Lake Fenton grad featured in revealing Netflix series ‘Flint Town’

Flint City administration denies permission to interview Flint officer from Fenton

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Flint Police Officer Bridgette Balasko, 29, a 2007 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, is featured in an eight-part Netflix documentary called “Flint Town.” The series, which looks through the eyes of the Flint Police Department in the wake of the Flint Water Crisis, will be launched around the world on Friday, March 2. The trailer has been circling the globe via social media since it was released over a week ago.

According to the trailer introduction, “In the aftermath of the Flint water crisis, Flint Town takes an

Weekly fish fry — a favorite Friday feast

The Fenton VFW is a busy place on Friday, Feb. 16. Nancy Yarbrough (left) packs carry-out orders and Greg Schupbach (center) plates dine-in orders while Wayne Peterson empties a fresh basket of fries. On a busy Lenten Friday, they might serve 300 dinners. See story on Page 6.

Second suspicious walker near school identified

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After further investigation on a suspicious situation on Feb. 22, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said a second individual was identified and also deemed to be of no threat to Fenton Area Public Schools. See SUSPICIOUS on 10

Genesee County receives eight school shooting threats in two weeks

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Argentine Twp. — Genesee County has experienced eight school shooting threats since a shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14 killed 17 people, said Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen. See THREATS on 10
Erratic driver speeds through Fenton, putting many in harms way

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On Facebook, a Fenton mother is warning parents about the dangers of not putting children in car seats after she and her daughter were almost in a potentially terrible accident. The post has more than 400 shares.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Stefanie Geilhart and her 9-year-old daughter, Teagan, were heading home from a hair salon and were stopped at the light at South Long Lake Road and North LeRoy Street.

“When the light turned green I pulled up right to the white sidewalk line. I sat for what felt like 10 seconds after the light turned green, but for some odd reason I did not turn. I just sat there,” she posted.

Her daughter told her she could go, but she stayed for a moment longer, joking about buying chocolate from the gas station. “Next thing I know my daughter says ‘Oh my God, Mom’ in a weird calm voice and I just happened to look to my left and a car was FLYING about 40-plus mph on the grass between the telephone poles going south heading straight for my van on LeRoy Street. It happened so fast.

‘In a split second she was to my left on the grass and the next thing I knew was right in front of me just missing me by inches,’ she posted.

Geilhart changed direction and followed the SUV, driven by a woman in her 50s, and called 911. “At this point she appears to be driving at least 80 mph through a red light by VG’s and dodging cars in oncoming traffic,” she wrote. “We quickly approach the intersection of E. Silver Lake and N Leroy Street and to my disbelief I find the Silver SUV smashed at the intersection.”

Police were on scene at this point.

“I roll down my window and this lady is screaming in the middle of the intersection ‘I am monster, f*** you!’ She is jumping up and down pointing at her car as if she is excited and just kept repeating ‘I am a Monster. I did it!’” she posted.

Geilhart talked to a couple who were walking their dogs and they told her the woman tried to run them over.

In the post, Geilhart admits she let her daughter sit in the front seat when she should have made her sit in the back in a car seat. She is reminding parents always to put their children in car seats. “I know a few people who have had children die in preventable car accidents due to the absence of proper car seat,” she posted.

Lt. Jeff Cross said they do not suspect alcohol or drugs were involved.

“From everything that we could gather, she was suffering from some kind of psychotic episode,” he said.

“Her husband confirmed that she usually takes medication and that she stopped taking her medication.”

The call came in around 6:28 p.m. The woman, who’s from the Gaylord area, was reportedly driving erratically on North LeRoy Street heading north at high speeds. She made a U-turn, drove on the sidewalks, then continued south on North LeRoy Street.

“Allegedly, she ran a couple red lights,” he said. She continued south on LeRoy and rear-ended a vehicle at LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road. The male whose car was rear-ended had neck pain and was transported to the hospital.

The woman was transported to Hurley Medical Center for a psychological evaluation.

“They were able to speak to her. She wasn’t making much sense,” he said.

Cross said he believes the officers who responded will seek a reckless driving charge. They will contact the Secretary of State’s office to request a driver evaluation exam be conducted on the woman.

FELONIES

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came forward with allegations against Watson from when she was 12 years old.

Swanson said Watson was brought in to make a statement and subsequently a seven-count warrant was issued for his arrest. The sheriff’s office executed a search warrant at his Hogan Road home on Dec. 5, 2017 and removed several undisclosed items.

At a previous court hearing, Watson’s court-appointed attorney, Donald Shaw, requested that Watson be released on bail, to live with family in Fenton, however, assistant prosecuting attorney Mark Zelley informed the judge that there are people in Linden who would be fearful of his release.

The judge denied bond for Watson, who remains lodged in county jail.

A probable cause conference before Judge William Crawford has been scheduled for March 8.

