

# How one man scammed \$24 million from lotteries

■ **Biggest lottery scam in U.S. sends two to jail, results in class-action lawsuit**

By **Hannah Ball**

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Most people dream of winning the lottery and beating those one-to-five million odds. One Iowa man made it a reality by narrowing his chances and winning \$24

million by not-so-legal means.

More than a decade ago, Eddie Tipton had worked at the Multi-State Lottery Association (MSLA). He designed and uploaded the software that generated the winning numbers. After one conversation with a coworker about how Tipton knew the code

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PHOTO: AP CHARLIE NEILBERGALL

Eddie Tipton, 54, (left) is the mastermind behind the largest U.S. lottery scam in history.



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## Downtown Fenton continues to grow

■ **Two-story spa to be built at Mill and Adelaide streets**

By **Vera Hogan**

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After five years of helping clients look and feel their best, Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa in downtown Fenton is looking forward to a major makeover of its own.

The spa opened in January of 2013 and in the fall of 2014, the owner expanded the downtown location, tripling its size, which included frontage on South LeRoy Street.

The spa continues to grow and the owner is now looking to expand again — into her own, brand new two-story building at 116 Mill St., at the corner of Mill and Adelaide.

The house currently on the parcel will be torn down within the next couple of weeks, after which site work will begin to prepare for the new building.

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## Spencer wins second pro fight in just 51 seconds



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Linden native Joey Spencer, 18, knocks down his opponent Ousmane Sylla during his Friday night fight televised on Fox Sports 1. The bout was Spencer's second of his career. He knocked down Sylla three times in a matter of 51 seconds before earning the technical knock out (TKO) victory. See **story on page 7**.

## Area weathers record-breaking snow

■ **April snowfall pushes past 2013-2014 record**

By **Hannah Ball**

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Many say it's been a disappointing spring so far, but it has been a record-breaking winter weather season.

The Flint area set a new record for amount of snowfall in one year with 84.5 inches of snow in the 2017-2018 season, according to the National Weather Service. Bishop

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A near whiteout diminishes visibility for motorists on northbound U.S. 23 on Monday, April 9.

## Stolen trucks found in Detroit

■ **Fenton police believe the two separate thefts are connected**

By **Sharon Stone**

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A 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck stolen from a locked storage facility in Fenton between March 30 and April 2 was recovered in the city of Detroit on April 5.

Within days and a short distance from where this truck was found, another vehicle reported

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doubt after reading the reviews. Chris Wallace said, ‘The book is mostly made up of opinions from a man angry at being fired by his boss.’ It is inappropriate for a former FBI head to write a book. He will never work again.”



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# Getting older

*The good, the bad and the ugly*

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Aging is a part of life, and the mark of a long one. Wrinkles, age spots, and a decrease in hearing and vision will affect everyone. Here's what happens when you age:

## Other things that happen when you age

**You sweat less.** Sweat glands shrink and become less sensitive as you age, which means less perspiration. Muscle mass declines starting in your 30s, and by age 75, the average person's fat content is twice that of their youth.

**Your teeth become less sensitive.** Dentin, the hard inner tissue, builds up between the outer enamel of a tooth and its central nerve, adding more and more protection every year.

**Your brain shrinks.** The parts that shrink — the prefrontal cortex and hippocampus — are crucial to learning, memory and planning. This accounts for why our memories seem to diminish as we age. You get fewer colds because you've built up an expansive immune system.

**Migraines become fewer** and far between, if you're a woman. According to studies, 67 percent of female migraine sufferers get permanent relief after menopause because of hormone levels.

**Your taste buds become less sensitive.** By age 60, people have lost half of their taste buds on average.

**You're more likely to be happy.** Studies show that people become more content with age on the U-shaped curve. Kids are happy, but that feeling decreases in our middle age. Then, we usually get happier.

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## Skin

With more years comes more wrinkles. That's because skin gradually becomes less elastic because of the loss of elastin. Skin also becomes rougher and more transparent, which is caused by the thinning of the epidermis, the outer layer of the skin.

Skin becomes more fragile, due to the flattening of the area where the epidermis and dermis meet, and easily bruised because of thinner blood vessels.

## Eyes

One change to your eyes that occurs with age is reduced pupil size. As people age, the muscles that control pupil size and reaction to light lose strength. This means the pupil becomes smaller and less responsive to light.

Dry eyes also are more common with age because our bodies produce fewer tears. It's recommended to invest in eye drops. People also experience a loss of

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## A LOOK BACK at 1968

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## Fair housing for all

■ New law, 'Fair Housing Act of 1968' prohibits discrimination

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A week after the assassination of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The new law prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin or sex.

Intended as a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the bill was the subject of a contentious debate in the Senate, but was passed quickly by the House of Representatives in the days after the King assassination.

The Fair Housing Act stands as the final great legislative achievement of the civil rights era.

Despite Supreme Court decisions such as *Shelley v. Kraemer* (1948) and *Jones v. Mayer Co.* (1968), which outlawed the exclusion of

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## If I Were King...

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### The typical American conservative

I am the typical American conservative.

I like cops, soldiers, working men and country boys, the kind of guys who know how to shoot, how to take care of themselves and who would have your back in a fight.

I don't much like the government in Washington, D.C. Even the politicians in small cities like Fenton and Linden tend to turn neighbors and friends into puffed up bureaucrats. If someone has to be in charge, I'd prefer the sort of guy who will give you an answer when you want to know why the potholes on your street haven't been fixed. I'm a straight, white, Christian conservative and the people that run the country today would only care what I think if I had hundreds of thousands of dollars to give them.

I don't care for the arrogant asses in D.C. who think they have a better idea of what to do with my life and my money than I do. I don't need any "help" from the government. Nor am I okay with the government using my money to help people who should be helping themselves. We may all have to pool our money to pay for streets, the police and the military, but I don't see any reason why my money should go to the families of anchor babies or scammers working out at the gym with a disability check in their wallet.

