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Amor Ftouhi, 50, of Quebec, Canada and Tunisia remains jailed as he awaits sentencing in March 2019.

Photo: U.S. Department of Justice

## Canadian man found guilty of terrorist attack at Bishop Airport

■ Faces life in prison after stabbing officer Jeff Neville in June

By Sharon Stone

A jury found Amor M. Ftouhi, 50, of Quebec, Canada and Tunisia guilty on all counts involving a terrorist attack at Bishop International Airport in Flint Township on June 21, 2017.

Charges included committing an act of terrorism transcending national boundaries.

Ftouhi was charged with stabbing Lt. Jeff Neville, a police officer at Flint's Bishop International Airport, in the neck with a large hunting knife. Neville fought back and he, along with other officers took Ftouhi into custody.

The airport was evacuated and closed for several hours for the investigation. No other injuries were reported and all airport travelers were safe.

See **TERRORIST** on 11A



## More single women are buying homes

■ They make up 18 percent of home buyers, compared to single men at 7 percent

By Hannah Ball

Find a significant other. Get married. Buy a home.

This traditional progression is being thrown off track in new housing trends because many women are no longer waiting to get married before buying a house.

Single women were the second-largest group of home buyers in 2017, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR). They accounted for 18 percent of the home-buying population last year, compared to single males at 7 percent.

See **HOME BUYERS** on 13A

Britni Snavelly, 27, paints her master bedroom Wednesday, Nov. 14. Snavelly is a single mom and with help from her family she is turning her Argentine Township house into a home.

Photo: Tim Jagielo



The Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving has become one of the biggest drinking nights of the year. Photo: Metro Creative Connection

## Drive drunk, meet a cop

■ Area police will be looking for problem drivers the night before Thanksgiving

By Vera Hogan

"Drinking, " "Blackout Wednesday" or "Thanksgiving Eve," it doesn't matter what you call it, if you're planning an evening on the town that involves drinking alcohol you better make sure you have a designated driver.

"We are conscious of the concept that many go to the bar the night before Thanksgiving," said Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater. "We hope that those choosing to drink prepare in advance for safe transportation home. If not, they take the chance of meeting one of Fenton's finest as my officers will be actively patrolling all night."

The Wednesday night before Thanksgiving is sometimes a more popular partying night than even New Year's Eve or Saint Patrick's

See **DRIVE DRUNK** on 10A

## Holly police investigate attempted armed robbery

■ Holly man claims male suspect pulls gun on him and demands wallet

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Police Department is investigating an attempted armed robbery, which occurred

Friday, Nov. 16 on Quick Road near the mailboxes for 4041 Grange Hall Road.

Police initially responded to the area of N. Holly Road and Apollo Circle to search for the

See **ROBBERY** on 8A



Pamela Howd

## New Linden councilor starts Dec. 10

■ Write-in candidate wins seat with 23 total votes

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — A new councilor will be sworn in to serve on the Linden City Council during the

Dec. 10, 2019 meeting.

Pamela Howd, a Linden resident since 2005, ran for councilor as a write-in candidate. She will take the seat of outgoing Councilor Charlie Ross.

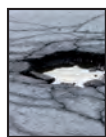
"I thought I could help my

See **COUNCILOR** on 8A

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“Why would Fenton even consider opting out of having retail shops for recreational marijuana? It will be legal statewide for people to possess, use in their own homes and grow. Why would Fenton not want the extra tax revenue for the licensing of these stores, not to mention the employment?”



“We have just doubled the amount of women in politics in Michigan. No more slavery under the bondage of arrogant men who think they are better than us. Show us what you got, Gretchen. And fix the damn roads without more damn taxes.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“So deer hunting is cruelty to animals? Well then, would you please explain to me how that Big Mac, chicken leg, hot dog or three strips of bacon you ate ended up on your plate? Yeah, didn't think so.”



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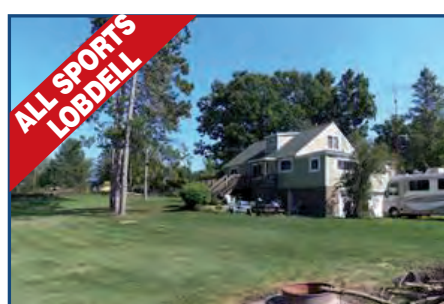


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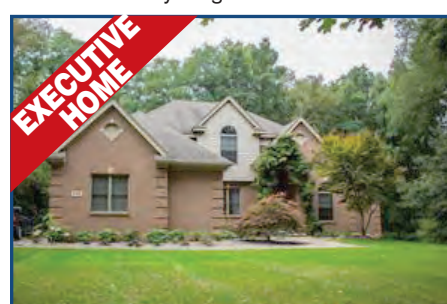


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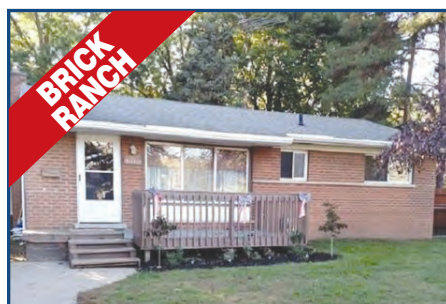


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Annette Taylor feeds her alpacas apples for a snack on Wednesday, Oct. 31. She has seven alpacas that she raises for their fiber. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

# Alpacas are ‘right at home’ in Michigan’s cold

■A.J. Alpaca Farm in Holly area takes these herd animals from ‘fur to fiber’ for hats, socks and gloves

By Sally Rummel

What looks like a camel, has fleece like a sheep and is half the size of a llama?

If you guessed an alpaca, you are right. These adorable herd animals originally come from Chili, Peru, but are right at home with the cold weather here in Michigan.

There are about 250,000 alpacas in the U.S., according to Mialpaca.com, with the largest number being raised in Ohio, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and California.

See **ALPACAS** on 10A



After shearing the fiber from her alpacas, Taylor turns it into yarn. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**



Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen rides in his cruiser with wife and reserve officer Nancy Allen. **Submitted photo**

## Reserve officers — what power do they have?

■Innovative program is good way to gain real police experience

By Hannah Ball

You’ll see them at big events, directing traffic or patrolling busy streets. They carry a gun and badge, but cannot carry out police arrests.

They are reserve officers. The Holly Police Department (HPD) has four reserve officers who serve as an auxiliary function.

“While they do not have arrest powers above that of a normal citizen they **See RESERVE on 11A**

**“I think it’s really admirable that they do this. They’re coming and risking their behinds just like we do.”**

**Daniel Allen**  
*Argentine Township police chief*



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Andrew Heller

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# Come *Heller* high water...

• **I just saw** a tweet from BuzzFeed that said, “Green bean casserole is the best part of Thanksgiving, and if you disagree, we’re gonna have to take this outside.” Outside we go then, BuzzFeed. Green bean casserole is only the second best thing about Thanksgiving. The first is spiced apple rings.

• **Yes, I said** spiced apple rings. Why, what’s your favorite? The turkey? Don’t make me laugh. Turkey is a bland, dry bird not worthy of sharing the table with spiced apple rings.

• **And you know** why they invented green bean casserole, right? Because without the mushroom soup and delicious Durkee onion pieces, cooked green beans taste like green rubber.

