

# Linden shooting plot suspect could get prison time

■Kody Brewer violates probation a second time

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Kody Brewer, 17, one of the defendants in the alleged Linden

school shooting plot, violated his probation a second time and could now go to prison.

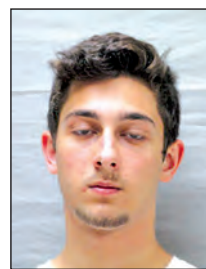
Brewer had been serving a five-year probation sentence for his role in an alleged plot with two other boys to shoot up Linden schools in

October 2015. He was charged with attempted false report of terrorism, a five-year felony.

Genesee County Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury said, "We would be asking the **See SUSPECT on 10**

“I cannot go into the details of the probation violation at this time.”

**John Potbury**  
Genesee County deputy chief  
assistant prosecutor



Kody Brewer



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## Local father of six a \$1 million Lotto winner

■Powerball ticket purchased in Fowlerville

Edmond Nicaj's life got a little easier on Friday, Dec. 1. The Tyrone Township father of six played the right numbers to win a \$1 million Powerball game, according to Michigan Lotto.



Edmond Nicaj

Nicaj, 41, matched the five white balls drawn — 24-26-28-59-63 — to win the big prize. He bought his winning ticket at the Great Lakes Family Restaurant, at 963 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville.

"I buy a Powerball ticket every once in a while, and it really paid off this time," Nicaj said. "I checked my ticket the morning after the drawing, and couldn't stop jumping around."

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## Linden Holiday Happening keeps growing



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Getting a photo taken with Santa Claus was one of the highlights of the Linden Holiday Happening on Friday, Dec. 1 in downtown Linden. Attendees of the festival could watch the parade, take a museum tour, watch the fireworks, do arts and crafts and meet Santa. Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak estimates 4,000 to 5,000 people attended. **See story on 6.**

## Shapiro sentenced to 11 months probation

■Actions that occurred over Memorial Day weekend finally make it in front of judge

By Vera Hogan

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A case that has dragged out since Memorial Day weekend finally ended in court on Monday, Dec. 4.

County Commissioner Drew Shapiro, 29, appeared before Genesee County District Court Judge Vikki Bayeh Haley, after six other district court judges recused themselves from the case.



Drew Shapiro

He was sentenced to 11 months probation after pleading guilty to one misdemeanor count of indecent language. The court dismissed a second count of indecent language and one count of reckless operation of a vessel as part of a plea agreement. The terms of his probation are yet to be determined.

"I've been very frustrated with other media sources that have tried to paint what I did as a racial reaction," said Shapiro. "It absolutely was not."

See **SHAPIRO** on 10

## Couple robbed, beaten, doused with gasoline during home invasion

■Four gunmen steal \$7,200; area man injured

A 63-year-old Holly Township man was injured during a home invasion in Independence Township at 1 a.m. on Nov. 30.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, **See GUNMEN** on 10

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“Fenton residents are losing parking spots at an alarming rate as more and more businesses open up in the greater downtown area. So, why are we allowing another gigantic residential building to be built right in the middle of downtown?”



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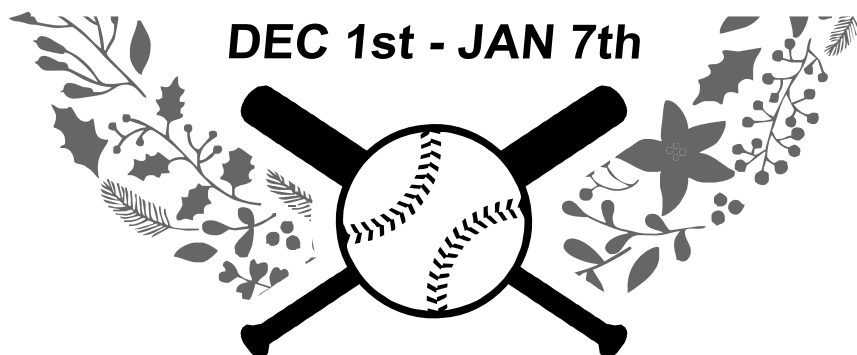
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# A sweet 16 for popular Jinglefest

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■ Parade crowd tops 10,000; hosts largest road race participation in history of event

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — Bolstered by ideal weather and its own popularity, the 16th annual Jinglefest drew more than 10,000 visitors to downtown Fenton for a lighted parade, photos with Santa and an overall fun downtown experience.

It took 44 lighted floats approximately 35 minutes to wind through the route. It ended in the raucous performance by the impressively lit Lake Fenton Blue Devils marching band, and the Fenton City and Fenton Township fire departments.

After the tree lighting ceremony, the entire day climaxed with a fireworks display, shot from behind the community center.

The grand finale ripped the sky with blinding yellow light. The middle section of the display, however, sputtered, sending the fire department scrambling to contain any flare-ups by grounded fireworks.

After the fireworks, a line extended out the door to get a photo with Santa Claus, and of course a cookie or two.

It's not feasible to get an actual festival head count, but Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater estimated there were more visitors



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The Lake Fenton High School Color Guard, including Avery Potts (center), marches and twirls down the Jinglefest parade route on Saturday, Dec. 2. The entire marching band includes 155 members. (Below) Visitors watch the fireworks display after the tree-lighting ceremony.



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Assisted by volunteer Dawn Overmyer (left), Kelli Byam of Fenton Township and her daughter, Averi, select cookies at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center after the lighted parade and fireworks display.



“Small town hospitality at its best.”

