

# Federal funds could be available for four Fenton road projects

■City Council had to agree to commit \$1 million, or 20 percent, in the event the projects are approved for funding

By Vera Hogan

The city of Fenton has a chance to get close to \$5.3 million in federal grant dollars to fix sections of four

local roadways.

In order to apply, officials had to promise to pay 20 percent, or about \$1.06 million in matching funds, if and when the grants are awarded.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, See **ROAD on 10**

Silver Lake Road, from Poplar Street west to the city limits, could be upgraded if funds are approved.

Photo: Tim Jagielo





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## Schools use all allotted snow days

■Bipartisan legislation could forgive snow days that occur during state of emergency

By Hannah Ball

With the low temperatures, ice and snow Michigan has experienced this year, local schools are struggling with the number of snow days they call.

The state allows six for-given snow days. If districts have a seventh day, they must add a day to the school year in summer. Districts also can apply for a waiver from the state for three additional for given days. However, it's possible all local school districts will have added days in June even if they're granted the waiver.

The harsh winter has prompted some extreme measures.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called a state of emergency for the cold temperatures Monday, Jan. 28, which extended throughout the week.

See **SNOW DAYS on 10**

## 'Madagascar' play offers young students an adventure



Torrey Hill Intermediate School students perform a scene in "Madagascar – A Musical Adventure." Under the guidance of Music Director Rachel Solgat. The play is put on by the Lake Fenton drama department and features 76 elementary-aged students. It opens Friday.

See story on page 9. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Strong winds cause local power outages

■'Bomb cyclone' winds take out power for most of Argentine Township

By Hannah Ball

The "bomb cyclone" that hit Michigan Sunday, Feb. 24 caused tens of thousands of power outages across the state.

With 60 mph wind gusts, power lines were damaged, branches fell, and energy companies worked to restore power.

On Monday, Feb. 25, Consumers Energy released a statement that said approximately 110,000 of their customers

See **WINDS on 7**



Strong winds on Sunday Feb. 24 resulted in power outages across the state, creating a challenge for Consumers Energy.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Fenton school board members resign

■Personal, unrelated reasons given for immediate departure from board

By Vera Hogan

Fenton Board of Education members, Rick Koester and Kristen Harmon, have resigned from their positions.

According to a press release issued Feb. 21 by Superintendent Adam Hartley, a special board meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 20. Both Koester and Harmon resigned effective

See **BOARD MEMBERS on 7**

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“Hello Times. In regard to the ‘Comment of the Week,’ I’d like to say, I recently moved back to Fenton after being away for 25 years and I am amazed at the changes. They are all for the better and have Fenton buzzing from all the entertainment that it can provide. Simply awesome.”

“As a resident of the Fenton area for the past 12 years, I love all the development in and around Fenton. When family comes to town, we have reasons to stay local and support local. From retail to restaurants, the offerings are great and we look forward to continued growth of the community.”

COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“Climate change is not a hoax. You just aren’t smart enough to understand it. You can’t even understand the TV remote, gramps.”



# Permanent, decorative light pole coming to Rounds Drive

■ Temporary light used since crash destroyed original in July 2018

By Vera Hogan

It's been almost a year since a suspected drunk driver took out the big black traffic pole and light at Rounds Drive and Shiawassee Avenue, and although temporary equipment has been in place, the city is ready to install the permanent, decorative replacement.

The crash occurred Sunday, July 1, 2018.

At the time, Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki said the only supplier available said it would take 20-plus weeks

to obtain the new decorative pole.

On Monday, Feb. 25, Czarnecki presented three bids for the replacement of the new decorative poles. He told City Manager Lynn Markland in a memo that with the help of the city's engineers, OHM Advisors, specifications were put together for the installation of a permanent decorative metal signal pole with signal heads.

Three bids were received for the work: Dan's Excavating, Shelby Township, \$47,694.69; J. Ranck Electric, Mt. Pleasant, \$48,745, and Rauhorn Electric, Bruce Township for \$54,597.