• **Speaking of turkeys**, to the lovely yet formidable Marcia, Thanksgiving this year is being retitled Revenge Day. (If you missed the stunning news, she got into a “situation” with a gigantic tom on the path through the woods near our house a couple of months ago. I don’t want to say she lost the battle but she lost the battle. Sprained ankle, cut toe and a lifelong desire for retribution. She’s looking forward to mocking the turkey on our table this year. It’s gonna be a weird Thanksgiving.)

• **I miss liking** the Thanksgiving Day parades on TV. But then they killed them decades ago when they added lip-syncing stars and set-piece performances. You don’t stop to perform during a parade. A parade means movement. That’s kinda in the definition of the word parade, y’know?

• **Gas prices are** dropping as we head into Thanksgiving, which is highly weird. That’s usually when some refinery mysteriously and conveniently springs a leak, causing prices to double.

But there’s still time, so ...

• **I saw a** commercial for an app called Smart News that said it’s a better news site because it offers “news from both sides.” But news reports what happens, it doesn’t take “sides.” Fox News takes sides. MSNBC takes sides. We don’t need “sides.” We need news based on facts, not on an interpretation of the facts by a political party. Interpretations of the news are called “opinions.”

• **So, now that** pot is legal, does that mean people will be taking toke breaks at work every hour and a half like they do with cigarettes? And why have smokers always gotten extra time off throughout the day to go indulge their addiction? I’ve never understood that. Made me want to take it up.

• **A man in** New Jersey who was charged with driving drunk last weekend blamed it on the New York Jets, saying “I drank too much because the Jets suck.” Lions fans are saying, “Decades and decades ahead of ya, pal.”

• **Dan Gilbert says** he’s not trying to buy the Detroit Tigers. Too bad. They could use new ownership. The Illitch family doesn’t seem to have much interest since dad died. I mean, there’s rebuilding then there’s fan abuse. I’d love to see the Tigers go the route of the Green Bay Packers, who are owned by the fans. (Technically, a publicly owned, non-profit corporation.) I’d buy a share. And with my share, I’d vote to fire the whole lineup.

• **“There are two** great days in a person’s life - the day we are born and the day we discover why.” - William Barclay.

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CONGRATS TO ALL

of the award winners at the Chamber's annual dinner. The singer was great and the meal at Spring Meadows was very good. Overall, a very nice evening.

THE RADICAL FAR

left are not surprising to me. Their playbook is 'Rules for Radicals' by Saul Alinsky. The left has been playing by his rules for decades. Hillary Clinton praised Alinsky in her college thesis and President Barack Obama taught Alinsky's tactics to grassroots organizations in Chicago.

REAGAN DESTROYED RUSSIA?

Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan were destroyed. Reagan did nothing to Russia.

REAGAN GREAT?

I remember two deep recessions, trillions of dollars wasted on his S.D.I. program and home interest rates above 10 percent. Great? No way.

MY TIP IS

not wages. To keep our economy on track our GOP-controlled legislature proposed the 'Tip Credit' remain, allowing employers to pay lower wages to employees who get tips. I give tips in private and in cash. Have you ever waited tables? Try it sometime.

KELLYANNE CONWAY:

'I really don't think the First Amendment is imperiled at the Trump White House.'

AS THE DEMOCRATS

move farther and farther toward socialism, I think of the words of Winston Churchill: 'Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.'

YOU VOTE AGAINST

school proposals, which would help your children because you don't like the types of cars the teachers drive? Grow up.

YOU THINK TOUCHING

a woman's arm as she attempts to yank a microphone out of your hand is assault?

YOUR CONSERVATIVE GRAND-SON

will change his opinions once he turns 10.

IF A 0.0000208

-percent risk of injury to a child is unacceptable, then eliminate youth sports, bicycles, school busses, and childhood vaccination. All have much higher risk of injury to children than guns.

A LESSON FOR

climate changers: not only is over-hunting a form of natural selection, it is also a natural phenomenon that occurs in the absence of man.

NO, YOU HAVE

not seen the road repairs from the Republican gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The first use of the funds is paying down existing debt. The money won't hit the streets until 2020, at which time, expect Democrats to take the credit for Snyder's success.

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## What's your favorite type of food?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

## streettalk



"I like it all. My favorite is Italian. I like the spices. It's rich and without being heavy."

**Mark Willmarth**  
Tyrone Township



"Probably Mexican. It's the easiest to make. We make this Mexican pizza."

**Tracy Ollila**  
Holly Township



"Mexican. We lived in Arizona for many years and we grew acclimated to the food and we just love it. Chicken enchiladas and chili relleno in green sauce."

**Deb Baier**  
Argentine Township



"Mexican. It tastes good. I'm big on chicken enchiladas and chimichangas."

**Brenda Labar**  
Fenton



"Chinese. It's different. I have a taste for it. Sweet and sour shrimp or chicken, that's my favorite."

**Gary Mundy**  
Argentine Township



## LOCAL VETERANS RECALL THEIR SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SECOND IN A THREE-PART SERIES OF INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL VETERANS.  
Part III will be published Nov. 25 and feature Craig Newberry.

### Korean War - 1950 to 1953

## U.S. Air Force veteran Betty Coggins

By Sally Rummel

U.S. Air Force Airman Second Class Betty Coggins didn't enter the military in 1952 to blaze any trails for women. But that's exactly what she did when she enlisted from her hometown of Flint, Michigan. She had known since the age of 11 that she would go into the service.

"Then World War II started," said Coggins, now 86. "I set three goals for myself, 1) to join the service 2) to drive cross-country by myself and 3) to visit Egypt someday." The third is the one goal she didn't accomplish, she said.

Coggins became a member of one of the largest enlistments of women from the Flint area — 20 in all.

She trained at Kelly Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, Texas, then moved to Lackland AFB. "My group was the first to graduate from Lackland," she said. "The men were very chauvinistic. They didn't like the women being there at all."

After her training, the women went to Mather AFB in Sacramento, California, where they worked as stock records specialists, flight line and warehousing of airplane parts and special services at the gym, taking care of sports equipment. "I was the supplies sergeant for my squadron," Coggins said.

An athlete, Coggins played on an Air Force softball team that traveled around California and also played field hockey.

"Women didn't go overseas (to fight the Korean War) unless they were a nurse, doctor or a mechanic," she said. "If I had gone, I probably wouldn't have come back. I wouldn't have gotten married or had my five beautiful children, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren."

Coggins' permanent home is in Midland, Texas, with her son, Thomas and Irene. When she's visiting family and friends in Michigan, she resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Lavelle Earl in Gaines. A son, Michael and his wife, Loralyn, live in Fenton. Coggins' other son, John

and his wife, Mary, reside in Millington and daughter, Kathryn and her husband, Alex, live in Frankfort.

She has been very active in the American Legion and the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). She has also belonged to the American Legion Post and its Ladies Auxiliary, in Punta Gorda, Florida. "I was the first dual member of that post," she said.

Coggins said she enjoyed every bit of her military service. "Every one who can should at least serve two to three years," she said.