Charges

• Count one — child sexually abusive activity
• Count two — possession of child sexually abusive material
• Counts three, four and five — first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13 years of age
• Count six — felon in possession of a firearm
• Count seven — felon in possession of ammunition
Shirley’s Café — where everybody knows your name

Linden café opened in the 1940s and remains a small-town gathering spot

By Sally Rummel

A background of conversation and laughter amid the sizzle of eggs, fried potatoes and pancakes fill Shirley’s Café & Grill in Linden.

“It’s a full house every weekend morning with ‘regulars’ and visitors. Busy weekdays start with a morning coffee crew, followed by lunch crowd that’s hungry for daily specials and homemade soups and pies.

‘Ask any of the patrons why they come in and they’ll tell you it is Shirley Café’s small-town ‘diner’ hospitality and her homemade American fries. One family that dined at lunch last Wednesday came from out of town and said they’d been here ‘yesterday, today and we’ll be here again tomorrow.’

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Dining patrons helped decorate the place when Shirley bought it, starting with her son, who brought in a neon clock, straight from the 1950s. ‘We decided then and there to do an Elvis theme,’” Shirley said. ‘Customers have been bringing us Elvis stuff over the years."

This spring, Shirley’s will update its decor with new windows, flooring, tables and chairs and color scheme. ‘I’m watching ‘Happy Days’ for inspiration,” Shirley said. ‘Don’t worry, it’ll still look a lot the same. It’s just time for an update.”

The diner décor is one thing, but it’s the food that keeps people coming back.

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See SHIRLEY’S on 10

Random weird and odd news from 50 years ago

Compiled By Vera Hogan

In addition to a number of historic events that took place in 1968, there was quite a bit of random odd news. Here is a sampling:

● John Lennon, after taking a large amount of LSD, called an emergency meeting of The Beatles to inform them that he was in fact, Jesus Christ reincarnated.

● Linda La Clair was expelled from Barnard College amidst the great controversy of living with her boyfriend.

● The FTC issued a cease and desist order to Campbell’s Soup company for using marbles in their soup ads. The marbles were placed in the bottom of the soup to push the solid ingredients to the top, which was considered deceptive.

● Andy Warhol was fortunate to survive the attempt on his life in See 1968 on 8

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It’s long past time to have a serious, non-political conversation on how to protect our children when they are in school.

We, as parents and grandparents, have to do it because no one else is going to do it.

Everyone else has an agenda. And that agenda is not how to protect our children.

It is how to get elected. Or how to gain more political power. Or how to sell more guns. Or how to make millions of dollars selling movies that glorify violence and murder. Or how to get rich selling video games where kids realistically kill other people for hours on end. It’s a music industry that is based on lyrics that promote drug use, prostitution, crime and murder. It is parents who allow their kids to play these inappropriate video games, or watch age-inappropriate movies. It’s fathers who get a divorce and then abandon their children just when they need them the most.

You need to understand that no one is going to help you safeguard your children at school. The politicians could do it, but their kids are safe in expensive private schools that are already protected by armed guards. They will do what they always do, which is to leverage this issue for personal political gain.

If you are like most people — which most people are — you are waiting for ‘someone’ to do ‘something’ and that’s just not going to happen. Even if ‘someone’ did do ‘something’ half the parents would support it and the other half would vilify it, with the result that (surprise!) nothing would happen.

That being said, there is a solution. A simple, logical and effective solution. A solution that already has been deemed successful. But half of you won’t like it.

Ask yourself, why do these people attack schools? Now answer yourself, because they are soft and unprotected targets. There are no locks, no bars on windows, no guards and, most importantly, no way for anyone to defend themselves. That means we have hundreds of innocent, defenseless children trapped in rooms and hallways that the shooter is intimately familiar with.

Once you accept this premise there is only one solution available: Every school must be protected by multiple armed guards that are onsite every day and are intimately familiar with the buildings, the staff and the students. That means the only logical solution is to train and arm “school marshals” — teachers, principals, coaches, custodians and others.

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How the news has changed

Linden residents share perspectives on today's media, covering school shootings

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

The news is changing. Radio and print media used to dominate the news business, but as technology has advanced, TV broadcasts and online websites have attracted the attention of millions.

As people debate the validity of news and reporters, three Linden residents, and Loose Center members, discuss how the news has changed since they were kids.

When Mary Salerno, 81, was in middle school, she worked at her school's newspaper. In high school, she worked at the school's paper and yearbook. As an adult, she worked as a writer for the Linden Leader, a paper no longer in circulation. The business used to be located next to what is now Caretell Inns of Linden.

In school, they had their own print shop and the students would set the type (print). Today, everything is online.

"The print newspapers I don’t think have changed that much since I was writing," she said.

Newspapers still focus on hard news and contain the same elements, like opinion writers.

"The newspaper hasn’t changed that much, except the people don’t read it. They get their news on their smartphones, or on their iPads, or computers," she said.

"It’s probably fine for them. I actually like the newspaper. I think the print newspapers.

Mary Salerno, 81, Linden resident.

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Judith Grubb

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Linden resident Mary Salerno, 81, used to write for the Linden Leader. Before that, she wrote for her school newspaper in middle school and high school.

