**Where’s the snow?**

- Expect big swings in temps and snow that will come and go.
- “Where’s the snow?” might be a common question for residents in the tri-county area, but ABC-TV 12 Chief Meteorologist JR Kirtek assures us that we’ll likely end up with near average snowfall this winter.

By Publisher Wes Smith

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**Senior housing coming to Linden?**

- Plans call for 24, one-story units on N. Bridge Street.
- A new senior housing development could be coming to Linden. The Linden Planning Commission approved the preliminary site plan Dec. 3, 2018 for Sandalwood Village Senior Housing. It was submitted by Griggs Quaderer, Inc., on behalf of the Rockman family and is now part of the View Newspaper Group effective Jan. 1.

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By Sharon Stone

Sarah Corrine O’Connell, 29, of Holly is in the Oakland County Jail on a cash surety bond of $5,000, after being arrested for assault Dec. 30, 2018.

According to Holly police, officers were dispatched at 1:09 a.m. Dec. 30, 2018, to O’Connell’s home in the 4200 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a family trouble complaint.

O’Connell and her 31-year-old boyfriend were reportedly arguing over prescription medicine. Police observed that both were intoxicated. The officers were able to de-escalate the situation and left the scene.

Police were called back to the home at 1:48 a.m. and then again at 3:23 a.m. for similar problems.

During the third response, police heard a physical and verbal altercation.

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(Above) Flint Institute of Arts Instructor/demonstrator Andy Koupal forms the glass with wet newspaper as technician Benjamin Ewing blows to expand it. (Below) The molten glass is rolled along the stainless steel marver table to begin shaping it.

Flint Institute of Arts offers classes and free demonstrations

By Tim Jagielo

Flint — Glowing red and as hot as lava, a blown glass bottle begins as a lump of molten glass on the end of a hollow stainless steel rod. Sweating behind tinted glasses, in instructor/demonstrator Andy Koupal uses gravity, tools, assistants and air to shape it.

Much can go wrong. On Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, everything went well before the eyes of the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) audience. The “gold ruby” colored vase was marked with the FIA logo and was set to cool down from 900 degrees Fahrenheit for 12 hours.

See GLASS BLOWING on 10A

Psychic predictions for 2019

By Vera Hogan

Whether you believe that some people have psychic abilities, often referred to as “the sight,” or think it’s a bunch of baloney, it’s still fun to read what they have to say about the future.

Psychic Nikki, psychic to the stars, has been clairvoyant all her life, according to psychinkiki.com. She is an austere clairvoyant — the ability to see and hear and come up with specifics. Nikki’s father is said to have had the gift as well.

Nikki is known all over the world. Some of her clients include well-known movie stars, politicians, people from the sports world and business world, as well as the world of entertainment.

See PSYCHIC on 12A

We’re going to see more UFOs coming to earth… I wouldn’t be surprised if a spaceship landed by the end of 2019, 2020 for sure. I don’t think it’s going to be anything to be scared of. I just think there’s another planet like us out there.

Psychic Nikki, “psychic to the stars”
Come Heller high water...

• If I’m 2019, I’d be feeling pretty cocky right about now. The year 2018 was so bad on so many fronts — politics, journalism, human rights, environment, climate change, weather, stocks, Michigan sports, pop culture (here I’m specifically thinking of Snoop Dogg totally ruining Joker’s Wild, one of my favorite game shows from back in the day, and the fact that Anderson Cooper continues to embarrass himself and CNN with a New Year’s Eve show) etc. — that 2019 can flat-out suck and still seem like a vast improvement.

• Wait. Sorry. Scratch all that. The lovely yet formidable Marcia, who gets tired of all my grousing, just reminded me (via a cuff upside the head) that my New Year’s resolution was to be more “positive” and “upbeat” this year and less sarcastic. So let me rephrase that last sentence: I’m “positive” 2019 is going to be better than 2018, which totally sucked! (An explanation point is going to be better than 2018, which more “positive” and “upbeat” this year)

• I’m not making any other resolutions this year. But I did take part in my #3words, which is a Twitter thing where you pick three words to serve as personal guideposts for the year. Mine are “Habits matter. Dummer.” I need the reminder since I’m not terribly disciplined. So developing the habits of regular exercise, better eating, stretching, mindfulness, and thinking bigger are important. How about you?

• Does any politician ever mean it when he/she says, “We need to reach across the aisle and learn to compromise?”

For instance, in 1856 a Congressman named Preston Brooks savagely beat Sen. Charles Sumner with a cane over Sumner’s opposition to slavery. Afterward, Brooks was unapologetic: “Every lick went where I intended. For about the first five of six licks he offered to make flight but I plied him so rapidly that he did not touch me. Towards the last he bellowed like a calf.” Pelosi and Mitch McConnell don’t like each other much but it’s hard to see something like that happening, right?