**"The men were very chauvinistic. They didn't like the women being there at all."**

**Betty Coggins**  
Korean War - U.S. Air Force



Betty Coggins joined the U.S. Air Force during WWII as one of only 20 women from the Flint area at the time. She lives in Texas and has family in Fenton and Gaines.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Christmas Craft Bazaar

The St. Robert Council of Catholic Women is hosting its 42nd annual Christmas Craft Bazaar **Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** There will be more than 100 tables of professional crafters, in addition to baked goods and raffles by church groups. Admission is free. The church is at 310 N. Cherry Street, Flushing.

### Hartland Audubon Nature Club

Join club members Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. for a Potluck Dinner at Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell. The meeting will feature a program by photographer Jerry Jourdan on "Digi-Scoping." For information, call John at (517) 548-2610 or hartlandaudubon.weebly.com

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### RUNNER & WALKER AWARDS

Awards to 1st Place Male & Female,  
1st Place Masters Male & Female,  
1st – 3rd Place Male & Female age groups.

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- ▶ **Wear a Santa costume or ugly Christmas sweater and you will receive a \$5 dollar refund at registration.**
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Local CrossFit gym name change emphasizes community connections

CrossFit Tuebor West, 14261 Torrey Rd., Suite B, has changed its name to CrossFit Fenton. The gym is the longest continuously running CrossFit training facility in the area. Jamie Lasco, CrossFit Fenton's owner said, "We wanted to focus our continued business success in the community we dearly love and pay tribute to Fenton. Thus CrossFit Fenton seems appropriate to the message we want to spread." Call CrossFit Fenton at (810) 354-5025 and take advantage of their free one week trial.



**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**YOUR STATEMENT 'MANKIND** wiping out nearly 4,000 species' perfectly illustrates your ideological position — at all times, blame man.

**LANSING — TWO OUTGOING** state senators could pocket more than \$92,000 from their campaign funds under legislation on track for passage during the Michigan Legislature's lame duck session

**TO MARIJUANA ADVOCATE** claiming so many fiscal benefits from Colorado's marijuana proceeds. Your number of \$105 million is only 1.4 percent of the state's \$7.1-billion budget. The math disproves your claims.

**TEN YEARS AFTER** the (George W. Bush) Great Recession, 25- to 34-year-old men are lagging in the workforce more than any other age and gender demographic. About 500,000 more would be punching the clock today had their employment rate returned to pre-downturn levels.

**THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT** has implemented a new strategy for defending President Donald Trump's

most controversial policies. Declare an urgent threat to the executive branch, bypass ordinary judicial procedure and rush straight to the Supreme Court.

**TO THE WOMAN** in downtown Holly walking her dog. The red hand on the traffic light means stop, not walk across the street. You had a lot of nerve flipping me off.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS. DEMS** promised to cross the aisle and protect Social Security and Medicare. Neither party would be blamed if a bill fulfilling this promise could be passed by both houses. Will this happen? Of course not. Democrats would rather destroy America to destroy Trump and take back power.

**I SEE LOWERING** the speed limit to 25 mph coming into Linden from the east really helped slowing cars down around the curve. Good thing the brick flowerbed is there or the tenants in the apartments would be seeing vehicles in their places.

**MY WIFE AND I** would like to thank the person who paid for our lunch at Leo's on Tuesday. It was greatly appreciated.

## Linden has \$9,616 to spend on city improvements

### ■ Council leaning toward making parks more handicap accessible

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — At the Monday, Nov. 12 meeting, the Linden City Council voted to propose using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies for handicap accessibility improvements in city parks.

The amount of CDBG funds the city will receive for the 2019-2021 period is \$9,616. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates these funds to the state of Michigan through the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) with assistance from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Councilor Brad Dick said CDBG funds

are used for low-income areas of the city. Because no areas in the city qualify, projects can be submitted "for the benefit" of the general population of the city, he said.

The council held a public hearing earlier in the meeting, and before voting 6-0 on the decision, the council spoke about different potential projects. No citizens gave input.

Interim City Manager Scott Sutter, who's also the police chief, recommended that 85 percent of the money go to improvements at Triangle Park. The other 15 percent would go to Loose Center. Councilor Ray Culbert said per an interlocal agreement between the city and Loose Center, 15 percent of these funds go to the

**“Handicap accessibility, that’s something we’re looking at for our veterans...”**

**Danielle Cusson**  
Linden mayor

senior center.

Sutter said they need electricity at Triangle Park, a bike repair stand and other improvements.

Mayor Danielle Cusson mentioned making the memorial section of the cemetery and Triangle Park more for handicap accessible for veterans.

"Handicap accessibility, that's something we're looking at for our veterans to make it easier for some of them to actually participate in the services," she said.

Attorney Michael Gildner suggested proposing a main project and a backup project. The council settled on handicap accessibility. The deadline to submit a project to Genesee County is Wednesday, Nov. 21.

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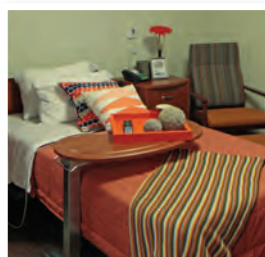
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### NEWS

## BRIEFS



### Quick action saved life of 48-year-old woman in cardiac arrest

A STAT EMS employee and four members of the Fenton Fire Department received "CPR Save" awards at the Monday, Nov. 12 City Council meeting. The awards were presented as a result of their fast action to save the life of a woman in July. Unresponsive, she was slumped over a steering wheel in a vehicle outside a business on Owen Road. STAT EMS immediately began resuscitation efforts and called for the fire department's assistance. A firefighter arrived on scene in the rescue truck and another firefighter nearby went to the scene as well. "The timely and professional treatment that was given on this day made a life changing difference to this patient and these personnel should be commended for a job well done," Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said. Those receiving the CPR Save award are Nathaniel Lee with STAT EMS, Lt. Dustin Lucius, and firefighters Matt Hadfield, Matt Murray, Brandon Brown and Kyle Nall.





The male driver of this truck was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries he sustained in a rollover crash Thursday afternoon on northbound U.S. 23 in Fenton. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Crash on NB U.S. 23 slows traffic

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — A little after 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, Fenton police and fire departments responded to a rollover crash on northbound U.S. 23 adjacent to Torrey Road.

A silver truck was upside down in the ditch after the one-vehicle crash. The vehicle appeared to sustain

damage to its front and sides. The driver was escorted to an ambulance and the cause of the incident is not known.

Northbound traffic backed up on U.S. 23 south of the Torrey Road exit and entrance. Motorists are advised to drive safely, especially with snow falling and slick road surfaces.

## Fenton decides on use of CDBG funds

■ Money to be used for property acquisition and demolition, parks programming for seniors and home improvements

By Vera Hogan

The city of Fenton has been notified by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) that its projected Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund amount will be \$61,955 for the upcoming CDBG period 2019-2021.

For the 2016-2018 period, the city was allocated a total of \$73,869, which according to Assistant City Manager Michal Hart, was utilized for the benefit of the city's low income and disabled community residents per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

A public hearing was held during the Fenton City Council's Monday, Nov. 12 meeting to hear ideas from city residents on how the next allocation of funds could be used.

Resident Sean Sage was the only one to speak, suggesting that the sidewalk at Shiawassee Avenue and George Street be repaired.

"That was the project that they had tried to do last year," he said.

The quotes came in well above the available money. The city engineer had estimated it at around \$25,000 but it came in over \$80,000. The engineers and city officials believe that is because the CDBG requirements are difficult for small con-

tractors who would normally quote on that work, which drove the costs up.