"When kids are doing research, they would not only have the books, they could go to the vertical file and find articles in there," she said. Salerno said she watches ABC News, "quite a bit," and watches Good Morning America.

When asked if there’s more controversy over the news in today’s climate compared to when she was a kid, Salerno said “Well, with Trump he’s always saying ‘fake news’ all the time, but other than that, I don’t think so.”

When asked if news has changed since she was a kid, Judy Grubb, 76, said, “Oh yes. It’s a tell-all thing. They used to say ‘they had a party at so and so’s house’ and who all came.”

With the shooting down in Florida that left 17 people dead, she said, “At least they (the media) didn’t go into the funerals like they have before. I don’t know why, but I’m thankful they didn’t. They tell everything.”

She’s glad she doesn’t have a young child listening to the news because she wouldn’t want to explain certain aspects to them, like the sexual harassment controversy.

“They don’t need to bring this stuff up,” she said. Grubb prefers getting her news through print rather than online, and she would rather see more details in print newspapers.

The disappearance of print newspapers is Dick Laing’s, 88, biggest complaint.

“The thing I like about print is that I can read whatever I want at whatever pace I want,” Laing said. “If I’m watching television I’ve got to take whatever they give me.”

He could record the news and come back to watch it later, but Laing said he’d have to fast forward through it to find the spot he wants.

“With a newspaper, I can read what I want. I can read the ads I want to read. I read the stories I want to read,” he said. “I’ve got total control on my intake.”
What’s your favorite fish fry?

Whether fried, baked or Cajun, savor the flavors at Friday night fish frys

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The fryers are bubbling and the ovens are baking. Volunteers fry cod, while others shout orders from the dining room and box orders in a well-synchronized business operation at the Fenton VFW.

Fish Fry Chairman Mike Brack said it takes approximately 20 volunteers to run the weekly operation, as well as early morning preparation and inventory. “It’s a well-oiled machine, considering we pump out somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 pounds of fish in three hours,” he said.

On most Fridays during Lent, some kitchens connected to meeting halls and church activity rooms are transformed into high volume, short order restaurants, as Catholics avoid eating meat on Fridays, and non-Catholics enjoy fish fried to perfection, extends into the hall.

Grand Knight Bill French said, “Since I was a little kid, my mom and dad always went to fish frys.” He attended when he was a young father 40 years ago.

Across town at the Fr. Harvey St. John Activity Center is their own popular, long-running fish fry. Both will attract approximately 300 people, and extend into the hall.

The Fenton Knights of Columbus. Outside the activity center kitchen, tables are set up somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 pounds of fish in three hours,” he said.

On most Fridays during Lent, some kitchens connected to meeting halls and church activity rooms are transformed into high volume, short order restaurants, as Catholics avoid eating meat on Fridays, and non-Catholics enjoy fish fried to perfection, with secret, locally developed fish batter recipes. Most meals cost about $10, and include, soup, salad and dessert.

The Fenton VFW, they serve cod, deep-fried or baked, fried battered chicken, chicken strips, breaded shrimp, salad, fries, soup and dessert.

These of course aren’t the only fish frys in the area — though they may argue they’re the best. The Fenton Moose Lodge also holds its own on Fridays.

The VFW holds its every Friday from September to May.

The Knights of Columbus hold their weekly fish fry at St. John Activity Center in Fenton on Friday, Feb. 16. They will serve approximately 300 guests with dine-in and to-go orders.

Volunteer Ginny Collins checks to-go dinners and preps the containers at the fish fry at St. John Activity Center in Fenton on Friday, Feb. 16. They will serve approximately 300 guests with dine-in and to-go orders.

The Knights of Columbus also use the funds from fish frys for their various charitable activities.

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The open carrying of firearms in schools

In the past few years there have been a number of what can only be described as unspeakable tragedies involving school shootings.

The latest shooting incident was on Feb. 14, 2018 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed and many others wounded by the suspect, Nikolas Cruz. He allegedly used a type of assault rifle for these shootings.

As has been widely reported, there have been calls for a number of different actions to be taken in response to this, including teachers being armed and further gun control laws.

All of this is still in its early stages and we will see what happens.

Coincidently, here in Michigan, there are two court cases involving pistols on school grounds that are now pending before the Michigan Supreme Court. One of these cases started in Genesee County. The other is from Washtenaw County.

The Genesee County case is Michigan Open Carry Inc. v Clio Area School District.

Both cases involve the issue of whether state law preempts (takes precedence) or conflicts with a school district’s policy of not allowing weapons on school grounds.

In the Genesee County case co-plaintiff Kenneth Harmon attempted to visit his child’s Clio elementary school in September 2013 while openly carrying a pistol for which he possessed a concealed pistol license. He was denied access to the school.

A lawsuit was then filed alleging that state law conflicts with and preempts the Clio School District policy and it should be declared to be invalid.

The Circuit Court agreed and an appeal was filed.

The court reviewed the facts and the law, and found that the lower court’s decision should be reversed for a number of reasons, including a finding that state law did not conflict with the school board’s policy as state law also prohibits weapons on school property with specific exceptions.