• You didn’t ask but here are my predictions for Detroit’s pro sports teams: Tigers (worst team in baseball — they’re so bad, in fact, that the entire franchise is demoted to AAA); Lions (win the division, followed immediately by squads of flying pigs burying Michigan cities in poo); Pistons (trade away Blake Griffin and Andre Drummond and begin another rebuild); Red Wings (miss the playoffs). By the way, I’m never wrong about these things.

• Has anyone noticed that gas prices have been so relatively low since they spiked to $4 a gallon in 2008-2009 that no one is really noticing that a gallon is now below two bucks?

• Speaking of those loathsome years, I figure whether we have another stock market collapse and recession, despite the strong economy, is going to hinge in part on whether people with 401ks feel like Wall Street is going to do to them in 2019 what they did to them in 2009. I know I’m nervous about that and ready to put everything in my retirement account into money market funds. And if I’m feeling that way, others are, too.

• “The four most dangerous words in investing are: ‘This time it’s different.’” — Sir John Templeton

What’s your stress reliever?

“Yoga. I grew up dancing, and I ended up liking yoga when I became an adult. I go at least once a week.”
— Haileigh McVety
Oakland Township

“I listen to music. I like country.”
— Meghan Maier
Fenton Township

“I like going to the movies, and I like watching action and adventure.”
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Cyberbullying to be illegal in Michigan

Offenders could face jail time and $1,000 fine

By Hannah Ball

It will soon be illegal to bully someone online.

Former Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law Thursday, Dec. 27 a bill that defines cyberbullying as a misdemeanor punishable by jail time and fine. The new law will take effect in March.

The bill was introduced by then-State Rep. Peter Lucido (R-Dist. 36), who was elected to the State Senate in November. Punishment for a misdemeanor could include 93 days in jail and a $500 fine.

While speaking before the House Law and Justice Committee, Lucido said, “I’m a firm believer in the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but hate speech, threats and intimidation are not universally accepted forms of free expression.

“We’re seeing more and more of this kind of behavior online and it’s not free speech. It’s permanently damaging lives and encouraging suicide among the young and old alike. It has no boundaries and Michigan is overdue to establish limitations.”

According to the law, “cyberbullying” includes posting a message or statement in a public media forum about any other person if both the following apply:

• The message or statement is intended to place a person in fear of bodily harm or death and expresses an intent to commit violence against the person.

• The message or statement is posted with the intent to communicate a threat or with knowledge that it will be viewed as a threat.

A repeat offender could face a one-year sentence or a fine of not more than $1,000, or both.

Some involved in a “pattern of harassing or intimidating behavior and by that violation causes serious injury to the victim” is guilty of a crime punishable by not more than five years and/or a fine not more than $5,000. In the law, a “pattern of harassing or intimidating behavior” is defined as a series of two or more separate and continuous acts of harassing or intimidating behavior.

“Serious injury” means permanent, serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health or serious impairment of a bodily function.

If this harassment or intimidating behavior causes death, the violator is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years and/or a fine not more than $10,000.

IMPACT OF CYBERBULLYING

As of August 2016, 16.9 percent of middle and high school students identified themselves as cyberbullying victims. Source: Cyberbullying Research Center.

Among adolescents, 36.7 percent of female respondents stated they’d be the victim of cyberbullying at some point in their lifetime compared to 30.5 percent of boys. Source: Cyberbullying Research Center.

Most online behaviors and threats to well-being are mirrored in the offline world. Source: Perspectives on Psychological Science

34 percent of students claimed to have been bullied online at least once in their lifetime. Source: Florida Atlantic University.

17 percent of students explained that they’d been bullied sometime within the past 30 days. Source: Florida Atlantic University.

Roughly, 64 percent of students who claimed to have been cyberbullied explained that it negatively impacted both their feelings of safety and ability to learn at school. Source: Florida Atlantic University.