For the CDBG period 2016-2018, the city was awarded \$15,737 for four ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) sidewalk ramp intersections on W. Shiawassee Avenue, one of which was at George Street. Even after adding what was left over from other projects, the available funds for this totaled \$35,524 and the only project bid came in at \$87,950, leaving a \$52,426 gap. The city requested an additional \$25,000 but was rejected.

"Regardless, I knew when I brought it up that it wasn't a particularly feasible idea," Sage said.

Sage said he has relatives who live in the area and the sidewalk issue is important to them because of the inability to get a wheelchair down the sidewalk because of the height of the curb.

"I think the suggestions that Mike (Hart) made were measured and reasonable and gave the city the best chance to actually use the funds," Sage said.

The Fenton City Council decided to go with Hart's recommendations on using the money, which is for property acquisition, including demolition with properties to be determined at a later date. He suggested \$50,000 go toward that. He suggested another \$10,000 go to parks programming for seniors and \$1,955 for the Home Improvement Program (HIP). The HIP is a program where funds could be used to help low income or disabled persons who need a water heater replaced, for example.



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community,” she said. “They really need someone who cares about the city and who cares about the people. I care about what the

people think. What do people really want? That is what I do best — listen to others. I’m here to serve the people first and foremost.”

Howd works for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as an environmental education specialist. She attended Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan, and has degrees in biological science with chemistry. She had minors in natural science and music.

Howd describes herself as a “heavy duty volunteer” along with her son, doing volunteer work with state parks, local churches, and Scouts USA. She said she’s going to cut back on her work with Scouts to focus on her new position.

“I don’t want any conflicts,” she said. When it comes to being a state employee and an elected official, there are some restrictions on what she can say during meetings. She had to fill out a few forms about not having a conflict of interest. With environmental issues, such as the gas leak in downtown, Howd said she can explain cleanup and science terminology, along with reports from the DEQ, but she

cannot offer an opinion.

“The department (DEQ) is supposed to offer an opinion, but I can explain why they want to do soil borings,” she said.

Howd aims to bring knowledge of biology to the council, including information on invasive plants that grow at the cemetery. Howd would like to see the storm water systems cleaned out and maintained better, and said the city needs a “buffer system” in right-of-ways to prevent pesticides and herbicides from getting into the storm water drain.

“It goes right to the river. It can cause havoc on that system and anything that drinks out of it, like deer or birds,” she said.

She’s also concerned about people planting bushes and shrubs that overtake the sidewalks. “It’s an educational thing. They probably didn’t think about it when they planted it. There are some people who plant bushes that grow 10 feet wide over the sidewalk,” she said.

Official election results were available Friday, Nov. 16 after they were certified by the Board of Canvassers. The numbers show that Howd received 23 write-in votes.

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## Pita Way celebrates one-year anniversary with BOGO specials

■ Stop in Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 18-20 to celebrate in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

Pita Way opened its doors in Fenton one year ago this weekend, bringing to the tri-county area a healthier fast-casual alternative to burgers and pizza.

To celebrate this one-year anniversary, Pita Way, at 15274 Silver Parkway in the Pier 1 plaza, will offer a BOGO (Buy One Get One) special on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 18-20 — no coupon required.

“We want to thank our loyal customers in our first year of business, and invite new customers who haven’t tried us yet,” said Kipp Quarton, who is in charge of marketing eight Pita Way locations.

It has always been the goal of Pita Way owner/founder Brandon Bahoura to put a fresh spin on Mediterranean foods he grew up with, drawing upon family recipes and culinary secrets provided by his aunt and grandmother.

This passion fueled his entrepreneurial spirit and allowed him to open his first Pita Way location in Clarkston in 2010, followed by South Lyon, Lake Orion, White Lake, Brighton, Auburn Hills, Livonia and most recently, Fenton.

Pita Way opened its doors in Fenton Nov. 18, 2017, bringing fast, fresh alternatives to local diners. “As a team, we share the vision of providing the freshest best tasting food to the community,” Quarton said.

All of Pita Way’s food is authentic, hand-picked, locally sourced and prepared to order using only the best ingredients. It’s all made in-house using Bahoura’s family’s own old-world recipes. “We make our own marinades and marinate our meats for 24 hours or more,” Quarton said. “We pickle our own cabbage and pickles and make our own hummus from scratch. It is all fresh, healthy, made-from-scratch food.”



Pita Way general manager Raad Kashat (right) and Kipp Quarton, marketing director, pose for a photo Friday, Nov. 16. Pita Way serves Mediterranean-style cuisine in a speedy, casual dining format. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Breads are sourced from the famous Yasmeeen Bakery and baklava comes straight from the experts at Shatila Bakery, both located in Dearborn.

It’s also delicious, with a vast selection of meats, cheeses, salads and vegetables to put on your plate or in your rice bowl. Soups are also on the menu every day at Pita Way.

If you’re new to Mediterranean foods, Quarton said that the best way to know what to choose is to take advantage of Pita Way’s free samples. “We love giving samples away so that people can see the range of different foods we offer,” Quarton said.

Some of the most popular dishes at Pita Way are Chicken Tawook, Chicken Shawarma, pita bowls with a rice base and hummus and tabbouleh (vegetarian salad) and QuesoPita wraps with your choice of fillings. “It’s very hardy, healthy food,” Quarton said. “We offer plentiful serving sizes, too.”

Catering is another special service

at Pita Way, offering huge platters and bowls of some of the restaurant’s most well-known dishes. With the holidays coming up, this is a perfect time to place your catering order.

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Delivery is also an option, in addition to dining in the restaurant or take-out. “Fenton Food Express handles all of our deliveries,” Quarton said.

Pita Way is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

“We’re always looking for people to join our team,” Quarton said. “It’s the Pita Way family. We’re very close-knit and care about each other.”

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suspect. After not being able to locate anyone, the officers went to the home of the alleged victim. They met with the victim, a 26-year-old Holly man who told the officers that they had been given the wrong area to search. The victim said the incident actually occurred on Quick Road at the mailboxes for 4041 Grange Hall Road.

The victim said he was on his way to McDonald’s on N. Holly Road to walk his girlfriend home from work. While walking, the victim said he saw two males standing by the mailboxes on Quick Road. One of the unknown men asked for a cigarette, which the victim gave.

The two unknown men, as well as the male victim, talked for a couple of minutes. As the Holly man was leaving, one of the unknown men told the victim that he was going to need his wallet. At the same time he produced a handgun from his waistband.

The victim described the gun as a black semi-automatic with an exposed barrel, like a Beretta. He described the alleged gunman as being white, about 30 years of age, with collar length curly blond hair and an unkempt beard. The suspect was wearing a white sweatshirt, jeans and brown boots.

The second suspect was described as a male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

When the alleged gunman exposed the gun, the victim said he got scared and ran away. The suspects were last seen running south on Apollo Circle.

The victim proceeded to the restaurant to meet his girlfriend, at which time they called 911, approximately 20 minutes after the incident. He said no property was taken and the gun was not fired.

The responding officers searched the area with no results. There was one set of shoeprints in the snow on Quick Road leading away from the crime scene but they diminished near 4261 Grange Hall Road due to falling snow.