Pat Lockwood  
Jinglefest committee chair

than usual. Annual estimates put visitors at 10,000. He based this on traveling the parade route, and noting the density of visitors throughout.

Fenton City Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, who is also the festival chair, also believed that attendance climbed beyond the annual 10,000 in attendees. She said it was the largest crowd in the history of Jinglefest, topped off by 345 JingleJog runners, the most in race history.

She added that she's very thankful that Jinglefest continues to receive the support of all the residents and businesses, donors and volunteers. “Small town hospitality at its best,” she said.

Warming stations with crackling wood and flickering flames added to the holiday atmosphere, although it was warmer this year. This warmer weather was not kind to the ice sculptures that lined the sidewalk, several had started to collapse by the end of the night.

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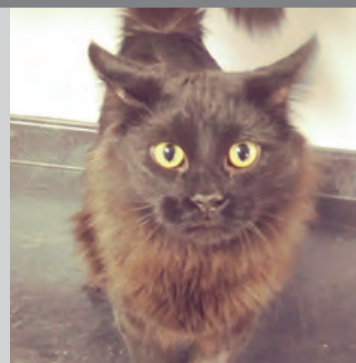
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# If I Were King...

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## What's not to like?

**M**aybe it's just me but it seems that every year, as predictable as an interview with a global-warming alarmist on NPR (National Public Radio), the media unleashes its tired, time-worn criticism about the commercialization of Christmas. These professional killjoys love to point out that Jesus and all religious meaning have been taken out of Christmas. Their core substantiation is based on the fact that (gird your loins readers), Americans spend too much money on the Christmas gifts they give to the people they love the most.



I have to vehemently disagree with this miserly point of view. If there is a better example of people complaining about something that is overwhelmingly based on goodness, generosity and wholesomeness, I don't know what it is.

It's also the time of year when the vast majority of us are extremely generous in giving to individuals and organizations that provide food, clothing and gifts to other Americans who, for whatever reason, cannot provide for themselves. This practice is considered to be a travesty by the tightwad, alligator-armed, leftist crowd.

Imagine that! What an awful thing! It must give nightmares to the many Americans who are far more akin to Scrooge, than Santa.

My mom used to tell us that if we didn't like something, simply imagine what the alternative would be. OK. Let's imagine that when Christmas season comes around each year the stores put up no Christmas decorations, municipalities don't decorate downtown light poles, no Christmas music blares from the sound system in the mall, and no one buys gifts for their loved ones. Little children would not stand in long lines to see the department store Santa, nervously awaiting their turn to spend a few precious moments with the mysterious, white-bearded man in the flamboyant red suit.

Would this make us a better society? To me, and I suspect to most Americans, that question is rhetorical. Of course, it wouldn't. Why on earth would we be a better society if the four or five weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas were no different from any other time of the year? Not having a special time of year like Christmas, a major part of which is gift buying, would be a tragic loss to all Americans, especially our children.

Do many, maybe even most, people spend too much money? Of course. But that's usually a singular event. Going forward they learn to temper and manage their Christmas spirit, and their budget. Giving or receiving a gift should be encouraged, not discouraged. The people who discourage gift-giving are not extraordinarily noble or wise — they are extraordinarily cheap.

Lastly, when you buy a Christmas gift, everyone is a winner. You have spent time thinking about what your loved ones would like, you help keep local businesses vibrant and successful, you bring joy to the recipient and, most importantly, you honor the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

What's not to like?

From my family to yours, very best wishes for a healthy, happy and holy Christmas season.

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**TO THE HOT-LINER** who implied that eating at all-you-can-eat buffets will shorten your life span. When you have aging parents with health issues like diabetes, etc., and children who are picky eaters, a buffet with a salad bar and many healthy options can be a lifesaver. There's something for the entire family to enjoy. You don't have to load down your food with the condiments that make it unhealthy.

**I CAN'T BELIEVE** all of the negativity that people write in the Hot lines. I hope it's not indicative of our entire surrounding community. I would be interested to see if many of the commenters writing in anonymously would say these things to our neighbors, face to face.

**SEVEN WOMEN HAVE** come forward (six of which were underage). But thanks for perpetuating the notion that we should not believe victims when they speak out.

**THERE IS NO** war on Christmas. Happy Festivus!

**SPEAKING OF FOLLOWING** city ordinance, can we please remind the public that there is no parking on public streets between 2-5 a.m., November through March? It's plowing season.

**TO THE ALL-you-can-eat Hot-liner**, I go to the all-you-can-eat buffet in town. It has a great salad bar. I hit it twice and a bowl

of soup. How long I got, doc?

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**I'M HAPPY TO** say my moving day is next week. And my new neighbors have cows and a donkey on one side and horses on the other, even a few goats, but they are on farms, not 65 feet from my back door in a city residential area.

**I HAVE LIVED** in Linden for four years now. Is Linden so destitute that they can't repave the street in front of the Post Office? You need an off-road vehicle to get to the post office. That's sad.

**THE KING HAS** it all wrong. Not saying God in a pledge does not remove him from our society. The Bible teaches us that we are blessed by following the Beatitudes. We need to encourage our children to listen to the words of Jesus if we really want God in their lives.

**WHY ARE THE** Linden officials so concerned about a property owner parking a vehicle on their own lawn? Why don't they focus on repairing Main Street? The road surface is a disgrace.

**SHOW ME WHAT** book, chapter and verse in the Bible that states Christ was born on a day in December, and then I'll celebrate Christmas.