Adolescents who engaged in cyberbullying were more likely to be perceived as “popular” by their peers. Source: Journal of Early Adolescence.
SNOW
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about average snowfall. “We had quite a
bit in November, followed by just little
batches over the past few weeks,” he
said. Flint recorded 6.1 inches of snow
in November, compared to its November
average of 4.8 inches.
Kirtek added that this year’s winter
weather will be dominated by a Modoki
El Niño. Modoki is Japa-
nese for “same but differ-
ent.” A Modoki El Niño
is a rarer subset of regular
El Niños, and is marked
by warming waters in the
Pacific but not along the
Equator, creating colder
temperatures and more
precipitation.
“I think the rest of our
winter will be character-
ized by big swings in
temperatures and snow that will come and
go, but not really stay on the ground for
very long,” Kirtek said. “Ultimately, we
will probably end up with near average
snowfall and near average temperatures.”
He offers this humorous analogy: It
will be a case similar to putting your right
hand on a hot stove and your left foot in
a bucket of ice — on average, you’re
comfortable.
If you remember last winter’s long
overstay into our usually beautiful Michi-
gan spring, Kirtek said we may have a
repeat this year. “I think there’s a chance
that winter might linger a little bit into early spring,”
he said.
Looking ahead to our
10-day forecast, snow
lovers might find their
next hope for snow on
Saturday, Jan. 12, when
there’s a forecast of a rain/
snow mix, possibly 1-3
inches. The average tem-
perature in January is 31
degrees, and our upcom-
ing forecast is calling for temperatures in
the upper 30s and low 40s.
Average total snowfall in Flint is usu-
ally about 48 inches.

A McDonald’s sign on Owen Road was destroyed after a two-vehicle crash. One driver was pulling out of the McDonald’s parking lot and hit a car traveling westbound on Owen Road. Photo: Hannah Ball

Two-vehicle crash on Owen Road destroys McDonald’s sign

Vehicles sustain substantial damage

By Hannah Ball
Fenton — Nobody was injured in
a crash on Owen Road on Thursday,
Jan. 3.
It happened at approximately 3:15
p.m. at McDonald’s, just west of Don-
alson Drive.
Fenton police responded to the
two-vehicle crash. It was reported that
while a motorist was driving west on
Owen Road, a second vehicle pulled
out of the McDonald’s parking lot and hit the first vehicle. The first vehicle
veered from the road and crashed into
the McDonald’s sign.
The driver of the second vehicle had
other passengers in the car. No injuries
were reported.
Both vehicles sustained substantial
damage and were towed away.
Traffic on Owen Road traveling west
past Donaldson Drive was reduced to
one lane while tow trucks and police
worked the scene.

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Alberta Martin dies at age 95

Served on Lake Fenton Board of Ed for 32 years; Loose Center board for 17
By Vera Hogan

A long-time community activist and volunteer, Alberta B. Martin of Fenton died Jan. 1. She was 95 years old.

Martin served on the Lake Fenton Board of Education for 32 years. Prior to that, she served on the Detroit Board of Education.

A champion for children and education, Martin strongly supported the successful Lake Fenton school bond in 2017. In an October 2017 letter to the editor, she said, in part, “I have been a resident of the Lake Fenton school district for over 35 years and was a proud member of the Lake Fenton Board of Education for over 32 years ... Our kids and our communities deserve to have quality infrastructure to reflect the excellent education provided by our district.”

On Thursday, Lake Fenton Superintendent Julie Williams said, “Alberta (a.k.a. ‘Mother’ Martin) was a very special lady. She spent her entire life working and serving in the field of education and Lake Fenton Community Schools was very fortunate to have her as a board member and community leader for more than 30 years. She was instrumental in the passing of our bond and so proud of how much we grew as an educational system under her watchful eye. I feel very blessed to have known and worked with Mother Martin. I know that Lake Fenton will forever have an angel watching over us.”

In May 2018, the Loose Center honored her for her long-time commitment to the senior center in Linden. She was given the Exceptional Service Volunteer Award at a special dinner in her honor. She served on the Loose Board of Directors for more than 17 years, with much of that time as secretary.

At the time, Kenneth Wensel, Loose Board president said Martin would be thanked for her contributions to Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, Lake Fenton Community Schools, as well as Loose Center.

“She was a tremendous booster for Loose,” Wensel said.

Funeral services for Martin will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church.
GLASS BLOWING
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It takes a three-person team to successfully finish this vase. These instructors do several demonstrations every Saturday and the program runs all year long.

“I’m always amazed by glass blowing,” said Angie Okonski of Waterford Township who was part of the group that watched the 30-minute demonstration from the bleachers. “They make it look easy. I know it’s not easy.”

While Koupal leads the demonstration, shop tech Benjamin Ewing provides an extra set of hands. Grace Phillips narrates the process and jumps in to help at critical moments.

The instructors conducting the demonstrations are educated in fine arts and glass blowing. Koupal, who has 12 years of experience, said anyone can start learning, but it takes perseverance.

Similar to learning a new musical instrument, there is a slow building of basic skills, and some failures along the way. “It’s a demanding medium; it’s hard,” he said.

