just a tad short, losing 66-56 verdict. Second, the team had bus trouble on the way home and didn’t get back to Lake Fenton until late.

However, the weekend ended on a positive as the Blue Devils defeated Powers 73-69 in overtime on Saturday. The busy four-day stretch ended with another positive, a 41-28 victory against Bentley on Monday.

“We are on the verge of great. We just need to prove it to ourselves first.” Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. “Beecher is a great basketball team that was better than us tonight. The good news is we get to see them again in February.”

The biggest difference between the two teams was Beecher’s Malik Ellison. Ellison led the Buccaneers with a game-high 29 points. Isaac Golson led the Blue Devils with 12 points, while Andrew Foerster had 11 points. Cam Jackson netted nine points, while Jake Zielinski had eight points. Jalen Miller chipped in seven rebounds and six points.

Against Powers, the Blue Devils (4-1, 7-2) were down seven with 1:40 to go in regulation but made a charge to force overtime. Zielinski made a couple of steals and Golson made a key three-pointer, pushing the game in overtime.

“I was proud of our guys for their never-die mentality,” Erway said. “We didn’t shoot great from the line (20-for-33), but we still found a way to win tonight...”

Chris Bell led the Blue Devils with 20 points, six rebounds and four assists, while Miller had 19 points and five rebounds. Golson netted nine points.

Eagles lose 21-point lead, Gilbert’s shot caps Fenton victory

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When Don Pluta began coaching the varsity wrestling team at Holly High School in 1978, it was nearly impossible for the Bronchos to win a match.

“We couldn’t win a match. We only had six wrestlers,” Pluta said.

“They were good wrestlers but we didn’t have enough to win.”

Things have changed since then for the Holly Athletic Hall of Famer. Pluta has done his share of winning, capturing his 600th career victory at the Fitzgerald Team Tournament on Saturday. Holly also won the tournament title, posting wins against Warren Fitzgerald, Edsel Ford, L’Anse Creuse, Oxford and West Bloomfield.

“It does mean a lot. It is an awesome feeling,” Pluta said. “When you start coaching, you just coach and get the kids better. You don’t think about personal stuff like ‘I’d like to be in the 500-win club.’ You just go out and build a program.”

Pluta was pleased with his team’s performance, recording all five wins. The Blue Devils other 5-0 mark with three pinfall wins. The Blue Devils’ 18-1 run in the third quarter with an impressive 19-0 run, sparking the victory.

Lake Fenton defeated state-ranked Division 1 foes Detroit 34-26 and Oxford 39-26. The Blue Devils also defeated Marysville 52-13 and Tecumseh 45-21.

The squad’s only loss came against the No. 2 team in Division 1, Hartland, losing 49-14.

“We had a great weekend,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “We had some big schools come into town and we wrestled well. … The last match of the day we got beat up a little bit (against Hartland), but I think it’s great how we did with our 20-man roster. We opened up some eyes.”

The Blue Devils had some individual wrestlers that opened some eyes as well. Despite the elite competition, three Blue Devils finished the day with perfect 5-0 marks. One was Garrett Trombley. The Corunna transfer captured a Division 3 state championship title at 112, but hasn’t been able to compete due to the transfer rules until last week. He came out posting a 5-0 mark with three pinfall wins. The Blue Devils other 5-0 wrestlers were Trent Hillger (285) and Devan Melick (135) who each had a pinfall win. Of course, Hillger captured a 215 pound individual D3 state title last year as well. Jackson Nevadomski (top) won this recent match. He also won his match at Michigan on Friday.

Andrew Goodman (285) and Tommy Adams recorded 3-2 marks, while Glenn Krogger (160) went 2-2.

The Eagles host Linden for a 6 p.m. match Metro League match today.

PREP REPORT

Lake Fenton JV 39, Swartz Creek 9: Olivia Snyder scored 16 points, five steals and four assists. Fuller had 10 points and three steals, while Renee Shaw led the team with nine rebounds.

Lake Fenton JV 39, Swartz Creek 0: Olivia Snyder scored nine points in the victory. Savannah Shustock chipped in eight points for Lake Fenton (8-4).

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Eagles post win on Wolverines’ home mat

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For a day, the Linden varsity wrestling team experienced what it is like to be a college wrestler.

