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Kody Brewer

Shooting plot defendant violates probation — again

■ Violations include creating social media account, using cell phone and more

By Hannah Ball

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One defendant in the alleged Linden school shooting plot is awaiting a pro-

bation violation sentence after defying court orders a second time.

Kody Brewer, 17, has been going through the Genesee County court system for nearly two-and-a-half years, since October 2015. That's when police discovered an alleged plot to shoot up Linden schools was discussed

by Brewer and two other boys, Lamarr Dukes, 17, and Ryan Stevens, 20.

Dukes was sent to a yearlong rehabilitation program in Pennsylvania and Stevens was sentenced to five years probation after spending almost a year in jail.

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“We would be asking the judge to sentence him to prison now.”

John Potbury

Genesee County deputy chief assistant prosecuting attorney



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2016 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

Loaded revolver found under driver's seat

■ Police arrest 24-year-old Fenton man on multiple charges

By Sharon Stone
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Charges are pending against a 24-year-old Fenton man after Fenton police responded to a 911 call on Monday, Feb. 19 at 8:37 p.m. Police have not released the man's name.

Lt. Jeff Cross said police responded to a gas station on North Road at Torrey Road on a report of a man behaving suspiciously. As the man entered the gas station store, he covered his head with the hood of his sweatshirt, prompting suspicion from employees.

Employees watched as the man attempted to obtain cash from the ATM, however, he was unsuccessful. Afterward, the man tried to purchase an

See **ARREST** on 10

'La La Land' comes to Fenton



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The Fenton Community Orchestra rehearses briefly before its Friday, Feb. 16 performance. This special concert, "The Fenton Community Orchestra Goes to the Movies," included a selection of movie scores throughout cinema history, from the golden age of cinema, to more recent movies, such as "La La Land." The orchestra performed the movie underscore, while clips from the movie were projected behind them. See **story on Page 8**

One fight, one victory for Linden teen

■ Starts pro boxing career with a second round TKO in Vegas

By David Troppens

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Joey Spencer couldn't have asked for a better start to his professional boxing career Saturday at Las Vegas' Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino Events Center.

See **BOXING** on 10



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Holly schools might ask for \$25-million bond proposal

■ District seeking community input with survey; results in three weeks

By Tim Jagielo

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At the State of Holly joint event on Thursday, Feb. 15, Dave Nuss, outgoing Holly Area Schools (HAS) superintendent, painted a picture of a recovering school district, not only in student performance, but also in finances.

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“No one has been



killed at a gun range in a shooting event? What about one of America's most decorated, Chris Kyle? Think before you speak.”

“Never, ever let the



government take away your guns. These are the same guys who put us in bondage with the ridiculous Obamacare disaster, while exempting themselves from it. That says it all.”

COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“The FBI is a bloated, incompetent and outdated organization that should be replaced with entirely different leadership. It is corrupt and inept at all levels. Sadly, it was better run when psycho J. Edgar Hoover was the head. They are directly responsible for the deaths of 17 innocent children.”



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Fenton Village Players is expanding its offering of the arts to include upcoming comedy nights, Second Stage events and movies.

Fenton Village Players adds comedy nights, movies

■ First show of the year debuts this week with comedy, 'Things My Mother Taught Me'

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton Village Players have been hitting the local stage since 1972, but they are expanding their definition of community theatre with new events for 2018.

In addition to their main productions at the Fenton Village Playhouse, they are adding comedy nights and movie nights, and continuing their third season of Sec-

ond Stage shows in their already busy community theatre schedule.

Kidz Theatre Kompany, holiday shows and special appearances at other community events are just a few more reasons to fit the Fenton Village Players' 2018 dates into your schedule.

“We are here to promote the arts, including theatre, but not only theatre.”

Matthew Osterberg
Fenton Village Players
board of directors
corresponding secretary

“We are here to promote the arts, including theatre, but not only theatre,” explained Matthew Osterberg, corresponding secretary for the Fenton Village Players board of directors. “We’re planning our first Comedy Night on March 9, and starting a monthly Movie Night at the theatre in April, including some of the

old classics.”

The first regular production of the Fenton Village Players this year debuts Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. with the comedy, “Things My Mother Taught Me” at the Fenton Village Playhouse at 14197 Torrey Rd. Director is Tammy Robison and producer is Patti Lee. “It’s a comedy, like PG or PG-13,” said Lee. “It’s a good mid-winter break to make you laugh.”

The show continues through the weekend of March 4. For show times and ticket information, visit fentontheatre.org.

Other main stage productions will be the comedy, “Calendar Girls,” April 19-29; “Oliver,” July 12-29 and “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,” Sept. 27-Oct. 7.

Now for the third year, Fenton Village Players is offering “edgier” comedy at Second Stage events in a smaller, more intimate setting in the activity room of the Playhouse. When the show is appropriate, beer and wine may be offered for a donation.

The first Second Stage event for 2018 will be “Almost Maine,” running Friday through Sunday, March 23-25. The second show of the Second Stage season will be “Odyssey/Performer” on Friday through Sunday, June 8-10. The final one for 2018 will be “Sylvia,” on Friday through Sunday, Oct. 26-28.

Kidz Theatre Kompany will present “A Pirate’s Life for Me” on May 10-20 and another show on Nov. 9-16, title to be announced. Visit kidztheatrekompany.org for more details.

The Fenton Village Players’ annual Christmas Show will run Dec. 7-9.

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The State of Holly event included presentations (from left) by Holly Village President Pro-Tem Debby Musgrave and Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. The evening was kicked off with a faux fight between Musgrave and Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis.

'State of Holly' touts growing community

■ Progress of village, township and schools highlighted in annual address to residents

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Before a bemused audience of approximately 200 people, George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor and Debby Musgrave, Holly Village Council president pro-tem, came out swinging boxing gloves at each other to the "Rocky" soundtrack at the Karl Richter Campus.

This light-hearted nod at a more tense time between the village and township ended with

“Our economic development has been strong over the last couple of years, but not as strong as 2017. That just blew everything away in 2017.”

Debby Musgrave

Village of Holly president pro-tem

Kullis getting his hat knocked off, and the two hugging on stage.

The 2018 State of Holly event on Thursday, Feb. 15, was an opportunity for the village, township, and Holly Area Schools (HAS) to celebrate their community, and talk about their accomplishments and what the future holds.

This year brought an event with energy and a sense of humor. Propelling the evening along was the Holly High School Marching Band and Main Street Show Choir. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson also attended, discussing the successes of Holly and the surrounding area.

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(Left photo) Holly Village government officials along with police and County Commissioner Bob Hoffman (right) give applause at the State of Holly Event. (Right photo) The Holly High School Main Street Show Choir finishes a song with flair.

A LOOK BACK at 1968

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Fifty years later, fantasy has become reality

■ 2001: A Space Odyssey premiered in April 1968

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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The futuristic movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey" gave people in 1968 a glimpse of what the future might hold when it comes to computers and technology.

Employees during that year did not have a computer on their desk, a laptop at home, a "smart phone" at their fingertips or any of the tech toys we take for granted today. The internet, or rather "world wide web," was not yet a thing.