I believe there are only two genders and they shouldn't be sharing a bathroom. I'm not okay with powerful men who demand that women sleep with them to keep a job, or Hollywood creeps who take advantage of young women. But that doesn't automatically mean every



woman is telling the truth either. Listen to Hillary Clinton for a few minutes and then tell me that we can trust all women.

I like church-going people. I like the NRA. I like the sort of mom who won't tolerate her kid acting like a brat in public. I like dads who fly the flag on their front porch. I don't much care for people who make a career out of being dependent on the government. I don't like it that we live in a country where the government taxes the working man to death in order to purchase the votes of those who won't work.

I want our borders secured and our budget balanced. I want reasonably priced healthcare. I want Social Security and Medicare protected for future generations. I want the government to take care of our soldiers at the VA while staying out of my business.

We live in a country where our leaders steal from us, lie to us, and exempt themselves from the laws they write, while telling us how we should live our lives. We live in a country run by lying, thieving politicians and bureaucrats who can't do anything right and yet think the solution to every problem is to give them more power over our lives.

If you feel the same way I do then you're one of the Americans the privileged elite in D.C. want to go away.

I am the typical American conservative.

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**“I don't care for the arrogant asses in D.C. who think they have a better idea of what to do with my life and my money than I do.”**

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**PEOPLE MOVE TO** communities and neighborhoods because they like their charm and then they go and change it. Irony isn't it? Fenton was a nice small town. Now it's becoming a theme park and golf course yards.

**LINDEN OFFICIALS HAVE** spent too much time on where people park vehicles on their own property and ignored the horrible condition of Main Street. Now they want to add a 5-mill tax. Fix the roads with current funding or resign.

**THE HOLLY TOWNSHIP** library has become very chemical unfriendly lately. I went there on Friday and the bleach fumes were so bad it burnt my eyes and upset my asthma. This isn't the first time chemicals have run me out. Can't they clean after hours?

**NO-KNOCK RAIDS** on homes and businesses of political enemies. Was it the KGB in Communist Russia? No. The Gestapo in Nazi Germany? No. Unfortunately, it's the FBI in the USA. Goodbye U.S. Constitution.

**ALL YOU PEOPLE** that enter the Eagle wooden park in Linden need to keep your vehicle out of that resident's yard while leaving the park. We're going to start taking license plate numbers. If you can't stay out of the yard, stay out of the park.

**I'M CALLING ABOUT** the Starbucks

restaurant. They had a man arrested for using their bathroom who hadn't bought anything. I didn't realize that you had to buy something before you could use a restroom in a gas station or in any restaurant. I find it very offensive.

**SORRY TO HEAR** that Barbara Bush is in her last days of life. I voted for her husband and I voted for her son.

**OUR DAUGHTER IS** a schoolteacher. I cannot imagine her carrying a gun at school. I think most of our problems are electronics, and parents not parenting their children. Our kids told us where they were, gave us the phone number and we spoke to the parents. Kids now don't even talk to each other anymore.

**REGARDLESS OF PARTY** affiliation, I figure it this way. A few years ago, the candidate or candidates promise to do things for us. And now a year later, they can't do that without more money. Rinse and repeat, same pattern different day.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN** Beebe. He was just voted Holly Transportation's Employee of the Year. A well-deserved honor for such a hard-working, wonderful man. We are so proud of you.

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### What is the one thing you would do if you won the lottery?

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"I'd pay off my vehicle debt. We have a new RV, a new truck and a car. I'd gift my children a substantial amount. I'd find a new home."

**Jo Ingman**  
Tyrone Township



"Probably pay off everything that my family owns. My kids, they all have new houses. We wouldn't have outstanding debt for anything."

**Lori Almashy**  
Rose Township



"I'd probably buy all my kids a house."

**Craig Childs**  
Fenton Township



"I'd buy my mom a house because she's done so much for me and paid for a lot of stuff for me. I'd just give back."

**Madeline Mathenia**  
Fenton Township



"I'd make sure my kids got it because I don't need any more money. They'd use it more than me."

**Douglas Potter**  
Linden





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Derek Watson, 62, of Fenton Township will go to trial on multiple charges of criminal sexual conduct with a victim under 13 years of age, child abuse and possession of sexually abusive material.

## Watson's sexual assault case bound over for trial

■ Fenton Township man to remain behind bars at Genesee County Jail

By Sharon Stone

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A 62-year-old Fenton Township man's criminal sexual conduct case was bound over April 12 to Genesee County Circuit Court.

Derek Timothy Watson is facing four felony counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a victim under the age of 13, one count of second-degree CSC with a victim under the age of 13, child abuse and possession of sexually abusive material. Two original weapons charges were dismissed.

Watson's preliminary exam began March 22 when the alleged 15-year-old victim testified that Watson sexually abused her when she was 12 years old.

Before the incidents, she was friends with Watson's son, and admitted that Watson was somewhat of a father figure to her. She visited the house most days, and Watson would buy them all food. She said Watson bought her first smartphone for her.

Eventually she told her mother, her boyfriend and a school counselor about the incidents. The school counselor learned about the general situation in November 2017.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at his Hogan Road home in Fenton Township on Dec. 5, 2017 and investigators removed several undisclosed items.

No court hearing dates in circuit court have been scheduled yet, however, Watson remains behind bars at the Genesee County Jail. Circuit Court Judge Geoffrey Neithercut will be presiding over the case.

## Fenton schools kick off safety lock fundraiser

■ Donations of \$30,000 sought for lockdown devices for three buildings

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS), with help from the Fenton Education Foundation, local first responders, community leaders, and local parent organizations, is kicking off the Safety Campaign to raise \$30,000 to place "Night Lock" lockdown devices in classrooms at the Ellen Street Campus (Early Childhood), AGS Middle School, and Fenton High School.

