Who determines ‘snow days’ at area schools?

Factors include temperature, wind chill, conditions of roads

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One snow day down, five to go.
On Sunday, Dec. 11, superintendents for Fenton, Linden, Lake Fenton and Holly schools called for a snow day on Monday, Dec. 12, to the delight of many students and teachers. Many counties received over 10 inches of snow on Sunday and throughout Sunday night into early Monday morning, according to abc12.com.

This year, local school districts are allowed to have up to five more snow days without having to make up the time.

See ‘SNOW DAYS’ on 9

Linden to save $20,000 on health care

City opts out of 80/20 option for employees

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Linden — The Linden City Council unanimously voted to opt out of an 80/20 health care plan for its employees after reducing health care costs by approximately $20,000 this year.

Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said a few years ago, the state claimed that municipal health care costs were too high, and that local governments were offering too expensive of plans to its employees. State legislators set a hard cap for how much they thought government should spend on health care under Public Act 152.

If the city does not comply with the hard cap or the 80/20 option, they must pay back. Center is Joe Soper. Back left is Charlie Burgess, and back right is Ron Miller.

All work and ‘snow’ play — Sales consultants from Randy Wise Buick GMC of Fenton are responsible for clearing the snow from the 700 vehicles on the lot Monday morning. They clear the cars, warm them up, move them so the area can be plowed, and then move them back. Center is Joe Soper. Back left is Charlie Burgess, and back right is Ron Miller.

Fatal accident on Torrey Rd.
claims life of Flint woman

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Ashley Herriman, 34, was killed in a crash on Torrey Road, between Baldwin and Cook roads in Mundy Township Saturday night at about 11 p.m.

Police say Herriman’s vehicle crossed the centerline, hitting head on a Jeep driven by a 53-year-old Holly woman.

Herriman died at the scene of the accident. The Holly woman was taken to Genesys Health Park and is expected to recover.

Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Torrey Road was closed for several hours following.

See FATAL ACCIDENT on 9

Fenton eye doctor dies suddenly

Doran Kasper was DDA member and former Fenton City councilman

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Dr. E. Doran Kasper, 73 years old.

Herriman died suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 11. He was 73 years old.

Kasper’s Family Eye Care & Contact Lenses has been at the same Caroline Street location in downtown Fenton since 1970.

A few years ago, he said, “Without a doubt, the most rewarding experience of being in practice in Fenton has been serving the many generations of wonderful families in the area. I have learned so much from my patients over the years that could never be taught in a classroom.”

In addition to his optometry practice, Kasper was an active member of the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

See FENTON EYE DOCTOR on 9

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**PUPPIES & KITTENS may not make great Christmas presents**

It’s better to get to know an animal before bringing it into your house.

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It may be the most wonderful time of the year — but it can quickly become the worst if you decide to surprise your family with a pet for Christmas. Holiday movies, television programs and advertisements give the impression that the best time to give or get a new pet is under the tree on Christmas morning. That the best time to give or get a new pet is by surprise, but the last thing you want is a frightened, cow-tering little animal that is overwhelmed by the kids’ squeals of excitement and fighting each other for a chance to hold it.

Christmas morning is an especially chaotic time, with everyone tearing into gifts, hazardous (to little animals) strings and wrappings all over, and the usual loud toys that can be disturbing to even the most seasoned holiday veteran.

The new pet can bite or seriously scratch someone, bringing a pall of gloom to the Christmas cheer Thursday, as kids watched their favorite teachers and bus drivers sing, dance, and act out funny skits at the sold out 21st annual Linden Follies. The event raised $7,236 for Christmas Express, a local charity that helps area families in need.

Brett Smith, president of the Linden Education Association and master of ceremonies, said, “The show was a huge success. It is a great night for our Linden employees, and our community. The money raised stays in our community, so that makes it special. Linden is a wonderful community, and we know it.” Smith surprised everyone when his co-host, a goat named Freedom, joined him on stage.

Throughout the event, three debates took place between “Donald Trump” and “Hillary Clinton” to see who would become the president of Linden schools. They were asked about the schools’ budget, if they could spell words like “email” and “huge,” and ended up lip syncing “I’ve Had the Time of My Life” together. Ultimately, Superintendent Ed Koledo was named president.

The audience loved the Linden High School staff “Drummer Boy” skit. A few teachers acted like bored students who forgot their musical instruments for class, and created their own music using a pen, three bells, a pair of keys, a water bottle, a book, and a microphone to perform the song.

Staff from Linden Elementary performed a Ghostbusters skit, by dressing up as Ghostbusters, dancing, and defeating the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man. Central Elementary wowed everyone performing a light show with glow sticks. They dressed in all black and taped glow sticks to their clothes to look like stick figures, and danced to popular songs.