Even as late as the 1970s, a company computer, especially for insurance companies, was a huge contraption in its own room. It ran 24 hours a day, five days a week. COBALT (a special computer language) programmers

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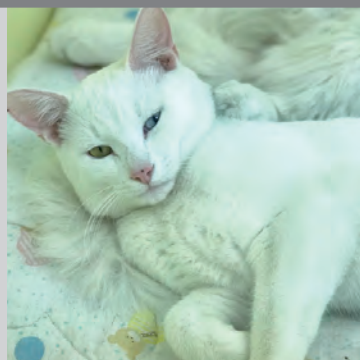
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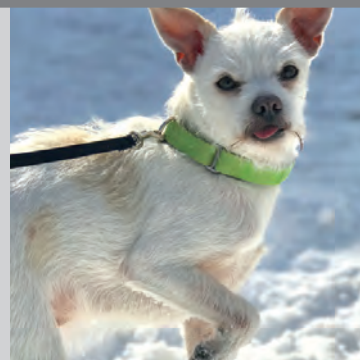
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If I Were King...

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Random Royal Thoughts

- **In 1939, Germany** established gun control. From 1939 to 1945, six million German Jews, unable to defend themselves, were exterminated.
- **If you would like** to drive a perfectionist insane, tell them you'll be sure to cross all the I's and dot all the Ts.
- **The planet will produce** only 24.7 billion liters of wine this year. That's the lowest production level in more than 50 years. Extreme weather in the three nations that produce the most wine is to blame. I am *not* happy with this news.
- **I find it odd** that sports fans from different cities rabidly hate each other because of pro teams. Yet few, if any, of the players on each team are natives of the teams they play for. Ridiculous.
- **The number of girls** playing on boys' high school football teams doubled in the past decade to more than 2,000, and leagues for females are expanding.
- **If I had** a dollar for every time I think of you, I would start thinking about you.
- **Since peaking** more than a decade ago at 716,268, sales of new motorcycles have plummeted to 371,403
- **Did you know** that it is impossible to stick your tongue out and breathe fast at the same time. Good boy, now sit.
- **Teach your kids** to know the value of things, not the price.
- **Note to husband:** Hi honey, your dinner's in the recipe book, page 47. The ingredients are at the store.
- **People who enjoy meetings** should not be in charge of anything, but especially not meetings.
- **Never make** the mistake of con-



- fusing intellect with wisdom.
- **If the government** thinks it is a good idea to 'bail out' people who bought a big house with a big mortgage they can't afford, then they should also bail out every citizen who gambles away all their money at the casino. It's the exact same principle.
 - **Even I don't** believe myself when I say "I'll be ready in five minutes."
 - **Never stumble** over something that is behind you.
 - **Almost universally** people refer to any weather that is not clear and sunny as 'bad weather,' which is ridiculous. There is no such thing as bad weather, there's just different weather.
 - **If you think** about it, what others think of you is really none of your business.
 - **Sarcasm?** That is the ability to insult idiots without them realizing it.
 - **You know how** when your refrigerator is making weird noises and you give it a good smack with your hand and it's all good again? Wouldn't it be great if we could do that with people?
 - **Every man** dies, but not every man lives.
 - **OK, get this straight.** No one hates Mondays, they hate their jobs.
 - **Have you ever noticed that the happier** the individual, the worse the memory.
 - **Don't you ever wonder** if Cheetahs race and if one of them cheats, the other one says "Man, you are such a Cheetah," and then they laugh like crazy.
 - **Being famous** online is similar to being rich in monopoly.
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IF YOU REALLY want to spend \$50 million on a military-style parade, every time you have something like that, there's a chance a plane will crash, a helicopter will crash, someone will get hurt or killed.

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- SITTING HERE WATCHING** the news, 24/7 on the school shooting in Florida. Everyone wants Congress to solve the problem. Congress can't solve a damn thing. They don't represent anybody.
- THAT KID AS** you called him was a man with proven mental illness that bought that gun legally. About the \$1,000 bonus, it went by how long you worked there. In a lot of places like Home Depot, 20 years got you \$1,000. Most people got \$250.
- THE GOVERNMENT FAILED** to act on a warning of the killer's intentions to kill the 17 Americans in Florida. Now, the Democrats and their leftist media want us to give up our guns and let the government protect us. You've got to be kidding.
- POLITICAL CORRECTNESS CAUSES** mass shootings? Seriously? That is the dumbest thing I have ever read.
- THE FENTON DPW** workers plowed for 72 straight hours to keep our roads safe to drive on and you people want to complain? I'd welcome any one of you to do what they do. If people would stay home and out of their way, their job would go more smoothly.
- I DON'T WANT** to take your gun away but anybody with a grain of sense has to admit that, second amendment or not, not everyone or anyone should have access to a gun of any sort.
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"Probably the luge. It's like bobsledding, but the person lays down on a sled and goes down the ice track, it's really unique and I love the competition."

Jennifer Gulbis
Tyrone Township



"My favorite Olympic sport is ski jumping, with the helicopters. I like the landings, and it's pretty dangerous."

Jim Swantner
Argentine Township



"The snowboarding, it has been really exciting. I've also really been liking figure skating, which is weird, but the dynamics are so interesting."

Brian Irish
Holly Township



"Snowboarding. It's really dangerous and exciting, which I like."

Shirley Althofm
Holly Township



"Skiing, because I'm a skier, but I've been watching a lot of hockey, too."

Patrick Bonick
Linden

Oh, how times have changed

■ Three local residents share their perspectives on how technology has changed us

By Hannah Ball

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This is the first story in an ongoing Midweek series interviewing our treasured elderly residents for their opinions and input on a variety of topics.

Gone are the days filled with a home radio, a black and white television, and a wall phone. People often ask how technology has changed, but rarely do they ask how has technology changed us?

Here are three perspectives from people who grew up without cell phones and colored TV.

Dick Laing, 88, of Linden, said TV didn't really get going until the Korean War in the early 1950s.

"We weren't all that enthusiastic about it because the only programming to begin with was professional wrestling," he said. "The technology was there but you got to develop the programming."

He said the change in technology has been "pretty dramatic," and that we haven't learned how to live with it yet. Advancements in technology have made entertainment programming more accessible, which is often violent.

"Are we desensitizing our boys?" he said, referring to the recent school shooting in Florida. "Most kids can separate fantasy from reality but this kid can't."

He said for kids who just sit and play on their cell phones all day, it's a disaster. Laing mentioned the game "Call of Duty," which encourages players to kill people.

"Most of the kids will play that game and sort out fiction from fantasy from reality but a few don't," he said. "Humanity evolved on hard work and exercise. So if they drop out of school, punch buttons all day, that's a health disaster in the making. We've got so many kids that are overweight. We've got so many kids that are diabetic. We never used to have kids who were diabetics."

Mary Salerno, 81, of Linden, said they had a wall telephone and a TV when she was a teenager.

"We had a party line," she said, referring to the one phone line everyone in the



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Dick Laing, 88, is a member of the Loose Center Board of Directors.

neighborhood or a certain geographic area shared. "I was telling my grandchildren about it one day and they thought it was weird."

“Kids can get on the internet and learn how to make bombs...and watch porn. That's the bad part, but the rest of the knowledge is so phenomenal.”

Judy Grubb
Loose Center member

Now, Salerno has a laptop, an iPad, and a TV, but no smartphone. She said the advancements are a good thing, especially with cell phones because she can easily call someone in an emergency. "I keep mine in my vehicle. I don't want to be walking around with it in my hand all day," she said.

She said young people over use cell phones.

"Instead of actually talking to people at restaurants, they're on their cell phones and I don't think that's good," she said.