**THANK YOU FOR** your service. Players taking a knee during the national anthem and displaying the flag at the start of a game has nothing to do with the constitution. If your employer does not accept your behavior, you can be fired. While you were in the service, what would have happened to you if you took a knee when the flag was raised or national anthem played? Do 'regulations for proper conduct' not come into play? Repeated violations could get you discharged.

**THE FAT CATS** will 'pay down' their one-and-one-half trillion dollar deficit by coming after our Medicare and Social Security, and shortly so. They're heating the water to boil us little guys, while saying it's a warm bath. Don't be fooled.

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## What is your favorite Christmas movie?



"My favorite Christmas movie is 'A Christmas Story.' It's a good old-fashioned Christmas movie. My favorite part in the whole movie is the flat tire scene."

—Sue Torpey  
Davisburg



"'Home Alone' is my favorite because of the fun loving nature of the film. Also, I love to watch the Hallmark Christmas movies, too."

—Brenda Begue  
Tyrone Township



"The movie that I still watch to this day is 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.' I love the funny lines in it and I watch it every year with my kids."

—Caryn Kelly  
Tyrone Township



"I love the classic Christmas movies. 'White Christmas,' 'It's a Wonderful Life' and the old 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.' I love these because they are what I grew up watching."

—Cathy Hendrick, Fenton



"I watch 'Elf' every year with my family because it's my favorite Christmas movie. It's a great family film that makes everyone laugh, we all love the part about the four food groups."

—Wendy Bruce, Fenton

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## Pearl Harbor bombed 76 years ago

■ Dec. 7, 1941 is the day the Japanese launched an unprovoked attack on the Hawaiian Islands

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt, affectionately known as FDR, called Dec. 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy..." It was the day the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the Empire of Japan — and World War II came home.

The number of local residents old enough to remember Pearl Harbor are dwindling. Many were small children at the time of the attack and don't remember much other than the obvious sadness of their parents and other adults.

Last year, Louise Kinsman, a 91-year-old Abbey Park resident, said she was 16 years old when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, just 200 yards away from her family's home at the Ford Island Naval Air Station.

She distinctly remembers the terrifying events of that day. She recalls getting ready to teach Sunday School that morning, and hearing a rumbling outside.

The scene outside their home was terrifying, she recalls. Five of eight battleships, three destroyers and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded.

Seventy-five years later Kinsman said

she can still smell and feel the scene. "One Japanese plane came so close to our house that the pilot looked at us standing on the porch of our house and smiled," she said last year.

### What happened

According to history.com, at 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt addresses Congress and the nation after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His speech has become one of the most famous in U.S. history, calling Dec. 7, 1941 a date which will live in infamy.



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The Fenton Community Orchestra is now in its eighth season, performing its December concerts on Dec. 7 and 8 at Fenton High School.

## Get in the holiday spirit with December concerts

■ Fenton Community Orchestra and Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra will perform Dec. 7-8

By Sally Rummel

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More than 100 local musicians will perform with the Fenton Community Orchestra and Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra in upcoming December concerts.

Concert dates are Thursday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 8, both at 7:30 p.m. at the Ruby Zima Auditorium at Fenton High School. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated, said Jennifer Fleck, FCO executive director.

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Orchestra will perform a variety of classical, holiday and jazz standards under the baton of conductor Andrew Perkins.

"We have had a fantastic start to our eighth season," Fleck said. "It kicked off with a Concert in the Park on July 3 with an orchestra from France. In September, we formed a new wind ensemble that will premiere on Friday, Dec. 8 under the direction of Timothy Martuch. We received

our fourth grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts."

The Thursday concert will begin with Simply Strings, the

intermediate string orchestra, under the direction of Jane Ball. Group reservations for that evening are now being taken by contacting [fentonorchestra.org](http://fentonorchestra.org).

“We have had a fantastic start to our eighth season.”

Jennifer Fleck  
Fenton Community Orchestra  
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Children enjoyed feeding the reindeer at the annual Linden Holiday Happening Friday, Dec. 1. Attendees could feed and pet the reindeer.

## Linden Holiday Happening biggest ever

### ■ Nearly 5,000 people attend annual Christmas event

**By Hannah Ball**

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**Linden** — With 4,000 to 5,000 people in attendance, this year's Linden Holiday Happening on Friday, Dec. 1 was one of the biggest ever. "It was an amazing event," said Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson. "I have been working on Holiday Happening for over 10 years and each year it gets better. While the event continues to grow, we keep the basics that have been part of this tradition—the tree lighting, museum tours, carriage rides, community singing. I received many comments on how nice it was to see so many people in downtown Linden."

Thousands of visitors lined the streets to watch the lighted parade. Downtown businesses and organizations like the Linden Boy Scouts and the VFW marched and showed off Christmas-themed floats. The Linden High School marching band lifted spirits with the Linden fight song, and the Keepers of the Shiawassee entertained the crowd with a small dance routine with paddles adorned with Christmas lights.

After the parade, attendees could go on a tour of the Linden museum or do arts

and crafts at the VFW Hall, where people enjoyed warm refreshments. After the tree lighting ceremony, kids had the opportunity to meet Santa by the millpond and sit on his lap while parents took photos.

"My favorite part as mayor is picking a child to help light the tree and gazebo. It is great to see the excitement in the kid's eyes as we finish our countdown" Cusson said.

Hundreds of people stood on or around the dam to watch the fireworks display.

**“One of my  
goals as mayor  
is to promote  
our city and  
the Holiday  
Happening is a  
great way for us to  
do that.”**

**Danielle Cusson**  
*Linden City mayor*

"We have a great committee of volunteers that spend countless hours getting donations, planning the parade, advertising the event, coordinating the fireworks and setting it up the week of the event," Cusson said. "One of my goals as mayor is to promote our city and the Holiday Happening is a great way for us to do that."