It also held that the provisions of the policy are not preempted by state law and specifically found that a school district is allowed by statute to provide for the safety and welfare of its students and that a school district is not a “local unit of government” and is allowed to regulate firearms.

The Supreme Court’s opinion is expected in the next few months.
**Don’t fall for fake ‘official prize’ scam**

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It has been said over and over and over again … if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

The latest alleged scam going around the tri-county area is people being notified, by mail, that they have won a lump sum prize of $1,325,000, or $2 million to be re-mitted by annual payments of $66,666.66 per year for 30 years.

The documents included are very official — almost IRS-like with the Filing Year 2018 noted, even though they claim to not remove any taxes from the winnings. It also has an official-looking corporate seal.

The real rub and clue that this is not real is the $12.99 they want the recipient to pay up front, an acquisition fee if electing to purchase the “Premium Offer.”

Nowhere does it say what the premium offer involves, or what you get. All instructions must be followed and the forms completed and returned to the Processing Office/Distribution Center at a post office box address in Kansas City, Missouri within seven days. Don’t forget the check or money order for $12.99.

There is one more small, two-sided document in tiny print. It’s called the Grand Prize Sweepstakes XVII Official Rules. On the second page (backside), it says in big bold black letters, that no purchase is necessary to enter or win. Purchasing does not improve your chances of winning. “You have not won yet,” it reads.

Nowhere does it say anything about purchasing anything (except that $12.99 for purchasing the Premium Offer, which is not defined). Everywhere else in the document implies that the recipient has won the prize.

This particular scam has been going around since at least 2014. Simply Google “Corporate Sponsor & Judging Decisions,” and you’ll find numerous sites that expose this scam.

Some of the many comments behind this issue online are very funny. The best one is, “Take the $12.99 out of my winnings.”

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

 [[[I HOPE FENTON Township gives out deadlines to homeowners who need to clean up garbage in their yards. What an eyesore to the neighborhood.]]

 [[[THE DEMOCRATS WHO do not want armed guards at the schools to protect the children do not make sense. When a shooting does occur, they call the police who have guns. The shooters planned the attacks at the schools because they were gun-free zones. Common sense needed here.]]

 [[[IF THIS IS what it takes to protect our kids while they’re in school, I will vol-unteer to protect our schools unarmed while they are learning. I think just having adult men and women in our schools walking the halls and interact-
ing with the students could make it a safe environment for all. Teachers, prin-
cipals and counselors have enough on their plates. I am a United States Army combat veteran.]]

 [[[THE FBI IS not responsible for the 17 deaths in Florida, a 19-year-old with an assault weapon is.]]

 [[[FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TURNED down a bill just to discuss gun violence by a 2-1 margin, but hurriedly passed a bill declaring that porn is a major health concern. Isn’t killing kids a major health concern?]]

 [[[TO HELLER HIGH water. I may not agree with your opinion on the gun article totally, but I did enjoy it. You may not be able to change people’s minds, but you can inform them. Thank you for your input on something that can be a touchy subject.]]

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**Police&Fire report**

**REPORT OF WOMAN HELD AT KNIFE POINT IN HOLLY LEADS TO WARRANT ARREST**

On Feb. 15 at 4:50 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road on a caller’s report of a woman being held at knife point by her boyfriend.

Dispatch advised the female victim was not being allowed to leave the residence. Upon arrival, police observed a man peaking through the window blinds and told him to exit. The 20-year-old Flint man told police there was no knife and that his 22-year-old brother, who lives at the apartment and the mother of his children, had been in an argument. The Flint man was taken into custody while police sorted out the situation. A 20-year-old woman and several small children, along with her boyfriend, exited the apartment. The boyfriend, who is black, started yelling at police saying they harass the black people who live in Holly. The boyfriend was taken into custody while his girlfriend told police that the two of them had argued, however, nothing physical occurred. Police determined there was no knife threat. A computer check revealed the boyfriend had an outstanding arrest warrant from Genesee County. He was arrested and lodged at the county jail awaiting being turned over to Genesee County.

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**Neither the Lotus nor the Stork**

**HOTLINE CONTINUED**

The Lotus and the Stork are both non-profit organizations. 

The Lotus provides care for women and new mothers while the Stork provides care for new fathers. They provide indirect care for babies born in the local hospitals and provide direct care for the newly born who are born at home. 

They both have offices in Fenton and offer services to all residents of Genesee County. 

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Christopher Sienkiewicz had a general routine he undergoes three times a week when he visits McLaren’s Cardiac Rehab gym. After putting on a heart monitor, he weighs himself, gets his blood pressure checked, and then takes several warm-up laps around the gym. Next, he uses the NuStep machine, re-checks his blood pressure, then uses the ergometer, a cardiovascular exercise that targets the upper body.

“Chris is quite a trooper,” said Sienkiewicz, who was admitted to McLaren for a heart catheterization to take place the next day.

That’s when doctors found 100-percent blockage on one of the carotid arteries and 99 percent on the other. They were able to clear the 100-percent blocked artery and put in two stents. The 99-percent blocked artery was more complicated as it branched out into three blockages that couldn’t be catheterized.