Technology has definitely changed how people communicate, she said. Salerno still writes handwritten letters to relatives and friends. She often sends letters to relatives in Italy, and video chats with them on her daughter's smartphone. At Loose Center, she's in the pen pal group that exchanges letters with third-graders at Linden or Fenton schools.

"There's nothing like a handwritten note," she said.

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Judy Grubb, 76, of Linden, said she likes her computer and her cell phone, and being able to use Google anywhere. "I still prefer a stick-shift in a car but my husband hates it," she said. She said automatics are cheaper, which is what she drives today.

She said she's not worried about computer hackers.

"My son-in-law works for Apple in the legal department and he told me never put anything on your computer you don't want on the front page of a newspaper," she said.

She also doesn't deal with many scam calls because she doesn't answer the phone unless she recognizes the number.

"Kids can get on the internet and learn how to make bombs, I've been told, and watch porn. That's the bad part, but the rest of the knowledge is so phenomenal," she said. "I'm hoping it does more good than bad. There's always going to be bad people out there."

People don't know how to communicate with others anymore, she said, because many people will text and not talk to the people around them. Grubb will send her children messages during the day, but "every couple times a week, I have to hear their voice, make sure they're all right," she said.

Fewer and fewer young people talk on the phone in favor of texting, which Grubb said is "scary."

SUMMARY

■ DVD players, cell phones, and colored TVs are relatively new inventions, and are part of a technological advancement movement.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOW LIBERALS DON'T want armed police in school for protection. Israel learned long ago that its schools needed armed guards to protect them. Since the armed guards were put in place, no mass shooting.

■■■
AFTER 'VOTING FOR anyone who would lower taxes' resulted in a new tax bill, Trump got the gold mine and all others got the shaft while only 13 percent of 125 million workers got a 'one time' bonus. It was 'crumbs,' compared to Trump's millions in tax cuts forever.

■■■
WHAT A FANTASY world you must be living in. The Democrats are against improving roads, bridges, the military, etc? How would you suggest paying for all of the above? I know — with tax cuts. That should work fine. Give me strength.

■■■
AS A RETIRED teacher, I think the Hot line about fighting a tank with a tank sounds pretty great. Let all school personnel carry an AK47 around with them. School board meetings would be a blast, and of course parent-teacher conferences.

■■■
EVERY REPUBLICAN POLITICIAN has taken lots of money from the NRA and only one Democrat that I could find. Look it up. If you need an AR-15 rifle to hunt, give it up. AR-15s are meant to kill people. Who will be next?

■■■
SOME SAY THE solution for gun violence are laws to keep guns from the wrong people, like drugs, so we can be a country free from gun violence, like Mexico. Yeah.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T KNOW if it's global warming, but the glaciers are melting on State Road and they're so deep that down at the bottom there's a county snowplow.

■■■
I CANNOT BELIEVE what I read. They're praising the Linden police for busting a heroin dealer in Linden? It took over four years for them just to do that. It took that many deaths in this area just to bust one dealer?

■■■
WHY IS EVERYONE up in arms about the way Fergie sang the National Anthem at the NBA all-star game? Because she's white? Give her a break.

■■■

Downtown Linden has parking deficit of 599 spaces

■ 2015 study highlights potential parking problem

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — Linden City currently has a parking deficit of 599 parking spaces, according to a 2015 study conducted by the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

However, Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said the city doesn't have a parking problem.

"I always told people I wish I had a parking problem in downtown," he said. "If the town was ever at 100-percent capacity and every business was 100-percent full and people would come downtown for everything, we would be short of parking, but we're not."

The Union Block property isn't developed yet, and there are vacant businesses in the downtown area.

In a survey done in late 2014 of 25 businesses, 44 percent of owners said there was a parking problem, while 56 percent said there wasn't.

Public parking areas include the 25-space parking lot adjacent to the Linden Mills building, the 22-space parking lot on the



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The Linden Mills building parking lot contains 25 municipal parking spaces, giving easy access to the Linden museum, library and council chambers.

north side of Hamrick Street, and the 49-space parking lot on Hamrick Street and West Broad Street. People can also park in the 27-space Mill Street lot near the VFW Hall, Mill Pond Park and Linden Mills Building, and the 27-space lot located south of Linden City Hall.

The study examined parking limits in the main areas of downtown Linden.

In determining the deficit, the study calculated the number of parking spaces needed per square foot of building in the city. In

a church, one parking space is needed for every three people or seats. In retail and

restaurants, one parking space is needed per each 150 square feet of usable floor area, according to the study.

The study identified 186 public off-street spaces, 91 public on-street spaces, and 212 private off-street spaces, which is a total of 489 spaces. At the time of the study, there were 39 buildings and approximately 136,000 square feet of floor space.

In order to meet each building's needs, the city would need to have 1,030 parking spaces, according to the study, creating the deficit of 599 spaces.

The city of Linden purchased a property off Walmer Street, near Eagles Wooden Park, with the goal of turning it into a parking lot. The area is grassy and will need to be balanced.

"That parking lot will be used for additional parking that will be needed in the downtown once the Union Block property (or Dr. Wax's property) does get developed," he said.

The lot will also help with community event parking and developing the Riverwalk project.

SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2015 STUDY ARE:

- **Expanding the** 21-space public parking lot on the south side of Mill Street to the west
- **Expanding the** 22-space public parking lot on the north side of Hamrick Street to the west
- **Utilizing the unimproved** and unused private parking area behind the businesses along the west side of South Bridge Street
- **Promote pedestrian**, non-motorized, ride-sharing transit and alternatives to vehicular travel
- **New private** off-street lots
- **Zoning changes** to better accommodate parking
- **Improve lighting** and other pedestrian comforts like benches, shade trees and emergency phones
- **Exploring the** potential of the city sharing the parking lot owned by the Linden Presbyterian Church
- **Better parking** signage, or a master map of all parking options
- **Public awareness**

HOT LINE CONTINUED

APPARENTLY, IN MISSOURI, elementary students are selling raffle tickets for an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle to benefit their baseball team, with the full knowledge and approval of their coach.

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■■■
I'VE GOT TO say that overall, all the school districts in the area have some of the most professional, conscientious and courteous bus drivers anywhere. It really makes the very few that aren't like that stand out like a sore thumb. Easy to see who they are.

■■■



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the judge

Grand juries

With last Friday's announcement of Federal Grand Jury indictments of 13 Russians and three companies for interfering in the 2016 presidential election, it occurred to me that most people probably aren't familiar with the concept of a grand jury. So, for today's column I will explain why we have them and how they work.

As to the why, the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution contains a number of rights including a person's right not to be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime (felony) unless there is a presentment or indictment of a grand jury.

An indictment is a written charge presented to a court by a grand jury, which charges that a person has committed a crime. A presentment is a special type of indictment.

As to the how, there are both federal and state grand jury laws.

Under federal law, all felonies (unless there is a waiver) go before a Grand Jury comprised of not less than 16 and not more than 23 jurors.

The proceedings are held in secret and disclosure of the proceedings by almost everyone involved can be punished as contempt of court. Witnesses are excluded and there are other exceptions.

The jurors are summoned to appear in the same way as criminal trial jurors and a judge selects the jury.

After that, there is no judicial presence in the grand jury room. A United States attorney presides and questions the witnesses and introduces evidence. After the proofs are presented, a request for an indictment under the probable cause standard is made, which requires there being sufficient evidence to cause a person of ordinary prudence and caution to conscientiously entertain a reasonable belief of the accused's guilt. Twelve affirmative votes are needed.

