Kmart was the original big box discount retailer

First location opened in 1962 in metro Detroit

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Fond memories were shared among shoppers waiting in line at the Fenton Kmart store last weekend.

It was announced last week that the Silver Lake Village store would close permanently on Dec. 11. The store has been inundated with hundreds of customers looking for a good bargain since Thursday, Sept. 22, the start of the liquidation sales.

Older generations remember walking into the Kmart stores as children and being immediately assaulted by the smell of caramel corn, circus peanuts and cotton candy. Some loved those aromas — some hated them.

They also recalled the Blue Light Specials, where a cart carrying an actual flashing blue light was wheeled around the store to the location of the

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Hundreds show support for police

Police Officer Appreciation Picnic gives thanks to those who serve

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When police officers put on their badge and strap on their gun, they know they might not make it home that day. However, local officers felt the much-appreciated support from the community, despite the possible bleakness of their profession.

On Saturday at the first Police Officer Appreciation Picnic at Windwalker Farms and Training in Tyrone Township,

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Superintendent returns from Middle East military duty

Ed Koledo will be back at Linden schools Oct. 17

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People do a double-take when they see Ed Koledo walking down the street.

Not only is this Linden Community Schools superintendent back in town after 11 months serving with the Michigan Army National Guard in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), he’s also 40 pounds lighter from daily exercise in 120- to 130-degree Middle East temperatures.

Koledo, 50, was activated for his second deployment on Oct. 15, 2015 as battalion commander

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Adult charges dismissed in shooting case

Defendant Lamarr Dukes is still going through the juvenile court system

By Hannah Ball
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All adult charges in the Genesee County Circuit Court for Lamarr Dukes, 16, were dismissed Monday. He was one of three defendants in the alleged Linden school shooting plot from October 2015.

The motion was filed Monday by

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S.S. Kresge opened its first Kmart store in 1962 in the Detroit suburb of Garden City. Within a year, there were 17 more stores. Unlike Kresge stores, Kmart were not placed in shopping centers but in plazas by themselves to avoid internal competition and to provide ample parking. In later years, Kmart had a difficult time competing with its two major competitors, Walmart and Target.

So, let me get this straight. The media elites, Hollywood elites, business and union elites, academic elites, foreign leaders, and political elites (including Republicans) all oppose Donald Trump. Sounds like he has the whole rigged system worried. Sounds like the perfect reason to vote for him.”

Comment of the Week

Trump bullied Hillary during the debate and made disparaging remarks about her. That is not how a gentleman treats a lady. I found his remarks to be demeaning to all women. I hope every citizen in America watched the debate.
Can’t make it to the polls?

Absentee ballot request for registered voters must be mailed no later than Nov. 5

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Millions of Americans are ready to vote on Nov. 8. Voting is a right as a U.S. citizen, and one that many take full advantage of.

Many people say that if you don’t vote, you have no right to complain about who wins. If you are unable to make it to the polls, here are the rules set by Michigan’s Secretary of State office for requesting an absentee voter ballot:

Source: michigan.gov

You must claim one of the following six reasons for not being able to vote in person:

— age 60 years or older
— unable to vote without assistance at polls
— expecting to be out of town on election day
— in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
— unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
— appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

You must be a registered voter to obtain an absentee ballot. You must be registered to vote by Tuesday, Oct. 11.

In order to request an absentee ballot, the request must be in writing and submitted to your city or township clerk. To find the address of your city or township clerk, visit michigan.gov/vote.

These requests must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before elections. After it’s received, your signature will be checked against your voter registration record. The absentee voter ballot will then be mailed to you.

You have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk’s office. For your vote to count, your signature on the return envelope must match the signature on file.

Only you, a family member, or person residing in your house, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to the clerk’s office.

According to michigan.gov, “Voting is one of the most cherished and fundamental rights in our country. If you are eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot and cannot attend the polls on Election Day, use of the absent voter ballot is strongly encouraged.”

News briefs

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW DPW POWER WASHER

Fenton’s Department of Public Works (DPW) is going to get a new power washer for $6,995 now that the City Council has unanimously approved the purchase. According to a memo from DPW Director Dan Czarnecki to City Manager Lynn Markland, the DPW uses a power washer unit to clean grease from trucks, melt off built-up snow from the plow blades, clean out salt from the dump box after plowing operations, and wash DPW vehicles. Czarnecki reported that the original unit is now 12-plus years old and its use in a very wet environment has caused the outside of the machine to rust away. They also are starting to find plastic in the valves that workers suspect is coming from the pumps. The heater stopped working and about two years ago, the shutoff float stopped working, causing water to fill the box and overflow onto the floor. The metal stand the unit sits on also has corroded to a point where the machine has fallen over in recent weeks. Czarnecki received a quote from Hydro-Chem Systems, Inc. for a new unit. He said it is very similar in size and power as the original unit. The DPW will take steps to store the machine out of the wet environment, which will extend its life.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE IS THIS SUNDAY

The Argentine Township Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house this Sunday, Oct. 2, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the fire station, 9048 Silver Lake Road. The community is invited to meet the firefighters and tour the fire trucks and fire station. The open house will also feature a smoke house, “Whack a car,” which provides a fun opportunity for attendees to hit a donated car with a sledge hammer, an extrication demonstration, child ID program, Consumers Energy powerline safety, STAT EMS ambulances, and much more. Hotdogs and popcorn will also be available.

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Linden High School students Marco Keech, 15, (left) and Alex Arceo, 16, draw a small crowd as they successfully print the first item with the student-buit “Ultimaker” 3-D printer Tuesday morning. Students had to assemble and troubleshoot the printer themselves.