If anyone has information about this incident, call Holly police at (248) 634-8221.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE

## MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Nov. 14, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.



**Holly Hotel owner heads organization to run Kentucky Derby-style horse races**

Hope fades for thoroughbred racing at Sports Creek; pending deal fell through on Tuesday, Nov. 13.





The Fenton Community Orchestra will perform its Christmas concerts Dec. 7 and 8. Here, musicians are pictured at the February 2018 movie tribute concert at Fenton High School. *Times file photo*

## Christmas concert set for Dec. 7 and 8

■ Fenton Community Orchestra, Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra and others to perform

Compiled By Sharon Stone

The community is invited to enjoy an evening with Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 at Fenton High School.

The concert will feature a variety of classical and jazz favorites with a flurry of Christmas and holiday songs mixed in and performed by the FCO, Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra, FCO's Wind Ensemble and FCO's Simply Strings.

Selections will include Mozart's Symphony No. 4 in G Minor, Fantasia on Greensleeves, Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, and more.

"We've been working on some difficult and fantastic literature," said FCO Music Director Andy Perkins. "Every year we mix up our selections to offer our audience something familiar and something new."

"We also have a wonderful relationship between the Fenton High School (FHS) Instrumental Music Program and the FCO, each allowing the other program to expand and support one another. Band students benefit from the educational experience of performing alongside string musicians in an orchestral setting and the FCO is fortunate to be able to use the FHS Ruby Zima Auditorium for our

seasonal concerts and the FHS band room for evening rehearsals."

"We're meeting a community need," said Board Member Eric Szczepanski, who recently rejoined the board and also serves on the City of Fenton Arts and Cultural Commission.

"I'm in awe of how far this organization has grown since I last served on the board. From 2013-15 our orchestra grew to 70-plus members and our 2015 spring concert was standing room only. That was a great problem to have. We began strategic planning sessions and invited community input to address this need. This led to adding a second night to our concerts."

"We knew we needed to expand the organization to support our growing membership and audience," said Board Chair Kirstin Tesner. "That led to the formation of our Wind Ensemble and Simply Strings in addition to the full-orchestra. Wind Ensemble offers opportunities for wind, brass, and percussion players while Simply Strings gives beginner and intermediate string players the chance to perform and develop their skills."

Wind Ensemble is under the direction of Tim Martuch and Simply Strings is under the direction of Jan Ball.

The Fenton Community Orchestra is supported in part by a grant from the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

To make a donation and learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra, visit: [www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org).

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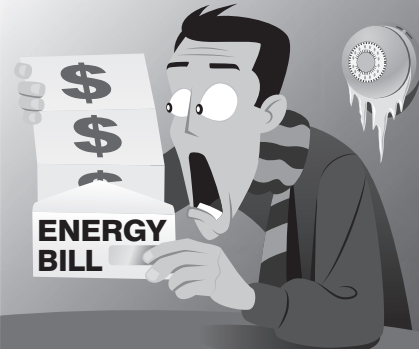

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## DRIVE DRUNK

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Day. In some cities, it is the top drunk driving night of the year. It is believed the reason is that few people have to work on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and college kids are home for the holiday and want to get together with friends they don't see while they're in school.

MADD (Mothers Against Driving Drunk) reports that the Thanksgiving holiday produces more people killed in drunk driving crashes than the Christmas holiday.

According to MADD statistics, Michigan ranks sixth in the nation for drunk driving deaths, with 226 deaths in 2016. Drunk driving represented 22 percent of traffic fatalities in 2016.

MADD's snapshot for Michigan states, "Michigan is one of the lowest rated states in the nation. Lawmakers must take action to improve the drunk driving law."

For those planning to have a few alcoholic drinks Wednesday night, it would be wise to secure a designated driver in advance. They can also get the Uber or Lyft app on their cell phones by following directions at uber.com and/or lyft.com.



Annette Taylor uses yarn from alpaca fiber to make several products, like socks, scarves and sweaters. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## ALPACAS

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Annette Taylor of Rose Township has been raising alpacas for 18 years, getting her first one as an anniversary gift from her husband. Now divorced, she grew her herd to 17 alpacas at one time and at age 72, has settled with seven, plus one 4-month old cria — a baby alpaca. A.J. Alpaca Farms & Fiber Products is at 18101 Fish Lake Rd.

"They're so sweet, they're just pouf balls with fiber," Taylor said. Over the years, she learned how to process the fiber and now spins and dyes her own into colorful yarns that she makes into hats, sweaters, gloves, dryer balls and "felts" some of the fiber into extra-warm hats and felted Christmas ornaments.

She also sends fiber to mills to make boot and shoe inserts, as well as socks. You can make blankets and rugs out of alpaca fleece, too.

"Once you wear natural fiber, you won't go back to synthetic materials," Taylor said.

The fleece is shorn off the alpacas once a year in May, by a professional shearer who comes up to Michigan from Texas. Their fleece is a "coat of many colors," coming in more natural hues than any other fiber animal produces.

Taylor said she is able to sustain the cost of maintaining her alpacas by selling the fiber products at fairs, special events, etc. Also, breeding and selling their offspring brings another viable option for making a profit, although females reproduce slowly, only about one offspring per year, at most.

"If you're going to raise alpacas, you have to have at least two or three," Taylor said. "They are herd animals by nature."

They also have a lot of personality. "They'll spit at each other, neck wrestle and bite each other's legs," Taylor said. Alpacas also will spit on people, too, as a defense mechanism. But if you approach them carefully and respect their space, it's usually not an issue. Taylor can lead them around her

10-acre property and walk them down her rural Holly road. "You can teach them to go through obstacle courses," she said.

Alpacas are relatively easy to take care of. "You can have about three alpacas to an acre of land," Taylor said.

Cleaning up their waste is one of the most frequent chores, but since they poop in community poop piles, they're easy to clean up after, Taylor said. "Because they have three stomachs,

their poop is pure. It turns into black dirt, which can be used in gardens and flower beds," she said.

In the summer, alpacas eat mostly grass and drink fresh water. "They're pretty low maintenance," Taylor said. "In the winter, you supplement their diet with grain and hay."

Their fur keeps them plenty warm all winter long, while in the summer, Taylor hoses the alpacas down to cool them off.

Taylor also raises satin angora bunnies on her property and knits hats and gloves out of their fiber. "It takes about three months to get enough fiber after molting (shedding)," she said.

She holds "open farms" throughout the year, including her next one on Saturday, Nov. 24 and select dates in December.

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## RESERVE

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provide a uniformed presence and act in conjunction with a sworn officer," said Holly Police Chief Michael Story.

Story said they're on scene at village functions when there's a crowd, and at school extracurricular activities. Reserve officers are on call in case of a mass-crowd event or disaster, and are available to assist officers. They are all volunteers, they do not get paid.

While these officers provide their own firearms and must have a current concealed pistol license (CPL), the department provides all uniforms and accessories, and free training.

In 2016, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law legislation that requires all officers to have a license to perform functions, not just certificates. The Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) has the authority to set minimum guidelines for licensed officers and guidelines for the functions of a reserve officer. The HPD already met these standards and requires reserve officers to complete the Reserve Officer Academy, have in excess of 10 years in the field, or both. They must go through the HPD's firearms training and other training when available.

"From my end they are treated like any other police applicant, including background checks and references, etc," Story said.