“I enjoy the beauty of the process,” said FIA Glass Programs Manager Brent Swan-son. “Glass is beauty from every angle and its transparency gives it a unique attribute that most other 3D art forms don’t possess and/or require.”

The FIA has an eight-week immersive beginners course into glass blowing along with several other educational workshop opportunities.

THE GLASS BLOWING PROCESS

Everything starts with the 400 pounds of clear, molten glass kept at 2,100 degrees Fahrenheit, which is as hot as molten lava inside the furnace.

First, the artist uses the stainless steel blow pipe to gather clear glass from the “crucible,” the inside of the furnace.

The blower uses a stainless steel table called a “marver” to shape the molten layers of glass into a cylinder at the end of the pipe.

As the blower works, the pipe is continuously turned, and reheated inside the furnace through the “glory hole.”

The glass will be reheated several times because it has to stay at 1,000 degrees.

Next, color will be added to the glass. In this case, a chunk of “gold ruby” from gold fluoride is picked up and mixed into the clear glass, like mixing paint colors.

Through making the bottle, Ewing does “bench blows,” where he blows into one end of the pipe as Koupal forms and shapes the glass, to create the first glass bubble. He can also “cap” the open end to change the air pressure.

Koupal still has to return to the furnace several times for heating, while maintaining motion and coordination between his hands.

Once the overall shape of the bottle is satisfactory, the piece will have to be transferred from the blow pipe, to the “punty,” iron rod used to further shape the glass, and expand it into whatever shape it will end up being.

This is tricky and requires an assistant, a pre-heated punty and another glob of glass to attach the bottle to.

Ewing held the punty to allow Koupal to break the bottle off the blow pipe. While they didn’t drop the glass, this is a critical moment where it can happen.

After the bottle is transferred, Koupal kept the glass hot and in motion as he shaped it with a variety of tools, including those of metal, wet fruitwood, and even wet newspaper.

After adding the FIA logo, the piece is put through an annealing oven to cool it down at 900 degrees for 12 hours.

(Bottom photos) The glass was heated using the furnace, and a blow torch to keep it at 1,000 degrees. Photos: Tim Jagielo
Michigan ‘lame ducks’ were busy

Outgoing Michigan legislators work on 300 bills before ceding control to new congress

By Tim Jagielo

According to Bridge Magazine, this most recent lame duck session was one for “the ages.”

Literally hundreds of bills were discussed and several crossed the desk of outgoing Gov. Rick Snyder. Some involved high profile citizen ballot initiatives that were passed just eight weeks earlier.

According to Bridge Magazine, the outgoing 99th Michigan Legislature met on more than 13 days and voted on more than 300 bills on the verge of handing power back to the Democrats for the first time in eight years.

From late November to very early Dec. 21, 2018, the legislature was busy getting bills to Snyder’s desk for his signature. According to the article, Snyder signed few bills despite the amount that came to his desk.

One bill he signed weakens the minimum wage and sick leave laws. Senate bills 1171 and 1175 raise the minimum wage to $12.05 from $9.25 by 2030. It requires some employers to offer sick leave. (In March, the $9.25 minimum wage will go up to $9.45 per hour.)

The original bills raised the minimum wage quicker and would have forced more businesses to offer paid sick time.

One of the most impactful bills might be House Bill 6595, which makes it more difficult for citizen initiatives to cover at least half the state’s 14 congressional districts.

Supporters say that the bill would make it on the ballot. Some lawmakers who return for this session will not be in the next Congress. Hence, they are informally called “lame duck” members participating in a “lame duck” session.

What is a “lame duck?”

As defined by the U.S. Senate, a “lame duck” session is when Congress (or either chamber) reconvenes in an even-numbered year following the November general elections to consider various items of business. Some lawmakers who return for this session will not be in the next Congress. Hence, they are informally called “lame duck” members participating in a “lame duck” session.

allowed Congress to litigate and enforce the law, according to metrotimes.com.

Other bills died before a vote. These include ending returnable bottle deposits, banning homegrown marijuana and forcing unions that represent public workers such as teachers to vote every two years whether to keep the union.

An attempt to make it more difficult to serve on the independent redistricting panel also died before a vote.

Snyder vetoed some bills — such as House Bill 6553, which would have stripped some power from the Attorney General-Elect Dana Nessel. It would have
LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPiled by Vera Hogan

JAN. 6
2001: After a bitterly contested election, Vice President Al Gore presides over a joint session of Congress that certifies George W. Bush as the winner of the 2000 election. In one of the closest presidential elections in U.S. history, George W. Bush was finally declared the winner more than five weeks after the election due to the disputed Florida ballot.