One of the most well-received acts was put on by Linden High School teacher Dan Schneider and Brian VanDeventer. Other... See **Linden Follies** on 11
I’m using the C-word

You may, or may not, have noticed that with each passing year less and less people use the term ‘Merry Christmas,’ opting instead for the generic ‘Holiday.’ This change is a reflection of a very significant development in American life, the liberal agenda of neutering everything that is American under the premise of ‘not judging’ individuals and/or their actions. Unfortunately, due to the takeover of our education system at all levels by liberal teachers and university professors, this agenda is becoming more perceptible with each passing year.

Proponents of ‘Happy Holidays,’ argue it’s no big deal — that the ‘Merry Christmas’ crowd is making a mountain out of a molehill. No agenda here they say, it’s just the evolution of society that reflects changing social behavior.

Can’t argue with the ‘changing social behavior’ commentary. Our entire education system, from grade school through college, is now overwhelmingly populated by rabidly liberal teachers and professors that abuse their power by indoctrinating our kids with liberal doctrines. We actually had a teacher in Fenton sobbing hysterically in their classroom the day after Trump’s win, scarifying the hell out of the students.

It’s also why Christmas has been eliminated from nearly all of our elementary schools, high schools and universities. It’s why they no longer have a ‘Christmas vacation,’ but a ‘winter vacation.’ No Christmas movies have Christmas in the title anymore. ‘Christmas Vacation’ made today, it would likely be called ‘Holiday Vacation.’

This agenda has been very effective due primarily to Americans’ natural sense of decency. Most of us don’t want to offend our fellow Americans, so the inclusiveness argument, in tiny bites, has been effective. It’s only when you look at the big picture that you truly realize what is happening.

But, I digress. Does it really matter if we say ‘Merry Christmas’ or ‘Happy Holidays?’

Hell yes it does. The left in America, like the left in Europe, wants to create a secular society uninflected by any religious or moral principles. ‘Merry Christmas’ is a reminder of just how religious Americans are, by any measurement. Religion, in any form, does not fit with their agenda of neutering America: no religion, no gender identification, promotion of homosexuality and abortion, diversity through immigration (both legal and illegal) and rampant welfare for all.

That’s their version of a new America.

If this agenda is fulfilled, Americans, like the Europeans, will have their individuality destroyed — the very characteristic that made America the greatest nation on the planet. And then, like the Europeans, we will become sheep, weakened, and dependent upon our masters — the government.

If I were King I would encourage all Americans to ignore the insane agendas of the left and embrace the true spirit and the blessings of the Christmas season — love, joy, peace and hope.

**If I Were King**

By Foster Childs

**If I Were King**

**I would just spend time with my kids at home.**

-Kathleen Murray

Howell

**Sleep and play video games all day.**

-Tobias Richmond

Fenton

**Me and my mom would ride on the quad. Yesterday, we made trails in our yard with it so we could either walk or drive on them.**

-Dalton Cilia

Fenton

**Watch Netflix, probably ‘Gilmore Girls.’**

-Nichole Pearson

Fenton

**‘Just catch up on sleep.’**

-James Loviska

Fenton Township

**Tobias Richmond**

Fenton

There are thousands of jobs open now in our country that people won’t do. They would rather complain. I’m an old guy, been around for a while and I’ve never seen so many lazy people in my life, both left and right.

**To the person** complaining about the ‘scumbag lawyers.’ If you or a family member was injured or killed in an accident as a result of a semi truck running a red light you would just say I am just devastated. Tell me you would not run to one of these ‘scumbags’ in order to receive just compensation for your loss.

**Ninety-Four-Year Old Josephine Regnier, a WWII veteran, was mugged. Man broke two ribs, gave her black eyes and a big knot on her head. This happened in Chicago. Man is 200 pounds, 6-feet tall. Prayers are asked for her by the family.**

**In my opinion, Obama was an ineffective president. I believe the fact that the Republicans vowed to make him a one-term president contributed to his ineffectiveness. I opposed everything he proposed. I believe that he had asked for a tax cut they would have passed.**

**Kudos to the person who pointed out that the Vietnam War was Eisenhower’s war. American troops more than two years before Kennedy took office. Republicans like to blame Democrats for all of the bad things. Republicans bring upon our nation and take credit for the good things Democrats do.**

**To the person asking about the hotels and golf courses that Trump builds outside of this country as compared to Carrier moving its company to Mexico. What product exactly is it? Trump brings workers back into the USA from these two endeavors? And who is losing jobs?**

**County Roads (White and Rura} Lake Roads plus) need enforcement of limits, which should be 30 from Carrher to Chiswood, Walnut Shores to Shiawassee, and a four-way stop at Old U.S. 23.**

**It is Time** for us to really look into what colleges are teaching. Professors seem to think they should help their students in the political ways rather than in the subjects, they are to be teaching. Our students must be educated to get jobs not be subjected to the liberal end of politics.