“I was heading for a triple bypass,” said Sienkiewicz, who finally told his sister and his parents what was happening.

Fortunately for him, in his second heart catheterization the next day, doctors were able to clear the blockages and put in three more stents, for a total of five.

Four months later, Sienkiewicz is continuing his exercise routine at McLaren-Flint’s Cardiac Rehab gym and has resumed healthy eating habits.

“I’m handling stress better,” he said. “I’ve always been a bulldog when it comes to finding a problem and solving it. I used to work 50 to 60 hours a week, sometimes 80 to 100. Now, I get other people involved in the process and delegate.”

Sienkiewicz said he has a new lease on life, celebrating his 54th birthday on March 3. “I’m grateful to be here,” he said.
Fire destroys barn in Gaines Township

Multiple fire departments respond to Lahring Road farm to battle blaze

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Multiple fire departments assisted Gaines Township Fire Department Tuesday afternoon with a barn fire in the 9300 block of Lahring Road, west of Seymour Road, in Gaines Township. The fire was reported at 12:39 p.m.

The blaze overtook the barn, and by the time the fire was extinguished, only a small portion of the metal structure of the barn stood. A nearby truck was caught on fire on the ice, said Volz. Due to the fluctuating temperatures, which are mostly rising, ice on all area lakes is deemed dangerous and everyone is advised to stay off.

With their push boat, a specially designed vessel that can be pushed on lake ice to perform ice rescues, firefighters and the Fenton Township dive team made their way to the two men, who were treading in open water. The men were pulled from the water with ropes and brought back to shore. Suffering from hypothermia, the two men were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for medical treatment.

Volz said one of his firefighters slipped on the ice and injured his ankle during the rescue. He were treated at the hospital and released. Including Volz, 12 first responders from Fenton Township took part in the ice rescue. Police officers from Fenton, Linden and Argentine Township, as well as the county’s dive team, also responded to the beach area in case they were needed.

Volz is urging everyone to stay off the lake ice this time of year and is reminding residents that they could incur fines to help cover the response cost.

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New three-year agreement signed with groundwater experts

On Monday, Feb. 26, The Fenton City Council voted unanimously to approve signing a new three-year agreement with AMEC Foster Wheeler Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc., Novi. The Fenton Water Treatment facility holds a groundwater discharge permit from the MDEQ, which allows for water to be discharged into the lagoons. The water then percolates into the ground, which joins the groundwater and helps replenish the aquifer. Because this water has an effect on groundwater, a permit is necessary. AMEC Foster Wheeler was hired in 2010 to assist with monitoring, data collection and information dissemination back to the MDEQ in order to obtain the necessary permit. AMEC Foster Wheeler was required in 2015 for an additional three-year period, which has now expired. The new agreement will come with a fee of $6,430 for 2018, 2019 and 2020 each.
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At noon, diners come in for Shirley’s homemade soups, from chicken dumpling to potato, unstuffed pepper, hamburger vegetable and broccoli. Daily specials, such as a hot turkey sandwich, grilled ham and cheese or beef enchiladas, are big hits, too, served in hearty portions.
When it comes to dessert, Shirley herself is the chief pie baker. “The most popular is my chocolate peanut butter pie,” she said. “It’s almost like a Reese’s cup. Fruit pies, especially cherry and triple berry, are also big sellers.”
Shirley’s Café is a family affair.

THREATS
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“We’re all aware of what happened in Parkland, Florida on the 14th. Since the 14th, the entire country has been experiencing school shooting threats,” he said at the Argentine Township meeting on Monday, Feb. 26. It takes the police department’s resources to determine whether or not they are legitimate.
“Genesee County alone experienced eight after that incident and two of those eight were in our township,” he said.
Officer incident involved a video with a potential threat, which the Genesee County prosecutor found to be not credible. Allen said. Allen declined to say more because it was matter involving a juvenile.
Balasko, deputy chief assistant prosecutor, said the video was found to be a threat. The case began in April 2017, when a Linden High School student was contacted by someone and was asked to send a picture of himself on a YouTube video. The video and lyrics were sent to him by this anonymous stranger and the lyrics raised an alarm with Argentine police. After an investigation, it was determined no one at the school was targeted. The student did not have access to guns and he did not have a history of behavioral issues. It was determined not credible.
“Consequently, that individual is now… that is progressing forward,” he said, referring to the student who carved a shooting threat into a school desk on Tuesday, Feb. 20. “We’re going to have to investigate every case as if it’s real.”

SUSPICIOUS
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Fenton schools went into “secure mode” for a short time last Thursday morning as Fenton police investigated a 911 call. Police were alerted to an unknown individual, dressed in all dark clothing, carrying a duffel bag and backpack, near AGS Middle School at 9:44 a.m. The caller believed the individual made threats.
Fenton police responded to the school property to search for the unknown individual and contact was made with school officials, who in turn put the school buildings in secure mode, which is a low-level security move to lock doors and other school properties.
Slater said a school employee told one of the officers that he saw an individual matching the description provided by the caller. Police located that individual and learned that he is a 70-year-old Fenton resident who was walking school property for exercise.
The resident told police that he regularly walks school property because he feels safe there. Police determined there was no ill intent and no weapons were involved.