JAN. 7
1789: America’s first presidential election is held. Voters cast ballots to choose state electors. Only white men who owned property were allowed to vote. As expected, George Washington won the election and was sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

JAN. 8
1918: In an address before a joint meeting of Congress, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson discusses the aims of the United States in World War I and outlines his “14 Points” for achieving a lasting peace in Europe. The peace proposal called for unselfish peace terms from the victorious Allies, the restoration of territories conquered during the war, the right to national self-determination, and the establishment of a postwar world body to resolve future conflicts.

JAN. 9
1493: Italian explorer Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three “mermaids” in reality manatees—and describes them as “not half as beautiful as they are painted.” Six months earlier, Columbus (1451-1506) set off from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean with the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, hoping to find a western trade route to Asia. Instead, his voyage, the first of four he would make, led him to the Americas, or “New World.”

JAN. 10
1901: A drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, coating the landscape for hundreds of feet and signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser was discovered at a depth of over 1,000 feet, flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap. Following the discovery, petroleum, which until that time had been used in the U.S. primarily as a lubricant and in kerosene for lamps, would become the main fuel source for new innovations such as cars and airplanes. Coal-powered forms of transportation including ships and trains would also convert to the liquid fuel.

JAN. 11
2010: Meryl Streep, the last survivor of a small group of people who helped hide a Jewish girl, Anne Frank, and her family from the Nazis during World War II, dies at age 102 in the Netherlands. After the Franks were discovered in 1944 and sent to concentration camps, Gies rescued the notebooks that Anne Frank left behind describing her two years in hiding. These writings were later published as “Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl,” which became one of the most widely read accounts of the Holocaust.

JAN. 12
1932: Ophelia Wyatt Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, becomes the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate. Caraway, born near Bakerville, Tennessee, had been appointed to the Senate two months earlier to fill the vacancy left by her late husband, Thaddeus Horatio Caraway. In 1938, she was reelected. After failing to win renomination in 1944, she was appointed to the Federal Employees Compensation Commission by President Franklin Roosevelt.

Source: history.com

PSYCHIC
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This is what Nikki sees for the coming year, according to cbslocal.com:

The world will still be a tumultuous place. As Nikki sees it, there are “…going to be a lot of protests worldwide” and “the U.S. government will be one of the big stories.”

She also said the stock market is going to be up and down.

Nikki says extreme weather events will continue, possibly growing in frequency and severity. “I see more tsunamis, more hurricanes, powerful ones, snowstorms, all that kind of thing, and real powerful ones. And heat waves in places that shouldn’t be… The weather is very mixed up.”

As forces beyond our control worsen, people will look to create some calm in their own lives. Nikki said, “I think people are going to be kinder to each other, which is a good thing.”

Someone from somewhere else in the universe may come into our lives. “…You’re going to hear more voices coming from outer space.” And not just voices, either. Psychic Nikki is certain of that. “We’re going to see more UFOs coming to earth… I wouldn’t be surprised if a spaceship landed by the end of 2019, 2020 for sure. I don’t think it’s going to be anything to be scared of. I just think there’s another planet like us out there.”

Nikki predicts that some celebrities need to watch out for their health and well-being, including Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elon Musk and Selena Gomez.

Regarding the royal family, Nikki said of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, “I see them happy for now. But later on she’s going to have a problem with the paparazzi, like Princess Diana did. So that could put a damper on their marriage…”

Lady Gaga can look forward to an even brighter 2019. “I’m pretty sure she’s going to win an Oscar and a Golden Globe and all kinds of awards for her movie, A Star Is Born. And her career will go way up. She’s very deserving of it. She’s very talented, and she’s going to get her awards,” Nikki told cbslocal.com.

The year 2019 should be a healthier year for everyone. Psychic Nikki sees “…a lot of breakthroughs in health areas — breakthroughs in breast cancer; breakthroughs in Alzheimer’s; breakthroughs with arthritis as well.”

“And as we go on into 2020, there’s going to be a lot of cures for a lot of diseases,” she said.

The future is looking brighter, even if uncertainty seems to be today’s only true constant. Psychic Nikki is confident that happier times are coming, maybe not in 2019 totally, but not everything is going to be敲金帽子. As expected, George Washington won the election and was sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

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Brian Edwards

• Taylor Hardware operations manager
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By Sally Rummel

Brian Edwards, 49, is a very familiar face to customers at Taylor Hardware in Fenton. He has lived here since 2000, after marrying his wife, Shelli, a Fenton native. Edwards has been at Taylor Hardware for almost 14 years and serves as the store’s operations manager. Shelli is the store manager. He has a stepson, Justin, 27, and a son, Jesse, 23.