Czarnecki recommended the lowest bidder, Dan's Excavating, to the council. He said, according to OHM Ad-

**“We have been in contact with the insurance company of the person who damaged the pole for reimbursement.”**

**Dan Czarnecki**  
Fenton Public Works director



It has been almost a year since a suspected drunk driver destroyed the light pole and lights at Rounds Drive and Shiawassee Avenue. A permanent replacement has been approved for \$47,694.69. *Times file photo*

visors, they are qualified to perform the work.

“The contractor will need to coordinate their work with the Genesee

County Road Commission, which maintains the operations of the signal for the city,” Czarnecki said. “We have been in contact with the insurance company of the person who damaged the pole for reimbursement.”

## Here's what happened:

At approximately 3:15 a.m., July 1, 2018, police responded to the intersection of Rounds Drive and Shiawassee Avenue, after a 24-year-old Sterling Heights man, traveling eastbound on Owen/Shiawassee, lost control of his SUV and struck the pole.

Before the police got there, however, the man fled on foot. Based on evidence in the SUV, police determined that the driver was injured in the crash.

A K-9 unit from Grand Blanc police responded and located the driver in the Whisperwood condominium neighborhood. The man sustained a fractured arm and an ambulance transported him to an area hospital.

A couple of weeks later, the Genesee County Road Commission installed a temporary traffic light until a new specialty pole was ordered.



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# ‘Rightsizing’ your home

■ Homebuyers, especially those 55-plus, are looking for less maintenance, more amenities

By Sally Rummel

Dennis and Nancy Morley said goodbye to their large dream home in Owosso and made a move last July to a condo development in Fenton Township.

This retired couple is enjoying a life-style of less space to maintain — 1,800 square feet instead of 3,600 square feet, and say they’re enjoying many features and amenities of a quality-built home.



Dennis and Nancy Morley turned what had been built as a dining room into an office. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Their condominium is in Harbor Land - ings off Lahring Road.

“We had quite a nice place in Owosso with two acres on a golf course,” Dennis, 72, said. “But it was too big when we bought it. Nine years later, we started looking for another home but we couldn’t find anything in Owosso.

“We were looking for a place on the lake, that’s one of the sacrifices we made. Carol Ray brought us out there. It had been awhile since we’d been in Fenton. We really like the changes in town, like all the new restaurants. We’ve been happy here.”

The Morleys are just one example of a couple who has “rightsized” their home with a move — purchasing a home that meets their needs and satisfies their life-style expectations, without the excess of too much space and too much stuff.

The saying about real estate used to be, “location, location, location.” Now it’s “lifestyle, amenities, location,” said Carol Ray, broker/agent at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Fenton.

For homeowners who are 55 years and older, it might be a lateral move financially, but this new “rightsized” home will be completely updated. “They want it to be really nice,” Ray said. “It’s not necessarily about the money, it’s about the lifestyle.”

A ranch-style home meets the lifestyle criteria for many of these homebuyers. “Everyone can live in a ranch,” Ray said. “That’s why they’re so popular. We can’t get enough ranches to sell today.



Dennis and Nancy Morley bought this Fenton Township condominium in 2017. They’re enjoying having less to maintain inside and no yard work outside. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Typically, a ranch will sell in less than three weeks.”

For homeowners looking for ease of maintenance, condos also make sense for many buyers.

“Condos are definitely the rage right now,” said John T remaine of T remaine Real Living Real Estate.

See ‘RIGHTSIZING’ on 8

“If there is a trend, it’s a movement toward quality and low maintenance features, more so than big square footage.”

Patrik Welty  
Legacy Realty



## Young adults and seniors beware

■ Federal Trade Commission report shows Michigan is one of five states with highest fraud rate per capita

By Sally Rummel

Frauds and scams don’t discriminate between age groups. Seniors and millennials are vulnerable to both —

especially in the state of Michigan.

Michigan tops all other states with the number of identity theft reports per capita and is in the top five of the most fraud reports per capita, according to U.S. News & World Report

Young adults were considerably more likely than older Americans to

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# If I Were King...

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## I am an American

I am the kind of American that many of my fellow Americans wish would go away. I like police officers. They protect my family and keep them safe when I'm not at home. I like soldiers — all soldiers, they risk their lives in order for us to be able to live our lives in freedom and safety. Thank you for your service.