In light of recent incidents, including the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Slater said the officers told the resident to remain on the sidewalks or the track if he wishes to walk on school property in the future. Slater said the man was truly sorry for the concern he caused.
On Tuesday, Slater said police have since learned that there was a second individual on school property, however, he was no longer on school property when officers arrived. The second resident, who was lacking transportation, was entering school property and carrying a duffel bag and backpack to carry some personal belongings.
“Neither were a threat,” said Slater. “He, too, should have been on the sidewalks.”
The police chief said, “Everything went the way it’s supposed to,” with regard to someone reporting a suspicious situation. Police and school officials were immediately in contact and the schools and students were minimally impacted.

NETFLIX
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intimate look at the state of policing in America through the lens of the Flint Police Department.
“Flint, Michigan is consistently named one of the most violent cities in America through the lens of the Flint Police Department.
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“Flint Town”.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
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**IF YOU CORRECT your child in any way, shape, or form, you will be in all kinds of trouble. No wonder they’re out of control with their guns.

**ANYONE WHO KNEW Kathry (Burnstead) Brinker, she passed away. Her funeral was Saturday in Traverse City. She passed away Feb. 20th.

Horoscopes
For the week of February 26, 2018

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may need to muscle your way through some projects. Stay focused and get your energy levels even. Put your nose to the grindstone and work your way through things.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 20
Taurus, you are not one for letting obstacles get in your way. In fact, you find a way to go over or under any roadblocks. This makes you an asset to any team.

GEMINI
May 21/Jul 22
Gemini, if you have been forgetful about keeping tabs on your finances, you may be in for a surprise. Make an effort to more closely monitor your cash flow.

CANCER
Jun 23/Jul 22
Don’t be so quick to write off someone you thought was out of your life. Cancer, this person may play an integral role in your life this week.
Take Notice: A hearing will be held on April 3, 2018 at 3 PM at 224 N. First St. Brighton, MI before Judge Brennan for the following purpose: The name change of Rebecca Jean Wood and Erika Nichole Everhart to Rebecca Jean Everwood and Erika Nichole Everwood.

Wednesday Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3 x 3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times.

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**Broncos take early lead, hold on to advance to district semis**

By David Troppens
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The Bronchos (15-6) controlled most of the game and did so effectively. Holly led 13-10 after one quarter and increased the lead to 23-13 by halftime. The lead was 29-17 entering the final quarter.

“The first half, our pressure got to them and we were able to create a few turnovers and score in transition,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. “Our defense was really good. We were harassing them and their bad passes would lead to layups.”

But in the fourth quarter, the tide turned to Lake Orion’s favor.

“We had a few unforced turnovers at the start of the fourth quarter and let them back in the game,” Hall said. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

**Eagles even the score vs. Fenton Tigers, 67-29**

By David Troppens
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Linden — Garrett Strang had never won a varsity boys basketball game in his career against the Fenton Tigers. But the three-year varsity player doesn’t have to worry about ending his career without a win against the Tigers. Strang and fellow seniors Nicklas Koon, Corbin Sines and Noah Giacomantonio earned it on Friday night in front of a jam-packed crowd at Linden High School.

Linden nailed 50 percent of its shots while Fenton struggled to make just 23 percent of its shots, leading the Eagles to a convincing 67-29 win against the Tigers. The win was sweet redemption for Linden who lost to Fenton earlier this season after making just 27 percent of its shots in a 36-35 verdict at Fenton High School earlier this year.

“I think we just played so much harder,” Strang said. “The first game we were more ‘lackadaisical’ on defense and we get a lot more easy shots when we play hard.”

“We knew we played all right but we didn’t hit our shots (in that first game),” said Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root, who enjoyed his first victory against Fenton as the team’s mentor with the win. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

**Tigers lose district thriller vs. Flushing, 49-47**

By David Troppens
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Flushing — It was only the first day of the start of the girls state tournament series, but when Fenton traveled to Flushing on Monday for a Class A district opener, the game felt very much like a regional championship contest.

The two teams battled heads this season each defeating the other in the opposing team’s gymnasium. In the process, the Tigers broke Flushing’s 54-game winning streak in Metro play. Finally, these teams were two powerhouses as well. Flushing is the defending Class A state champions while the Fenton Tigers (14-7) have advanced to regional action each of the last three seasons, including getting to a regional championship game in 2016 and 2017. Indeed, this was a great first-round matchup.

And the game played out that way. The lead exchanged hands several times and neither team ever had more than a seven-point edge. And when it was all said and done, it took overtime for the defending Class A state champions to defeat the Tigers 49-47 at Flushing High School.

The loss meant the end of a career for a Fenton senior class that saw the varsity squad capture district titles in each of their first three seasons within the program, and also saw the team advance as deep in the Class A tournament as the Tigers ever have in school history.