**I’m actually glad toilet paper rolls are smaller. The big ones get jammed on the wall and don’t roll properly.**

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Sightings of black squirrels increase

More prevalent in urban and suburban areas as camouflage is not as vital

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It’s common to see brown and gray squirrels in the tri-county area, and now it’s becoming more common to see black squirrels.

In the Hot lines, people are reporting more black squirrel sightings as their population appears to be increasing in Genesee County. People often mistake these animals for rodents like rats with fluffy tails.

“Are there more black squirrels in Fenton? There might be,” said Holly Vaughn, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife outreach technician.

Black squirrels are not a separate breed from brown or gray squirrels. Vaughn said both eastern gray squirrels and eastern fox squirrels have a black color phase, which is a form of melanism or a genetic mutation that causes the dark pigment.

Fox squirrels, which have orange-colored bellies, are bigger than eastern gray squirrels, but gray squirrels are becoming more common.

With the black phase mutation, when gray phase and black phase squirrels breed with each other, more black phase offspring are born. Over time, an entire population can become exclusively made up of black-phase squirrels.

“In some areas, nature may select for this dark trait — the darker squirrels tend to be more cold hardy and they also blend in better to the dark, northern forests,” she said.

Many squirrel populations started out with lighter color pigmentation because grays and browns blend in more with forests.

Vaughn said the lighter gray phase became more prevalent as Europeans cleared the forests and human hunters gained in popularity. They were able to blend in more with the trees.

“Today, some scientists think that in urban areas, the squirrels are relatively safe from predators as there’s no human hunting and fewer foxes, coyotes, hawks, etc.” she said.

“The black color phase is more prevalent in urban and suburban areas because camouflage is not as vital.”

Black squirrels are more common the more north you travel, according to the Detroit Free Press, and they’re becoming increasingly common in states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

They’re extremely rare in southern states like Florida, Alabama, and Georgia.

These animals are common at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Belle Isle in Detroit, Battle Creek, and around Michigan State University’s campus in East Lansing, according to freep.com.

Fenton officials pass new storm water ordinance

Intent is to provide more protections for community and natural resources

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On Monday, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved a new storm water ordinance.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, the city of Fenton is responsible for storm water discharge within the Fenton community.

“As part of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit application through the state of Michigan, there are many informational items we need to provide to the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) in order to receive our permit,” said Czarnecki.

Those informational items include a Public Information and Involvement Program, Enforcement Response Procedure, Public Education Program, Illicit Discharge Elimination Program, Construction Storm water Runoff Control Program, Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping programs, including Best Management Practices.

“Several of these items have been developed with our Storm Water consortium through the Genesee County Drain Commission Office,” Czarnecki said in his memo. “However, there are specific items that directly relate to the city of Fenton that are our responsibility to develop.”

“This includes written documentation for the protection of our community and our natural resources,” he added.

Many of the items required for the permit need a mechanism for enforcement and implementation in the Fenton community, such as a city ordinance like the one proposed and passed.

An ordinance is currently in place, but does not address the necessary items for enforcement that the new permit requires.

A draft of the new ordinance was shared with the MDEQ and, according to Czarnecki, “...they indicated the ordinance looks good.”

Czarnecki said he also met with the city’s engineers and their storm water engineers and they, too, agree the ordinance will work for Fenton’s application.

This expanded ordinance is a requirement of MDEQ through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting process.

“Many of our surrounding Genesee County communities are also in the process of developing similar ordinances,” Czarnecki said.
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Stacie Dean
Mother of three

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Snow day superstitions

White crayons on the windowsill? A spoon under your pillow? Local families admit to some crazy snow day antics

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They say you can’t fool Mother Nature, but local mom Stacie Dean is sure trying.

This mother of three students at State Road Elementary in Fenton has been called “the queen of snow days” by other moms and teachers, and she earns her title well.

Every fall, she carefully lays out white crayons on the windowsills at their Fenton home, with the expectation of snow days and all the joy of having kids home unexpectedly under a white blanket of snow.

“I love having the kids home on a snow day,” she said, as all the neighborhood kids gathered to go sledding in their backyard on Monday afternoon. “It’s a magical time. It’s unexpected. We’ll bake cookies and make hot chocolate. We always do something special.”

Dean said she keeps white crayons on the windowsill until the Fenton school district has run out of snow days. She has earned a legendary reputation for predicting snow days, but she knows the secret is in the white crayons on windowsill.

“I’m told my white crayons are magical,” said Dean. “I swear by the white crayons.”

She doesn’t stop with just the white crayons, though. She also flushes ice cubes down the toilet for another snow day superstition. “That freezes the ground and the roadways for a snow day,” she added with a smile.

Other snow day superstitions also have a place in the arsenal of kids, moms and school employees, who love having that unexpected day off.