The Eagles traveled to the University of Michigan’s Cliff Keen Arena and wrestled Mason prior to Michigan’s match with Central Michigan University. The Eagles came off of the mat with a 39-19 victory.

“This was such a great experience for our squad as our team really was prepared to wrestle in this atmosphere,” Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner said. “I told them they may never get an experience like this again, so make it count. And boy did we make it count. Every match was well wrestled, and we only gave up one pin the entire night. I’ve never seen such a young squad with only one senior in the lineup wrestle with so much heart.”

Justin Cygnar and Patrick Kerr had big victories, defeating state-placers. Cygnar won by decision while Kerr won a major decision. Other Linden victories were Koleton Strauss, Caleb White, Dawson Blank, Bryce Davis, Avery Jacobs, Cade Dickson and Jaylin Steedman.

The Eagles (24-6) travel to Fenton for a 6 p.m. match today.

Fenton hosts Fenton Team Tournament

The Tigers captured a victory against Ann Arbor Huron at the event, but lost four other matches. The Tigers did have a close match with Farmington 47-36. Many Fenton wrestlers had winning records. James Church (140) and David Foster (189) led Fenton with 4-1 records. Both recorded three pinfall wins among their four victories.
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Becki Moore said: “They are a talented group and that’s what we talked about all week. The kids know. They play with a lot of those kids and they know how good they are.”
“They did a good job trying to bottle Sarah and Chloe. But our other kids stepped up too and made a couple of shots. … It was probably our best club effort all year.”
Linden (0-6, 0-10) led the Tigers for most of the first half. It wasn’t until Idoni sparked the break with a pass to Cummings for a breaking layup and a foul that the Tigers were able to get the lead. Cummings made the free throw as well and Fenton led 22-21 at the half.
The squads went into the fourth tied at 33-all. Linden’s final lead of the game came at 33-33 on a driving three-footer by Sterling DeGayner with 6:47 left and came at 35-33 on a driving three-footer by Cummings made the free throw as well that the Tigers were able to get the lead.

Sarah and Chloe. But our other kids were go-

TIGERS
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22-point fourth quarter. “I was just trying to get back on defense (after I made it) to make sure they didn’t score and beat us in the last second shot, too. It was fun. It was crazy. The crowd went wild. It was awesome.”
As dramatic as a win it was for the Tigers (4-2, 6-3), it was as heartbreaking a loss for Linden. The biggest Linden’s lead was 26-5 on a converted free throw by Logan Strang with 6:54 left in the third quarter. However, the Tigers started cutting into the lead after that, and did so quickly.
Using a full-court press defense, the Ti-
gers frustrated Linden into third-quarter turnovers. Some of those miscues came during a 16-3 Fenton run that was capped by a Jake Cairnduff steal and pass to Peyton Coffman for a breaking layup. With 2:04 left in the third quarter, Fenton trailed just 33-26. Linden seemingly thwarted off the Fenton run when Steiert hit a three-pointer at the end of the third quarter, putting the Eagles up 38-27 entering the fourth.
However, the Tigers kept battling back. Fenton cut the gap to single-digits for good at 43-34 with 5:08 left on a driving layup by Cairnduff. Within the next 90 seconds, layups by Coffman, Cairnduff and Drew Miller cut the gap to 43-40 with 3:46 left. What became a string of 12 unanswered points was ended when the Tigers got their first lead of the game with 2:11 left. It came on a Cairnduff steal and dish to Chris Gilbert for a breaking layup. Fenton led 44-43.
Linden’s Trent Strang responded with a layup of his own, but two Gilbert free throws with 53.8 seconds left gave the Tigers the lead back at 46-45. Linden’s final lead came when Garrett Strang drove the middle of the lane and converted a free throw for Linden, putting the Eagles up 47-46 with 34.4 seconds left. However, about 26 seconds later, Gilbert hit his dramatic trey.
It’s unbelievable,” Gilbert said. “It’s all you can wish for – during your senior year on your home floor against Linden (0-6, 1-8). It’s a rivalry game. That’s what you want to see.”
Of course, it was the opposite story for the Eagles.
Brandon 68, Holly 61
The Bronchos (5-1, 7-2) saw their 22-game Metro League win streak come to an end at home against the Blackhawks.
Holly shot 19-of-62 from the field, making just 3-of-24 shots from three-point land.
A 15-2 Brandon run in the fourth quarter helped the Blackhawks post the upset victory.
Kyle Wooduff led the Bronchos with 27 points.