I like people who own weapons, know how to shoot, how to handle themselves and who would have my back in a fight if it went down that way. I like the people who are preparing for Armageddon, the so-called preppers. They are ready for anything. We can learn something from them.

I don't like our federal government. The majority of the Washington, D.C. politicians don't give a \$#!+ about you, me, or any other citizen. They are sheep in wolves clothing, conning the helpless citizens they steal from year after year.

I don't like my hard-earned money being stolen through a legalized form of confiscation of private property, disguised under the premise of taxation. And I am concerned that our public school systems are being taken over by radical teachers and unions.

I don't like the government giving my money to those who refuse to work, in order to ensure their vote in the next election. I don't like it that many of these thieves can be seen working out at the local gym in the morning, and pulling their disability check out of the mailbox in the afternoon. Why should the government be able to confiscate a citizen's hard-earned money and use it to buy the votes of those who won't work? It's a disgraceful and dysfunctional system.



I do like local politics. You can pick up the phone and call who is in charge and share your concerns with them. Most of our leaders in Fenton, Linden and Holly are people that we are likely to run into at the grocery store. And most of them live in the same community they are serving, and thus have the same concerns that we, the citizenry, do.

I am happy to pay taxes for street lights, good roads, police protection, safe water, schools and safety of our kids. I don't see any logic in giving healthy men and women who can work, but won't work, a free house, money for food and a cell phone for years on end. Go get a job and go to work each day — like the rest of us do.

I believe there are only two genders. I don't believe that boys and girls should ever be sharing the same bathroom. I think that any employer that is inappropriate in the work place should be accountable for his, or her, actions. I think all women should be treated in the same manner you would treat your mother. I believe that anyone who believes differently is a fool.

I respect the NRA. I like parents who discipline their children in public when necessary. I believe our schools and universities are corrupted by radical teachers and so-called professors. I think that paying \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year for college is criminal. I like seeing families in church.

And I like people who are proud to have an American flag flying on their front porch.

I am an American.

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“Majority of the Washington, D.C. politicians don't give a \$#!+ about you, me, or any other citizen.”

## Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

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**TO THE PERSON** who wants to de-fund ICE, I'm sure you wouldn't want a visit from MS-13.

**INSTEAD OF A book**, I Googled and asked what biology says about when human life begins. It said, 'Life begins at fertilization with the embryo's conception' — Princeton University.

**WOW, \$65,000 PER episode?** But Jussie wanted more? What a scumbag.

**YOU KNOW THINGS** are messed up when parents yell and use hand gestures at the principal of an elementary school. He was directing traffic to keep your kids safe. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Set a better example.

**WALLS, FENCES AND** locked front doors are immoral, so say progressives. Your family does not deserve what you have earned. Shame on you for denying illegal immigrants the benefit of your wealth. If you refuse to cede your unearned privilege to governing elites, you are racist.

**CAPITALISM IS THE** greatest force driving human advancement. As democracy provides political independence, capitalism empowers the individual with economic self-determination. When combined with representative democracy, capitalism is a root cause of mankind's greatest achievements.

**'BEING A NICE guy,'** the climate zealot insults everyone with a differing opinion. Yet the zealot offers no argument or evidence to support climate change. With such intolerant, contemptuous and radical views, the zealot is just a step away from justifying and embracing eco-terrorism.

**I'LL TAKE REP.** Mike Mueller's non-plan for fixing the roads over Governor Whitmer's plan to tweet our way to good roads.

**DUE TO PREVIOUS** convictions, Gary Martin could not legally own a gun in Illinois, yet he murdered five in a workplace rampage. Sounds like laws failed to prevent the shooting. Hey, I have an idea, let's make more laws and not fix the problem some more.

**CHECK YOUR SOURCE.** The number of hate groups in the U.S. has not increased. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has simply changed the way they define and count groups in order to get the outcome they want. SPLC is an ideologically corrupt organization incapable of providing valid stats.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

## Did you ever get in trouble at school?



"In college in California, three of us skipped night class to go grunion hunting. For punishment, we weren't allowed to take the test for several weeks."