Jenny Sewell, a general education aide at Lake Fenton Schools, has had fun with snow day superstitions, with her 15-year-old son, Billy, a freshman at Lake Fenton High School.

“He pulled an icicle off the house and flushed it down the toilet, and a half hour later, school was cancelled,” she said. “The kids at school also talk about sleeping with a spoon under their pillows and putting their pajamas on backwards.”

It seems that just about everyone loves a good, old-fashioned snow day.

“My three children each spun in front of the toilet three times, and then flushed the toilet,” said Maygen Sementilli of Tyrone Township. Her three children, Alyssa, 10, Lia, 8 and David, attend St. John Catholic School in Fenton. “I have no idea where they heard this from, but it worked.”

Dean said her husband, Miles, laughs at her snow day antics, but their three kids, Cameron, a fifth-grader and third-grade twins Cooper and Karson, love the traditions.

“We have to do everything we can to make it happen,” said Dean. “Life is so short; I cherish this time. Everyone has to stop and slow down for the day.”

Have you ever heard of these snow day superstitions?

• Turn your pajamas inside out and wear them to sleep.
• Place an ice cube in the toilet and flush it (one for each inch of snow you want).
• Sleep with a spoon under your pillow.
• Eat ice cream for dinner.
• Do a snow dance on your front lawn (while wearing your pajamas inside out).
• Go to the freezer and open and door and dance, singing “Snow day, snow day, snow day!”
• Put a spoon in the freezer.

Source: stockpilingmoms.com
A clear driveway is never worth your life

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With more than 10 inches of snow having fallen in the tri-county area on Sunday, Dec. 11 into Monday, Dec. 12, those charged with snow removal should be aware of the dangers and risks to their health.

Nationwide, according to the National Safety Council, snow shoveling is responsible for thousands of injuries and as many as 100 deaths each year.

Picking up a shovel and moving hundreds of pounds of snow, particularly after doing nothing physical for several months, can put a big strain on the heart, according to experts. Pushing a heavy snow thrower also can cause injury.

There also is the cold factor. Cold weather can increase your heart rate and blood pressure. It can make blood clot more easily and constrict arteries, which decreases blood supply. This is true even in healthy people.

Individuals over the age of 40 or who are relatively inactive should be particularly careful.

The National Safety Council recommends the following tips to shovel safely:

• If you experience pain of any kind, stop immediately and seek assistance.
• Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
• Push the snow, do not lift it. Pushing puts far less strain on the spine than lifting.
• Be sure your muscles are warm before you start shoveling. Cold, tight muscles are more likely to sprain or strain than warm, relaxed muscles.
• When you grip the shovel, make sure your hands are at least 12 inches apart. By creating distance between your hands, you increase your leverage and reduce the strain on your body.

Your shoveling technique is very important. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons recommends that if you must lift the snow, lift it properly. Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift with your legs. Do not bend at the waist. Scoop small amounts of snow into the shovel and walk to where you want to dump it. Holding a shovel of snow with your arms outstretched puts too much weight on your spine. Never remove deep snow all at once; do it piecemeal. Shovel an inch or two; then take another inch off. Rest and repeat if necessary. In addition to these comments, remember to move your feet rather than twisting.

• Never throw snow over your shoulder.
• Remember that wet snow can be very heavy. One full shovel load can weigh as much as 25 pounds.
• Pace yourself by taking frequent breaks to gently stretch your back, arms and legs.
• Consider buying a snow thrower. When used correctly, a snow thrower will put far less strain on your back than snow shoveling.
• Do not work to the point of exhaustion.
• Don’t pick up a shovel without a doctor’s permission if you have a history of heart disease. If you feel tightness in the chest or dizziness, stop immediately.

A clear driveway is not worth your life. For those of us who are able bodied, it is always worth remembering neighbors who might not be able to remove the snow from their sidewalks. A few minutes of help can make the world of difference to the well being of a less able bodied person as well as make you a good neighbor.

Snow thrower safety

Be safe with these tips from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons:

If the thrower jams, turn it off. Be sure that your shovel has a curved handle, as this enables you to keep your back straight. Never exhaust your ability.

Obtain a shovel with an appropriate length handle. The length is correct when you can slightly bend your knees, flex your back 10 degrees or less, and hold the shovel comfortably in your hands at the start of the “shoveling stroke.”

A plastic shovel blade will generally be lighter than a metal one, thus putting less strain on your spine.

Sometimes, a smaller blade is better than a larger blade. Although a small blade can’t shovel as much, it avoids the risk of trying to pick up a too heavy pile of snow with a larger blade.

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By Tim Jagielo

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HEALTH CARE
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four years.

“IT’s estimated the city will exceed

a hard cap in the amount of $22,827

for 2017,” Zelenak said. These esti-
mations are based on an increase in
the rate from the Blue Cross due to
Affordable Care Act.