After an indictment, the case moves to a trial with the beyond a reasonable doubt standard applying.

Michigan has a grand jury statute and court rule similar to federal law. They are rarely used however because grand juries are not required under Michigan law. Instead, a criminal complaint signed by a prosecutor is normally used to charge a defendant with a crime.

The defendant in a felony case has what is called a preliminary examination hearing to determine if there is probable cause.

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Approval to destroy mute swan nests and eggs narrowly passes with 4-3 vote

■ Silver and Marl lakes to see fewer mute swans, Canada geese

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a permit on Monday, Feb. 19, for the destruction of eggs and nests belonging to Canada geese and mute swans for Silver and Marl lakes.

Richard Sandell, president of the Silver and Marl Lakes Homeowners Association, told board members that the mute swan population has become a bigger issue on Silver and Marl lakes.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) performs the nest and egg destruction for the invasive species at no cost to residents or municipalities due to the growing problem.

“The last couple of years we have experienced an increase in the mute swan population. This bird is an invasive species that competes with native waterfowl for food and other resources.

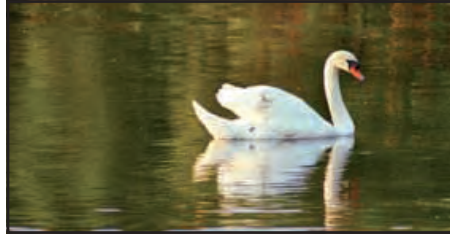
Of more concern is that they are a source of danger as they are known to attack humans in boats, personal watercraft, and even on-shore,” Sandell said in the letter.

Mute swans also destroy wetland habitat by feeding off it. They will attack humans, especially small children, who get too close

to their young and are the world’s most aggressive waterfowl species, according to the DNR. The animals are also a threat to the trumpeter swan, a native species to Michigan that is on the state’s threatened species list.

Mute swans have orange beaks and trumpeter swans have black beaks. Sandell said there were six mute swans on Silver Lake last summer.

The vote was 4-3 and the resolution passed. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, Clerk Bob Krug and Trustee Vince Lorraine cast the dissenting votes.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved two five-year permits for the destruction of nests and eggs belonging to mute swans and Canada geese on Silver and Marl lakes.

Lorraine said, “I wake up, I love to see the geese. The swans, they bother the skiers, yes, but to destroy their nests is not the best way to do it.”

Krug has said in previous meetings that he does not think it’s right to destroy these nests, and Mathis spoke in favor of the swans.

Canada geese

The board also approved nest and egg destruction for Canada geese.

“As a lake association, our residents are most vocal complaining about the Canada Goose population and the disgusting and dangerous mess they leave behind. We conducted annual roundups from 1999 until 2010 when the nest destruction program was instituted by the DNR-Wildlife Division. The nest destruction program

is definitely working as each year we are seeing fewer Canada geese,” according to a letter submitted by Sandell.

The association is required to submit a resolution by the local government body representing the property owners in order to obtain the DNR permit for the nest and egg destruction. The association plans to hire Goosebusters, a professional waterfowl control company they have used since 1999.

The vote regarding Canada geese was 5-2, with Krug and Lorraine dissenting.

Both permits are for five years, from 2018 to 2022.

“The swans, they bother the skiers, yes, but to destroy their nests is not the best way to do it.”

Vince Lorraine
Fenton Township trustee

Study could result in future improvements

■ Fenton City Council approves \$17,830 to study Silver Lake Road corridor

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council has agreed to pay Progressive AE of Grand Rapids, the city’s traffic engineering consultants, \$17,830 to conduct a study on the Silver Lake Road corridor.

Pete LaMorie, the city’s traffic engineer, presented his proposal to the council at the Feb. 5 work session. Council voted to approve the expense at its Feb. 12 meeting.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, the study became necessary because of concerns and complaints of traffic backing up during peak times of the day. “The city would like to find

solutions to the congestion,” he said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

The new study will consist of a traffic review at each of the intersections within the Silver Lake Road corridor from Silver Parkway to LeRoy Street. This includes traffic counts and turning movements.

“The study will examine the existing geometrics and analyze if changes would improve the flow of traffic,” Czarnecki said. “Future traffic growth will also be considered, as well as current signalization. If necessary, a signal analysis of the northbound U.S. 23 off ramp intersection will be made.”

The study is expected to take six to seven weeks to collect all the necessary information and provide analysis of the data. Final reports will be available for review and City Council approval after that.

“The city would like to find solutions to the congestion.”

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton Public Works director

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I SEE THE comment from one of your callers saying he was going to take his wife out with his pay raise from the tax cut and he’s going to order off the dollar menu. I don’t know what he makes, but mine was over \$90.

I KEEP SEEING that commercial with Progressive, the name-your-price tool. I have Progressive and no one has named their price tool for me. They named the price.

I WOULD NEVER in a million years elect Oprah for president.

THERE IS NOTHING more annoying than when you drop everything, and run for your phone, it’s a telemarketer trying to scam you out of your money. It should be illegal.

HOW MANY PEOPLE out there have a vehicle over 18 years old with the warranty going to expire on it? My mother gets these calls all day long and she hasn’t owned a car in years.

YOU’RE SAYING THAT as long as the media keeps telling us about the mass murders and the crazy gun people it’s going to continue? So if we stop that you think it’s going to stop it? You think no coverage means no more murders. How about no more guns means no more murders?

LISTENING TO THESE kids in Florida over the weekend. They didn’t mince any words; they put the adults on notice. I think we have it all wrong. We should let these kids run the office. Maybe the minimum age for holding office should be the maximum age. I’m not sure if wisdom comes with age, just greed.

IF SOMEBODY DOWN in that school in Florida had a handgun, two or three teachers, how many people might have died in the crossfire?

JUST WHERE DOES the right to bear arms end?

YOU’RE SO GRATEFUL for the thousand dollars a year because your husband actually works. You know that’s less than \$3 a day. Meanwhile the rich people at the top are bringing in millions. Get your head out of the sand and start looking at what they’re doing with your money.

JUST GOT A kick out of the Bermuda Triangle comment. There isn’t anything wrong with this area; it’s just people out there who shouldn’t be driving, texting and doing other stuff with their cell phones.

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BOND

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"You have phenomenal kids," said Nuss. "They're talented, they're kind, they're courteous, they're tolerant of each other."

But he wrapped up what might be his last public address as superintendent to make a plea to residents — the district needs more money for facility improvements and basic needs at the schools.

This could come in the form of a \$25 million bond, funded over the course of 20 to 25 years.

If placed on the Nov. 2018 ballot and passed, it would be used for facilities maintenance and equipment replacement, Nuss said. Like previous bonds, these have continued the current millage rate at 8.5 mills.

In 2003, a \$22.5 million bond was passed, which according to a Times article published June 2003, continued the previous mills levied on each household.

The district proposed an approximately \$9 million sinking fund in 2012 and 2013 for facilities upkeep and repair, but voters struck down the measure.

The district may place an item on the ballot that will ask for \$20 million over the course of 10 to 20 years. Nuss said it won't increase the current level of taxes, and that it will only go for maintenance of the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Dave Nuss lauded the accomplishments and the quality of his district — but also appealed to the public to support an upcoming school bond.

existing school buildings.

Specifically, he mentioned the leaking boilers at the high school, which need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$350,000 to \$500,000.