“It’s been a really fun program,” one of those seniors, Madie Carr said. “Being a part of this program is always about the team, that’s our main goal, the team. We always work together. We push so hard this season, to beat Flushing earlier in the season was the best feeling ever, and just working as a team. We are all about the team. (What our senior class accomplished) shows our hard work pays off, because it’s hard to do that time after time after time. It just shows through the whole season, through the ups and downs, we stick together. We can make it that far.”

Fenton’s other seniors were Margaret Berry and Aly Lovett.

The Tigers led for most of the first half, taking its largest lead at 13-7 on two converted free throws by Chloe Idoni with 51.4 seconds left in the first quarter. However, despite being physically challenged by two and three Flushing bodies all night long, Idoni never made it back to the free-throw line again the rest of the night. Fenton led by as many as five in the second quarter a couple of times. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**
Blue Devils capture win on Senior Day

By Dale Smith
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Lake Fenton — It has definitely been a year of big adjustments for the Lake Fenton boys’ basketball team this 2017-2018 season.

After last year’s run to the regionals keyed by an extremely talented senior class, Blue Devils knew this year would be one of new beginnings. With only Luke Tomczyk having major minutes on senior night at home, 55-49.

Lake Fenton used a two-three zone early in the game to slow down a smaller but very quick Robichaud team. The Blue Devils filled the passing lanes and used three consecutive steals that turned into easy buckets to go up early, 12-5.

“We lost eight seniors and four starters and we’ve won one more game than we did (last year). That’s an accomplishment,” Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said. “That’s our 10th win with two more regular season games to go. We’ve won three in a row and four out of our last five. We don’t like to be high scoring or fanciful fashion, but to win four out of five games is nice.

Holly pulls away in fourth quarter vs. Brandon

By David Troppens
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A year ago the Holly varsity boys basketball team had eight seniors and wasn’t able to earn 10 victories. This season, a year that looked like it may be a slight rebuilding season, the squad has now done just that.

The Bronchos (8-8, 10-8) won their 10th game of the season by defeating the Brandon Blackhaws 46-38 at Holly High School on Friday night.

Holly, Linden, Fenton at team regionals: The Fenton Tigers placed seventh at the regional meet with a pinfall total of 2,819. Linden was 12th (2,472) and Holly was 15th (2,139).

Fenton’s Idoni breaks school record in victory vs. Linden Eagles

By David Troppens
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— It was another magical night for Chloe Idoni.

Just a few nights after scoring her 1,000th point of her varsity girls basketball career, the junior post player posted another scoring mark in the Fenton Tigers’ 61-17 victory against the Linden Eagles on Friday night.

Idoni broke the team’s single-game scoring record, netting 35 points in Fenton’s road victory.

Idoni scored 11 of Fenton’s 15 points in the first quarter and cruised from that point. She added only four more points in the second quarter but chipped in nine in the third quarter and 11 more in the fourth quarter.

While Idoni was scoring her record-breaking point amount, the Tigers were recording the blowout victory.

The game’s outcome was never really in doubt after the first quarter, with Fenton leading 15-2. Idoni did cut the gap to 20-10 with a free throw by Taylor Acox midway through the second quarter, but Fenton ended the first half with five straight points, taking a 25-10 lead into the half.

Fenton also continued its tear with the first 13 points of the third quarter.

After Idoni’s 35 points, Madeline Carr netted 12 points. Aly Lenz netted six points. Erin Gillespie led the Eagles with nine points.

Fenton/Linden girls ski beats Powers, boys lose

The Holly varsity girls basketball team couldn’t have had a better start to its final regular season game against Brandon High School at Holly High School on Friday.

The Bronchos outscored Brandon 21-0 in the opening quarter and ended up crushing the Blackhaws 54-21.

Lake Fenton’s Matt Turgeon attempts a shot during a recent game.

Fenton had a total pinfall of 2,355. The Tigers’ best backer score was 142, and their best team pinfall game total was 571.

Fenton’s top individual performer was Colin Shaughnessy who took 79th with a six-game pinfall total of 864.

Fenton’s Angela Hanners led the area bowlers attempting to qualify for the individual state meet. Hanners posted a six-game total of 1,018 pins, just five pins short of qualifying for the state meet.

Fenton’s top performer was Jenna Royle, who took 16th with a pinfall total of 864. Linden’s Meghan Hill took 30th with a pinfall total of 915.

Girls Basketball

Carman-Ainsworth 75, Linden 14: Erin Gillespie scored 12 of Linden’s 14 points in the Eagles’ Division 1 district opener. The Eagles were outscored 33-1 in the first quarter against a very talented Carman-Ainsworth squad.

“Carman was just too fast to be good and to go,” Linden varsity girls basketball coach Ben Vamer said. “We played as hard as we could. Erin and Maddie Smith did everything that they could. Maddie played the best game of her life.”