Throughout the event, patrons could go into local stores and buy snacks or dinner from food trucks. Kids and parents fed and pet reindeer, which were in a pen by Linden City Hall.

Linden residents Tara and Josh Taylor brought their two children to the event. Tara said the fireworks were probably her kids' favorite part.

"We love it," she said. "It's definitely a better turnout than last year. This year is warmer."



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The Linden Marching Band walked and played in the parade at this year's Linden Holiday Happening.



## Still no plans for seminary property

■ City and adjacent land owner hope to combine land and develop

By Vera Hogan

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"Putting them together would be a game changer!" That's what Tim Scarberry believes will happen once his family gets together with the city of Fenton to develop properties they own on the south side of town.

Scarberry said he is very much in favor of collaborating with the city to market their vacant properties together.

The city owns the 1.41 acres of land at High and State roads, where the historic old Baptist Minister's home, also known as the old seminary, once stood. The Scarberry Family Trust owns an adjacent 6.95 acres around the corner on State Road.

"We have had some recent interest from developers and we plan to send out an RFP (request for proposal) for the property sometime early next year," said Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland of the city-owned land.

"If the two properties merged, it would become a really nice project," Scarberry said. "It would uplift that entire area."

Scarberry said he is looking forward to sitting down with Markland, the planner and engineers, but so far that has not happened.

Since the demolition of the seminary building more than two years ago in September of 2015, there have been some complaints by neighbors about the existence of small wildlife, and the lack of maintenance. The city does, however, make sure it is mowed, at least the front part of the parcel.

The decision to tear down the 147-year-old historic structure was made because of its deteriorated condition.

In November 2013, the building sustained significant damage during a rainstorm with high winds. The subsequent harsh winters of 2013-2015 resulted in further destruction of the deteriorating building, which was near ruins when it was torn down. The structure had collapsed completely on the east side, with rooms and debris on all three floors exposed.

An engineering study in early 2015 resulted in a recommendation to demolish the building. The 10,000-square-foot mansion, built in 1868, had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983.

## Ciesielski to head new department

■ AGS principal takes on leadership role effective July 1, 2018

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The Curriculum Department at Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) has a new name—and a new executive director.

Heidie Ciesielski, who has served as principal for AGS Middle School since 2010, will be taking on the new role as executive director of the Department of Teaching and Learning effective July 1, 2018.

Ciesielski plans on being visible in all FAPS classrooms and throughout the district, and will have an office in the administration building.

Superintendent Adam Hartley said,

"We felt it was time to redesign what the Curriculum Department looked like and make changes to the overall organizational structure of the department."

A director's position in the past, it is now an executive position to give the department more of a footprint in the areas of technology integration, instructional practices and assessment, along with curriculum.

Ciesielski will oversee the K-12 principals' instructional leadership initiatives and the director of Technology and Innovation.

"This will help us align our district improvement goals and school improvement goals with our strategic planning and long term goals," Hartley said.

The executive director of Teaching and Learning will lead the efforts in improving our student academic growth, overseeing our curriculum, instruction

and assessment initiatives.

"Heidie will lead our teacher professional development plan and be the bridge between our staff and the resources available in the district, county and state," Hartley said.

"Heidie brings an enormous amount of experience to this position in the areas of supervision, curriculum development, instructional practices and assessment alignment. She is a dynamic leader that cares for our students and understands where we are as a school district and what we must do to grow."

Ciesielski said, "I am very excited about this position and the opportunity it provides to make an impact in our district in the areas of teaching and learning. It is a wonderful chance to help augment the already wonderful things we have going on in the classroom, and to implement some new and exciting initiatives which will spotlight Fenton as a lighthouse district in the county and state."



Heidie Ciesielski

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## New principal at AGS Middle School

### ■ Rettenmund accepts top position at school

By Hannah Ball

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Students at Fenton's AGS Middle School will have a new principal starting this summer.

Eric Rettenmund, the current assistant principal, will take the reins of the school starting July 1, 2018. This comes after current principal, Heidie Ciesielski, accepted the job of executive director of the Department of Teaching and Learning.

"I am obviously very excited about the opportunity. I am very honored and humbled that Dr. Hartley and the Fenton Board of Education have the confidence in me to put me in that position," Rettenmund said. "I'm excited to continue to work with Heidie in a different capacity. I feel very fortunate to be able to continue my career, this journey, at GAS."



Eric Rettenmund

I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Rettenmund said he's looking forward to introducing new technology, an updated science curriculum, and giving teachers more opportunities to teach things they might be interested in.

Fenton schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said, "We are very excited to have an administrator like Eric that is well respected and has proven to be a true leader. Eric is ready to become the principal of AGS after serving as the assistant principal since 2010. Eric knows the staff, the families and our goals both at the middle school and as a school district."

Prior to becoming the assistant principal, Rettenmund taught social studies and science at AGS for 10 years. He coached middle school football and track, and JV baseball at Fenton High School. He was the assistant director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint and for the Foundation for Mott Community College.

## BOMBED

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The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

With diplomatic negotiations with Japan breaking down, President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) and his advisers knew that an imminent Japanese attack was probable, but nothing had been done to increase security at the important naval base at Pearl Harbor.

It was Sunday morning, and many military personnel had been given passes to attend religious services off base. At 7:02 a.m., two radar operators spotted large groups of aircraft in flight toward the island from the north, but, with a flight of B-17s expected from the United States at the time, they were told to sound no alarm. Thus, the Japanese air assault came as a devastating surprise to the naval base.