This week, a survey will go live on the Holly Area Schools website, seeking community input on the topic. The details have not yet been finalized and Nuss said the results of the survey will be available in three weeks.

To take the survey, go to www.hask12.org and click the link near the top on the landing page. Hard copies will be available at Holly school and government buildings.

“We want to create a short and long-term plan for the community to look at.”

Dave Nuss

Holly Area Schools superintendent



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Violinist Emily VonBrockdorff performs her solo throughout "The Pink Panther," as Andrew Perkins conducts the "Fenton Community Orchestra Goes to the Movies" concert.

Lights, camera, action!

Fenton Community Orchestra takes audience on journey through history of cinema

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — There hasn't been a movie theater in Fenton for years, but for two nights this past weekend, something better came to town.

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO), led by conductor Andrew Perkins, took the audience on a bounding journey through a history of American cinema.

Much like their performance of "The Birds" in 2016, "Fenton Community Orchestra Goes to the Movies" entwined the visual media of film with live musical score.

The orchestra played eight selections, including "Salute to Cinema," "Amadeus!" "The Magnificent Seven," "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "The Sound of Music," "The Pink Panther," "La La Land," and "A Tribute to John Williams."

Some pieces required featured soloists, such as violinist Emily VonBrockdorff on "Pink Panther," and Concert Mistress Lisa Bayer on "La La Land."

The pieces were selected to include a wide array of genres and time periods.

Musical scores from the golden era of cinema up to "La La Land" (2016) took the audience through a tour of cinema scores, aided by clips from the movies themselves playing behind the orchestra.

Musicians and audience members were encouraged to wear costumes, and several won prizes for attending as Indiana Jones or a Fairy Princess.

"We tried to do a well-rounded variety of music, and just music the people are going to recognize," Perkins said. "That's the whole point of doing these special events, is to reach people that don't normally come out to our regular gigs."

He said the Orchestra Board saw this concert as an opportunity to draw a different audience than who might not normally come to a classic symphonic performance. The FCO tried to deliver something fun, and

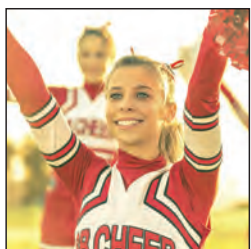
more culturally relevant, for patrons who are more into pop culture. "The Birds" was decidedly heavier and more "adult," and this concert gave more children the opportunity to attend.

"I think musical underscore for movies is written so that it pulls emotion out quicker," he said. "With movie music, you get right to emotional impact, right to the heart, and I think people connect viscerally at the emotional level."

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Andrew Perkins

Fenton Community Orchestra conductor



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NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Argentine Township Planning Commission is holding a hearing March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following item:

REZONING REQUEST FROM R2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL TO C1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL

A request has been received from Matthew Mowinski, Royalty Services, to change his property, Tax ID 01-20-300-012, .92 acres from current zoning R2 Urban Residential to C1 Local Commercial.

Mr. Mowinski would like the whole parcel zoned the same, C1 Local Commercial so he can use the property for storage of equipment attachments and landscape material.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

1968

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would write lines of code on coding sheets. The coding sheets would then get dropped off in a keypunch room. The next day, the keypunch girls (yes, all young women) would copy the program, one line at a time, to a stack of IBM cards. The cards were bound up in a rubber band, labeled, and put in a tray to be brought in the computer room.

The resulting documents from the computer would be billing, payroll, insurance policies and more.

The 1968 movie influenced many to fall in love with the limitless possibilities of space exploration. The movie sparked imaginations and provided a realistic preview of what our future in space might look like. When it was made, living and working in space full time was science fiction. Today, resident crewmembers are aboard the International Space Station 365 days a year operating one of the most complex engineering projects in history. The station is helping us push the boundaries of 21st century science, technology and engineering.

In 2008, NASA joined in the film's 40th anniversary celebrations, sending down a special message from orbit that was played during the anniversary screening at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, California.

The film was a creative collaboration by director Stanley Kubrick and science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke. The two men embarked on a creative collaboration: a novel and a screenplay inspired by Clarke's 1950 short story "The Sentinel."

2001: A Space Odyssey shows an imagined version of our future in space, some of which has come to pass:

- One of the most notable visions is the large, low Earth orbiting, revolving space station in the film. Although the shape is different, today's space station is permanently crewed and international.
- Flat-screen computer monitors that were unheard of in 1968 are now commonly used on the space station.
- The film imagines glass cockpits in spacecraft, which were present on the flight deck of the space shuttle.
- The film also envisions in-flight entertainment in space. Today there are DVDs, iPods and computers with e-mail access.
- While we may not have computers that talk back to us or show human-like traits, like Hal in the movie, we do have Siri on our phones and Alexa.
- Another famous scene from the movie depicts an astronaut jogging in space. Aboard the International Space Station, exercise in space is routine. In April 2007, 210 miles above Earth, astronaut Sunita Williams ran the Boston Marathon while in orbit.

Although some of the things in the film are not yet realities, some of them are in the works. For example, NASA is working to extend humanity's presence beyond low-earth orbit, embarking on an ambitious journey to Mars that should see humans on the Red Planet in the 2030s. Other ventures in space, such as hotels in orbit and routine tourist space travel are being planned by commercial spaceflight companies.

Source: nasa.com; popsci.com

STATE OF HOLLY

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On the township side, Kullis talked about road improvements to reduce or eliminate flooding on North Holly Road and re-graveling a bevy of roads in the northwest quadrant of the township.

He also mentioned skyrocketing new home developments — building permits increased from 45 in 2016, to 204 in 2017.

A program to handle invasive plant species, and the Holly Heritage Farmstead among others, also was discussed.

Musgrave took over as president of the village of Holly at the last minute after President Jim Perkins resigned due to family and health reasons. She discussed the success of the variety of downtown Holly events, including HollyDay, Ladies Night Out and Holly Dickens Festival.

Always important are new businesses, and the successes of their various departments, such as police, fire and public works.

"I can tell you, that year after year after year, your kids are just wonderful."

Dave Nuss
HAS superintendent

"Our economic development has been strong over the last couple of years, but not as strong as 2017. That just blew everything away in 2017," she said. Musgrave added that 10 new businesses opened in the village in 2017, "resulting in about \$4.8 million in investment revenue."

HAS Superintendent Dave Nuss talked about the improved financial picture of the district, while improving the education of students.

"I can tell you, that year after year after year, your kids are just wonderful," Nuss said.

His talk took a serious turn when he discussed the funding disparity between other Oakland County districts and Holly. He also partially unveiled a possible bond issue to be brought to voters. (See story on page 1.)

Afterward, Kullis said that students brought up various points of the presentation. Connecting the residents, especially youth to government, was one of the goals. "It really benefitted well," he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WANT TO EDUCATE yourself? Go on the internet and look up 'gun reciprocity bill' now in Congress. They want to make it so if you lived in a community that had absolutely no gun laws at all, you could take that gun anywhere in the state without meeting anyone else's requirements. What happened to state's rights?

MORE GUNS ARE the answer. Just like if you're overdosing, more drugs. If you're skidding down the roads in the ice and snow, more speed for stability.

WHEN I WAS a kid 60 years ago, we didn't have people shooting each other. We didn't have mass killings in schools. We didn't have kids doing shooter drills. But guns weren't as prevalent as they were now. More solutions of more guns making less violence kind of goes down the drain.

DEMOCRATS WANT SPENDING increases? Who wants to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico? Who wants to spend all this money on defense? That's not the Democrats, that's your president.