**Ruben Padilla**  
Fenton



"In high school we were able to leave campus for tutorial session, a mid-day study session. I came back late two or three times, and I had detention."

**Zach Guilbault**  
Fenton



"It's so mild it's silly. In about 10th grade I hid in a garbage bin and the assistant principal found me and I had to go to the office."

**Rick Love**  
Fenton



"I did skip as a senior a few times and never got caught. Maybe my brothers got in enough trouble; I had to give my parents a break."

**Susie Winebrenner**  
Holly



"I was a goodie two-shoes. My siblings got in trouble more. My brother got in trouble and had to choose between the paddle or two-day suspension. He chose suspension."

**Lynn Friesen-Davis**  
Tyrone Township

## street talk



## Fenton Township to background check new hires

■ Company will search court records, verify Social Security number and more

By Hannah Ball

At the Monday, Feb. 18 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement with ADP to conduct background checks on potential employees.

Background checks are used to ensure that employees do not have a criminal history and are honest on their application. ADP offers identification authentication, criminal background checks, credential verifications and more.

“ADP background, drug testing and medical screening services deliver a complete approach to help ensure that the candidates you chose to work for your organization meet your expectations,” according to ADP.

In the new hire package, which costs \$40 per person, ADP will conduct the following:

The ADP Criminal Radar accesses millions of criminal records to identify reports in locations not provided by the candidate's history. They search court records for the candidate's name to discover if they've ever been in trouble with the law. The new hire package allows for three county criminal record searches.

ADP searches records at the county, state and federal level. This includes sex offender registries in multiple states and the government sanctions registry.

The Social Security Number Death

Master Search compares the provided SS number given by the candidate to the SSA (Social Security Administration) Death Master File to ensure the number isn't stolen from someone deceased.

“Order Builder” is also offered, and this includes identifying where to screen court records based on an individual's public records and government sources. According to ADP “this reveals address history the candidate may not have disclosed.”

According to the meeting minutes, ADP estimates 20 annual screenings for new hires a year.

ADP will also handle drug testing if the township requests it. ADP estimated the cost of their services to be \$2,312 a year. This number depends on how many new hires the township hires each year.

According to Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, the township will use ADP for standard background checks when needed, and they will take advantage of their more

extensive checks on a case-by-case basis.

Fenton Township has been discussing hiring a company for background check services since the fall of 2018. The board almost entered into an agreement with Advanced Surveillance Group, Inc. The agreement fell through because the township wished to remove some of the liability language, but ASG did not accept it. That agreement never went into effect.

**“ADP background, drug testing and medical screening services deliver a complete approach to help ensure that the candidates you chose to work for your organization meet your expectations.”**

ADP

## Two teachers will win \$1,500 classroom makeover

■ Financial Plus Credit Union accepting nominations in Genesee and Saginaw counties

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Financial Plus Credit Union (FPCU) is bringing back its award winning Love's Teachers Classroom Giveaway. The credit union wants to provide two deserving and hardworking teachers, one in Genesee County and one in Saginaw County, with a classroom makeover worth \$1,500 each.

This one-of-a-kind opportunity will help enhance and improve the winning teachers' classroom.

In 2018, FPCU received the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award through this initiative.

“Teachers play such a critical role in the development of our future generation. We're inspired by their dedication

and passion and wanted to find a way to give back to them. When we came up with the classroom makeover, we were so overwhelmed with the response and stories we received and decided to extend it into Genesee County as well,” said Michelle Thompson, area branch manager of FPCU.

The submission period is open through Thursday, April 11. People can nominate a deserving teacher by submitting their name, school, and why they deserve to win at myfpcu.com.

Following the entry period, there will be a voting period for the top five nominated teachers in Genesee and Saginaw counties. Voting will also take place at myfpcu.com.

For more information on this contest, contact Kristen Brisbin, public relations specialist of FPCU at (810) 244-2507 or visit myfpcu.com.