“I thought it would take longer. They’re still tweaking it,” she said. “There were a few issues with it — they had to tighten a few things.”

Amendola first had students print a piece of jewelry to test the machine. After that, the students will submit what they want to print. “They want to scan themselves in and print a figurine of themselves,” she said.

She said she’d like students to print the pieces to another 3-D printer so they can assemble a second printer and have three in the class. The printer uses a variety of materials. “The printer itself is about 16- by 16- by 16-inches, she said, and can print figures that are approximately 5-inches by 5-inches. “It’s just another medium,” she said.

Tom Zender, now graduated, designed and manufactured items, said Cocagne. Zender said he is now an expert on the machine, according to Amendola.

Auction items such as the 3-D printer are a valuable resource to the Fenton students and the Fenton Education Foundation wants to continue to provide opportunities at their events for such donations.

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Art classes in Linden have become more high-tech, thanks to nine art students who just finished assembling a 3-D printer.

Gemma Amendola, Linden High School art teacher, attended a Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Conference where she learned about the Pioneer Program, which promotes technology in classrooms.

Amendola said they would give her free parts to a 3-D printer to use in her classroom. In exchange for the parts, Amendola said they would give her a 3-D printed item, which ultimately failed, but still provided a learning experience. (Below) Students use 3-D design programs to create items that can be printed later.

Amendola has taught a 3-D animation class at Linden for approximately five years, and they acquired their first 3-D printer last year.

“We did some very small projects with that as well,” she said. She said they noticed that one of the parts on the new printer was loose, so they printed a new part on their old 3-D printer. Now, the students can print objects with the new one.

3-D printers work using an additive process, where an object is created by laying down successive layers of material until the object is completed, according to 3Dprinting.com.

Amendola holds a 3-D-printed item, which still provided a learning experience. (Below)

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Now that your deductible has been met...it’s time to have your varicose veins treated.
If I Were King...

Political correctness is destroying America

Just about every problem in America today is linked to political correctness. This liberal-led agenda is contrary to our founding principles of freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of the press. But, in the hands of the left, its most powerful attribute is intimidation — on a level that can destroy businesses, reputations and lives. Don't believe me? Well, let's just go down the list. Alarmingly declining educational standards, chronic PC indoctrination in schools, ever-changing social standards that teach our children that dead babies and marijuana are good and the police are bad, rampant drug use, an inability to secure our borders, a weak and meek America on the world stage, and an aversion to permanently destroying the evil of Islamic terrorism.

All of the above, and much more, is rooted in politically-correct ideology. And nothing is more destructive and fatal to America’s foundational principles than the ever-expanding, incoherent and irrational agenda of today’s political correctness. Here are a few random examples:

• California high school students were sent home for wearing T-shirts with American flags on them on Cinco de Mayo day.

• A rodeo clown who wore an Obama mask was fired and now all rodeo clowns have to take ‘sensitivity training.’

• Florida police officer was fired for calling Trayvon Martin a ‘thug’ on Facebook.

• A North Carolina school ordered a 6-year-old girl to remove the word God from her essay.

• U.S. soldiers overseas are instructed not to do anything related to Islam. Do the math on this one.

In addition to our schools, the other primary source of this garbage is TV. The average American watches about 15 hours of television each month. Over 90 percent of television content is controlled by just a few big networks, and only four of these have been allowed to dominate the medium for decades. Did you know that over 90 percent of television programming runs 24/7, 52 weeks a year.

When we moved to Linden we were so excited. The school was amazing with low class sizes. With the reconfiguration of elementary schools, my third-grader has 27 students. How are my kids going to flourish in overcrowding?

‘TRUST ME,’ — HILLARY supporter. Why would I trust you when I can’t even trust her to tell the truth about anything?

WHAT IS GOING on with Linden High School? Bomb threats? School just started. Makes me wonder the mental state of kids. Either they think it would be funny to do a bomb threat or they are seriously considering harming people. Either scenario is frightening.

The FOREIGN POLICY of the Obama administration would also be the foreign policy of Hillary Clinton. He went around the country belittling our allies, shaming them in front of the whole world. Were your eyes open? Were you awake?

DATA SHOWS that although African Americans make up 13 percent of our population, they commit 52 percent of the homicides and are arrested for murder.

OBAMA HAS POLICITIZED and poisoned all branches of government, from the IRS, DEA, NSA, CIA, DOJ, FBI, and now the DHS, where the numbers of illegal immigrants have been suppressed. The numbers are being hidden.

I WOULD LIKE to thank one of Fen ton’s finest for pulling me over the other day. Apparently going under the speed limit is against the law in Fenton.

NO ONE HAS to discredit Trump, he does it quite nicely all by himself.

YOU AND ALL the rest of you who came from the south created this mess. Thanks a lot.

TO VOTE FOR Trump because of his lies and promises and name-calling with no substance is the most ignorable thing I’ve ever heard. How about you do some research on him based on facts, not right-wing BS.

I HAVE a daily prayer as well, but I put people first and animals and the land. God bless you.

I LOVE VERA Hogan’s articles. They are so interesting and educational.

ONE THING ABOUT it, yes, Trump is a true American. A damn big-mouth, tell-it-like-it-is, get-himself-in-trouble-no-matter-what American, born and bred. Just like the rest of us. He didn’t spend his first nine years in a Muslim country forced to read the Quran. That’s where Obama spent his first years as a child.

GLASS HOUSES, YOU’RE looking out, I’m looking in. We could have been friends. If you don’t like that house across the street from where you live, you should have moved to Bloomfield where rich people live.