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BOXING

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Spencer, 17, began his career with a second round TKO (Technical Knock Out) victory against Uriel Gonzalez. The bout was scheduled for four three-minute rounds.

“It was everything I expected it to be,” Spencer said during an interview published by Thaboxingvoice on YouTube a day after the fight. “I felt good. I felt sharp.

(There were) a little bit of nerves being the first one, but I was glad I was able to get it done and do good with it. I’m just looking for bigger things and more fights.”

Spencer dominated the fight, actually earning a first knock down late in the first round. The knock out came early in the second round.

“I rushed him at the beginning of the second round and the ref called it,” Spencer said. “It was everything I looked

forward to. It was everything I envisioned in my mind. It was fantastic. I felt like an animal.”

Spencer’s pro debut probably had a little more hype surrounding it than most typical debuts. The first tipping point was the fact the bout was part of the Danny Garcia-Brandon Rios card in Las Vegas, the mecca of professional boxing. Second, very few boxers have actually turned professional at an age as young as Spencer.

“It was cool,” Spencer said. “Not everybody gets an opportunity to turn pro in Las Vegas. ... I’m blessed to (begin my professional boxing career) on a card like this.”

After his victory, Spencer showed his appreciation for his fans in the tri-county area by posting on his Twitter account, “Very few people understand what it took to get to this point, but it’s all the way up from here. Thank you so much for everybody’s amazing support. This one’s for Linden, MI.”

Spencer admitted to feeling some nervousness prior to the fight.

“It was more anxiousness to get in the ring. To get it done and get it over with,” Spencer said. “Not necessarily being scared of losing.”

Spencer hopes this is a busy year for him in terms of future professional bouts. He said in the interview that it’s possible his next fight could be April 7 in Pennsylvania. However, as of press time details of a second professional match have yet to be confirmed.

“I want to fight five times,” Spencer said about his plans for 2018. “I’m looking forward to everything because I know I can live up to the expectations.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing
Lake Improvement Project for Lake Ponemah
Charter Township of Fenton,
Genesee County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the township board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Lake Ponemah consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on or legal access to Lake Ponemah

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$425,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days 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 on the plans, district and estimates 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 March 5, 2018.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be file with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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ARREST

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item with a credit card and get cash back. The employee reported that the credit card was declined.

After the two failed transactions, the man exited the store and walked over to a nearby party store and attempted to obtain cash in a similar fashion. He failed again in his attempts.

When the man returned to the gas station, a police officer was investigating the 911 call at the party store. The officer spotted the man leave the gas station and drive away. The officer followed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

The officer noticed the man’s unusual movement near the vehicle’s center console as if he was nervous or trying to hide something. As the officer approached, they detected the odor of marijuana. The man was ordered to exit the vehicle and when he stepped out, the officer observed an empty gun holster.

The man was secured in the patrol car and during a search of his vehicle, police located a loaded 357 revolver underneath his car seat. The weapon was not registered. The officer believed the man was attempting to hide the weapon as they approached his vehicle.

The man was arrested and lodged overnight at the Fenton police station. He was to be transported to the Genesee County Jail on Tuesday, pending possible charges of possession of stolen property, possession of marijuana and possession of a concealed weapon.

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CAR WASH BROKEN INTO

On Feb. 19 at 6:50 a.m., Fenton police responded to a car wash on Owen Road on a report of breaking and entering. The manager said when they arrived at work they noticed that the cash register, containing over \$1,000, was missing. Police found no signs of forced entry into the building. Police did locate the cash register and recovered some of the cash. The break-in occurred between 5 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 19. The investigation continues.

DRIVER INJURED IN MONDAY MORNING CRASH

At approximately 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, Fenton police and fire responded to a rollover crash on northbound U.S. 23 in Fenton. Lt. Jeff Cross said a 46-year-old Mt. Pleasant man was driving north in a Ford Escape. For unknown reasons, the vehicle drifted to the left and struck the center guardrail, causing the vehicle to flip four times. The man was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with serious injuries. The fast lane of the highway was closed for a few hours as the scene was cleared.

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT RESULTS IN WARRANT ARREST

At 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, a Fenton police officer conducted a traffic stop to a vehicle on Silver Lake Road for having an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver, a 21-year-old Fenton man, had two outstanding felony arrest warrants, one from Fenton, the other from Isabella County. He was transported to Flint City Jail, pending his arraignments on the warrants.

VIOLATIONS

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This is the second time Brewer has violated his probation. The first time occurred in June 2017 when he was out on bond and living with his parents. He created a social media account and carried a cell phone against court orders. He was also suspended from school five times and was nearly expelled.

When it was discovered he violated the terms of his probation a second time in December 2017, Genesee County Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury said, “We would be asking the judge to sentence him to prison now. I cannot go into the details of the probation violation at this time.”

His sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 6, but has been moved to May 1.

Brewer is currently free on bond.

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12 Division 2 wrestlers headed to Ford Field for state meet

By David Troppens

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An even dozen Division 2 wrestlers will be headed to Ford Field for the Individual State Wrestling Finals on March 2.

Two of them will enter the state event as regional champions after regional action hosted at Gaylord High School on Saturday.

Holly leads the area with five D2 state qualifiers while Fenton had four and

Linden had three.

Both area regional champions are Holly wrestlers. Carsen Cuthbert (145) and Cade Dallwitz (171) earned regional titles. Cuthbert (50-6) won his title by defeating North Branch's Hunter Murphy by a 5-2 decision in the title match. Dallwitz (50-4) defeated Goodrich's Juawn Vines by a 9-4 decision in his championship match.

Holly also had two others

fight in the title match, but have to settle for second place. Nate Young (112) lost to Gaylord's Chayse LaJoie by technical fall in his title match. Young enters the state meet with a 45-8 record. Meanwhile, Collin Dallwitz (215) lost his championship match to Clio's Alex Yocom by pinfall in 2:39. Dallwitz is 46-10. Holly's final state

qualifier is Blake Querio (285) who took

third place. He edged Pontiac's Michael King 1-0 in his third-place match.

Fenton had one runner-up. That was Luke Thornton (103) who lost to Brandon's Corbin Hallberg in his title match 5-1. Thornton is 39-7. Another interesting match happened in the 135-pound third-place match where Brady Triola (39-10) had to battle Fenton teammate Jayden Ritzenbury (37-7) in the bout.

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Sports



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Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



Linden's 'Rodman' leads Eagles past Holly

■Giacomantonio scores 10 in Eagles' 52-44 win versus Bronchos

By David Troppens

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Linden — Noah Giacomantonio was a sophomore lacking a basketball identity on the JV team a little over two years ago.

He knew he needed to find his niche on the basketball court for the Linden basketball program, and he found it one day while watching Dennis Rodman, the Detroit Pistons' version of Rodman.

"I was struggling, going through a little height growth," Giacomantonio said. "When I got that height, I wasn't one of the most skilled offensive players, so I found Dennis Rodman and I said, 'I'm going to be like him. I'm going to grab every single rebound and do the dirty work.'"

Giacomantonio presented his inner-Rodman on Friday and added a little offensive touch of his own, leading the

Linden Eagles to a 52-44 victory against the Holly Bronchos at Linden High School. Giacomantonio scored 10 points, dished off two assists, blocked a shot and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds in the Eagles' victory, helping keep Linden's hope of finishing second in the Metro League alive. It also assured Linden of a 10-win season and placed them one victory away from assuring the Eagles (9-4, 10-6) of a winning season.