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Local school districts use “restorative justice” to avoid suspension or expulsions. Most districts have very few each year, if any. *Times file photo*

## Local districts avoiding expulsions

■ Fenton High School principal: “It is difficult being a teenager ... we are here to help”

By Tim Jagielo

Being expelled is the most serious disciplinary action a school district can take against students.

Kalamazoo Public Schools, with an enrollment of 13,000, was in the news recently for its progressive take on expulsions — through alternative programs. Incidents dropped from an average of 66 exclusions (suspensions) per year, to none longer than 11 days, according to Michigan Radio.

While local districts are much smaller they also use this progressive technique of “restorative justice” to make expulsions a last resort.

According to Linden Middle School Principal Rob Pouch, the state mandates restorative justice before suspending students. “Basically, it is finding alternative options as a consequence,” Pouch said. In many cases at local schools, this also includes conflict resolution between students, counseling and classes.

Expulsions are not usually permanent and tend to have a maximum term of 180 days. After this, a student can re-apply for enrollment assuming they’ve met the requirements of the board of education decision.

Common causes at local schools include repeated incidents of substance abuse and repeated incidents of violence or assault, though each district has its own handbook, which outlines possible cases for expulsion.

According to the Holly High School handbook, there are several examples of incidents that can lead to expulsions. These include “aiding and abetting” in helping another student break the law or school policy, possessing controlled substances, arson, assault and bullying.

“It is difficult to be a teenager, to figure out who you are and how to make the most of your high school opportunities,” said Fenton High School Principal Mark

Suchowski. “Some students struggle to figure this out and we are here to help.”

Fenton High School hasn’t had any expulsions in nearly two years. The number of suspensions and expulsions can vary, and most disciplinary action is handled at the building level and doesn’t lead to expulsion.

The process starts with a warning at the classroom level, followed by consequences there. Similar repeated behavior can lead to a suspension up to 10 days. “The recommendation for expulsion may be made after one egregious offense or multiple offenses for the same, serious issue,” Suchowski said.

Each district has systems in place to encourage a positive school culture.

Pouch emphasizes their “Positive Behavior Support” system, rewarding and recognizing students for making good choices

**“Our district has worked hard to help students learn from the mistakes they make, but also hold them accountable.”**

Chris Belcher  
Lake Fenton High School principal

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper believes that programs like “Leader in Me” at all four elementary schools help to avoid conflicts while teaching life-long skills, such as teamwork, taking responsibility and problem solving.

Before considering expulsion, facets of the student’s life and the context are taken into consideration. Informa-

tion like age, disciplinary history and seriousness all matter. “We consider expulsion after all other avenues have been exhausted,” Roper said.

Pouch said as principal, he’s never expelled a student. “Fortunately we have not had a student violate the mandatory code of conduct that requires expulsion,” he said.

“Our district has worked hard to help students learn from the mistakes they make but also hold them accountable,” said Lake Fenton High School Principal Chris Belcher. “Students do receive suspensions from time to time but it is significantly less than at previous schools I have worked in.”

Belcher said there have been no expulsions for the 2018-2019 school year so far



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### The 'Excessive Fines Clause' of the Eighth Amendment — Part I

On Feb. 20, 2019, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *Timbs v. Indiana*.

This is an important case because it provided an answer to a very significant constitutional question.

The question in *Timbs* was whether the "Excessive Fines Clause" of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment?

To fully understand this issue here's some brief history and explanation.

The Eighth Amendment was ratified in 1791 as one of the first ten Amendments (The Bill of Rights) to the Constitution and at that time applied only to the federal government.

It provides that "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted."

In 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment was ratified. It prohibits any state from denying any person equal protection or due process of the laws.

After the Fourteenth Amendment's ratification, the Supreme Court ruled that the Clauses of the Eighth Amendment prohibiting excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment applied to the states. However, until *Timbs* there hadn't been a ruling on the Excessive Fines Clause.

Under federal law a fine (be it a criminal or civil fine) is excessive if it is grossly disproportional to the gravity of the offense that it is designed to punish.

Returning to Mr. Timbs' case, he pleaded guilty in an Indiana Court to a dealing heroin charge that carried a maximum fine of \$10,000. He was ordered to pay a total of \$1,203 and serve one year of home detention and five years probation.