THE ONLY CANDIDATE that has taken up scripted interviews so far is Donald Trump and that was in Detroit.

HOW IN THE world can you write an article about the Notre Dame/Michigan State tie without Dufy Daugherty quote after the game — ‘Playing for a tie is like kissing your sister.’

HILLARY CLINTON SERVED as Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013. How long do you think she should keep emails from her time in office? Do you think Colin Powell still has his?

WE CAN TELL what kind of a person you are when you’re always complaining and learn to appreciate what you have.

JUST A WORD to the wise of those anxious to sign up with Comcast, you haven’t seen trouble until you’ve signed up with Comcast. First, if you get a non-English speaking representative, either hang up or insist that they find someone you can understand.

See HOT LINE throughout Times
Holly Middle School’s student entry is on display in Grand Rapids through Oct. 9

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A collage made out of 10,140 recycled bottle caps was more than just a class project for students at Holly Middle School. “The Up-Cycled Tree” will be one of 1,400 entries selected to participate in 2016 ArtPrize in Grand Rapids, taking place now through Oct. 9.

Art exhibits and displays are set up in 160 different venues throughout three miles of the downtown area — in museums, galleries, bars, restaurants, theaters, hotels, public parks, lobbies, buildings, walls, bridges, laundromats and auto body shops, and it’s all free and open to the public.

This student entry will be located inside the Courtyard Marriott Hotel at 11 Monroe Ave. NW, next to the elevators and will also be part of the Children’s Walking Tour.

Prizes totaling $500,000 are available to artists who win two top $200,000 grand prizes and eight category prizes. Winners are determined half by the voting public and half by a jury of art experts.

**Holly Middle School students** have entered “The Up-Cycled Tree” in the 2016 ArtPrize international art competition in Grand Rapids, now through Oct. 9. Their mural is on display at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel.

The students collected bottle caps from various beverage container tops for two years and started work on the mural in March. The mural design was created by the students and took more than 150 hours to assemble.

“We decided to use beverage container tops because soda bottle caps are not recyclable and bottle caps are the second most polluted item,” said Emily Finkle, staff coordinator for the project. She and her students are hoping that a recycling company or waste management company would be interested in buying their entry for display in their corporate offices.

ArtPrize draws more than 400,000 visitors to downtown Grand Rapids. It is recognized as the most attended public art event on the planet, according to The Art Newspaper, and was recently highlighted in *The New York Times” 52 Places To Go in 2016.*
Long-time trustee will run as a write-in

Republican winners of the August primary are no longer shoe-ins this November

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Four winners in the August primary election for Tyrone Township trustee, who would automatically have taken their seats on the board in November because they are all Republicans, are being challenged.

Cam Gonzalez, the long-time incumbent who lost in the August primaries by 25 votes will be running in the November election as a write-in candidate.

Gonzalez has been a resident of Tyrone Township for 16 years. He has served as a Tyrone Township trustee for the past four years and as such has been the liaison to the Planning Commission and the liaison to the Livingston County Road Commission.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Trustees, he served one year on the Zoning Board of Appeals and two years on the Planning Commission.

After a 44-year career in retail furniture management, Gonzalez became a real estate agent. He has been with Legacy Reality Professionals in Fenton for 28 years.

Gonzalez is a 46-year member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is married with children and grandchildren.

“As trustee, I have represented the residents of Tyron to the best of my ability,” Gonzalez said. “I genuinely want to continue serving Tyrone Township in my present capacity and truly believe that I have made a difference and will continue to be effective in my capacity as an elected officer of Tyrone Township.

Had Gonzalez decided not to run as a write-in candidate, Republicans Walker, Schultz, Pool and Pedersen would have automatically served as Tyrone Township trustees for the next four years.

August Primary Election results for Tyrone Township

• Republican Cam Gonzales (incumbent) 634
• Republican Charles Schultz (incumbent) 578
• Republican Allen Pool (newcomer) 505
• Republican Soren Pedersen (incumbent) 474
• Republican Cam Gonzalez (incumbent) 449

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Lessons in losing

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One of my secret little pleasures is entering a quarterly creative writing contest conducted by an online writing magazine. It’s a 24-hour contest held in the spring, summer, fall and winter.

The cost to enter is $5 and the prizes are $300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third place. On a designated Saturday every season, precisely at noon, a one-paragraph topic is sent to the contest entrants via email. The entrant is then required to write a creative story using that topic in some fashion within the number of words given. The completed story must be emailed back in 24 hours, by noon the following day, Sunday.

I have just lost my fifth contest. Every time I don’t see my name on the winner’s list I say to myself, ‘Whaaaaaatt?!!’ I wrote a great story. I’ve been published thousands of times and have won several state writing awards, and I can’t win one of those contests whose parents got a bumper sticker that said, ‘My daughter is an ABC Grade School honor roll.’ I wanted that and it gave me the incentive to study harder and do better in school.

My kids didn’t have that opportunity. Fenton schools eliminated those bumper stickers many years ago. According to the AGS Middle School principal at the time, they didn’t want other students to ‘feel bad’ or be ‘shamed’ because they don’t do as well in school as others. What happened to rewarding the kids who deserve it for a job well done? Not wanting the students who didn’t do as well in school to feel bad gives them little to no incentive to work harder and do better.

Giving everyone ‘participation’ trophies, certificates, or ribbons … you name it, for sports and other school competitions takes away the incentive as well.

Kids need to learn that someone is going to be the winner and it is not always going to be them. Many are now growing up believing they deserve special treatment even though they did little or nothing to earn it.