What do you like most about the hardware business?

I grew up in the Mt. Clemens area and my first job was at a hardware store. I’ve always been good at fixing things. I’m service-oriented and a problem solver. I was an Eagle Scout in high school. Scouting played a big part in our lives growing up.

After I opened Fenton Power Equipment in 2002, John Austin Taylor talked to me and we decided it would be in the best interests of the community to join forces with Taylor Hardware. That’s how I got where I am today.

How has the hardware business changed over the years?

Taylor Hardware has been in Fenton since 1955. Being the only hardware store in town, it was busy all the time. Even though everyone says that big box stores like Home Depot have small businesses out of business, I don’t believe that’s actually true. We focus on the smaller things, like the repair/service side and outdoor power equipment sales and service.

Big box store are more self-serve. We’re not; we’re going to greet you at the door and take care of what you came in for. We don’t sell things like paint anymore. We focus on fasteners (nuts, bolts, screws) and electrical and plumbing supplies.

What do you like to do when you’re not working?

I’m not much of a hobby enthusiast. Most of my time is spent working. If I’m not working on something, I could be outdoors season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season. I like to fish and be outdoors, especially during the snow plowing season.
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behalf of property owner Mitchell Building Company.

The plans call for a new 24-unit senior housing development at 1215 N. Bridge St. and the adjacent parcel immediately to the south, on the west side of the street. The subject area, which is in north Linden, across the street from Meadow Green Lane and near Fenton Township, is 2.57 acres and has 310 feet of road frontage.

The property is zoned R-4, Multiple Family Residential District. The area is mostly vacant, except for a steel building and a silo on the northern portion of the land. Both structures are to be demolished, according to the Planning Commission meeting minutes.

A new driveway is proposed on the northern portion of the site, along with a 15-foot-wide, potentially one-way, access drive that will circle the site. Developers plan to arrange the buildings in three rows of eight attached units. Sixteen units will be 1,492 square feet and eight units will be 1,364 square feet. They will all be single-story buildings with a 20- by 20-foot attached garage, and a concrete driveway large enough for two vehicles.

Developers are also planning an internal, 4-foot-wide sidewalk system, which will connect to the existing sidewalk along the west side of N. Bridge Street. Also proposed are detention systems in the southwest and southeast corners of the property, landscaping along N. Bridge Street and street lights.

According to the meeting minutes, Fire Chief Brian Will expressed a concern with the proposed width of the internal access drive, which is currently planned to be 15 feet wide. Based on the International Fire Code, it would need to be at the minimum width of 20 feet.

“Concerns about parking and traffic flow as well as fire department access were discussed with the developer,” Brad Dick, Linden planning commissioner/city councilor, said. “The developer will need to address these issues when they submit plans for final site plan approval. As long as all concerns are satisfied, along with the other final site plan requirements, I believe final site plan approval will be granted. As I do not speak for the Planning Commission as a whole, this is only my opinion. The developer seems willing to work with the city in addressing our concerns. At this time, we have not scheduled a review for the final site plan. The developer has 180 days from approval to submit plans for final site plan approval,” he said.

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**NEWSPAPER**

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“We have made a commitment to maintain the Tri-County Times office in Fenton. The group is willing to work with us through a transition period to ensure a smooth handoff.”

The Times has been published continuously since founder Rick Rockman, Sr., started his own newspaper in 1955. His weekly column, “Straight from the Shoulder,” was the most popular and well-read feature in the Times until his death in 2011.

View Newspaper Group will now have more than 270,000 copies printed in each week, including the 180-year-old County Press in Lapeer County.

Understanding that some consumers prefer their news online, the Tri-County Times website will remain at www.myfenton.com. View Newspaper Group also maintains an easy-to-navigate, mobile-friendly website at www.mihomepaper.com.

“The addition of the Tri-County Times to our group is positive on many levels,” said Wes Smith, View Newspaper Group publisher. “One, it’s further proof that local, community newspapers are important to the communities we serve. Since its start in 2003, View Newspaper Group has grown each and every year.

“Two, we are now able to offer a broader reach to our advertising clients. Three, it means bringing together two talented teams of dedicated newspaper professionals to form the largest, most experienced media team in our region. The result will be higher quality print and digital products across the board. Four, our View Group brand department, which among other tasks creates signature events that allow our readers to connect with each other and us, will work with the Times team to create events for the Fenton, Holly and Linden communities to enjoy.

“The Rockman family and the staff of the Tri-County Times have built an excellent newspaper that has served its readers and advertisers really well. As the newspaper industry has undergone significant changes, the Times has evolved and innovated to remain relevant while maintaining its local integrity.