Thereafter the state sought to civilly forfeit his previously seized \$40,000 Land Rover vehicle under Indiana's forfeiture law because it had been used to transport his heroin.

The trial court denied the request citing the Eighth Amendment's Excessive Fines Clause and held that forfeiture would be grossly disproportional to the gravity of Timbs' offense.

The Indiana Supreme Court reversed and held that since the United States Supreme Court had never found that the states are subject to the Clause, it would not impose this federal obligation on Indiana.

The case was then appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which said the Clause applied.

Next week what the Supreme Court said and how it could affect Michigan.

## WINDS

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were affected by the outages. On Monday morning, employees were working to restore power to 50,000 people.

With DTE numbers, more than 90,000 customers were without power for a length of time.

"Mother Nature has caused challenges for our state, delivering winds that knocked down trees and damaged equipment. We are working as fast as we can to safely bring back power to the customers we serve," said Tim Sparks, Consumers Energy's vice president of electric grid integration, in a news release. "We thank our customers for their patience and understanding as we continue our work to restore power."

Most Argentine Township residents were without power on Sunday and half of Monday. Linden Community Schools

**"We actually fared very well. We only had one power line down incident the whole day."**

**Bob Cairnduff**  
Fenton fire chief

were closed Monday, Feb. 25 because the school buildings lost power.

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty said, "We did respond to some weather related incidents but thankfully not as many as expected."

Lafferty recommends people look into televisions and computers that have a UL-approved surge protection. UL stands for Underwriters Laboratories, which is an independent, not-for-profit company that tests electronics for safety.

"If anyone is aware their surge protector strip took a hit, replacing it is recommended to assure reliable protection. A joule rating above 600 is normally recommended," Lafferty said.

A joule rating indicates how much energy the surge protector can absorb before it fails. The higher the number, the greater the protection provided, according to tripplite.com.

Other local fire chiefs reported few incidents as well.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "We actually fared very well. We only had one power line down incident the whole day."

He is not aware of any damage in the city.

"We do make a point to be prepared by notifying our personnel and monitoring the incoming weather reports. We do tend to get equipment ready in the few days prior to weather events," he said.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said they had just two calls for down power lines.

Jeremy Lintz, fire chief of the North Oakland County Fire Authority, said they had two calls for trees down across the road throughout Holly and Rose townships. No damage was reported.

"Just a couple of small areas in Rose Township lost power for a while. We anticipated much more activity and had extra personnel at the stations all day Sunday. Our area had a couple 55 mph gusts between 3 and 7 p.m.," he said.

## BOARD MEMBERS

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immediately for personal reasons. Hartley said Friday that this occurred in closed, executive session. Koester was not present at the Feb. 20 meeting, but participated remotely.

Hartley said their personal reasons were separate and had nothing to do with each other.

Koester, who works as a life coach, said Monday that he has been thinking about doing this for some time. He is moving to Grand Rapids and would eventually like to move to Colorado.

Koester has served the school board since 2003, having taken the seat left vacant by the late Andrew G. Schmidt. He assumed the post of treasurer in 2004, and in 2005 was elected president.

He stepped down from the school board in February 2007, but returned in September 2013, having been appointed to fill the vacant seat of Nora Kryza. Koester was elected vice president in 2016, and president again in 2017. He stepped down as president last month.

Harmon was elected to her first, six-year term in office in November 2016.

Harmon did not care to elaborate any further on the reasons for her resignation, just that it's personal.

Hartley said information regarding the process the Board of Education will be taking to accept applications and interview candidates will be available in the near future.

"On behalf of the Board of Education and the Fenton Area Public Schools community, I would like to thank both Mr. Koester and Mrs. Harmon for their service to our school community," Hartley said.



Rick  
Koester



Kristen  
Harmon

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**AS IT TURNS** out, the 2018 elections aren't quite over. On Thursday, the North Carolina State Board of Elections ordered a new election in the state's Ninth Congressional District after testimony revealed how a political operative likely tampered with absentee ballots.