Police Chief Daniel Allen of the Argentine Township Police Department said MCOLES wanted to make sure all officers were properly screened and trained.

"There really was no oversight. They were run independently by the individual departments," he said.

The Argentine Township Police Department currently has around 10 reserve officers. Allen, who created their reserve program in 2009, said that's he's "really proud of it."

Argentine's reserve officers go through a background check, training, an interview with Allen, drug screening, a physical and more, using the same documents MCOLES requires for full officers. They provide training once a month.

"They train right alongside with us. They go through a modified training program. They're not allowed to work by themselves. They work with a sworn officer at all times," he said.

Allen has a reserve officer assigned to him — his wife, Nancy Allen. She has a criminal justice background and is the reserve officer coordinator.

"Believe me, my wife gets no slack. She'll tell you I'm probably harder on her than on anyone. She wouldn't have it any other way," he said. They ride in Allen's patrol vehicle together on Fridays.

Reserves cannot do traffic stops or arrest people as an officer. Allen said they have all the rights of a citizen to arrest

people, which allows for felony arrests but not arrests for misdemeanors.

"We've had great success with our program," Allen said. "I think it's really admirable that they do this. They're coming and risking their behinds just like we do."

Multiple reserve officers from Argentine have gone on to become full-time officers at different departments in state, including Detroit and Flint.

## TERRORIST

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Neville was rushed to Hurley Medical Center in Flint in critical condition. He has since recovered from his injuries.

The FBI, which handled the investigation, reported that Ftouhi unlawfully used a knife to perform an act of violence at the airport. His actions were to endanger safety at that airport and were likely to cause death or serious bodily injury and extreme physical pain.

FBI Special Agent Thomas M. Sondgeroth reported that Ftouhi walked up to a fully uniformed police officer (Neville) at a publicly accessible area of the airport, yelled "Allahu Akbar," pulled out a knife and stabbed the officer in the neck. After stabbing Neville, Ftouhi continued to yell "Allah" several times.

Ftouhi has dual citizenship in Tunisia and Canada and had lived in Montreal, Canada for the past 10 years. He is married and has three children.

Ftouhi will be sentenced March 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. He faces up to life in prison.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

### HIT AND RUN WITNESS SOUGHT

Witnesses are sought for a hit and run that occurred on westbound Owen Road at Silver Parkway at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14. A 17-year-old Linden teen, driving a 2006 Chevy HHR was stopped in a through-lane at a red light on westbound Owen Road. The light turned green, at which time his vehicle was struck from behind by a silver sedan, possibly a Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla. As the teen pulled into the left lane to stop, the silver car passed and kept driving. The driver of the silver car was described as a black male in his late 20s or early 30s. The passenger in the silver car was described as a black female in her late 20s or early 30s. Minor damage to the HHR was reported. Damage to the silver car is unknown. If anyone witnessed this crash, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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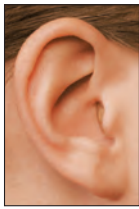


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Linden Car Wash, 106 W. Rolston Rd., has been expanded and remodeled in time for the busy winter car wash season. Brothers Steve James and Kevin James, owners of The Stain Shop, are also owners of this car wash business on the same property. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

## Linden Car Wash is all in the family

By Sally Rummel

Doug James built the original Linden Car Wash 40 years ago for self-serve customers who paid a quarter each to scrub their cars.

His sons, Steve and Kevin, bought Linden Car Wash 12 years ago, and just recently expanded, remodeled and updated the facility.

"We expanded the building, updated and computerized all the equipment," Steve said. "Now it's a touch-free automatic car wash."

In addition to the automated bay, three

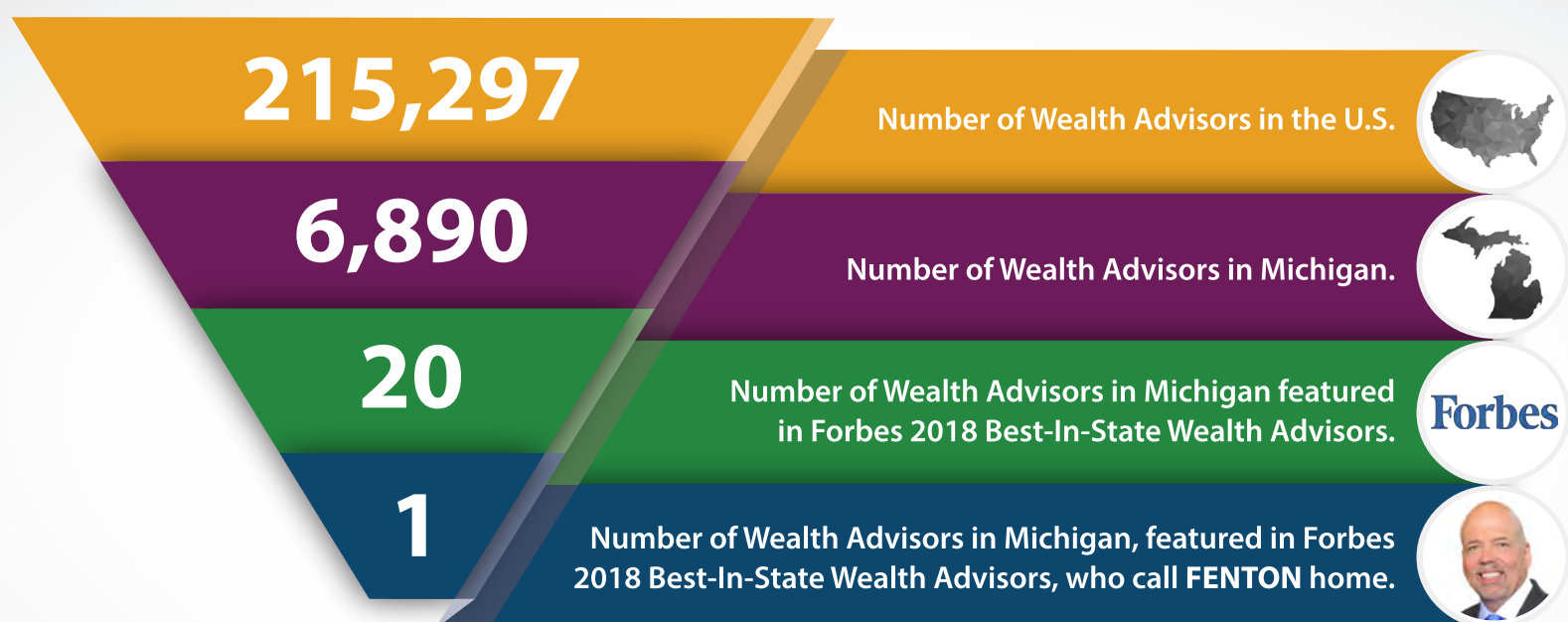
self-service bays have been updated for credit card use. "Now you just 'swipe and wash' — no more quarters needed," Steve added.

The car wash is open 24/7 and is well lit for safety purposes, Steve said.

Linden Car Wash, at 106 W. Rolston Rd., is on the same property as The Stain Shop, also owned by the James brothers. Steve and Kevin James also own the Fenton Car Wash & Touchless Wash at 111 Third St. in Fenton.