Much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless. Five of eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded, many while valiantly attempting to repulse the attack.

After a brief and forceful speech, FDR asked Congress to approve a resolution recognizing the state of war between the United States and Japan. The American contribution to the successful Allied war effort spanned four long years and cost more than 400,000 American lives.

### Honolulu prepares for another strike — from North Korea this time

According to reuters.com, Hawaii resumed testing the last week in November of its Cold War-era nuclear attack warning sirens for the first time in at least 25 years. This is in preparation for a possible missile strike from North Korea, state officials said last week.

A recording of the wailing air-raid siren — familiar to older generations who grew up hearing it on a regular basis — was played at a news conference by Governor David Ige, civil defense and emergency management officers in the state capital,

Honolulu.

Ige said he believed Hawaii was the first in the nation to reintroduce statewide nuclear siren drills.

The announcement, though planned weeks earlier, came hours after North Korea's latest test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile, which flew about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) before landing in the Sea of Japan. The Pentagon said the rocket posed no danger to the United States, its territories or allies.

But state emergency management authorities said they decided in recent months to reactivate the state's nuclear attack sirens for the first time since the 1980s after experts deemed some of North Korea's missiles were capable of reaching Hawaii.

If it did happen, a single 150-kiloton weapon detonated over Pearl Harbor on the main island of Oahu would be expected to kill 18,000 people outright and leave 50,000 to 120,000 others injured across a blast zone several miles wide, state Emergency Management Agency officials have said.

While casualties of that scale would be unprecedented on U.S. soil, an agency fact sheet stressed that 90 percent of Hawaii's 1.4 million-plus residents would survive "the direct effects of such an explosion."

Calling the North Korea threat a "new normal," Ige said, "A possibility of attack today is very remote, but we do believe that it's important that we be proactive, that we plan and are prepared for every possibility moving forward."

Sources: history.com; reuters.com



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"My kids heard me and came running upstairs to check on me and then they started jumping around. My 6-year-old asked me how many zeros would be on my check."

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Edmond Nicaj, 41, of Tyrone Township said the \$1 million winnings will go toward paying off debt and setting money aside for each of his children.

## SUSPECT

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judge to sentence him to prison now. I cannot go into the details of the probation violation at this time."

Brewer would be the only one of the three defendants to be sentenced to prison. Ryan Stevens, 20, spent nearly a year in the county jail before being sentenced to five years probation, and Lamarr Dukes, 17, was sent to a yearlong rehabilitation program in Pennsylvania.

This is the second time Brewer has violated terms of his probation. In June 2017, while he was out on bond, Circuit Court Judge Joseph Farah ordered Brewer to jail for multiple violations including, getting suspended from school five times, nearly being expelled, along with carrying a cell phone and creating a social media account against court orders.

Brewer was living with his parents at the time the violations occurred. In court in July 2017, when Farah gave Brewer another chance and sentenced him to five years probation, the judge had strong words for Brewer's parents.

"His parents are not to be commended for the opportunity I gave them. Rather, they are to be observed as having done nothing good" for their child, he said. Farah said Brewer's father told his son to lie about owning a cell phone.

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## SHAPIRO

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"The judge even said this doesn't sound like a typical criminal act, but more like someone who was deeply hurt by two people close to him," he said.

Shapiro said anyone who says they have never been broken-hearted and done something uncharacteristic because of it is lying. "These types of emotions are not really characteristic of who you are," he said.

Shapiro said he is very involved in the community, serving on boards and as a mentor. He said he also serves on the board for Ele's Place which works with children experiencing losses.

"I do this because I want to, not because I have to," said Shapiro.

"It's unfortunate that a very personal emotion was played out publicly," he said. "I regret my emotional reaction to the immoral actions of someone I once considered a close friend."

Shapiro said he also suspects those who were not happy when he ousted their candidate of choice in the August 2016 primary election politically motivated the pursuance of this case.

"As always, I will not allow a politically motivated vendetta to prevent me from doing my job for my constituents," Shapiro said.

### Recap of events

It all began after the Memorial Day

### Police&Fire

## report

### WOMAN ARRESTED AFTER DRIVING WRONG WAY ON U.S. 23

A 32-year-old Brighton woman was arrested for drunk driving, having open beer in her car and reckless driving after she was pulled over for driving northbound in the southbound lanes of U.S. 23 at 1:48 a.m. on Nov. 30. Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said Livingston County Central Dispatch advised them that a vehicle was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. A Fenton police officer spotted the 1999 Ford Taurus near Owen Road and initiated a traffic stop. The driver pulled over to the fast-lane side of the highway. The officer smelled intoxicants and the driver said she was heading to Brighton from Clio. Sobriety tests were done and Breathalyzer revealed a .12 percent blood alcohol content. She was arrested and lodged at the police station until sober.

### FENTON POLICE SAVE WOMAN

At 7:48 p.m. on Nov. 27, a Fenton police officer was sent to the area of Eddy Lake Road and Pine Creek Road to check on a vehicle reportedly driving in the grassy area. The officer located the vehicle and observed it driving slowly, going over a curb and onto a sidewalk. A traffic stop was initiated. When the officer made contact with the driver, a 41-year-old Fenton woman, the officer observed blood on the driver as well as inside the car, apparently the result of self-inflicted cut marks. When the driver attempted to cut herself again, the officer wrestled the blade from her and called for police assistance and an ambulance immediately. The woman was transported to an area hospital for treatment of superficial wounds and psychiatric care.

weekend. Shapiro, who was a Fenton Township resident at the time, was accused of blasting loud music and shouting outside the home of his ex-fiancée's new boyfriend on Silver Lake.