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**Times**

**Obituary**

**Jack Shouse**

1944-2018

Jack Shouse - age 73, of Fenton, died Monday, February 26, 2018. Funeral service will be held 2 PM Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Ron Sharpe II officiating. Burial in Cowlwell Cemetery, Tyrone Township. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 5-8 PM and Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Diabetes Association. Jack was born August 28, 1944 in Lerose, KY, the son of Harlan and Hazel (Estep) Shouse. He married Janice Lee Edman March 21, 1964 in Flint. He had resided in Fenton since 1968, coming from Kentucky. Jack retired from McDonald Dairy as a Milkman after 28 years of service; he then worked with his son, Tom at Skypoint Ventures. Surviving are: his wife of 53 years, Jan; two children, Martin (Becky) Shouse of Fenton, Kathryn Shouse of Grand Blanc; Deborah Shouse Burke of Fenton; Thomas (Collete) Shouse of Fenton, and Robert Shouse of Fenton; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; 10 brothers and sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be posted at the obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Patricia Lynn (Amthor) Oxley**

1956-2018

Patricia Lynn (Amthor) Oxley - age 61, passed away Monday, February 26, 2018, Services will be held 1 PM Friday, March 2, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be 2-4 and 5-8 PM Thursday, March 1, 2018 and 11 AM - 1 PM Friday. Those desiring may make contributions to Karmanos Cancer Research or The Entrace Hospice. Patty was born in Flint, on November 12, 1956 to William and Carol Amthor. She graduated from Holly High School in 1974 and received an Associate’s Degree from Baker Business School. Patty worked as a legal secretary in Clarkston for 25 years and another six years managing American Engineering. She married Steven Oxley on September 16, 1978. They built a home outside Fenton and Patty enjoyed decorating her home, knitting, gardening, reading, traveling, waving her dogs and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Steve; sons, Bradley Oxley (Sara) and Brian Oxley (Tracie); six grandchildren, Henry, Amelia, Benjamin, Stella, Oliver and Isaac; her mother, Carol Amthor; sisters, Marlis Gulick and Kim Amthor, brother-in-law, Mark Shafter and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves a small, close knit group of friends who have remained steadfast for decades. She was preceded in death by her father, William Amthor; sister, Amy Amthor; niece, Darin Miller and great-niece, Steve Thomas. Triplets. Those interested can read the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Patty touched the lives of everyone she met with her kindness, generous spirit and sense of humor.

**Rudy H. Mora**

1928-2018

Rudy H. Mora - age 89, Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, February 26, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. All Faith St., Fenton. Visitation was held 2-4 and 5-8 PM Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rudy will be laid to rest at 7 PM. Visitation will also be held at the church Thursday until the time of the Mass Wednesday. George Patton once said, “Rather we should thank God that such men lived.” And so we are all eternally thankful to have known one of the greatest, Rudy Mora, age 89, who died Friday, February 23, 2018 in his cherished Fenton area home. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Eleanor, to whom he was married for over 66 years, and their 11 children, Tom Mora (Jan) of Flint, Michele Mora of Swartz Creek, Helene (Dave) of Lansing, Patty Mora (Linda) of Fenton, Peter Mora (Mary) of Lansing, Susan Fassett (Dennis) of Fenton, Carrie Mora (Bruce Cook) of Clarkston, Cathy Mora (Matt Zielinski) of Fenton, Lisa Mora of Flint and Ann Ramos (Phil) of Denver, CO. Thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren were also adored by him. Rudy attended Bendle High School where he played baseball, basketball and football for four years before graduating in 1946. He joined the Army from 1946-1948, during which time he was sent to Japan to serve in the Seventh Cavalry. Rudy played third base for the American Army Baseball Team and formed a couple of leagues between the military units. This launched a 50-year career in Genesee County where he was inducted into the USAOSA Officials Hall of Fame in 2016. Education was always held in high esteem by Rudy and he installed this same value in each of his college-educated children. He graduated from Michigan State College (MSC) in 1992 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Education. His Master Of Arts Degree was completed at University of Michigan, Bowling Green and Eastern Michigan University. Rudy’s Music Appreciation course at MSC was a favorite for Rudy, prompting his film. He was a music lover and listener to classical and opera music on a regular basis throughout his adult life. Flint Kearsley School was where Rudy’s distinguished, 35-year, “Life in Education” began. After teaching math and science there, he went on to become principal at Mendivele Junior High and was President of the Genesee County Principal’s Association from 1975 - 1978. Most educators took a break for summer, but not Rudy. He spent many summers teaching his education courses, one of his all time favorite summer jobs. In 1986, Rudy retired from his principal post at Mendivele and in the spring of 1987, was honored to be commencement speaker at Fenton High School, where all of his children graduated. Rudy never slowed down, even during his retirement years. He loved helping friends and neighbors, especially when it required use of his favorite power tools like his snow blower, chain saw and wood chopping gear. Many Fenton area homes were kept warm over the years thanks to Rudy’s booming wood-cutting and delivery service. For Rudy, it was work, doing one’s best at all times, showing and earning respect and helping others to help themselves. He led by example and his awesome example was a real asset to others. Rudy would definitely agree with these wise words from Gandhi, “Live as though you were to die tomorrow. Learn as though you were to live forever.”

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Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESSEE 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.

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