“We share the same values and commitment, which is why this is such a good fit for both View Newspaper Group and the Tri-County Times.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS HAVE agreed to spend $180,000 to buy pheasants to promote hunting. The money was included in a spending bill signed last week by Gov. Rick Snyder in his final days in office. The pheasants would be released in state game areas to enhance hunting opportunities.

PEOPLE NEED TO quit using labels on everyone in order to predict their behavior. I know lazy 80-year-olds, as well as lazy 30-year-olds. Some of the hardest working people I know are my grandkids, who are in their late 20s and my son who is pushing 60. I truly believe it is how you are raised.

THE WAR IS not Democrat against Republican, it’s the globalists of both parties against average Americans. We must choose between global socialism and a free constitutional republic. Support Trump.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION — yet another progressive Democrat strategy to overwhelm the system and cheat.

Correction
In the article, “Disappearances, abduction and murder – it can, and does happen locally,” it should have said that Alexandra “Ally” Brueger was killed on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the age of 31.
Shiawassee River is now state-designated water trail

Popular river winds through Holly, Fenton and Linden areas

By Hannah Ball

The Shiawassee River is now a state-designated water trail. This designation was spearheaded by a coalition of groups in multiple counties committed to preserving the river.

“We’re enthused by that just because it helps brand what we’re doing, bringing everybody together along all 88 miles of the river,” said David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. He added it’s good that the state is recognizing the value of the inland river system.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 that eight waterways totaling 540-plus miles that flow through more than a dozen counties have been selected as the first state-designated water trails in Michigan.

The DNR and the Office of the Great Lakes partnered on the effort to finalize this first round of designations.

Included in the eight waterways is the Shiawassee River Trail, which has 88 miles of river through Genesee, Oakland, Saginaw and Shiawassee counties.

Office of the Great Lakes Director Jon Allan said, “Today’s announcement celebrates our state’s connections to the Great Lakes coast and Michigan’s inland waters.

“We have made significant investments with community partners to build, market and maintain water trails.”

About 19 groups relating to the Shiawassee River all coordinated on this project. It’s a mix of local governments, non-profits, the Ponemah Squaw Tupper Lake (PST) Association, the county park associations of Genesee and Shiawassee counties and more.

Lossing said there isn’t any grant funding attached to the designation, but he anticipates the new title will help the various river groups to secure grant monies.

“Each of those groups can go after grant funding and we’ll support that. It can be even the same pot of money, but since we’re in different parts of the river segment in different counties, then we’re not really competing against each other,” he said.

He said they will plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the spring when there’s better weather.

Ribbon cuttings for the other newly designated water trails will take place during the 2019 paddling season as well. Watch michigan.gov/dntrails for more information.

Water trail

A water trail is a designated route on a navigable waterway such as a lake, river, canal or bay that is designed and managed to create a positive outdoor recreation experience for the user. Water trails feature well-developed access points, often are near significant historical, environmental or cultural points of interest and often have nearby amenities like restaurants, hotels and campgrounds.

“Water trails naturally are an increasing trend in Michigan and throughout the country, as interest in paddle sports and other water-based recreation continues to grow,” said DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson. “We are pleased to help advance these opportunities by recognizing model public water trails that set the standard for future of Michigan’s water trails program.”

National designation update

The Shiawassee River groups are still waiting to hear from the Department of Interior in if the river will also be designated as a national water trail. They’re working with Senators Dan Kildee, Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

The National Park Service has approved the plan, and it’s in the office of Ryan Zinke, the outgoing secretary of the Department of Interior.

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Openings for non-resident students are available at all grade levels and buildings.

A release from the student’s resident district is not required. There are no tuition fees to enroll in Fenton Area Public Schools; however, transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the student’s family.

Applications available by contacting the Fenton Area Public Schools at 810-591-4708 or on the district’s website: www.fentonschools.org

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

SPEEDING LEADS TO CITATION

At 5:24 p.m. on Dec. 28, 2018, a Holly police officer observed a Chevrolet Sonic traveling 46 mph in a 25-25 mph zone on Elm Street in Holly. A traffic stop was initiated. The officer made contact with the driver, a 20-year-old Holly man, who told the officer he did not know he was speeding. The driver was uncertain if his license was suspended from past citations but believed it to be clear. A computer check revealed his license was suspended. The driver was taken into custody and transported to the police station for processing. He was later released with a citation.