"He's a neat kid," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said. "He works so hard and has accepted a role. He's a rebounder and he loves it. His favorite player is Dennis Rodman and that's all he wants. When I asked him when I first got the job who his favorite player is, he said Dennis Rodman. He plays like him, the Detroit Pistons' Dennis Rodman."

Linden led almost the entire game, jumping to a 7-0 lead with the help of a Giacomantonio putback hoop in the middle of that run.

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Linden's Noah Giacomantonio attempts a shot against Holly's Hunter Jackson in the Eagles' 52-44 victory against the Bronchos on Friday.

DON'T LIE, I KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING CURLING

Most of the time being a curler can be a lonesome venture.

People love to ridicule the sport you love. When you tell someone you curl, generally the best response you can get is 'What, that sport with the people sweeping rocks on the ice.'

But when the Winter Olympics come, it becomes obvious a lot of people are lying to themselves when it comes to curling. I know they are watching it and are dying to play it. Why? Because NBC (Nothing But Curling) always dedicates one of their networks almost exclusively to curling. They do this despite the fact, Team USA is generally pretty lousy. So I know there has to be closet fans loving the sport — probably you reading this column right now.

So, I figured I'd be nice and help some of the new curling fans out explaining a few things about the game. I also added some terms I've created that I use when I curl. Use them if you'd like while watching curling this week.

The brooms: They are used for two reasons. If you sweep a stone it will travel farther and straighter. The people doing the sweeping determine the speed while that idiot on the other side of the ice who is always yelling at us sweepers determines the aim (or line). Yes, I do my share of sweeping.

The button: That's the small circle in the center of the house (the bullseye). A team scores points based on who has the stone(s) closest to the button. Only one team can score each end. For every stone a team has in the house that is closer than their opponents, they get a point. Each stone scoring is worth one point regardless if it is in the dead center of the button or just barely touching the outside edges of the house. And, no the middle ring isn't worth 10 points. All scoring stones are worth one point.

Who throws what stones?: Each team has four players and each throws two stones consecu-

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Six Blue Devils advancing to state meet

By David Troppens

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Five Lake Fenton wrestlers are headed to the individual state meet at Ford Field on March 2 and 3.

And one of them will be going for a fourth individual state championship.

Jarrett Trombley (130) continued his perfect senior season by defeating Dundee's Chrstian Killion by a 17-7 major decision in the championship match.

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Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley (left) is four state matches away from becoming a four-time individual state champion after winning a regional crown on Saturday.

Trombley also won his first match by technical fall and his semifinal match by pinfall.

The Blue Devils had two other regional championships — Sean Trombley (145) and Jackson Nevadomski (160). Trombley improved to 45-1 with a 7-0 decision victory against Perry's Jacob Spiess in his title match. He also earned a pinfall win in the quarterfinal and a major decision win in the semifinal. Nevadomski improved to 39-2 with a 6-3 decision victory against Dundee's Tylor Orrison. He won his first two matches by pinfall.

Zolen Marron (215) placed third.

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LFLF gymnasts capture conference crown

By David Troppens
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Like many winter sports seasons, the gymnastics season is reaching its conclusion.

That means it's championship time. And, for the LFLF gymnastics team, there's already a championship to celebrate.

The LFLF squad, which includes students from Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton, took first place at the Lakes Valley Conference Meet, capturing the conference title.

LFLF posted a team score of 140.425, defeating five other squads.

In the process, the squad had one all-around champion and five event champions.

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Sabra Robinson placed fifth in the all-around at the Lake Valley Conference Meet on Saturday.

Lake Fenton competitive cheer team headed to regional meet

The Lake Fenton competitive cheer team has at least one more week to compete, and could be one event away from competing at the state meet.

The Blue Devils earned that

honor by taking second at the Division 3 Ovid-Elsie district tournament held on Saturday.

Fenton, Linden and Holly competed in Division 2 district action at Fenton High School, but all

three were unable to qualify for the regional round. In order to qualify for the regional round, a team had to finish among the top four teams at districts.

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Lake Fenton boys basketball loses tight game vs. Corunna

After taking a halftime lead, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team suffered a tough third quarter, and

couldn't overcome the deficit in the fourth, resulting in a 41-36 road loss to Corunna on Friday night.

"The kids played well," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney said.

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Bronchos blow game open in second quarter vs. Linden

By David Troppens
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Linden — When a team is winless late in the season, pretty much anything can trigger that lack of confidence to blossom during a contest, resulting in another loss.

Linden varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner thinks the team suffered one of those moments to start the second quarter against the Holly Bronchos, resulting in the Eagles' 59-21 loss to Holly.

"It was an awesome first quarter. Then it was our ball to start the second quarter, we threw it away and they got a layup, and for some reason that seemed to suck it out of us," Varner said. "They go down, we lose it, and there's another bucket, and another one and another one. The pass we threw in to start the second quarter killed us. It shouldn't have. It was just two points, but it did."

Linden held the Bronchos to just a 6-5 first-quarter lead, but Holly went on a 26-4 tear in the second quarter, blowing the game open. The primary offensive threat during that period was Rebecca Fugate, who netted a game-high 24 points. She scored 15 of her points in that second quarter, leading the Bronchos to



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Linden's Taylor Acox drives to the bucket against Holly's Hunter Weeder in the Bronchos' 59-21 victory on Friday.

their 13th win in 18 contests.

"Our last game was snowed out on Friday, so we haven't played in 10 days, so I was worried about this game," Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. "Up until this time, we have played Tuesday and Friday since Christmas. In the second quarter, we pushed the ball and got some buckets in transition."

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tively. The stones are about 40 pounds each.

What is the hammer and who gets the hammer? The hammer is the term used to define the team that has the final shot of an end. It's a huge advantage to throw the last stone. The team that scored points during an end, loses the hammer to their opposition for the next end, so you want to score as many points as you can when you have the hammer.

A steal: A steal represents a team that scores points despite not having the hammer. Watching US curling matches you see steals all of the time. Generally its watching our opposition steal points from the ol' red, white and blue.

That's enough of the regular stuff. Now I'll give you some terms I've made up over the years, terms that have meaning when you are a hack like me in a amateur league.

Collection plate: This is when all of the stones end up in a meaningless spot because teams keep missing the same shot. Usually this happens in front of the house. You won't see this happen much in the Olympics, but it happens a lot in amateur league play.

A three-fifths shot: All curling shots are graded on a four-point scale and then a percentage

is created based on the points earned divided by total points possible. In a lot of ways, the typical school grading system works really well for pro matches — an A is 90 percent or better, a B 80 percent or better....

However for amateur hacks the grading system is a little unfair. Many of our reasonably workable shots would grade out a two out of four (50 percent), which means failing, but in many cases those are decent workable shots for amateur competition. So I changed the name to a three-fifths shot. In our league if every shot your team made was a three-fifth shot, there's a good chance you will win, despite the fact it doesn't grade well. So basically this is just a nice way for me to feel better about mediocre shots.

A Team Canada shot: A great shot that people usually expect out of Team Canada, since Canada is the curling power of the world. We don't have many Team Canada shots in my leagues at Midland.

A Team America shot: This is a lousy shot that you are basically embarrassed to say you just made. You will see many of these shots in our league, but unfortunately, you'll see them from Team USA frequently during the Olympics.