Then I read the top three winning entries and settle myself down — ‘OK, they deserved to win. Mine was good, but not that good.’

You would think I would give up by now, but no, every time I lose I dig my heels in a little deeper and vow to do much better when the next contest rolls around. Some day I’m gonna win that thing. It’s not the money, it’s the principal of the thing.

As a child, I learned that losing provides the incentive to do better at things that matter to me. I always wanted to be one of those students whose parents got a bumper sticker that said, ‘My daughter is on the ABC Grade School honor roll.’ I wanted that and it gave me the incentive to study harder and do better in school.

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It’s just my opinion, but I think the best thing we can do for our kids is tell them to get over it and stop being such sore losers. Then with love, patience and encouragement, teach them how they can do better next time.

News briefs

KENNEDY INDUSTRIES WINS BID FOR LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE

Semi-annual generator preventative maintenance inspections and semi-annual preventative maintenance on the city of Fenton’s pump stations will be conducted by Kennedy Industries of Milford for $12,896. The Fenton City Council unanimously approved the expenditure at its Monday, Sept. 26 meeting. Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) reportedly City Manager Lynn Markland that after the 2007 tornado, all the sanitary sewer lift stations were updated. The storm showed an issue with backup power to the lift stations, causing problems with the system. Czarnecki said the upgrades provided new pumps and all the necessary equipment, telemetry and hookups to prevent any future power outages and other potential problems. One of the upgrades was the installation of backup generators at each station. For the most part, they have worked well, said Czarnecki, but this summer some issues came up with the electronics and telemetry at the Elizabeth Street lift station. The maintenance agreement with the company that was handling the maintenance and inspections has expired. Kennedy was selected going forward because the company will do better.

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FENTON POLICE TO GET NEW CRUISER

The Fenton City Council has unanimously approved the purchase of a new patrol vehicle for the police department at a cost of $38,616. The current patrol vehicle has more than 100,000 miles on it, Chief Rick Aro reported to council. He said police chiefs currently using the Ford Interceptor have provided favorable comments and one of Fenton’s sergeants was able to test drive one. Two quotes were received through the state bid process for these vehicles. Both bids included the cost to outfit the vehicle with necessary police equipment. One bid was for a 2016 Tahoe, four-wheel drive, with police package at $49,154. The other was for a 2017 Ford, Police Interceptor, all-wheel drive, EcoBoost for $38,616. Aro recommended purchasing the 2017 Ford.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HILLARY CLINTON WANTS open borders for our country. That means letting in all illegal immigrants, criminals and terrorists who come here. She wants to make them all citizens.

TODAY, THE TOP 1 percent of Americans own more wealth than the bottom 90 percent combined. You really think welfare and food stamps are the problem?

LOOKING FOR A MORTGAGE?

JUST ASK.
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**Kmart**

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sale items. The light was high enough on a pole so that all shoppers could see it from anywhere in the store. The Blue Light Specials were to become an American icon.

**History**

The giant Kmart Corporation grew from a Detroit five-and-dime store opened in 1899. Its proprietor was Sebastian Spering (S.S.) Kresge, a former Pennsylvania tinware salesman, who along with a partner, John McCrory, adopted the chain-store idea first used by Frank W. Woolworth. When Kresge and McCrory dissolved the partnership they had formed in 1897, McCrory took over the stores in Memphis, and Kresge maintained those in Detroit, forming the S.S. Kresge Company.

In 1962, the company opened its first discount store in the Detroit suburb of Garden City, calling it Kmart. Within a year, there were 17 others.

Unlike Kresge stores, Kmart stores were not placed in shopping centers but were built in plazas by themselves, to avoid internal competition and to provide ample parking.

The Kmart stores were an instant success. By 1963, there were 63 facilities, 51 of which provided repair and maintenance service for automobiles.

The Kmart introduction still left the company with a number of older Kresge stores, still on long leases, which were too small to display Kmart’s expanded merchandise lines.

Numerous Kresge stores, mostly in deteriorating business areas, were renamed Jupiter Discount Stores and converted to facilities offering a limited variety of low markup, fast-moving merchandise such as clothes, drugstore items, and housewares.

In 1985, Kmart added a new line of clothing named for and designed by actress Jaclyn Smith. In 1987, racecar driver Mario Andretti’s name was added to the list for automotive accessories promotions, Fuzzy Zoeller for golf products, and Martha Stewart for linens, kitchen and housewares support.

By the mid-1980s, Walmart had emerged as a credible threat taking over in sales and market share in 1990.

By 2002, declining Kmart sales resulted in a liquidity crisis and halts in shipments from major vendors, leading the company to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Jan. 22, 2002, becoming the largest retailer ever to do so.

In March 2002, Kmart announced that it would close 284 underperforming stores. Since the company attempted to emerge from bankruptcy by mid-2003, its biggest challenge was to find a way to compete with its two main rivals — Walmart and Target.
Local ‘Heroes on the Water’ chapter uses kayaks and fishing to combat veteran PTSD

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Twp. — Frank Camarillo grinned as his daughter, Alea, 20, took to kayaking with ease early Sunday morning. It was their first time out on a kayak, and his first time fishing in 25 years. Soon, father and daughter were all smiles as they paddled into Seven Lakes with help of a “Heroes on the Water” guide.

Camarillo was in military intelligence, and medically discharged, dealing with severe post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) since then. “This is 12 years of therapy in the making,” he said, adding that his daughter is his reason for breaking through the PTSD.

This is the goal for the national non-profit organization Heroes on the Water — to let veterans of the U.S. armed forces and their families decompress and relax.