The Affordable Healthcare Act
initiated a penalty or a tax on people
who actually pay for their health care
through employer-sponsored plans to
help pay for people who cannot pay
for it. That increased the cost prob-
ably 10 percent for us as well,” he
said.

“We’ve not been able to keep up
with what they felt was an affordable
amount of money that a municipal-
ity should pay for a single person,
a couple or a family.”

Linden City employees already
contribute a certain percentage to
their health care, which varies by the
employee.

Linden wants to keep good and af-
fordable health care for its employees,
Zelenak said, and the staff has been
working with them every year, look-
ing at different health care plans in
order to save money. They adopted a
new healthy living plan that allowed
them to reduce costs.

Last year the exempted hard cap
was over $40,000.

“We’ve reduced health care costs
by at least $20,000 this year. Each year
we’ve been trying to reduce health
care costs. Hopefully each year we’ll
continue to reduce so we don’t actu-
ally have to go through the opt out
plan,” he said.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, “I’m
glad we were able to get our costs
down as much as we did.”

FENTON EYE DOCTOR
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Kasper served on the Fenton City Council
to replace another councilman,
defeated in the 1999 election.

In 2008, Kasper was appointed to the
Fenton Planning Commission for many years.

He was also very active in
community organizations such as Ki-
wanis and chaired the Fenton Community
Center Board of Governors for years. He
worked with the new addition and loved
that accomplishment.

“he was known for making people
laugh and for making outstanding pastries
that he frequently shared at the meetings
he attended,” Osborn added.

“I want to offer our heartfelt con-
dolences to Lorraine, Eric and the rest
of his family. He was an outstanding
neighbor, but just a great guy to chat with
— but only in person because he didn’t
use cell phones or computers. Sotypically
Doran, I will miss him.”

Funeral arrangements for Kasper were
still pending at press time and are being
handled by Temrowski Family Funeral
Home in Fenton. Kasper is survived by Lor-
raine, his wife of many years, and his son,
Eric. Visit tctimes.com for further updates.

“We are all in agreement with
Operating Companies and the
Road Commission on plowing and salt-
ing.

“Many children walk up to 1.5 miles
to reach a bus stop — a difficult task while
dressed in heavy clothes and carrying a
book bag,” he said.

Fenton Superintendent Adam Hartley
said they also consider if there’s more
snow coming, a temperature drop, and
communication with the Genesee County
Road Commission on plowing and salt-
ing.

Hartley said he’s “not sure” how many
snow days to expect this year. “Michigan
is always exciting,” he said.

Wright said he couldn’t think of any
financial setbacks with snow days, and
that employees are paid for days off
during snow days, and do not receive
compensation for the days they make up.

He will be missed so much.”

Dr. E. Doran Kasper at work in his Caroline
Home in Fenton.

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PUPPIES & KITTENS

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to an otherwise loving holiday.

Discuss how a new pet will change the family’s life with your children, even older children. Some parents assume that the older a child is, the easier it will be to enlist them in the care of the pet. But older children tend to have more social engagements and may not have a lot of time to spend with the pet.

A pet can change a lot of the family’s day to day arrangements, like schedules (walking, feeding, training), sleeping ar-
rangements (who gets to keep the pet in their room?), clean-up chores (remember that what is left on the floor is fair game to a dog or cat).

Consider carefully how a pet will af-
fect your family’s daily lifestyle and do
diligent research on which type and breed
is best suited to your family and home.

Never ever choose your new pet based on cuteness or wishful thinking. It may be
that the pet you think is most unlikely to
be your perfect companion is the very one
that is. Besides having family talks over
books on the care and training of the breed
you are hoping to bring into your family.

Also make some time to visit your local
animal shelter. In the same way that you
may have an image of what the perfect
breed is for you when it could very well
be another that is more suitable, an older,
calmer and already trained cat or dog may
be more practical than a baby animal that
needs strict attention and training.

PREPARE THE HOME

With all the holiday decorations,
foods, and bustling around, a busy holi-
day can be a dangerous and scary time for a young puppy or kitten
be introduced. This is when bad habits
may have an image of what the perfect
animal can change a lot of the family’s
daily lifestyle and do
diligent research on which type and breed
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AN ALTERNATIVE

Instead of giving your family with a
puppy or kitten, you might want to wrap
up a stuffed animal or some other pet-
related accessory — think of it as a pet
promise. This will let your children know
that you are prepared to go out and select
a new pet, but now is not the time. In fact,
you may find that many of your local
shelters will not permit adoptions during
the holiday season.

LINDEN FOLLIES

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teachers sang “12 Days of Christ-
mas” while Schneider and VanDe-
venter acted out every day for every
verse, showing off their athleticism.