When the boyfriend came out to investigate, Shapiro, who was allegedly holding two bottles of what was believed to be liquor, and accompanied by a friend, started making rude gestures and swearing at the man.

The man told police the disturbances were an ongoing issue with Shapiro and that he did not want the situation to get worse.

Shapiro said this week that the man was a one-time good friend, who began a relationship with his ex-fiancée within days of their break-up. The accusations that this was "racially motivated" because of the ethnic differences between Shapiro and the other man are ridiculous, he said.

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## GUNMEN

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deputies responded to the home in the 7000 block of Chipmunk Hollow for a home invasion, which had just occurred.

Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the 63-year-old Holly Township man and a 65-year-old Independence Township woman. The man told deputies that he and his girlfriend were watching TV in the basement when four male suspects, wearing ski masks and brandishing firearms, ran down the basement stairs and held them at gunpoint.

The suspects tied up the victims using zip ties on their wrists and ankles and then demanded money. The man said he previously owned a marijuana dispensary and believed the home invasion was related to that business. He claims he is no longer in that business due to a male individual known to him who was pressuring him to sell him marijuana plants, which he refused.

During the home invasion, the Holly Township man was assaulted by the suspects who had kicked him repeatedly to his rib cage. The suspects also poured gasoline on the victims, threatening to set them and the house on fire if they did not give them money.

The suspects stole \$7,200 in cash from the victim's home.

Independence Fire Department paramedics transported the man to a local hospital for a non-life threatening injury to his ribs. He was listed in stable condition. Deputies transported the woman to a friend's home.

A sheriff's K-9 Unit responded to the scene and established a track, which was later terminated when it was determined the suspects fled the area possibly in a white van. An evidence technician responded to process the scene. The incident has been turned over to detectives for further investigation.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the lots in the Byram Ridge No. 1 Subdivision, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to install, operate and maintain street lights in the Byram Ridge No. 1 subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday December 4, 2017.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

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# LFLF gymnastics team captures first invitational of the season at Holt

By David Troppens

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The season has just begun and the Lake Fenton/Linden/Fenton co-op gymnastics team is already a champion.

The squad won its first invitational of the year

at Holt with a team score of 139.9.

“Going into our first competition I didn’t have many expectations for the girls,” LFLF gymnastics coach Nancy Holden said. “We have only practiced for a short four weeks and that is not a lot of

time to get competition ready. My plan was to just use this as a warm up meet and get the girls thinking through their routines and get in competition mode. We were up against a lot of great teams. ... When

we totaled up our team score at the end we were all pumped to have almost hit our goal score of 140. at our very first meet of the season.”

The squad was paced by senior co-captain Blake Hutchings. Hutchings finished first in the all-around with a score of 36.2. She placed first on the vault (9.275) and the bars (9.05).



Blake Hutchings competes in an event last year. Hutchings took first in the all-around at Holt.



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## Lady Bronchos off to a quick 2-0 start

By David Troppens

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Rebecca Fugate has been a superstar for the first two seasons of her varsity girls basketball career.

But with each season, she had to share some of the offensive leadership roles with a strong senior.

While she’s still only a junior, there’s no question who teams will be watching out for this winter when Holly comes to town — Fugate. While she’s a known performer, that didn’t keep Fugate from outscoring Lakeland in the team’s 31-20 opening-season victory against Lakeland on Friday. Fugate and the Bronchos also had a strong second game, defeating Lake Orion 39-29 on Monday.

“She’s scoring and getting people into their places and things,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. “She’s scoring but she’s not taking a ton of shots. She’s balancing her baskets from the perimeter to close to the basket. She’s getting assists to kids and finding the open people.”

The Bronchos took control against Lake Orion immediately, taking an 11-0 lead into the second quarter and a 15-3 lead into the half. Lake Orion battled back with a stronger second half, scoring 26 points in the final 16 minutes, but the Bronchos held on to collect the win.

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Fenton’s Chloe Idoni competes in a game from last winter. Idoni led the Tigers with 17 points in a loss to Hartland on Friday.

## Tigers post strong first half vs. Eagles, but fall in second half, 49-34

By David Troppens

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It was a solid start for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team in its first half against Hartland on Friday.

The Tigers led the Hartland Eagles 26-23 at break.

However, Hartland showed why they were a 22-2 squad a year ago by winning the second half and capturing a 49-34 victory against the Tigers.

The Tigers were hurt by foul troubles, specifically the fouls given to Chloe Idoni. Idoni scored 12 first half points, which included a jump shot at the buzzer ending the first quarter. However, she collected her third foul seconds into the third quarter and fouled out halfway through the fourth quarter with 17 points.

The Eagles were paced by senior star Graysen Cockerham who scored a game-high 19 points. Sophomore sensation Whitney Sollom also had 10 points.

Fenton played at White Lake Lakeland on Tuesday. The squad opens Flint Metro League competition at home against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday.



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Holly’s Rebecca Fugate (left) dribbles the ball in a game last winter. Fugate has scored at least 20 points in each of Holly’s contests this season, helping the Bronchos to a 2-0 start.



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Lake Fenton’s Katelyn Siebert attacks the basket in a past game. The Blue Devils defeated Imlay City in their season opener, 63-39.

## Blue Devils victorious in season opener

By David Troppens

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As far as first games go, Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren had to be pleased with what he saw out of his Blue Devils during their first game of the season against Imlay City.