**CONSERVATIVES SURE ARE** mad at this Jussie Smollett guy but don't say much about Paul Hassan.

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## 'RIGHTSIZING'

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"People are finding out that big homes are a lot of time, energy and money," Tremaine said. "They don't want to spend all summer working on landscaping. Many baby boomers buying homes today want a home near family plus a home in a warmer climate. They're building new construction and spending \$300,000-plus to build their last home. They want something custom with a little 'snazz' to it."

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty sees baby boomers re-evaluating their circumstances as they age. "This isn't

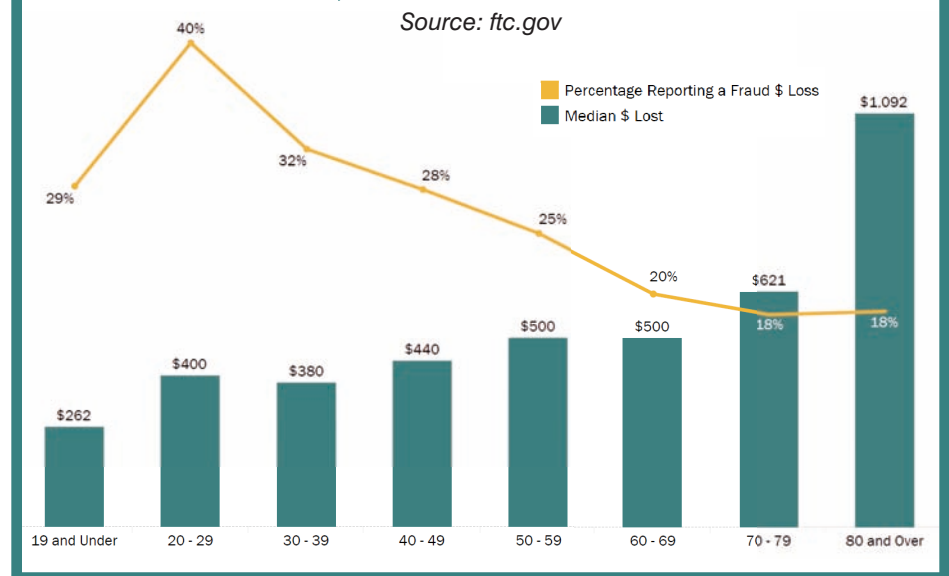
anything new," he said. "It's a natural progression of age when homes some time become more of a burden than a benefit."

But he also sees many people staying in their homes longer because they're in better health today and like the comfort and familiarity of their home.

"If there is a trend, it's a movement toward quality and low maintenance features, more so than big square footage," Welty said. "People are looking for durable features in their home's exterior and flooring in the interior. It's all about the quality of the furnishings."

## Millennials most likely to get scammed, but seniors lose more

Source: ftc.gov



## FRAUD

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lose money to scammers. Forty percent of fraud reports from those between the ages of 20 and 29 involved a monetary loss, compared with just 18 percent from those consumers age 70 or older who reported losses in fraud attempts.

However, when seniors did lose money, their losses were much greater than those of millennials, according to a report from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regarding 2017 data.

The younger generation's median loss was \$380 to \$400, while the median loss for seniors age 70-79 was an average of \$621. Victims age 80 and older were bilked of much more money, suffering a median loss of \$1,092.

Overall fraud reports have declined since reaching a peak of more than 3 million in 2015. Reports were down to 2.68 million in 2017.

The top categories of fraud included imposter scams, debt collection and identity theft. The most common types of imposter scams included trying to obtain a victim's money with scammers pretending to represent the government, a relative in trouble, a well-known business or a company's technical support. Identity theft also included reports of credit card fraud and tax fraud.

The most costly reported scams were swindles involving travel, vacation and timeshare plans, business and job opportunities and foreign money transfers/counterfeit checks. Each of these resulted in a median loss above \$1,000, with travel fraud losses averaging \$1,710.

Sources: U.S. News & World Report, USA Today, Creditcards.com, Forbes.com

## What steps can you take to protect yourself?

Two popular scams included imposters impersonating representatives from the IRS or a charity.