Approximately 1,200 tickets were
sold, maxing out the schools’ theatre.

The Linden Follies have sold out
every year for the past 18 of their
21 years. This event will help local
children get presents for Christmas.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WISH REPUBLIC’ S drivers would
set the bins back down without
tipping them over and/or leaving
the lid open. Rain inside the bins
was bad enough, but snow will be
harder for people to clean out. These

were a bad idea, especially for the elderly.

I WONDERED WHY decent people
would vote for Trump. I found my answer in ‘Michael Moore in Trump
land.” You can watch it on ‘On
demand’ on your TV. By the way, he
did not vote for Hillary.
Eagles post 59-55 upset victory during first game under new head coach Root

By David Troppens

Holly — The Linden varsity boys basketball team made a pretty big statement in what was the first game of the Chris Root head coaching era on Friday night.

The Eagles, who have had limited success over the last few seasons, opened their 2016-17 season with their first victory against the Holly Bronchos in many years, defeating Holly 59-55 at the Horseshoe.

The Eagles trailed 54-50 with 2:55 left after a three pointer by Holly’s Austin Harless, but the Eagles fought back. A converted free throw by Garrett Strang cut the gap to 54-51, and moments later two converted free throws by Aaron Sarkon cut the margin to 54-53. Then with 1:21 remaining, senior Tyler Hoeberling nailed a three-pointer, giving the Eagles the lead for good at 56-54. Holly had a chance to take the lead again on another Harless trey, but it was missed. The ball was then stolen by Hoeberling after an offensive board by Holly’s Devon Williams.

Moments later, Hoeberling helped ice the victory with two converted free throws with 39.6 seconds left, giving the Eagles a 58-54 lead.

Holly cut it back to 58-55 on a converted free throw by Luke Copley, but Sarkon raised the gap back to four with a free throw by his own with 13.9 seconds left.

“That’s huge because over the past three years we have had eight wins,” said Hoeberling, who had a team-high 21 points. “It’s big for us. We have new plays. We are getting everybody involved, and that’s good. It’s good stuff.”

“A lot of teams got their first win this week and it probably wasn’t that big of a deal, but I know for sure it was a big deal for these kids and this team,” said Root, who took over Linden’s varsity boys basketball position earlier this fall. “I’m absolutely proud of these guys. These guys have done everything I’ve asked them to do, and have bought in. They push each other and are coachable. I can’t say enough about them. Plus, we have seniors who have been through the battles.”

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Linden, LF wrestling teams post winning records at tourney

By David Troppens

Linden — It was a winning weekend for two area teams at the Linden Wrestling Christmas Team Tournament on Saturday.

Lake Fenton advanced to the finals and finished with a 4-1 mark, while tournament hosts Linden finished with a 3-2 team mark.

Lake Fenton captured wins against Byron, Linden, Saginaw Heritage and Monroe Jefferson.

And despite not fielding a complete lineup, the Blue Devils still gave Gaylord a good battle, losing to the state-ranked squad 42-37. Linden had wins against Byron, Corunna and Saginaw Heritage.

The Eagles lost to Jefferson as well as Lake Fenton, Saginaw Heritage and Monroe Jefferson.

“They are looking bright and we just will keep on improving as the season continues,” said Root, who wrestled in the 171-pound bracket.

Saginaw Heritage and Monroe Jefferson. And despite not fielding a complete lineup, the Blue Devils still gave Gaylord a good battle, losing to the state-ranked squad 42-37. Linden had wins against Byron, Corunna and Saginaw Heritage. The Eagles lost to Jefferson as well as Lake Fenton.

“It was a pretty good week considering we are wrestling with 11 to 12 kids in our lineup,“ Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “We are competing very well with the highly ranked bigger programs. At this point in time I couldn’t be any happier with our progress.”

The Blue Devils had four wrestlers finish with 5-0 marks. They were A.J. Geyer (119), Jarrett Trombley (135), Jackson Nevedomski (160) and Trent Hillger (285). Another three finished with 4-1 marks. They were Hunter Corcoran (130), Sean Trombley (152) and Zollen Marron (215). Another strong performance was put in by first-year starter Logan Julian (171) who went 3-2, earning a victory against a ranked wrestler from Monroe Jefferson.

“Things are looking bright and we just will keep on improving as the season continues,” Vance Corcoran said. “I’m very excited to watch the progress of this
Fenton opens Metro season with strong win vs. Swartz Creek

By Dale M. Smith

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Fenton — The Fenton Tigers opened the Flint Metro League boys’ basketball season with a relatively easy, but physical, win over the Swartz Creek Dragons Friday night, 75-65.

The Tigers had the height advantage over the Dragons and made good use of it. Fenton’s dominance on the glass was a big factor in helping them to this fast start in league play.