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Before owning her home, Britni Snively rented manufactured homes. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## HOME BUYERS

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Linden schools graduate Britni Snively recently closed on a house in Argentine Township. This is her first time owning a house, and she moves in Nov. 24. She's an office manager working in Hartland.

"I am a single mom struggling to make ends meet. I thought the option of buying a house was a farfetched, long-term goal," she said.

The percentage of home-buyers who are women has risen for the last three years, and is up from 11 percent in 1981, according to the NAR. Realestate.usnews.com attributes this trend to delayed marriages, higher incomes and personal satisfaction.

Snively had no knowledge of buying a house before her search. Her mom surprised her by applying Snively for a mortgage to see if she would be pre-approved. She had never owned a credit card before.

"It is very competitive for buying homes right now. The only reason I was able to snag my house is due to getting wind of the home before it was put on the market. A good family friend's parents passed away and they needed to sell the house," she said.

Another family friend, Realtor Sally Newland, helped with the purchase agreement and walked Snively through the process. Snively's parents were "a ton of help," she said.

The entire process took approximately four months, and they're working on get-

ting the house ready. Her dad is currently helping her paint.

When she's not at work, Snively is at the house, ripping up carpet, removing wallpaper, painting and more.

"Must haves were a large backyard for my son to play in, a basement and a garage. I'm mostly excited to not have to shovel snow off my car this winter," she said.

Buying her first home felt "scary," Snively said.

"And, of course, very exciting. People aren't kidding when they say it feels like you're signing your life away," she said.

She felt some dread over closing because the house was from the '70s and needed upgrades.

"But now that moment has passed and has left nothing but excitement in its wake," she said.

When asked if she has any advice for first-time buyers, she said, "Do not settle."

"Wait for the right house that fits your needs. It is a lifelong commitment to buy a house, treat it as such. And to slightly contradict that statement, apply for a mortgage and see if you are pre-approved," she said.

She doesn't like the idea of renting because you have to follow someone else's rules. She advises first-time buyers to build good credit and not to be afraid to ask for help.

"This is a big step and milestone, take all the advice you can get. I wouldn't have been able to do this if not for my parents' insane amount of help," she said.

**"I thought the option of buying a house was a farfetched, long-term goal."**

**Britni Snively**  
Linden schools graduate



Snively describes plans for renovating her kitchen, which will include moving appliances to a more open part of the room and removing an awning to let in more light. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**HATE CRIMES INCREASED** by nearly 17 percent last year and included a corresponding jump in anti-Semitic attacks.

**IF YOU THINK** hunting season is about 'thinning the herd,' you, also, should educate yourself. The DNR manages the deer population so that they are there for the hunters to kill.

**I HAD AN** uninformed Hot-liner call me out about my road plan now that Fenton government has been stopped by informed voters from bilking us citizens.

**OUR MILITARY FIGHTS** and dies in all types of weather, including rain, snow, the heat and the cold. Trump says he cares about our military, but in the two years since his election, he has not visited our military in an active war zone.

**IT WILL BE** two years November 19 since we lost our friend and neighbor. We all miss you. Sleep well, Conrad.

**OK HOLLY, NOW** that Gretchen has been elected, fix the damn roads.

**PLEASE TRUMP, NO** more 'good people.' Four years ago, your latest Attorney General was deeply involved with a company convicted of scamming the public.

**YOU ARE 100** percent correct that killers come in all colors, religions and nationalities. However, there is extra insult when someone in active criminal status (i.e. illegal immigrant) kills. An illegal immigrant killing citizens is easily preventable, and thus much more grievous.

**TO THE HOT-LINERS** wondering where our increased gas and license taxes are going since 2015. It is going to pay down the debt incurred by the Granholm and Engler administrations. The state still owes \$1.46 billion for road repairs starting in 1989. The principal and interest is over \$200 million per year.

**THANK YOU TO** the voters who helped us defeat the Linden road millage. It would have cost me \$500 per year for 10 years. I live on Rolston Road and I can't even imagine how fast people would drive if the road was smooth. They already top 50 mph in our 35mph zone. Disgusting.

**THE HARVARD VERSUS** Asian admissions trial testimony reveals that we actually elected our first affirmative action president.

**I AM A** woman with a local business and I would trust Flint tap water and a drink from Bill Cosby before I would trust the Democrats that were just elected. Do you not remember Jennifer Granholm? More taxation coming now. Wake up, ladies.

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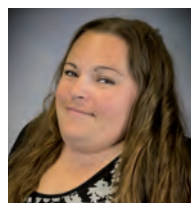
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# Dallwitz's wrestling dream comes true, becoming a Chippewa

By David Troppens

Cade Dallwitz has known since a young age he had one of two athletic goals he wanted to accomplish by the time he graduated from high school.

The Holly senior wanted to compete at the collegiate level in either wrestling or football.

One of those two dreams is coming true. Dallwitz, who was a state runner-up in the Division 2 171-pound class a year ago, has verbally committed to wrestle at Central Michigan University next school year.

"It's a dream of mine.

When I was a kid I dreamt of either playing football or wrestling and competing at the Division 1 level. I wanted to play the top-notch competition and my dream came true."

Other schools that were looking at Dallwitz included Northern Illinois University and Kent State

University. Ex-Holly wrestler Shawn Scott is an assistant coach at Kent State while Shawn's younger brother, Andrew Scott, is wrestling at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Shawn Scott also wrestled at NIU. All three schools compete at the Division 1 level in the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

"I had a couple of visits. I was being recruited by some other schools and then Central came along," Dallwitz said. "I took a look up there, liked it and I committed to it."

Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta is excited for Dallwitz.

"It's a great fit for him," Pluta said. "Earlier this summer when they talked to him he felt really comfortable with the coaches. He knows some of the guys like (Ben) Cushman from Flushing. I think it's a very good spot. He is very familyoriented and it's not a huge driving distance."

Holly is getting itself a nice little pipeline of Division 1 wrestling. As previously mentioned, Dallwitz will be the third D1 wrestler to graduate from Holly in a relatively short period of time. Scott was a state champion his senior year in 2012 and had a successful career at NIU.

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Holly's Cade Dallwitz (top)

## A solid start for the Fenton/Linden Griffins

■ Griffins fall behind early, have a chance to draw even late in 6-5 loss to Milford

By David Troppens

**Hartland** — One game into the Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team's season, it would be fair to say the squad looks like a much improved product over a year ago.

The Griffins lost their first game 6-5 Wednesday at Hartland Sports Center, but a little context needs to be added to that statement beyond the actual result.

First off, when the Griffins played Milford a year ago, the local co-op lost by the mercy rule 8-0.

Second, the team showed great mental toughness. The squad trailed at one time 5-2 and were stuck in the middle of killing a five-minute major late in the second period. Life on the Griffins' squad wasn't looking so great at that time. However, the squad killed off the rest of the penalty at the end of the second period and the start of the third period and then focused on making their comeback. The squad actually had a shot within the final 30 seconds to tie the game, when Nick Temple got off a shot that was saved.

Finally, just the overall talent looked better. Wednesday's roster had 20 names on it and the team rotated many different lines, giving many players quality playing time. And, for the most part, the depth showed through as the Griffins remained competitive through the entire 51 minutes.

So, yes, it was a 6-5 loss, but life for the Griffins does appear to be headed for some brighter days.