The Safety Campaign will ensure the schools have the Night Lock Lockdown devices, used to quickly create safe places for students and staff, in every FAPS building.

All three of Fenton's elementary buildings have Night Lock devices.

Area residents are invited to help FAPS maintain a safe learning environment within the schools and donate to the Safety Campaign.

"We have had many staff, families,



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Fenton Area Public Schools is seeking to raise \$30,000 for Night Lock lockdown devices for school buildings.

current and former students, community members and businesses ask, how can they can help," said FAPS Superintendent Adam Hartley.

"This is a great way to join hands and make sure our classrooms are as secure as possible to maintain the safe learning environment our students have grown to

### Levels of support

- **\$1-\$99** Friend of FAPS (Recognition on school website)
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  - **\$301-\$999** Soldier of FAPS (Recognition on device case in two or more classrooms)
  - **\$1,000 and above** Warrior of FAPS (Recognition on device case in two or more classrooms and name on plaque at the Board of Education Office)
- (All donations are tax deductible)

know," he said.

From a law enforcement perspective, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said, "I feel that a secondary locking device that combines ease of use and rapid deployment is essential in securing the safety of students and staff in the event of an active shooter situation."

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO THE SELF**-righteous hypocritical Trump hater who is questioning whether any female should be left alone with Donald Trump in the room. Where were you when Bill Clinton was assaulting women in the White House?

■■■■  
**TO THE COMMENTER** of the week. All I can say is, do your job well, as you obviously should, and you won't have to worry about it.

■■■■  
**TO THE HOT-LINER** regarding the intelligence of youth. The ones marching are merely sheep who are repeating what their adult socialist masters are telling them. It's all about power, this year's upcoming election and I'm afraid of the future of our country.

■■■■  
**WHERE DO PEOPLE** get the idea that the postal service loses money delivering Amazon packages? The postal service actually makes money delivering those packages.

■■■■  
**TO THE INSURANCE** debate, if these devices are reducing the number of accidents and lowering the degree of injury, how can insurance companies claim they are paying out more? It doesn't add up.

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# Famous paintings on display in Fenton

■ New Detroit Institute of Arts outdoor exhibit installed; official unveiling Thursday

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — From today until mid-July there will be 11 more pieces of artwork to see in the downtown area.

On Monday, April 16, LaVanway Sign Company of Southfield installed the high-quality reproductions of paintings, under the direction of Jillian Reese, project manager for the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

The DIA facilitates the program, which is called Inside|Out, and brings famous paintings to sidewalks in several communities across Michigan.

“Generally, the museum has found that Inside|Out is a fantastic way to increase interest in the arts and to bring the DIAs collection out of the museum and into the community,” Reese said. The program is free for communities and is sponsored by the James S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

The Fenton Arts Council (FAC) applied to the program in November 2017, to complement the leased sculptures currently downtown. They were notified in January that they received the grant.

“We felt that this program would bring more visibility to the arts in our community,” said Joan Horcha, FAC president. “It exposes the arts to children and families that may not have another chance to see this type of quality of art.”

It will also tie into the first two weeks of their Arts Are the Heart events on May 18 and June 15.

The pieces are in roughly the same areas as the current sculptures, such as near the Shiawassee River at the pavilion



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On Monday, April 16, Frank Dutchak and Scott Conway of LaVanway Sign Company install a reproduction of “A Day in June” by American artist George Wesley Bellows in downtown Fenton. This is one of 11 vinyl prints installed through the Detroit Institute of Arts’ Inside|Out Program.

and behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center in Rackham Park.

Reese said these reproductions are vinyl prints with an aluminum backboard and a heavily coated wooden frame. They should last two or three years outdoors in the elements.

While Fenton will see 11 of these reproductions, there are 100 prints located in various communities in Michigan, said Reese.

An official public unveiling event is set for

Thursday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. It will include wine, cheese and walking maps of the Inside|Out pieces. Maps also will be available at City Hall and [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org).

“We felt that this program would bring more visibility to the arts in our community.”

Joan Horcha  
Fenton Arts Council president



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DIA project manager Jillian Reese takes a photo of the newly installed “A Portrait of a Woman” by Amedeo Modigliani, on Monday, April 16, near the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant.

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Ask the judge

### Sales taxes for internet sales

Most of us at one time or another have purchased products using the internet.

Over time, internet sales of products have steadily increased. For example, consumers spent \$453.46 billion in 2017, a 16 percent increase from 2016.

As it turns out a legal and tax collection issue has developed with these sales for the 45 states (including Michigan) that levy sales taxes on retail purchases.

This is because of the 1992 United States Supreme Court case of Quill Corporation v North Dakota, which held that under the United States Constitution’s Commerce Clause, states cannot impose a sales tax on out of state retailers that do not have a physical presence in the state.

Much has changed since 1992, but as a result of the Quill ruling, states have been unable to collect all of the sales taxes that would ordinarily be due to them on internet sales.

In a 2015 Supreme Court case, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote a concurring opinion which indicated that it might be time to re-examine the physical presence rule as online retailers doing extensive business within a state have a sufficiently “substantial nexus” to possibly require sales tax collections.

In 2015, Michigan’s General Sales Tax Act was amended to require certain larger internet sellers to collect sales taxes. I won’t go into the law in its entirety, but importantly one section uses the term “affiliate nexus.”

At least 21 other states now have internet sales tax laws.

In 2016, South Dakota passed an internet sales tax law, which referenced a seller’s “economic presence” in the state. It then sued four internet-based retailers to force them to collect sales taxes. Ultimately, the South Dakota courts ruled that until the Quill decision is changed, the South Dakota law can’t be enforced.

This decision (South Dakota v Wayfair Inc.) was appealed to the United States Supreme Court where yesterday the court heard oral arguments as to whether the physical presence rule should be changed.

This case is being watched closely because it could affect not only South Dakota’s law, but the internet sales tax laws of the other states as well.