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*Source: thefuneralsource.org*

**Obituaries**

**William C. VanLeuven**

1921-2016

William C. VanLeuven - age 94, of Fenton, died Monday, January 25, 2016 at his residence. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Friday, January 29, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Nicholas Ruffer officiating. Visitation will be held 4-9 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, the AMVETS or Hospice House of Shiawassee County, 2005 Copas Rd., Owosso, MI 48867. Mr. VanLeuven was born February 24, 1921 in Traverse City, the son of Alfred Lee and Bertha May (Sherwood) VanLeuven. He grew up in Troy, and married Shirley Anne Cinader on September 14, 1940. She preceded him in death on March 17, 2000. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp serving in World War II. Mr. VanLeuven received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Lawrence Technical University. He owned and operated Valmec, Inc. for many years.

Mr. VanLeuven married Annie Hopson on April 20, 2002. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and going to the casino. Surviving are: wife, Annie VanLeuven; five children, Karen (Joseph) DeMars of Fenton, Lawrence (Sharon) VanLeuven of Lapine, Colin (Patty) VanLeuven of Fenton, Bradley (Jackie) VanLeuven of Fenton and Krystyn (Richard) Tatus of Fenton; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; four step-children, Mona (Joseph) Kosa of Flint, James (Sharon) Hopson of Davison, and Jerry (Judy) Hopson of Cape Coral, FL; 11 step-grandchildren, 23 step great-grandchildren and 10 step great-great-grandchildren; brother, David Lee VanLeuven of Ft. Myers, FL; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Shirley; and his sister, Carol. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Village of Holly**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Notice of Sign Variance Request**

**Notice is hereby given,** in accordance with Article 25 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on a request for a sign variance on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a sign variance was filed by Earl Daup Signs for the Metro North Credit Union located at 15156 N. Holly Road. The parcel bears tax identification number 01-28-276-018. The applicant is requesting a height and square footage variance for an electronic message board because they are using an existing sign base.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Hairstyle
5. Fond du — , Wisc.
8. Wan
12. Pitch
13. Bachelor’s last words
14. Old portico
15. Largest continent
16. — canto
17. Get ready, for short
18. Catch sight of
20. Eye layer
22. West Virginia industry
26. — nerve
29. Japanese sash
30. Sticky stuff
31. Frog’s cousin
32. Pair
33. Timely question?
34. Unwell
35. Miler
36. Name
37. “Kiss Me Kate” composer
46. Up to
41. Discomfort
45. Dressed
47. Botanical

DOWN
1. N’Djamenas country
2. Northamptonshire river
3. Rainbow
4. Limp
5. Egypt’s neighbor
6. Citric quaff
7. Rumpled sleuth of TV
8. Colorado ski mecca
9. Poker-winner’s hand
10. Weeding tool
11. Shrill bark
12. Sinnab’s flier
13. Half of XIV
14. Depress
15. Missing
16. Ear-related risk
17. Horse-play?
28. Yarn
32. Strip of icons
33. Bug
35. Sgt.’s subordinate
36. Coffee break time
38. Duck down
39. Shroud city
42. Jason’s ship
43. Any day now
44. Nervous
45. PC’s brain
46. Fleur-de-

sticker
49. Walked (on)
50. Heap
51. “— was saying, ...
52. Enthralled
53. PC operator
54. Scooted
55. Shetland, e.g.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem suddenly could produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it’s up to you to decide which way you want to go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you’ll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they’ve been handling the relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

DVD RELEASES

GOOSEBUMPS
Jack Black stars as acclaimed Goosebumps writer R.L. Stine in this feature-film adaptation of the popular YA book series. A teenager named Zach (Dylan Minnette) reluctantly moves from New York City to the quiet town of Madison, Delaware, where he quickly realizes that his reclusive new neighbor is in fact the horror author of the Goosebumps series. Zach learns Stine’s identity when he is drawn to the writer’s daughter Hannah (Odeya Rush), but soon discovers the dangerous secret inside their home.

PG, 1 hr. 43 min.

A BRILLIANT YOUNG MIND
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