"We have improved a lot," senior Dylan Conte said. "We are passing the puck a lot better and breaking out. We are starting to get more shots on net, which is good."

"Everyone is working a lot harder this year," junior Heyden Justus said. "We know we have a fighting chance against better teams this year, so we are all playing a lot better as a team competing against these better teams."

See **GRIFFINS** on 19A



The Fenton/Linden co-op varsity hockey team, the Griffins, opened their season with a 6-5 loss against Milford, Wednesday. (Top photo) Griffins' goalie Loren Jones makes a save. (Left) Brendan Miles was one of the team's goal scorers. All five goals were scored by different members of the squad. The team's loss can be looked upon as a success considering the Griffins lost to Milford 8-0 last year.

Photos: Mark Bolen

## David's Dabblings

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



### THANKSGIVING IS HERE AND THAT MEANS THE LIONS

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and no holiday makes me think sports more than Thanksgiving.

The reason is obvious — the Lions have played every Thanksgiving Day in my lifetime so the Lions are as much about the holiday to me as family, turkey and pumpkin pie.

So what are my three most memorable Lions' Thanksgiving Day games? Here they are.

#### 1995 - Lions 44, Vikings 38

Somehow, I was able to convince a large portion of my family to go to this game, and boy did we see a crazy contest. Lions' quarterback Scott Mitchell had a crazy day, completing 30-of-45 passes for 410 yards and four touchdowns. Brett Periman (153 yards), Herman Moore (127 yards) and Johnnie Morton (102 yards) each had at least 100 reception yards. Barry Sanders was, well, Barry Sanders, running for 138 yards, including a 53-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter, earning the Lions the lead for good.

#### 1998 - Lions 19, Steelers 16 overtime

This was the famous coin-flip game. The game was forced into overtime and during the coin-flip, Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis clearly called what the coin landed on (check the video). However, the referee mistakenly heard the opposite call, allowing the Lions to take possession of the ball. Of course, the Lions drove far enough downfield for Jason Hanson to kick a 42-yard field goal and win the Lions

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# Gallamore wants Lady Eagles to have fun

■ Linden's new varsity girls basketball coach excited about leading program

By David Troppens

Pat Gallamore has theories when it comes to basketball.

The new Linden varsity girls basketball coach wants his team to rely on its fundamentals and all that good stuff, but there's one thing he wants to make sure happens before even that.

"First of all it's going to be fun," Gallamore said. "If it's not fun then we have to ask ourselves why we are doing this. We want to make it a positive experience for everyone involved."

Gallamore replaces Ben Varner at the helm. Gallamore was Linden's JV girls basketball coach a season ago and took over the position on an interim basis until being officially hired as the varsity coach in early July. Gallamore said knowing the girls in the program was the only reason he needed to go for the position.

"The number one thing for me personally is how terrific all of the girls are," Gallamore said. "They are all fantastic teammates and love playing for each other. They are positive, enthusiastic and terrific young ladies. I wanted to continue to be a part of it. I love working with the girls and I'm looking forward to it."

The Linden varsity girls basketball program has had its share of struggles in recent seasons. The last season the Eagles finished with a .500 or better record in the Metro was the 2012-13 season when Linden posted an 8-8 mark. Numbers have been an issue as well. There



First-year Linden girls varsity basketball coach Pat Gallamore talks to the members of the program during Wednesday's tryout session. Gallamore replaces Ben Varner.

Photo: David Troppens

have been seasons in recent years with as few as seven varsity players. This season's team is expected to have 10 players, but one is nursing a serious injury.

"One of our focuses is to increase our numbers," Gallamore said. "It's a process. It's one of those things we'll keep working on, and hopefully as time goes on, numbers will increase."

Gallamore has a wide range of basketball coaching experience. He's coached middle school all the way up to varsity. He's also coached both genders. A good chunk of his experience came while he coached in the Yale Public Schools, coaching a variety of levels. He also coached girls basketball at various levels

at Marysville.

"I've been coaching basketball the last 30-plus years. I started coaching basketball in college while attending Central Michigan University in the 1980s," Gallamore said. "My experience is at all levels and for quite a long time."

Gallamore was a teacher as well, but now he's retired with the exception of coaching.

"I have a deep passion for coaching," Gallamore said. "It's really all I've ever done and I'm very passionate about it. I'm appreciative that Linden has given me this opportunity to continue that passion. I'm very grateful for that."

## THANKSGIVING

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the game. I didn't know what happened on the coin toss until I heard about it on the radio. We had season tickets at the time.

**1980 - Bears 23, Lions 17 overtime**

Of course, in true Lions' fashion, the most memorable game had to be one of the most crushing plays in Detroit Lions' regular-season history.

The Lions led 17-3 entering the final quarter, but the Bears made a spirited comeback, scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, including one on the last play of regulation — a four-yard TD run by Vince Evans.

Tied at 17-all, the game went into overtime. We were at our grandma's house and I was doing my hardest to stay at the television to see what was going to happen in overtime. It didn't take long to find out.

The Bears won the coin toss, took the ball and Dave Williams ran the kickoff 95 yards, earning the Bears the 23-17 overtime victory against the Lions. For a long time it was the fastest an overtime game was resolved in the NFL.

The Lions (9-7) finished second in the NFC Central Division that season, losing a tiebreaker with the Vikings, who were also 9-7.

## GRIFFINS

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Coach Kyle Marchand agrees.

"I think we are an improved product," Marchand said. "Last year I think we lost 8-0 to them and we didn't see much of the third period. Tonight, we were 6-5 in a really close game where we took too many penalties. We had a five-minute major. We played short-handed for probably the better part of a full period if you added all the minutes. We made it a one-goal game late. It was a good effort for the boys tonight."

Another nice aspect of the game was that the Griffins were able to provide an effective offense throughout the entire game with many different sources. Five different players scored goals while Fenton/Linden outshot Milford by a pretty impressive amount, particularly in the final period when the Griffins had a 16-5 shot edge. However, it took the Griffins time to grow into that offensive dominance.

Milford did score the game's first two goals and attempted the game's first four shots, resulting in a 2-0 Griffins' deficit early. One of those goals came on the power play off a slap shot from the blue line by Kaz Bowring. The other was Austin Combs's first of four goals.



The Fenton/Linden Griffins hockey team celebrates a goal during their 6-5 loss against Milford, Wednesday.

Photo: Mark Bolen

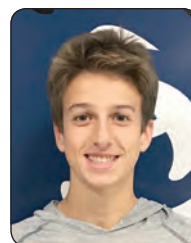
The Griffins cut the lead in half when Jesse Bitner scored from about 15 feet from the Milford net, but Milford responded with another Combs's goal with just 36 seconds left in the first period. The Griffins trailed 3-1 during the first intermission.

Milford looked on the verge of blowing the game out when Combs scored on a breakaway, but Brendan Miles cut the deficit to 4-2 with 5:28 left in the second period on a nice cross by Kenneth Sorum to Miles for the goal.

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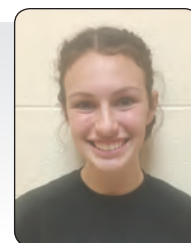
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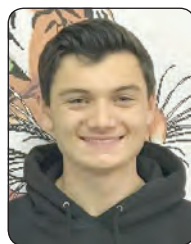
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