Many of the veterans have PTSD, and/or physical trauma they are still living with.

The organization handles everything — the kayaks, fishing rods and tackle, the one-day license, and the guides. The idea is to let the veterans and their families relax in the naturally healing environment with guides who have had similar experiences.

This was the first time out for the kayaks, and the organization itself. This local chapter, according to Secretary Michelle Curtis, is the only active one in the state. The kayaks were broken in, as was the group of volunteers running an event for the first time.

The group is comprised of volunteers who starting in April raised the funds themselves for all the gear.

Compared to larger out-of-state events, this one is modest, with nine veterans registered, but Curtis hopes to keep fund-raising and expand. The next event will be in the spring, she said.

‘This is a safe place to regroup and be stress free’

About Heroes on the Water

According to the organization’s website, “Heroes on the Water helps our nation’s warriors and veterans from all branches of the United States military unwind using the therapeutic qualities of fishing from kayaks. What looks like a day trip of paddling and fishing is in fact something much deeper and long lasting.” There are more than 50 chapters in the U.S., and two in Europe. For more information, go to HeroesOnTheWater.org.
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■Fall Color Paddle from Holly to Fenton is this Saturday

Don’t store those kayaks and canoes just yet.

Headwater Trails, Inc., the volunteer organization that plays a major role in keeping the Shiawassee River open from Holly to Byron, will benefit from a Fall Color Paddle this Saturday, Oct. 1.

This seven-mile trip on one of the most winding parts of the Shiawassee River will begin at Holly Waterworks Park, paddling to Fenton’s Strom Park.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. with boats launching from 12 to 2 p.m. The Sweep Boat will launch at 2 p.m. to make sure everyone gets off the river safely.

“We will have people at the river tubes, the Academy footbridge and the beaver dam to assist you if needed,” said Maggie Yerman, one of the organizers.

“There will be a tow boat in the Fenton Mill Pond at Strom Park, if you need or would like a tow.”

Members participate for free; non-members pay $10. Return transportation back to Waterworks Park is $5, if needed. Canoe and kayak rentals are available for an additional fee. Call Heavner’s Canoe Rental at (248) 685-2379.

New Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trails maps will be available at this event. Donations are appreciated.

Participants at the 2015 Shiawassee River Fest try out kayaks and stand-up paddle boards.
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Green thumb could lead to $1,000 scholarship

Tomek-Eastern Elementary students Reyna Fox, Trent Peterson and Brady Snyder show off their winning cabbage.

Three Tomek-Eastern students are finalists for cabbage growing project

In April, Tomek-Eastern third-graders were given an opportunity to show off their green thumbs. Each student was given a young cabbage plant by Bonnie Plants. The instructions were simple — take the cabbage plant home, plant it, care for it and watch it grow from April until September. Although simple, the instructions were not so easy to complete. This challenge took perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, and required problem-solving since a variety of cabbage-loving predators were invading their gardens.

At the start of this school year, nine students turned in photographs of their cabbages. Lily Fisher, Chase Andrews, Augusta Young, Reyna Fox, Mikilah Roberts, Evan Jaworski, Brooke Walters, Trent Peterson and Brady Snyder stuck with it all summer and completed the challenge.

Of these students, Brady Snyder, Trent Peterson and Reyna Fox, were chosen by their third-grade teachers to have their names submitted to Bonnie Plants for a chance to win a $1,000 scholarship.

One student in Michigan will be chosen later by Bonnie Plants.
This last deployment as an artillery battalion was especially rewarding for Koledo, who trains monthly for his Army National Guard work, as well as for two weeks every summer. “Lots of times, artillery regiments are assigned other roles in Theater,” he said. “We could be guarding detainees or doing route or base security. This time, we were doing what we are trained to do.”

Koledo is home on a 30-day leave from the Army since Sept. 10, enjoying some personal time with his wife, Bridget, a fifth-grade teacher at Central Elementary in Linden, sons Jimmy, 9 and Tony, 6, third- and first-grade students at Linden Elementary, respectively and daughter Mackenzie, 28, who lives in Grand Rapids.

He is excited and ready to resume his position at the helm of Linden Community Schools, beginning Oct. 17. He and Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski have worked together for about five days to get Koledo back to speed with what’s been happening in the district in his absence.

“I’m re-energized to get back into the classroom,” said Koledo. “I miss the hugs. I want to see how involved I can get in what’s going on. I know Russ had a couple of big things to deal with while I was gone. He has done a great job.”

Will Koledo be deployed again?

“You never know,” he said. “It would likely be four or five years before I’d be called to go, and by that time, I will have completed my years as a commissioned officer in the Michigan Army National Guard.”

For now, he’s glad to be back home and looking forward to going back to school.

**Where is the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?**

The United Arab Emirates is a country at the southeast end of the Arabian Peninsula on the Persian Gulf, bordering Oman to the east and Saudi Arabia to the south, as well as sharing sea borders with Qatar and Iran. The biggest city is Dubai, the global hub, business center and capital of the Emirates of Dubai, one of the seven emirates that make up the country.

“It’s like the Las Vegas of the Middle East,” said Koledo.

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For the 1-182nd Field Artillery Regiment. He spent the first six weeks training at Fort Bliss in Texas, then left for the UAE, where his artillery battalion’s main goal was to support Operation Inherent Resolve — the U.S. Department of Defense targeted operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

“Our main goal was inter-operability with other artillery units, so we can understand how to work together,” said Koledo, who has been in the Michigan Army National Guard for 27 years. “We’re there to support Middle East security.”