Times change. We will all wait to see what the Supreme Court decides as to whether a change should be made here.

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## Spencer proves he's ready for prime time

■Linden native shocks boxing world with 51-second knockout in second pro fight

By David Troppens

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Joey Spencer, 18, had a concrete plan for his second professional boxing match of his career — he wanted to be patient and work his jab.

The plan never came to fruition during his first fight on national television Friday, but the Linden native isn't complaining.

Instead of being patient, Spencer delivered about four punches resulting in three knockdowns in 51 seconds, earning his second professional boxing victory in as many events at The Armory in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Friday night during a match televised to a national cable audience on Fox Sports 1.

"It's funny because I went into the ring expecting to be more patient, go into the second or third round and work my jab," Spencer said about his initial game plan for the four-round super welterweight bout. "I really wanted to work my jab and take my time, and not let the fact that it was on TV make me too excited, but that's not how it went."

It certainly didn't. About 12 seconds into the bout, Spencer delivered the first of three left hooks to his opponent Ousmane Sylla. It sent Sylla to the canvas.

"Right when I went out there, he had his chin in the air," Spencer said.

The second knock out came just seconds after Sylla returned to his feet. Spencer immediately charged Sylla and put him down again with another quick punch.

"I knew he was hurt and I was trying to follow it up and he ended going down with a half-jab, half-hook," Spencer said.

Based on how quickly the first two knockouts happened, Spencer was a tad more patient before landing the third one. Sylla attempted a few swings with Spencer out of range, but then Spencer attacked again with another knockout.

"I tried to settle down so I would not run into anything," Spencer said. "I stepped back a couple of times and hit him with

an upper cut left hook combination and the fight was stopped."

"That was impressive, very impressive," three-time world boxing champion and Fox Sports 1 commentator Robert Guerrero said during the broadcast. "I think (Spencer's fans who came from Linden) got their money's worth for their drive."

Spencer's pro career already had quite a bit of hype surrounding it before Friday night. After all, his second professional bout was already being televised as the third match on a five-bout card. But after his national television debut, the hype is snowballing.

**“It was something special for me to get in there and be able to do something that caught people’s attention right off the bat...”**

**Joey Spencer**  
Pro boxer and Linden native

"It was great," Spencer said. "It was something special for me to get in there and be able to do something that caught people's attention right off the bat. The fight is getting a lot of people's attention because it was so short."

Spencer is 2-0 with two early technical knockouts (TKO) to his credit. He opened his professional boxing career at the age of 17 when he defeated Uriel

Gonzalez by TKO early in the second round at Las Vegas' Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino Events Center on Feb. 17. As impressive as his first victory was, the second one should have a great impact on his career.

"I got a call right when I was in the locker room after the fight. They were talking about our next TV date and the next one after that," Spencer said. "When I looked at my phone realized what (this bout) is doing for my career when I saw all the social media buzz about it. This is what I've worked for forever."

"I'm thankful to God for giving me this opportunity and allowing me to perform in the sport I love."

As of press time, Spencer's third professional fight has yet to be scheduled. He's hoping it will be close to home, possibly in Linden.

"We are talking within a month," Spencer said. "I know it's going to be quick. We are playing around with that time line."

*See more coverage on page 12.*

## She's staying at the library

■Fenton DDA votes to fund rest of library sculpture purchase

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) voted at its March meeting to make it possible to purchase "The Librarian" sculpture.

The DDA voted to contribute \$2,000 to finalize the purchase.

According to Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA director, the goal to purchase the sculpture was close but not met.

Earlier this year, a fundraising effort was underway to purchase the sculpture, located on the lawn of the Fenton Jack R. Wiegarden Library. The Fenton Library Board was seeking private donations so use of taxpayer dollars would not be necessary.

The cost to purchase it from would have been \$12,000. The artist is James Havens.

"The kids love it," said Library Board Chair Bobbie Sweetman earlier this year. "She's cool and she belongs at our library."

Other communities wanted to buy the sculpture, but Fenton had first choice because the city is currently renting it. The DDA leases sculptures throughout the downtown. The lease on "The Librarian"



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would have ended this month.

The total amount raised to purchase the sculpture was \$5,500 with some monies still coming in, Hart said. "The purchase price was reduced to \$7,500, therefore \$2,000 is being requested to finalize the purchase of the sculpture," he said.

MSI, the company that handles the sculpture leases, donated its sales commission to the city to help it pay for the sculpture.

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## SNOW

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International Airport data shows that the previous record was 83.9 inches, set in the 2013-2014 season. With the 1 inch of sleet that fell over the April 14-15 weekend, that record was broken.

J.R. Kirttek, chief meteorologist at ABC12, said, "People, of course, have been grumbling about our disappointing spring thus far. Many of the people that contact me, however, wanted to break the record."

The Times confirmed with Kirttek and the climatology program at Michigan State University that Fenton does

not have its own reporting site, so there's no data on the amount of inches in Fenton specifically. However, Fenton is just 16 miles south of Flint.

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**J.R. Kirttek**  
ABC12 chief meteorologist

### April's averages

The weather in April has brought rain, snow and sleet. The historical monthly average of precipitation in April is 2.89 inches, according to The Weather Channel.

The average high is 57 degrees Fahrenheit and the average low is 36 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperatures later this month are expected to reach the 60s by Monday, April 23 with a high of 61.

Source: The Weather Channel



# HOUSING

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African Americans or other minorities from certain sections of cities, race-based housing patterns were still in force by the late 1960s. Those who challenged them often met with resistance, hostility and even violence.

Meanwhile, while a growing number of African-American and Hispanic members of the armed forces fought and died in Vietnam, on the home front their families had trouble renting or purchasing homes in certain residential areas because of their race or national origin.

In this climate, organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the G.I. Forum and the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing lobbied for new fair housing legislation to be passed.