REPUBLICANS HELD WHITE HOUSE, SENATE AND HOUSE MAJORITY AND TRUMP BLAMES DEMOCRATS FOR THE SHUTDOWN. THE DUMBEST PART OF THIS MESS IS THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE THIS NONSENSE. THE BLAME RESIDES IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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UNDERMINING A SOCIETY’S MORAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION WILL RESULT IN THE COLLAPSE OF THAT SOCIETY.
Idoni returns to the top of our volleyball squad

By David Troppens

Chloe Idoni has had a pretty impressive career with the Fenton varsity volleyball team. During her sophomore season, Idoni jumped into the limelight, becoming one of Fenton’s top two hitters during the team’s first-ever trip into the state semifinals at the Class A level. She led the team with 11 kills in Fenton’s three-set loss to eventual state champions Novi in the state semifinal. During that state tournament run, she also broke the school record by collecting 32 kills in a five-set regional championship victory against Clarkston.

But Idoni wasn’t just an offensive player. The 6-foot-0 outside hitter, who is a serious threat defensively at the net, if needed, collecting 35 assists. She also helped the Tigers post a 31-15-1 season overall. The Tigers finished the Metro League season last fall. They were ranked for the second season in a row, Linden’s boys also qualified for the state meet.

Chloe Idoni gets a dig during the season. Idoni finished her Fenton volleyball career as the all-time kill leader with 1,819 kills.

“Not only was Chase our MVP this year, but he won our Tiger Award which goes to the player who displays the most dedication to the team and the program,” Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. “He was our best ‘teammate’ this year along with being our best soccer player.”

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For the third straight year, Fenton’s Chase Poulson is our Male Runner of the Year. Photo: David Troppens

Poulson said. “It was definitely a great year. I feel like we achieved a lot this year when it comes to meeting new people, bringing new people into the program and accepting them as ours. We had a great year with everyone.”

And that attitude may be the biggest reason why Poulson has become our 2018 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year, an honor he also earned a year ago.

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Eagles pull off impressive victory vs. Lansing Everett

By David Troppe

The Linden varsity boys basketball team ended 2018 in grand fashion. The Eagles posted a 74-71 victory against Lansing Everett, Saturday at Corunna High School.

The victory was Linden’s second no-
table non-league win of the season. The Eagles defeated Powers 56-49 at the start of the season as well.

The Eagles led 17-14 at halftime and inched that to 36-30 by halftime.

POULSON

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on unbeaten with a 7-0-1 record, earning the outright league crown. The extra cherry on top of the cupcake was the team’s successor.

That’s what made him so special.”

Sullivan says the program will miss Poulson.

“I feel like I have been coaching him forever,” Sullivan said. “We had a lot of fun together.”

Everett cut the gap to 50-46 entering the fourth quarter, making it a tight battle down the stretch. However, the Eagles (6-1) made 11-of-13 free throws in the final quarter, icing the victory.

Blake Land led all scorers with 25 points, including making 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch. He also hit a season-high four three-pointers in the contest. Brenden Miller also had a big game, netting 19 points.

Linden returns to action Jan. 8 at Flint Kearsley.

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BOYS BOWLING

Holly 21, Linden 9:

Fenton was paced by Justin Malloy’s 179-203-482 series.

Lake Fenton was paced by Dana Malloy’s 168-199-367 series.

The Tigers

were paced by Justin Malloy’s 179-203-382 series, while Jacob Warner wasn’t too far behind with a 200-176-378 series. Andrew Satter bowled a 195-181-374 series. Holly also won both baker games with scores of 155 and 154.

Linden was led by Jackson Shelp’s 137-192-329 series.

For the second season, Linden’s Tyler Buchanan is our Male Runner of the Year. Photo: David Troppe

XC TEAMS

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Tyler Buchanan is the Tri-County Male Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Keiser has yet to lose a Flint Metro League race, winning all nine she’s run during her three-year career, captaining her league season by winning her third league crown with a time of 18:22.57, about 42 seconds faster than the rest of the field. Keiser won some other races as well. She was the county champion (18:29.6) and the Kalya O’Mara Invitational champion (18:29.2).

She qualified for the state meet by taking seventh at the Waterford Mott regional (18:49.3) and earned Division 1 All-State honors by taking 18th at the state meet (18:28.7).

Buchanan has a six-league win streak of his own, winning the final race of the season by more than 11 seconds (16:17.08) against the rest of the field. He won eight races this fall, also taking first at the Durand Invitational (16:47.9), the Bath Invitational (15:5.9), the Linden Classic (16:28.4), the Kalya O’Mara Invitational (15:53.8) and at the Division 2 regional hosted by Linden (16:15.0). He was the area’s top placer at any of the state meet races, taking ninth in the D2 event (16:04.3).

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**LEASE FOR**

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