The Blue Devils’ offense was strong, scoring at least 12 points in every quarter, and the defense had its moments as well in a 63-39 road victory at Imlay City.

The Blue Devils started the game impressively, using a balanced offense among Hannah Garty (six points), Katelyn Siebert (five points) and Morgan Furey (three points), and scored 14 first-

period points. However, the defense was probably better than the offense, holding Imlay City to just three points.

“Our team defense was consistent and we began very active,” VanBuren said. “We were solid defensively, only missing a couple tasks inside.”

Imlay City played its best portion of the game in the second quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 14-13 during that eight-minute stanza. However, the Blue Devils entered the break leading 27-17.

Any thoughts Imlay City had about getting back into the contest ended quickly in the third quarter as Lake Fenton scored 24 third-quarter points.

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# Out-of-towners take top spots in JingleJog

## ■LF runners finish 2-3 overall in 5K event

By David Troppens

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Saturday's beautiful weather ended up making it a great day for the 2017 Fenton JingleJog, and runners took advantage.

Over 300 competed in either the 5K run or walk recording one of the best attended events in JingleJog history.

The two 5K winners were not from the tri-county area. Robbie Hohlman, who runs cross country at Calvin College, took first overall in 16:38. Meanwhile, Lake Orion's Jennifer Blindert was the women's overall winner in 20:18, finishing fourth overall.

The male masters winner was Tony Ketchmark (20:49), who placed sixth overall while Ortonville's Liz Hendershott took first for the female masters (23:31), placing 29th overall.

Lynette Heinlein was the top walker to finish the event, finishing in 31:58. The men's winner was Bradley Foutch (45:39), who took ninth overall.

Finishing just right behind Hohlman in the 5K men's race were two Lake Fenton cross country runners. Tommy Hufton placed second (16:48), while Eric Niestroy was third (17:19). The top three came within one second of beating the rest of the field by three minutes. Linden's Liam Sack was the fourth male to finish (20:45), while Ketchmark was the fifth man to complete the 3.1-mile course.



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(Above) Many runners in the Fenton JingleJog dressed up in appropriate holiday clothing. The overall victor in the 5K race was Robbie Hohlman (right). He finished the race in 16:38.

Canton's Amber Dermeyer (20:56) was Blindert's top competition, finishing as the second female and in eighth overall.

Fenton's Liz Minoxk (22:51) was the races third female finisher while Fenton's Kristen Dean (23:14) was fourth. Hendershott was the fifth woman finisher. Hendershott's top competition for the female master's title was Linden's Meredith Olila (24:05) while Fenton's Tracey Sahoouri was third in the masters division (24:28).



## United edges out Griffins in overtime, 5-4

By David Troppens

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The winter sports season may have just begun, but the tri-county area experienced its first critical area hockey contest last week.

The United co-op — consisting of players from Lake Fenton, Holly, Kearsley and Brandon — overcame an early 3-0 deficit against the Fenton/Linden Griffins, earning a 5-4 overtime victory at Hartland Sports Center.

Trailing by three, United scored four goals in the second period, taking a 4-3 lead. Fenton/Linden forced overtime with a third-period goal.

Dru Sweers led United with two goals and two assists. One of them was the game-winning goal in overtime.

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Aiden Fick scored a goal for United in the co-op squad's 5-4 overtime victory against the Fenton/Linden co-op. United's team consists of players from Holly, Lake Fenton, Kearsley and Brandon.

## Linden girls playing hard, but drop two games

Looking at the record, it would be easy to think the Linden varsity girls basketball team is off to a slow start.

But Linden varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner wouldn't agree. True, the Eagles have lost both of their first two contests, but

they were to Class A power Hartland and a strong Powers Catholic squad. And, for the most part, Varner has liked what he's seen despite opening the season with a 61-12 loss at Hartland and a 46-20 loss at Powers.

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## LF drops contest vs. Northwest in OT, 60-56

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team suffered its first heartbreaking loss of the season in its first home contest of the year on Friday.

The Blue Devils suffered a loss to the Lutheran Northwest Crusaders in

overtime 60-56.

Tied at 52 entering the overtime, the Blue Devils (1-1) scored the first two points of the overtime when Haley Whittecar assisted a Katelyn Siebert bucket.

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### PREP REPORT

#### BOYS BOWLING

► **Clio 26, Fenton 4:** Fenton won the first baker game by a point. Tate Temrowski led the Tigers with games of 160 and 138. Jackson Racette bowled a 155.

► **Owosso 26, Holly 4:** Eddie Sanner led the Bronchos with a 222 game while Zach Miller shot a 208 and Braden Wilson a 192.

#### GIRLS BOWLING

► **Clio 27, Fenton 3:** Fenton was paced by Angela Hanners who bowled a person-best 388 two-game series. She had a high game of 204. Ashlyn Birstol bowled a 158.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton JV 48, Imlay City 22:** Christina Lamb led the Blue Devils with 18 points while Aubrey Fray and Macy Phillips netted 10 points each.

► **Lake Fenton JV 46, Lutheran Northwest 20:** The victory improved the Blue Devils to 2-0 overall.

#### HOCKEY

► **United 8, Southgate Anderson 0:** United made it three straight wins as Alec Copeland finished with three goals in the victory. Colby Polutanovich had two goals while Noah Bolton, A.J. Incammicia and Dru Sweers had a goal each. Sweers and Drew Hobson had two assists each while Bolton, MacGregor Hepburn, Incammicia and Polutanovich had one assist each. Tyler Keller made 15 saves in net.