The proposed civil rights legislation of 1968 expanded on and was intended as a follow up to the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964. The bill's original goal was to extend federal protection to civil rights workers, but it was eventually expanded to address racial discrimination in housing.

Since the summer of 1966, when King had participated in marches in Chicago calling for open housing in that city, he had been associated with the fight for

fair housing.

Johnson argued that the bill would be a fitting testament to the man and his legacy, and he wanted it passed prior to King's funeral in Atlanta.

In 1988, Congress passed the Fair Housing Amendments Act, which expanded the law to prohibit any discrimination in housing based on disability or on family status.

Source: history.com

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# THEFTS

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stolen from Fenton between April 7 and 8 was also recovered.

With the first theft, someone broke the locked gate at a storage facility on Copper Avenue and once inside the lot, started a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck without keys and drove away. Attached to the truck was a 12-foot Haulmark enclosed trailer containing scrap of aluminum gutters and cordless drills.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said Detroit police contacted Fenton police to let them know they had recovered the stolen truck following a traffic stop. Two men from Detroit, who were in the truck when it was pulled over, were arrested and lodged at a Detroit detention facility pending questioning by Fenton police.

## SUMMARY

Two business pickup trucks, stolen from locked storage lots in Fenton, have been recovered in the city of Detroit. Fenton police believe the thefts are connected.

On April 6, Fenton police questioned the two men. One of them said they found the truck abandoned on a street in Detroit. He was able to start it and proceeded to pick up a friend and drive around Detroit.

The truck had been entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). A Detroit police officer saw the truck and initiated the traffic stop because of the stolen vehicle report.

Cross said these two men were not the ones who stole it from Fenton, but they did drive it in Detroit. The Haulmark trailer that was attached is still missing and Fenton police continue the investigation.

With the second theft complaint, Cross said the owner of a business on Fenway Drive called police April 8 to report that someone had stolen his \$30,000, 2013 Ford pickup truck and a \$30,000 commercial grade wood chipper. The suspect(s) cut the lock from the gate to gain entry to a back storage lot.

Fenton police learned of this recovery when the business in Detroit, where the truck was found, called the phone number printed on the side of the stolen truck. The front bumper of the truck had been ripped off and the trailer hitch was broken. The wood chipper is still missing and Fenton police continue to investigate.

Fenway Drive and Copper Avenue are located in the Fenton Business and Technology Park. Fenton police believe the thefts are related. If anyone has information about these thefts, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, April 13.

## Senate Bill 741: Ban local dog regulations based on breed

To prohibit a local government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or rule that regulates dogs based upon their breed or perceived breed, including pit bulls.

Passed 22 to 13 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

## House Bill 5001: Impose licensure mandate on professional foresters

To impose a new licensure mandate on professional foresters (styled by the bill as registration), with a \$200 fee, regulations, education and experience requirements and more. The bill would create a state board comprised of officials and individuals currently in this or related businesses, which would devise specific rules, requirements and restrictions. This is related to a recent small forestland property tax break law that requires owners to engage the services of a forester to apply for the special tax treatment.

Passed 32 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

## Senate Bill 751: Revise details of government's permission to give shampoos

To very slightly relax some of the extensive and detailed licensure restrictions imposed on cosmetology students before they can give a shampoo and blow-dry in a cosmetology establishment, subject to specified limits and conditions. One of these would be that a licensed cosmetologist be present during the act of student shampooing. Student-cosmetologists would still be prohibited from performing other cosmetology services until they get their license from the state, which requires 1,500 hours of training or apprenticeship.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

## House Bill 5438: Define withholding drugs as human trafficking "coercion"

To expand the definition of coercion in a law addressing human trafficking, so it includes "controlling or facilitating access to controlled substances for no legitimate medical purpose."

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

## House Bill 4891: Define parent eavesdropping on child as legal

To add a parental exception to a law that defines eavesdropping that is not otherwise prohibited by law. The bill would permit eavesdropping by a parent or guardian who listens in on the private conversations of a child who is a minor.

Passed 105 to 3 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	YES



# Group aims to help restore Linden Mill

■ Downtown landmark and oldest building in Genesee County needs new windows

By Hannah Ball  
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One local group is hoping to raise money to help restore the Linden Mill building.

Shiawassee Mills Questers Chapter #420 is planning a fundraiser luncheon and silent auction to raise money to restore all the windows in the mill building.

The chapter raises \$1,500, they can apply for a grant from the state questers organization for up to \$5,000.

“It’s a big project not just for us, but the whole community” she said, adding that she’s talked to representatives from Linden City and they seem excited. Breasbois doesn’t know exactly how much the restoration of the windows will cost, but she hopes to get the message out to get people interested.

The event will be held at the Loose Center in Linden Nov. 3, the same night as Ladies Night Out.

The group’s mission is to restore historical buildings, memorials and older establishments in the community that are publicly owned.

“It has to be historical,” she said. They originally thought about restoring



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The wear and tear of the windows on the Linden Mill building have spurred one local group to fundraise.

the mill wheel, but it is not the original wheel so it does not qualify.

The quester group is also looking for more members. There are 69 chapters in Michigan, and more than 900 between the U.S. and Canada. The Shiawassee Mill Questers Chapter #420 is named after the Linden and Fenton mills. “People don’t join things like this like they used to, but there are always people who are interested in history,” she said.

The group meets monthly For more information, email shiawassee-mills420@gmail.com.

“It’s a big project not just for us, but the whole community.”

Karen Breasbois  
Shiawassee Mills Questers  
Chapter #420 member

## SPA

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On Monday, April 9, the Fenton City Council granted owner Tracy Aubuchon a five-year easement for the 112 Mill St. property. It will be used for parking when Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa completes its new building at 116 Mill St.

According to Aubuchon, both parties could extend the easement agreement, once it expires, for another five years through a mutual agreement.

According to Michael Hart, assistant Fenton City manager and Downtown Development Authority executive director, the city has been working with Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa for a number of months on its relocation within the downtown area.