Fenton led 10-2 early, keyed by two A. J. LePage 3-pointers. The Dragons battled back to lead 13-12 only to see the Tigers’ junior David Pietryga drop in a long “bank shot” three to put the home team up 15-13.

It was tied at 20 midway through the second period after two free throws from Creek’s Jayln Price-Rose but with the Tigers controlling the boards they moved ahead and took control. A lot of that was due to the yeomen work of seniors Greg Lukas and Drew Miller. Each had three steals for the game while Lukas led Fenton with eight rebounds and had three steals for the game while Lukas led Fenton with eight rebounds and collected two steals.


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Fenton’s Andrew Bossenberger (left) attempts a shot in a recent game. Fenton defeated Swartz Creek on Friday, 75-65.

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Fenton wrestlers capture team tourney title

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity wrestling team continues to impress.

Not only are the Tigers winning matches, but now they are winning tournaments.

The Fenton varsity wrestling team captured the title at the Harrison High School Team Tournament on Saturday, defeating five different foes at the event.


The Tigers faced Armada in the tournament final and led just 27-24 entering the final two matches. However, Armada had a void in the final match of the night, meaning if Fenton’s Christian Frazier won his match, the Tigers would earn the tournament title. Frazier (215) did just that, earning a 9-7 decision win.

Four Fenton wrestlers finished the night with a 5-0 mark. They were Jayden Rittenbury (125), Brady Triola (130), Tommy Adams (145) and Jake Church (152). Meanwhile, Devin Fuller (285) also had a nice day, going 4-0.

Four others went 4-1. They were Will Galvin (171), David Foster (189) and Frazier (215). Meanwhile, Andrew Goodman (285) went 3-1. Mario Ramirez (135) ended the tourney 3-2.

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Miller’s 34 leads LF to road win vs. Hamady

The Lake Fenton varsity boys’ basketball team continued its early season tour of tough road games on Friday, facing off against Hamady.

On Tuesday, the Blue Devils lost a competitive road game at Midland. On Friday, the Blue Devils reversed the results, winning a tight 80-76 road victory at Hamady.

Lake Fenton enjoyed a 24-14 lead after one quarter.

Holly wrestling posts strong 3-1 weekend outing

The Holly varsity wrestling team is off to a 5-1 start.

But what wrestling coach Don Pluto likes more than the 5-1 start, is the toughness the team is displaying. He felt the squad showed some of that while going 5-1 at the Greenville Team Tournament on Saturday.

Holly defeated Caledonia 37-30, Petoskey 54-23 and Sturgis 60-21. The loss came against tournament hosts, Marlette, dropping a tight 33-27 match. The match was 27-11 entering the final match.

“I am very pleased with how we competed on Saturday,” Pluto said. “A 3-1 record is good, but our toughness throughout the lineup was awesome. We are wrestling with a lot of heart and grit. A 5-1 start is a great start, but we need to build on that and continue to work hard in the wrestling room.”

Fenton’s Lenz celebrates birthday with victory

Aly Lenz figured out a way to give herself a present on her birthday Friday. The Fenton junior celebrated her 17th birthday with a victory she helped lead. She scored 12 points, grabbed four rebounds and collected two steals, leading the Fenton varsity girls’ basketball team to a 44-36 home win against the Dragons.

Fenton was up 13-7 after one quarter, but foul troubles hurt the Tigers as the half continued.

Welcome to Linden Presbyterian’s

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00pm

The children’s Christmas program will be performed during our only service at 10:00am on December 18th

FOR HERE OR TO GO.
**Obituaries**

**Timothy Edward Golden**
1938-2016
Timothy Edward Golden - age 78, of Holland, died Sunday, December 11, 2016. Services will be held 11 AM Friday, December 16, 2016 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W Grand River Ave., Howell. Those desiring may make contributions to Willowbridge of Fenton. Timothy was born Janu- ary 31, 1938 in Howell, the son of Thomas Francis and Mary Eliza- beth (Jacquesty) Golden. Timothy was a veteran of the U.S. Army serv- ing in the 2nd Armored. He married Karen Nurmikko on December 6, 1963 in Howell. Timothy retired as a Quality Control Engineer from General Motors. He was an avid Detroit sports fan. Timothy is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Brian (Michelle) Golden of WA, John Michael (Janet) Golden III of Deni- tee Golden Krishnan of Fenton; Thomas Golden of Fenton; Timothy Golden II of Hartland; daughters-in-law, Melissa Golden and Tiffany Hyvonen; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Joseph Patrick (Debbie) Golden of Brighton; sister, Mary Ann James of New Boston; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his parents; infant son, Barry; and brother, John Terrance Golden. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuner- alhomes.com.