He and his regiment slept in tents, and air conditioning in buildings and tents made the intense heat more bearable, unless they had to be outdoors for training. At the end of May, when summer temperatures started to heat up, they shifted their training exercises to the early morning hours, so they’d be done by 8 a.m. Temperatures even in the middle of the night would linger in the 90s, according to Koledo.

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**HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT**

At 10:49 p.m., on Sept. 22, Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to a home in the 9000 block of Earl in Springfield Township to investigate an assault complaint. The victim called 911 to report that two men were fighting at the home next door to his. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the victim who said that a male suspect had knocked on his door. Before he could answer the knock, the suspect, whom he recognized, kicked in the door and assaulted him. This had to do with an earlier dispute between the two. Deputies were able to locate the suspect at a residence on Dixie Highway in Holly Township. The 20-year-old Holly Township man was taken into custody and transported back to the substation for questioning. He was transported to the jail pending charges.

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**HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN CAUSES THREE-CAR CRASH IN PONTIAC**

At 8 a.m., on Sept. 23, Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the area of Walton Boulevard and Giddings Road in Pontiac for a personal injury accident. A 33-year-old Holly Township man was operating a Mercury Grand Marquis eastbound on Walton Blvd. His car went left of the centerline and struck a Chevrolet Trailblazer head on, which was being operated by a resident of Pontiac. The Trailblazer was then rear-ended by a GMC Yukon, driven by a resident of Independence Township. There were two children in the Trailblazer ages 15 and 14 seated in the right front seat and right rear seat. The Holly Township man was transported to McLaren Oakland and was last listed in critical condition. The occupants of the Trailblazer were transported to McLaren Oakland with serious injuries. The occupants of the Yukon were not injured. Prior to this crash, the Holly Township man was involved in another crash and fled the scene. Alcohol or drug use is unknown at this time. A search warrant for blood was obtained on the Holly Township man. The crash remains under investigation.
As a musician plays the bagpipes, attendees stand for a moment of silence for fallen officers during the Police Officer Appreciation Picnic on Saturday.

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the men and women in blue were celebrat-
ed and they felt the love and appreciation from their communities, thanks to the Concerned Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.) campaign, created by Herman Ferguson.

“It’s warm, comforting,” said Livings-
ton County Sheriff’s Dep. Ray Marino. “This kind of thing is what keeps us going. With all the bad stuff, we know that there are good people out there who support us. This is who you risk it for.”

From 2 p.m. to dusk, a few hundred people came out in support of local emergency personnel. Kids enjoyed the bounce house and balloon animals, as well as ice cream, live music, pony rides, and games.

Officers from around the state were invited.

Marino showed people the inside of his police car, and what switch to flip to turn on the lights. “I just wanted to come by and show my appreciation for what they’re doing for us,” he said.

To the sound of bagpipes they held a moment of silence for fallen officers.

Bailey Parker, 13, who attended the event with family and friends, said, “This is kind of cool for me because my dad was a police officer and he passed away. He was in a car accident. It’s important to stay close with the police department, people who will be there for us.”

Michigan State Trooper Steve Kramer attended the event and enjoyed the pony rides, taking a few laps in the ring to the delight of onlookers.

He said an event like this, “Is important. You’ve got so much negativity, especially toward law enforcement. To see an event like this where you know everyone you run into will be positive toward you, it’s comfortable to be at place like this, as opposed to out in the public, you don’t know what you’re gonna get.”

Kramer said he experiences more positi-
vity than negativity as a police officer just in general.

“People now are more likely to come up and shake my hand and say ‘thank you.’ That makes all of us feel good. It’s good to know someone appreciates what you’re doing,” he said.

Baylee Scarperry, one of the event or-
ganizers and employee of the farm, said they always aim to support local officers, especially with everything that’s been going on in the news.

Everything at the event, from the food to the tents to the musicians, were donated.

“We’ve had more than enough support from our community,” she said. “We’ve been lucky our community is behind us. This is our first one. We plan on doing one every year.”

Tim Scarperry, owner of the farm, said they were honored to host an event like this to “make some noise for a good reason.”

He said he was tired of watching the news and seeing negative press about police.

“If you’re going to complain, do something about it, so this is what we’re doing. I’m very excited to be able to give something back to the community,” he said.

**C.O.P.S.**

Herman Ferguson, a Tyrone Township

man, started the Concern Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.) campaign last fall. He has visited local departments, and departments across the state and nation, to speak with police and distribute 20,000 C.O.P.S. wristbands to police departments in 45 states.

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TIRES SLIT OVER DISPUTE?
On Saturday, Sept. 24, Argentine Township police officer Maria Reed responded to a call for a malicious destruction of property complaint in the 15000 block of Pine Ridge Drive, according to Police Chief Dan Allen. Upon arriving, the homeowner told the officer that as she was leaving her residence at 9:40 a.m., she noticed two of the tires on her vehicle were flat. Both of the tires had an inch wide cut in the sidewall of both tires. The owner of the vehicle believed it to be retaliatory for a dispute with another resident in the neighborhood. The case is under investigation.

A PROWLER IN ARGENTINE
On Saturday, Sept. 24, at 6:24 p.m., Argentine Township police officer Angelo Panos responded to a call in the 15000 Block of Roach Drive to investigate a trespassing complaint. Upon arrival, the homeowner said that at 1:18 a.m., an unknown white male ran to the north side of the home, pounded on the west bedroom window and then fled north from the home. The homeowner captured the incident on video surveillance and provided it to officers. A follow-up investigation of the incident is being conducted for prowling/trespassing.
Eagles win another weekend tournament, capture Hartland title

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity volleyball team is making a habit of winning weekend tournaments.