“There was preliminary discussion for the city to sell the city’s property at 112 Mill St. to Rejuv Spa, but there was concern this property might have some value to the future redevelopment of the

site bordering Adelaide running north to W. Caroline Street,” he said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

It was ultimately decided to offer the 112 Mill St. property to Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa through an easement agreement, with the business being responsible for the improvements at the owner’s cost and turning it back to the city in five years.

Aubuchon, who is a licensed esthetician, said she and her husband, Scott, are close to having gathered all the documentation needed to get on the Planning Commission agenda.

“We anticipate opening the new location in April of 2019,” she said.

The new building, which represents a \$1.2 million investment, will feature 3,000 square feet on the first floor, and another 3,000 square feet on the second.

Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa currently employs eight people. “We plan on adding three more,” Aubuchon said.

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## LOTTERY SCAM

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best, he thought about how he could manipulate it.

Tipton developed a code that would narrow the winning odds from five million to one to 200 to one. The numbers he generated won five lotteries and more than \$24 million in prizes.

The first time Tipton generated numbers to win, he gave them to his brother Tommy, who asked a lawyer if it was legal to play with those numbers. The lawyer said "yes." The numbers won, and three tickets won: an uninvolved person, Tommy, and the lawyer Tommy talked to. The FBI investigated this case, but they never asked Tommy about his brother who worked for the MSL. As they didn't look into it.

At MSLA, Tipton was working 50 to 60 hours a week, doing everything from building firewalls, web pages, software and auditing. He had no oversight and he even warned lottery officials about the security risks. Tipton suggested hiring a second person to oversee the random-generator software — something that would have made it impossible for Tipton to continue his scam. They didn't listen.

Tipton used his two-line code on as many as 17 state lottery systems. For almost a decade, he was able to rig the results for games played on three dates each year: May 27, Nov. 23 and Dec. 29.

### The catch

When he generated numbers, he would always give them away to someone else.

Tipton was caught because he bought the winning \$16.5-million ticket himself for the Hot Lotto. He had his friend, Robert Rhodes, claim it for him, but he waited too long and there was increased scrutiny.

Iowa requires that winner's names and addresses be made public, and the FBI eventually discovered Tipton's scheme.

### The sentencing

Rhodes pleaded guilty to a felony charge of being party to a computer crime and was sentenced to six months of home confinement and ordered to pay \$409,000 in restitution. Tommy, Tipton's brother, pleaded guilty to felony charges relating to a rigging scheme, and paid \$2.2 million in restitution and was sentenced to 75 days in jail.

Tipton, who's now 54, pleaded guilty to the same charges as his brother and was sentenced in August 2017 to up to 25 years in prison. He's serving his sentence in Iowa's Clarinda Correctional Facility and could be paroled within three to four years.

He told investigators that he doesn't know how he's going to pay back the \$16.8 million in restitution.

### Aftermath

All of the fraudulent winners were identified by the FBI, and the cheat codes no longer work. There are two lawsuits tied to the Tipton scheme case. One is against MSLA seeking class-action status for all the players cheated by Tipton.

The security on the lotteries has been revamped.

**He had no oversight and he even warned lottery officials about the security risks.**

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## GETTING OLDER

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peripheral vision and decreased color vision. The cells in the retina that handle color become less sensitive with age, causing colors to appear washed out or faded.

With age, spots and floaters become more common. This is because of vitreous detachment, which describes when the gel-like vitreous inside eyes begins to liquefy and pull away from the retina.

## Ears

With age comes lower quality hearing. This is because as you get older, the small hair cells inside your inner ear, which are responsible for picking up sound waves and changing them into nerve signals for your brain, become damaged or die. They do not regrow. This is where a hearing aid can be helpful.

## Heart

Changes to the aging heart include the natural pacemaker losing some of its cells, which results in a lower heart rate; a slight increase in the size of the heart, specifically the left ventricle, due to the thickening of the heart wall; and potential abnormal rhythms.

As you age, your heart cells deposit more "aging pigment" lipofuscin, which causes the muscles to degenerate slightly. The valves become thicker and stiffer, which can cause heart murmurs.

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## News briefs

### Great Lakes Ace Hardware to hold Chain Cutting and Grand Opening

Great Lakes Ace Hardware Holly will hold an official Chain Cutting and Grand Opening. The chain cutting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 20. Jeff Peet, manager of Great Lakes Ace Holly will be joined by members of the Holly Village Council, Chamber of Commerce and other members of the community to kick off the weekend long activities. There will be hourly drawings for door prizes throughout the day on Friday. There will also be specials throughout the store that are valid Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Sunday is a Bucket sale that will benefit Children's Miracle Network and Beaumont Children's Hospital. The hospital gets 100 percent of the donated money. Jonny Hendricks and his family of Holly will be in attendance. Jonny is the 2018 regional Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals Miracle Child of the Year.

"We have been busy since we took over the store in December. We have made some updates to the interior that allowed us to add some new product lines," Peet said. Great Lakes Ace Hardware began operation in Dearborn, Michigan in 1946 and has a history steeped in the traditional American tale of hard work and reinvention. For more information visit [www.greatlakesace.com](http://www.greatlakesace.com) or 15146 W. Holly Rd.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

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# Wolves' lacrosse continues improving during fourth season

By David Troppens

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**Linden** — The Fenton/Linden co-op boys lacrosse program can feel good about their current status.

The program has 44 students within its two squads, with both the varsity and JV teams having 22 players. The interest is pretty equal between the two squads. The varsity squad has 12 Fenton players on it to Linden's 10. However, on the JV team 14 of the 22 players are from Linden.

And the program appears to only be getting healthier. Among the 22 players

on the varsity team only six are seniors. Seven are either freshmen or sophomores. And within the JV squad, there's plenty of interested youth with 16 being freshmen.

Indeed, the program is in a healthy situation as Jeff Jarrad begins his first season as varsity lacrosse coach for the Wolves.