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Alonzo R. Drake
1931-2018

Alonzo R. Drake - age 86, of Linden, died Monday, February 19, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Argentine Church of the Nazarene, 16248 S. Seymour Road, Linden. Pastor Daniel Drake, Pastor Tom Hoose, and Pastor Glenn Branham officiating. Interment in Argentine Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Road, Fenton; and 10-11 AM Thursday at the church. Alonzo was born July 29, 1931 in Weston, MO. He married Margaret Cole on June 14, 1952 in Argentine Township. He earned his bachelor degree in religious education from Central Bible College. The first church he pastored was the Methodist Church in Parshallville. Then in 1960, he started the Fenton Assembly of God which is now the Freedom Center. Following that, he was the Pastor for 13 years for the



Burt Assembly of God, then started the Assembly of God in Argentine and was there for 12 years, retiring in 1989. He also retired from General Motors in 1984 with over 30 years of service. Surviving are: his beloved wife of 65 years, Margaret; six children, Karen (John) Stephens of Sturgis, MI, Daniel (Mary Alice) Drake of Houston, TX, Larry (Awilda) Drake of Lawrenceburg, TN, Patricia (Glenn) Branham of Nashville, MI, Andrew (Ruth) Drake of Tulsa, OK, and Gail (Joe) Willoughby of Linden; 20 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two half sisters, Margaret Roberts and Marie McKinney; half brother, William LaMar; many nieces and nephews; and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his: father, Fred Clinton Drake; mother, Esther (Lockard) Drake LaMar; three half sisters; six half brothers; sister, MaryAnn McKinney and brother, Cecil Drake. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Junious
"Grady" Harris**
1929-2018

Junious "Grady" Harris - age 88, of Fenton died February 19, 2018 after a lengthy illness. Memorial service will be held 5 PM Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be from 3 PM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Aleda Lutz VA Medical Hospital in care of Palliative Care, Saginaw, MI. Junious was born on November 11, 1929 in Louisburg, NC. Mr. Harris was a current resident of Shiawassee Shores in Linden. He served our country in the Army from 1948-1951. He was co-founder and past member of the Rotary Club of Fenton. He is survived by his wife of 62 years; Arlene Weaver Harris; two children, Kellie (Harris) and Rene' Steger of Powhatan, VA, Kerry Harris of Linden; granddaughter, Briana Gallinat of Flint. He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Harris. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Jason
Adam Ranney**
1976-2018

Jason Adam Ranney - age 41, of Linden, passed away February 16, 2018. Funeral services will be held 5 PM Friday, February 23, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held from 3 PM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the family c/o Sharp Funeral Homes. Jason was born August 1, 1976 in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Mark Ranney and Constance (Webb) Stockemer. Jason was a compassionate, selfless man who would do anything to make you smile. Music and art were his passion. He will be greatly missed by his children, Haley Serie, Arreonna Breeze, Stevie Alyssa, Clayton Douglas, Sierra Rose and their mother, Angela Fairbank; his parents, Mark Ranney and Constance (David) Stockemer; sister, Cherie (Charlie) Ray; nephew, Mathew Robert; nieces, Gabrielle Yvonne, Annabelle Elizabeth and Isabelle Ann; great-nephew, Levi Daniel; many aunts, uncles, cousins and the family dog, Rusty. He was preceded in death by his Grandpa and Grandma Webb and Grandpa Ranney. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of February 19, 2018

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Keep your eyes on the prize, Aries. Hard work is the key to success, and your hard work will be rewarded in time. This may be a week of transition, so be ready to jump if necessary.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
There is strength in numbers if you align yourself with the right team, Taurus. Collaboration is the name of the game this week. Jockey for your position, but share the work.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, if you are approaching an emotional overload, you will need to schedule time to decompress. Find an activity that relaxes you and delve into that to clear your head.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you are the eternal optimist this week. As a result, you may not be able to accurately assess all situations. Ask a friend for advice before making any big decisions.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, even if you have been relatively good at managing money, you may need to tighten the pursestrings for the next few weeks. Financial discipline now will pay dividends later.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Contradictions should not surprise you this week, Virgo. Focus on fixing as much as you can while you have an opportunity to do so. It's a big job.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you make friends easily, and this week your social circle figures to expand even further. Embrace this opportunity and enjoy beginning a new relationship.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, some of your most innovative ideas may be met with lukewarm responses. Do not let this derail your plans. You just need to be a little more persuasive.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
You are very good at giving others credit, Sagittarius. But this week people may be singing your praises. It's fine to be modest about it, but don't downplay your contributions.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, do not fear if you seem to be falling out of sync with a close friend. There will be ample opportunities to rekindle the relationship. Right now you may need a breather.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a romantic relationship can be taken to a new level when buried desires come to the surface. Give yourself plenty of time to pursue these feelings.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, this is a week when you want to double-check everything that you do. Be sure to dot every "i" and cross every "T." Details matter.

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In Marvel Studios' "Thor: Ragnarok," Thor is imprisoned on the other side of the universe without his mighty hammer and finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok — the destruction of his

homeworld and the end of Asgardian civilization — at the hands of an all-powerful new threat, the ruthless Hela. But first he must survive a deadly gladiatorial contest that pits him against his former ally and fellow Avenger — the Incredible Hulk!
PG-13, 1 hr. 40 min. Action & Adventure, Drama, Science Fiction & Fantasy

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SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME
Same Kind Of Different As Me is based on the inspiring true story of international art dealer Ron Hall (Greg Kinnear), who befriends a homeless man (Djimon Hounsou) in hopes of saving

his struggling marriage to Debbie (Renée Zellweger), a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the most remarkable journey of their lives. Jon Voight plays Hall's father, with whom he reconciles thanks to the revelations of his new life. Based on the New York Times bestseller.
PG-13, 1 hr. 59 min. Drama

Wednesday Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Wednesday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 See 12-Across
- 5 Scoundrel
- 8 Mine entrance
- 12 With 1-Across, have trouble
- 13 Bullring cheer
- 14 Pianist Peter
- 15 Fermi's bit
- 16 Time on Earth
- 18 Summer-house
- 20 Deviating off course
- 21 Albacore, e.g.
- 23 — Aviv
- 24 Help on "... Millionaire"
- 28 Pealed
- 31 Commotion
- 32 Nuptial

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- 55 Marries
- 56 Conclude
- 57 Back talk
- 34 Dead heat
- 35 Legal wrong
- 37 Shipwreck aid
- 39 Bill and —
- 41 Sea eagle
- 42 Cover the cost up front
- 45 Adjective modifier
- 49 Organism
- 51 Concept
- 52 Finished
- 53 Regret
- 54 Whirlpool
- 10 Persia, now
- 11 Chinatown
- 17 Dine
- 19 Closed-up
- 22 Sandy's mistress
- 24 Long. crosser
- 25 "What can — for you?"
- 26 Made to consume
- 27 Put in a border, as a photo
- 29 Zero
- 30 Obtain
- 33 Remit
- 36 Drunkards
- 38 Groups of quail
- 40 LummoX
- 42 Winter truck attachment
- 43 Split
- 44 Bygone times
- 46 Icelandic epic
- 47 Cincinnati team
- 48 Chesapeake et al.
- 50 Scoot

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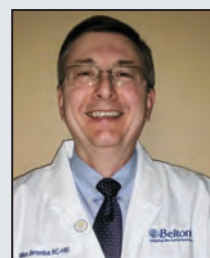
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