The Eagles won their second of the season — and made it to the championship match for the fourth time this season — by taking the top spot at the Hartland Tournament, Saturday.

Linden defeated Ladywood 25-17, 21-25, 25-12 in the championship match. They also beat Hartland 25-16, 17-25, 25-18 in the semifinals.

The Eagles also won their own tournament earlier this year while taking second at the Flushing Invitational and at the Legacy Center tournament.

“One of the keys to our success this weekend was our blocking,” Linden varsity coach Cori Mason said.

Cuing bowled over the Flushing Raiders, 35-14.

For Homecoming as the Bronchos bowed over the Flushing Raiders, 35-14.

“We started the season with a tough loss, but I’m really happy with the way my kids responded,” Holly head coach Ryan Culloty said. “They’ve bought in with the style of playing. We were a playoff team last year and plan to be there again.”

So far, so good for Holly as they moved to 3-0 in the Metro League and 4-1 overall with the win. With barely any passes thrown, they stayed true to their Broncho namesake and let the footwork do the damage against the Raiders.

The first drive was set up by a great opening kickoff return from senior Kyle Staple. Unfortunately, penalties hit Holly early as they had two holding calls against them. Add on a sack by Flushing and a missed field goal, and the home team was looking for a rhythm.

They found it on Flushing’s first offensive drive. With the Raiders punting, it was Staple once again to make a big play, this time scooting in around the line to block the punt, recovering it as well to give Holly great field position.

Holly’s Jacob Hornstetter (front) tries to stretch out for a couple of more yards in the Bronchos’ 35-14 win against the Raiders.

Holly, Fenton set up tonight’s battle with Monday victories

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Holly remains in first place in the Flint Metro League boys soccer standings after Monday.

The Fenton Tigers did what they needed to remain in the middle of the Metro League race on Monday as well. And now the two tri-county rivals will continue their rivalry today at Fenton High School at 6 p.m. Fenton remained a perfect 3-0 in Metro action with a 4-2 victory against Flushing.

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Fenton’s offense scored three times before the first quarter was up. Dylan Crankshaw started the scoring with a 16-yard TD run. After Chris York’s first of four extra-point conversions, the Tigers led 7-0. That score was followed by a Josh Czarnota 12-yard TD run and a Czarnota six-yard TD pass to Alex Marshall. A two-point completion to Keegan Pombier put the Tigers up 22-0.

The Tigers added three more TDs in the second quarter, all on Czarnota TD tosses.

The Fenton varsity football team has been looking to have a complete performance all season long.

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Eagles fall behind early, lose to Blackhawks

The Linden Eagles dug themselves into an early hole, and never got out of it against the Brandon Blackhawks.

The Blackhawks scored the game’s first 18 points and then scored 20 fourth-quarter points, leading Brandon to an upset victory against the Lindens (2-1-3-2).

Fenton swim places second at county meet

The Fenton varsity girls swim team left the Genesee County Meet with four event firsts and a second-place finish. The Tigers were second to Grand Blanc who finished with 654.5 points to Fenton’s 502.5. Powers was a distant third with 217 points while the Holly Bronchos placed ninth out of the 11 teams, scoring 76 points.

Area XC teams compete at Linden

If a school is going to run a cross country meet, it doesn’t hurt the institution if its teams have a solid showing.

That’s what happened at the Linden Invitational. The long-standing event had Linden’s girls team second and the Linden boys team third in the Division 2 race.

Fenton volleyball wins another tourney

The Fenton varsity volleyball team keeps on winning.

And the Tigers keep on winning tournaments as well. Fenton went a perfect 10-0 on the day and captured its third tourney of the season by winning the Saginaw Heritage Tournament on Saturday.

Linden boys soccer

► The Linden Eagles (11-1-2 overall) recorded a shoot out loss to the Brandon Blackhawks on Monday, falling out of first place in the Metro League.

The two teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation, but Brandon won the shoot out 4-3.

Both teams scored second-half goals with Brandon Whites scoring off a Julian Shier assist for Linden. In the shootout, Camian Moore, Derek Deighton and Zane Arnold scored for the Eagles.

Nick Koan made seven saves in net.

Linden girls golf

► The Linden girls won the team’s final dual match of the season, beating Swartz Creek 207-213 at Spring Meadows Country Club.

The Eagles were paced by match medalist Payton Leedle, who carded a 46. Ashley Robinson had a 49 while Madison Magalski took 45h (14:56.4).

Boys middle school cross country results at Linden invitational

► Holly Middle School’s Nolan Weisdorfer won the boys two-mile event with a time of 11:25.20, about 11 seconds ahead of the field.

The area’s top boys team was Linden, who finished fourth. Linden runners finishing in the top 50 were Kyle Elbhad in fifth (12:00.7), River Meckstroth in 26th (13:03.3), Casey Cohen in 54th (13:17.8), Devan Nowack in 41st (13:25.6) and Luca McNamara in 47th (13:38.7).

Holly took sixth and had two others finish in the top 50. They were Noah Ramsey in 20th (12:51.3) and Christien Douhat in 46th (13:35.2). Fenton’s middle schoolers placed seventh. The Tigers’ top 50 runners were Nathan Katic in 21st (12:52.8), Brody Stack in 43rd (13:53.0), Michael Crane in 44th (13:54.1), Aiden Brezinski in 48th (13:42.7) and Landon Bartholomew in 50th (13:44.9).

Lake Fenton placed ninth and were led by Joey Gilbert’s eighth-place performance (12:12.0), Lawson Baker (23rd in 12:53.9) and Kevin Lewis (24th in 12:58.5) also finished in the top 50.