"It's really grown," Jarrad said. "We have the middle school program building and that helps a whole lot. Having that program has helped because they come into our program already knowing how to scoop, pass and shoot. We don't

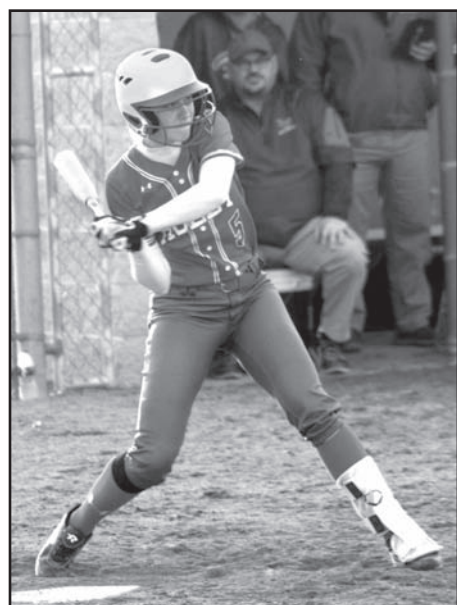
have to start at that training level."

Despite spring's lousy weather, the Wolves have been one of the luckiest area teams in terms of getting games played. A loss to Davison on Friday at Linden High School marked their sixth game, with the squad holding a 2-4 record overall. Their wins came in a 7-4 road victory against Bishop Foley on March 22, and an 8-1 victory against Bay City Central on April 9.

Friday's game showed that there

still is a great divide among the elite teams in the state in boys lacrosse versus those programs that are still in their infant stages. Davison is an established team that has yet to lose a game this season. In fact, opponents have been outscored a combined 68-16 in their five games this season. So, the fact the Wolves lost 16-2 wasn't a complete shock. The squad's two goals were scored by Tucker Whitman in the opening half and Hunter Higginbotham in the second half.

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Holly's Marissa Beck had two hits and two RBI in the Bronchos' 12-0 victory during the second game of a doubleheader against Marian. The Holly varsity softball team won both games 12-0.

## Holly softball's bats show up in twinbill sweep

■Bronchos post consecutive 12-0 victories against Marian

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The Holly varsity softball team enjoyed beating Marian 12-0 in the first game of a doubleheader so much on Friday, that the Bronchos decided to do it again in the second game apparently.

The Bronchos won two 12-0 contests against Marian, improving their record to 4-2 overall on the young season.

"The 4-2 start is good, but we really haven't played well yet," Holly varsity softball coach Scott Culver said. "We have a doubleheader each of the next three days. I'm hoping we can get these in as well."

In the opener, Holly scored three runs in the first and nine more in the second to earn the win in just three innings.

Holly had just five hits with Maika Hogarth, Aubrey Jenkinson, Marissa Beck, Megan Sisson and Grace Fromm having one each. The Bronchos walked five times and took advantage of six Marian errors.

Madisen Beesley earned the three-inning no-hitter, striking out five and walking one.

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## Spencer making sure to embrace 'the moment'

■Linden native appreciative of his hometown support

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Joey Spencer has worked all his life to be where he is right now.

But now that's he's here, even he's a little amazed how quickly his professional boxing career is evolving.

The Linden native impressed the boxing world during his national television debut, knocking out his opponent, Ousmane Sylla, not once, not twice but three times in a matter of a minute while competing in his second professional boxing match on Fox Sports 1 on Friday.

In just 51 seconds, after about four punches, Spencer had recorded his second victory in as many professional matches. With it, his career looks about to skyrocket.

"This means everything to me," Spencer said. "I prepared for eight weeks for this fight and prepared all of my life for this and it is exciting. It's exciting to see everyone from my hometown (Linden) behind me, and it's exciting to be able to have everyone watch my second fight on television."

Spencer gave the tri-county area a great thrill during his second bout. He knocked Sylla to the canvas three times. The majority of the 51 seconds of the fight was spent waiting for Sylla to return to his feet after Spencer hit him with one of left hooks.

"That's really one of the main things I wanted to come out of this. I wanted to do something for the community that they can get really excited about," Spencer said. "I love my hometown so much. Everyone has supported me since I was a little kid. It's humbling."

What also has to excite Spencer is what his second fight has done for sparking his career. He already was a marked man in professional boxing as one of the great prospects to watch prior to Friday. His first fight was in Las Vegas, a professional boxing hotbed. His second fight wasn't only on national television, but it was the third



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Linden's Joey Spencer (above) won his second professional boxing match on Friday in 51 seconds during a bout televised by Fox Sports 1. Spencer (left) shakes hands with fans after his contest.

of five scheduled bouts on Fox Sports 1.

Many other fighters on the card were also making their professional television debuts during the bouts at Minneapolis' The Armory, but those boxers had already fought eight, nine or 10 times prior to Friday. Spencer's scheduled four-round super welterweight bout was smack dab in the middle of the night's boxing schedule.

"Initially I thought it was going to be a throw away match, maybe after everybody fought and maybe it would be at the end or at the very beginning of the card,"

Spencer said. "It was the third fight and that wasn't by accident. They had it in the middle when most of the viewing audience was watching, right in the sweet spot. I was very excited."

Spencer said there has already been talk about future fights being televised, and possibly one being in Michigan soon. His ultimate dream would be to have a fight either at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center, or maybe even have it right at Linden High School. However,

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Among the players battling for the loose ball during the Fenton/Linden varsity boys lacrosse game against Davison were Hayden Justus (right) and Chase Everhard (left).

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Right now, Jarrad isn't focusing too much on the win-loss record. "Our goal is to break even," Jarrad said. "We aren't shooting for the stars yet. We want to make sure we break even. We are very young, so we want

to focus on the skills and make sure they are learning. If we improve our skills, that's the most important thing. We are in a gelling process." Jarrad replaces Stanley Orzell who coached the squad to an 8-10 mark a year ago.