► **United 7, Mid-Michigan 6:** Dru Sweers scored two short-handed goals and had three assists in United's victory. Alec Copeland and Colby Polutanovich (one assist) had two goals each while Drew Hobson had a goal and an assist. MacGregor Hepburn had two assists while Devin Smith had an assist. Tyler Keller made 26 saves in net.

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**Faye Janet (nee Lanckton) Ketzbeau**

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Faye Janet (nee Lanckton) Ketzbeau - age 82, of Fenton passed away Monday, December 4, 2017 at Genesys Health Park. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 7, 2017. Family from 3-4 PM and friends from 4-8 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St. Fenton. Faye was born March 12, 1935 in Flint, daughter of Wayne H. and Evelyn (June) Lanckton. She married the love of her life, Melvin Ketzbeau on July 26, 1951, in Mt. Morris. From the day they met there would never be a dull moment and every day was an adventure! Faye was a gentle soul who never met a stranger. Besides caring for her husband and five children she worked at Creative Foam, Hazeltine Perkins and cared for other working women's children, all of whom she loved as if they were her own. Faye was a lifetime learner who loved to read all genres of literature and returned to school 30 years after leaving to earn her high school diploma in 1981, the same year her youngest son graduated from high school. She took up painting in acrylics and watercolor in her 40's and quilting and crochet in her 50's. Faye is survived by her husband of 66 years, Mel; children, Valerie and husband Ronald Land; Steven and wife Norma, Craig and wife Debbie, Lynn and husband Paul Birchmeier, Gerald and wife Emilie; proud grandma of Amanda and Caleb, Heather, Ronnie, Angie, and Eric, Holly and David, Kristen and Rob, Kevin and Sonia, David and Carolyn, Clark, Lucas, Donald and Lisa and Sara and Donald; great-grandma of 24. Also surviving her are siblings, Wayne and Shirley Lanckton of Grawn, Gary Lanckton of Lapeer and Kahleen Percy of White Lake. Special sister of the Heart, Svana Lamb of Ft. Dodge, IA. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family. She was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law, Mahlon and Ethel Ketchabaw and brother-in-law, George Ketchabaw. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a charity of your own choosing.

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For the week of  
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, an outburst of creativity may surprise those close to you, but this week you just may need an outlet. Channel this energy into a project you have been hoping to complete.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Your poker face is on this week, Taurus. Keep things close to the vest as you have a surprise to announce and don't want to spill the beans prematurely.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

You can't seem to sit still this week, Gemini. Get outdoors and take a hike or engage in another form of physical activity. Enjoy getting outside for some fun and fresh air.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a drastic shift in direction at work can catch you off guard at first, especially since you've been comfortable. But this challenge can provide greater opportunities.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Impatience will not serve you well this week, Leo. There is no room for shortcuts, so buckle down and devote yourself to the tasks at hand, even if they take a while.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

A partnership might hit a rough patch this week, Virgo. But it isn't anything serious. Commit to working things out and you will have benefited from this experience.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 22

Libra, an unexpected turn of events spices things up in the coming days. Enjoy this change of pace but do your best to stay grounded throughout the tumult.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, controlled chaos is the source of your inspiration this week. Ruffle a few feathers, but make sure you do so in a productive and effective way.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, the solution to a problem you have had for awhile will come to you this week. This immediately makes you more comfy allows you to focus on recreation.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Assignments at work take precedence this week, Capricorn. Do your best to navigate your way through a lengthy to-do list. Don't let distractions get in your way.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, living in your imagination helps you drum up creative ideas, but this week you have to periodically reconnect with reality. Shift the focus to work or family.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

The road to satisfaction can't be found on a GPS device, Pisces. You have to do some soul-searching and figure out what you want.

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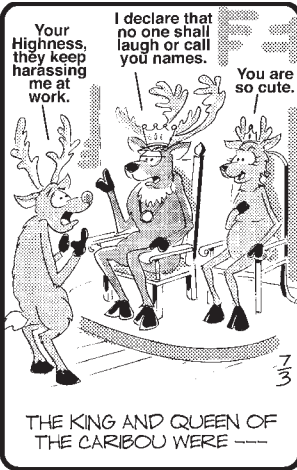
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- 5 Plastic user's accumulation
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- 17 Say it's OK
- 18 It's right on the map
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- 25 Flower cluster
- 28 Heckle or Jeckle
- 32 Baking potato
- 33 Any of four that chase
- 34 Aberration
- 36 Last syllable of a word
- 37 Ultra-modernist
- 38 Meadow
- 39 Dressed
- 42 State of matter
- 44 Infamous lyre player
- 48 Fond du —
- 49 Abrupt
- 50 Fed
- 51 Bonfire residue
- 52 Soft cheese
- 53 Dryer collection
- 54 "How come?"
- 55 Celeb
- 56 Therefore
- 6 Huron neighbor
- 7 Soothe
- 8 Body art, for short
- 9 Good ring?
- 10 On the rocks
- 11 Apportion (out)
- 20 90 degrees
- 22 Overact
- 24 American emblem
- 25 Carnival city
- 26 Throw in
- 27 Scoundrel
- 29 Luau bowlful
- 30 Doctrine
- 31 Greek H
- 35 Dairy-section item
- 36 Overcoat named for a region of Ireland
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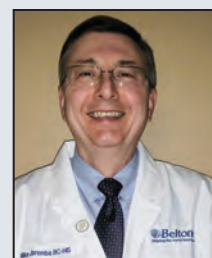
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