St. John also competed and placed 12th. They were led by Charles Leedke in 33rd (13:16.8) and Wyatt Haiss in 49th (13:43.2).

Girls middle school cross country results at Linden invitational

► Linden’s girls placed second, leading area teams at the event.

The Eagles’ top-five runners were Zoe Brown in fourth (13:25.2), Alexis Mawhinney in eighth (13:44.0), Chase Hall in 22nd (14:10.5), Jessica Jablonski in 29th (14:29.6) and Alexis Parker in 33rd (14:34.2).

Fenton’s AGS Middle School took seventh with four runners in the top 50. Kaitlen Bayer led AGS by taking 13th (14:00.8). She was followed by Emily Grob in 34th (14:36.5), Clark Lefever in 36th (14:39.7) and Delaney Moon in 43rd (14:52.4).

Holly placed 10th with Autumn Murawska placing 28th (14:29.1). Chloe Magalski took 45th (14:56.4).

St. John also competed with Sydney Patt leading the squad by finishing in 71st (15:33.3).
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Lloyd J. Richter
1913-2016

Lloyd J. Richter – age 102, of Grand Blanc formerly of Fenton died Friday, September 23, 2016 at his residence. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:30 PM Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 7234 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc, 48439. Pastor Nathan Allen officiating. Cremaion has taken place. Visitation 4-8 PM Friday, September 30, 2016 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint. Lloyd was born in Chesaning on November 15, 1913, the son of Edith (Thiel) and George Richter. In 1936, he married Lydia Miller from Chesaning and had 66 wonderful years of marriage. Lloyd worked at Bower Roller Bearing and Aviation Corp. in Detroit during World War II. In 1945, he moved to St. Helen where he built cabins on Richter Street, and in 1949, he moved to Fenton and worked at Fisher One in Flint and the Tank Plant in Grand Blanc. Lloyd opened Richter Sales and Service in Fenton in 1955 in his garage and later built his store with his nephew, Joe Schneider on N. Leroy in Fenton. Lloyd became sole owner of the business a few years later and retired in 1969. He wintered for 31 years with his wife in Florida. Lloyd enjoyed bass fishing, deer and pheasant hunting and reminiscing about his past experiences he had in his life. Surviving are children, son, Gordon (Ann) Richter of Micco, FL; daughter, Noralyn Arnold of Grand Blanc; five grandchildren, Randy (Anne) Richter of Ypsilanti, Darrell Richter of Grant, FL, Rodney Richter of Palm Bay, FL, Jason and Frank Richter of Grand Haven, MI; four great-grand children and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia; son, Gary Len; parents; sister, Beatrice Britten. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Burton Senior Center or The National Kidney Foundation. A special thanks to Pastor Nathan, family, friends, Kidney & Hypertension Consultants, Burton DaVita and Absolute Hospice during Lloyd’s illness. Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE
Jumble
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

Answer:

DVD RELEASES
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Mild-mannered accountant Calvin (Kevin Hart) is stunned when he runs into an old high-school classmate named Bob (Dwayne Johnson) — once an overweight and frequently bullied teen, Bob is now a CIA agent who’s in perfect shape. However, their rekindled friendship turns dangerous when Bob asks for Calvin’s help with a crucial mission involving the hacking of U.S. spy satellites. Directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber (We’re the Millers).
PG-13, 1 hr. 54 min.
Action & Adventure, Comedy

THE SHALLOWS
In the taut thriller The Shallows, when Nancy (Blake Lively) is surfing on a secluded beach, she finds herself on the feeding ground of a great white shark. Though she is stranded only 200 yards from shore, survival proves to be the ultimate test of wills, requiring all of Nancy’s ingenuity, resourcefulness, and fortitude.
PG-13, 1 hr. 27 min.
Drama

CROSSWORD PUZZLE
ACROSS
1 Baccarat alternative
2 Every iota
3 Mope
4 Soon, to bards
5 Lawyer’s due
6 Leg joint
7 Ocean swimmer’s worry
8 “An apple...”
9 Poor
10 Loving grandparents, often
11 Receives
12 “...the ramparts...”
13 Verifiable
14 Aid
15 Watch
16 Attila, e.g.
17 Memoranda
18 “A mouse!”
19 See 25-Down
20 Ford or Lincoln
21 Having Y chromosomes
22 Shade provider
23 Formerly
24 British conservatives
25 Say
26 Tosses in
27 Too young
28 Mob scene

DOWN
1 Mythical man-goat
2 Heche or Hathaway
3 Was a passenger
4 Nervous
5 Sternward
6 Zodiac sign
7 Lascivious
8 Glide
9 In Cousteau’s realm
10 Mad king of literature
11 Piano lineup
12 Deli bread
13 “My bad”
14 Biblical proverb
15 With
16 36-Across, finis
17 Skedaddle
18 Likely loser
19 Rock group, Kings of
20 Moray, e.g.
21 — out a living
22 Appellation
23 Measured in grams, e.g.
24 Rosters
25 Prompt
26 Rainout need
27 Garfield’s pal
28 Certain
29 Poi base
30 Hollywood classifiers
31 Landlord’s due
32 Essence
33 Society
34 Newbie

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HOROSCOPES
ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You’ll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you’re ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use this time to pursue a personal matter you were too busy to deal with before. You’ll find it will be time well spent.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week’s end. Be patient.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leos to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make things happen. Attached Virgos see their relationships blossom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You’ve been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
The watchword for savvy Scorpios this week is “preparation.” Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you’re about to take on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
It’s a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
That new energy surge that hit you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.
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