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Holly track teams take fifth at Brandon

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The poor weekend weather couldn't keep Brandon High School from hosting a track invitational. And the weather couldn't keep Holly's track program from getting some solid results en route to both teams finishing fifth overall. The Broncos didn't earn any firsts, but did earn five seconds. Three were relay firsts. The boys had Jeremy Hiller, Jack Ford, Randy Douthitt and John Kusluski

earn a first in the 100-300-600-200 relay (2:44.36). Meanwhile the girls earned two seconds in relays. The 400 relay team of Annah Charles, Aniya Semer, Hannah Muth and Gabrielle St. Andre (55.45) earned one as did the 1,200-400-800-1,600 relay team of Lauren Hackett, St. Andre, Monica Ruiz and Andrea Ruiz (13:33.8). Two Holly girls earned individual top-three efforts. Andrea Ruiz took second in the 3,200 (11:27.57) while Ashley Grugel took third in the pole vault (6-0).

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his next fight isn't currently scheduled. Such a bout in Michigan probably wouldn't be his next fight, but could end up being his fourth professional bout. Spencer, who now lives in California, may even train in Michigan for his next fight. "Now would be a perfect time to do it,"

Spencer said. "I can't think of anywhere better to have a fight than in front of my hometown crowd. It would be a great turnout. We have plans for it. We want to promote our own card and maybe have it at (the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center) or at Linden football season during a summer night. It would be extremely exciting."

PREP REPORT

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Powers 4, Fenton 1:** Chloe Wagner scored Fenton's goal off a Lauren Murphy assist in the first half. ► **Fenton 1, Linden 0:** The Tigers scored the only goal in a contest that was moved up to Friday to assure it was played prior to the poor weekend weather. It was played at Flint's Atwood Stadium.

Lauren Murphy scored the goal on an assist by Erin Conroy.

GOLF

► **Fenton, Lake Fenton and Holly at Lapeer Tuneup:** The Tigers had a team

score of 343 and placed third out of 22 teams at Lapeer Country Club. Dylan Conte placed fifth overall, shooting an 81. Braden Lapa had an 84 while Mitchell Chop carded an 87. Edward Farrell shot a 91. The Lake Fenton Blue Devils placed 13th (388) while the Broncos took 14th (393). Matt Tomczyk led the Blue Devils with a 93 while Avery Shchaal carded a 95. Brad Holder shot a 96 and Evan Pribble carded a 104. Holly was paced by Noah Rooker's 93 while Logan Henry shot a 94. Matthew Moller carded a 101 and Carson Cuthbert shot a 105.

Holly Bronchos keeps on winning baseball games

■ Sweep Owosso in Metro league twinbill

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The Holly varsity baseball team opened the Metro League season in grand fashion, sweeping the Owosso Trojans in a doubleheader. The Broncos won the first game 6-1, and then won the second contest 7-4. Home runs played a big role in both games. In the opener, Holly blew the game open with a four-run bottom of the third inning, taking a 4-1 lead at that time. The big blow of the inning was a three-

run home run by DJ Tennis, plating Grant Tooley and Ben Gramer. Tooley singled to reach base while Gramer reached base on an error. The Broncos added two more runs in the fourth. Tennis ended the contest with two hits, a sacrifice fly and four RBI at the plate. He also pitched the final inning, getting all three batters he faced out in order. JD Lannon was the winning pitcher, allowing just one unearned run on one hit and five walks. He struck out nine batters. In the second game the Broncos (2-0 in the Metro and 3-0 overall) trailed 4-0 early.

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Linden's bats strike late innings, capture 6-5 victory vs. Novi

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The Linden varsity baseball team waited until late to do its damage in the opening game of a doubleheader against Novi. It was enough to win the game as well. Linden trailed 2-0, but scored four runs in the top of the sixth, and then trailed 5-4 entering the seventh before scoring two runs in that stanza, earning

a 6-5 victory. Linden tied Novi 0-0 after five innings the second game, which was called due to darkness. In the opening contest, the Eagles didn't start their seventh-inning rally until there was one out. Jeff Metzger walked and stole second. He scored on Hunter Babcock's batted ball that was booted.

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**Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you may have to admit that the master plan you have set up has a few flaws. You don't have to abandon it, just modify. These modifications may be relatively simple.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, you may think that you have missed an important opportunity, but don't get too worried just yet. With a few new strategies, you can regain your momentum.

**GEMINI**  
**May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, you may be easily swayed this week by someone who is smooth-talking. Figure out if this person can be believed or not, but give them a chance.

**CANCER**  
**Jun 22/Jul 22**  
You may find yourself in a position where you can take on a leadership role, Cancer. Do not hesitate to jump onboard because this can be just what's needed for your career.

**LEO**  
**Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Responsibilities will soon be easier to handle, Leo. Not because the tasks are less difficult, but because you have more people on your side helping you out.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Planning a vacation can be almost as fun as traveling, Virgo. When someone asks for your help drawing up a travel itinerary, put all of your effort into the task.

**LIBRA**  
**Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Some sort of breakthrough in your life is soon to become a reality, Libra. It may be a financial windfall or a new job opportunity. Keep your eyes open to any and all possibilities.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You can achieve great things this week, Scorpio. Ultimately, your accomplishments depend on how much you can focus on the tasks at hand. The ball is in your court.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you are on the move this week, but it is best to have a plan and not leave things to chance. Look ahead to all the possible scenarios that have the potential to trip you up.

**CAPRICORN**  
**Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, it is easy to get carried away with an idea. Just do not mistake obsession for focus. You need to pace yourself if you are going to be effective.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan 21/Feb 18**  
You may need to postpone something you had hoped to finish this week, Aquarius. As long as it does not get pushed too far onto the back burner you should be fine.

**PISCES**  
**Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, a setback of some kind may occur this week. Don't get too worried just yet. Adversity can be a learning experience.

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