**Warren Harding Andersen**
1921-2016
Warren Harding Andersen - age 95, of Howell formerly of Fenton, died Monday, December 12, 2016. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Revs. Donald Neuville officiating. Burial in Tyro- ne Cemetery. He was a retired postal worker. Warren was born July 19, 1921 in Howell, the son of Franklin and Blanche (Harford) Andersen. He was trained. Warren had owned and operated Warren and Son Excavating and then was an auctioneer for over 30 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Livingston County Road Commission. Warren was former manager of Fenton United Methodist Church and a member of the Greater Fenton Area Corners. He loved to fly and owned his own plane, and he also traveled around the world. Surviving are: his wife, Karen; children, Brian (Michelle) Golden of WA, John Michael (Janet) Golden III of Deni- tee Golden Krishnan of Fenton; Thomas Golden of Fenton; Timothy Golden II of Hartland; daughters-in-law, Melissa Golden and Tiffany Hyvonen; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Joseph Patrick (Debbie) Golden of Brighton; sister, Mary Ann James of New Boston; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his parents; infant son, Barry; and brother, John Terrance Golden. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuner- alhomes.com.

**Vance Lee Huff**
1949-2016
Vance Lee Huff - age 67, of Femont, died Saturday, December 10, 2016. Fa- mily services will be held 11 AM Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Revs. Donald Neuville officiating. Burial in Tyro- ne Cemetery. He was a retired postal worker. Warren was born July 19, 1921 in Howell, the son of Franklin and Blanche (Harford) Andersen. He was trained. Warren had owned and operated Warren and Son Excavating and then was an auctioneer for over 30 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Livingston County Road Commission. Warren was former manager of Fenton United Methodist Church and a member of the Greater Fenton Area Corners. He loved to fly and owned his own plane, and he also traveled around the world. Surviving are: his wife, Karen; children, Brian (Michelle) Golden of WA, John Michael (Janet) Golden III of Deni- tee Golden Krishnan of Fenton; Thomas Golden of Fenton; Timothy Golden II of Hartland; daughters-in-law, Melissa Golden and Tiffany Hyvonen; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Joseph Patrick (Debbie) Golden of Brighton; sister, Mary Ann James of New Boston; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his parents; infant son, Barry; and brother, John Terrance Golden. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuner- alhomes.com.

**Harold “Skip” Weaver**
1944-2016
Harold “Skip” Weaver - age 71, went to spend eternity with the Lord on Friday, December 23, 2016 in Florida. Harold and his two sons were at his side. Skip was born on December 17, 1944 in Flint, to Janet (Cairnduff) and Harold T. Weaver. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Franklin and Harold Andersen. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Gerald Robert Laskey
1940-2016
Gerald Robert Laskey - 76, of Cedar, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2016 at home with his loving family. Gerry was born April 16, 1940 in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI the son of Aloyze and Sophie (Peplinski) Laskey. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held from 4-8 PM with the family greeting one hour prior to the Mass. Burial will be held in the Spring in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Father Donald Libby will serve as Celebrant. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Hilltopper’s Club, 7949 S. Schomberg Rd., Cedar, MI 49621 and/or Holy Rosary Church, 6892 S. Schomberg Rd., Cedar, MI 49621. Please share condolences and memories with Gerry’s family at www.martinson.info. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Leetanau.

The Rosary to be prayed at 7 PM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Holy Rosary Parish of Isadore. Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, December 16, 2016 with the family greeting friends one hour prior to the Mass, also at the Holy Rosary Parish. Burial will be held in the Spring in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Father Donald Libby will serve as Celebrant. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Hilltopper’s Club, 7949 S. Schomberg Rd., Cedar, MI 49621 and/or Holy Rosary Church, 6892 S. Schomberg Rd., Cedar, MI 49621. Please share condolences and memories with Gerry’s family at www.martinson.info. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Leetanau.

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11am-2pm
4 slice Deep Dish Pizza with Pepperoni & 20oz. Pepsi

**Ultimate Supreme** .................................................. $10.00
Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushroom, Green Pepper & Onion (8 slices)

**3 Meat Treat** Pepperoni, Sausage & Bacon (8 slices) .................. $8.00

**Hula Hawaiian** Pineapple & Ham (8 slices) .......................... $6.50

**Crazy Combo** .................................................................... $2.99
Crazy Breads® & Crazy Sauce® (8 piece order)

**Italian Cheese Bread** (10 piece order) ............................... $3.99
Flavors: BBQ, Buffalo, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki, Spicy BBQ, Bacon Honey Mustard, Oven Roasted, Lemon Pepper

**Caesar Wings** (8 piece order) ........................................... $5.00

**Caesar Dips** ................................................................. 59¢ OR 2 for $1.00
Buffalo, BBQ, Ranch, Buttery Garlic, Buffalo Ranch & Cheezy Jalapeno

**2-Liter Beverage** ............................................................ $1.99
Pepsi®, Diet Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, Diet Mountain Dew®, Sierra Mist®, Root Beer or Orange

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