1. **Hang up the phone.** For example, if you receive a call from someone claiming that you owe income taxes to the IRS, you should know that the IRS will always contact you first by mail before calling you. Second, the IRS will never demand immediate payment. Third, the IRS will never request a specific form of payment such as a wire transfer.

2. **Don't pay immediately.** If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to work for a charity, and you feel that you are being pressured to donate, don't give money on the spot.

Verify the exact name of the charity. Many fake charities use similar names to a reputable charity or use buzzwords such as "cancer" or "disaster relief."

## How To File A Complaint With The FTC

You can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and add a complaint description based on the type of scam. You can also call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

## Other Resources

You can also contact these other resources:

**IRS Scams:** You can report any IRS scam to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration or call 1-800-366-4484.

**Charities:** Contact the National Association of State Charity Officials, which is an association of state offices charged with oversight of charitable organizations and charitable solicitation in the United States. You can also contact your state's attorney general or the Better Business Bureau to verify the charity's identity.

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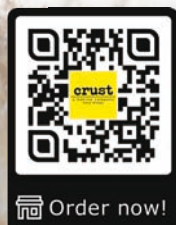
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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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The abolished entities are in an environmental rules review committee tasked with assessing the reasonableness of new environmental regulations; an environmental permit appeal panel to review permit-related grievances from individuals and business; and an environmental science advisory board to advise the governor on environmental issues.

An executive order has the force of law unless it is disapproved within 60 days by a majority of those elected and serving in both the House and Senate. Both bodies have now done so, thereby halting the executive order.

### Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

### Senate Bill 2: Require conviction for seized property ownership forfeiture

To establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a suspected drug-related crime is not subject to "civil asset forfeiture" unless the individual is actually convicted or accepts a plea bargain. This would not apply to police seizures of property worth \$50,000 or more. The bill also authorizes a process allowing individuals who have lower value property seized to just give it up, and revises procedural details for reimbursement claims by a person with an ownership interest in the seized property (for example the issuer of a vehicle loan).

### Passed 36 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

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# 'It's crazy and fun'

## ■ Lake Fenton's 'Madagascar' play featuring 76 elementary students opens Friday

By Tim Jagielo

**Lake Fenton** — Following the big dance party at the end of the play, dozens of Torrey Hill Intermediate School students froze with their arms in the air dressed as zoo and jungle animals.

Following that scene, the 70-plus costumed children scattered to get ready for their parents to pick them up.

"It's crazy and fun," said drama director Brenda LaBonte, surrounded by post-rehearsal chaos of lemurs, zebras and monkeys. The play is directed by LaBonte, with music teacher Rachel Solgat serving as music director.

While it's chaos now, the group will be ready for their Friday opening performance of "Madagascar — A Musical Adventure Jr.," by the Lake Fenton YOU-Theatre, which combines Lake Fenton's high school, middle school and Torrey Hill Intermediate School.

This play follows a group of zoo animals that escape to see the world and end up in Madagascar. The play is based on the 2005 Dreamworks animated movie.

This is the first production calling upon all three buildings — Torrey Hill Intermediate School, the middle school and high school.

Torrey Hill students include third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students, totaling 76 performers. They make up the bulk of the cast, with six middle school students also joining them on stage.

A group of more than 20 high school students is the glue that holds the young cast together.

On Monday night, high school drama students helped with costumes, cue times, stage blocking and dancing. Off to the side, they held scripts and followed along, offering prompts to the younger students.

"We're helping her (LaBonte), help them, basically," said River Justice, 14. "If we weren't

here she'd be running around like a crazy person and the show wouldn't happen." River helps some of the lemurs get on stage at the right time. She and all the other theatre students are working on their own production of "The Trials of Robin Hood" at the same time.

The entire group had been at work on the play for most of the day until their parents arrived at 5 p.m. to pick them up.

LaBonte said they started working on the play in mid-January. As she debriefed the high school students after rehearsal, she said that they were about two weeks behind, due to the snow.

"They're kids and they're always excited," LaBonte said. "Our purpose is to get them on the stage and give them the first taste of what it's like to be up here."



While young students in costume wait for the next scene to start at rehearsal Monday night, high school drama students (lower left) help them along with their copy of the script. Photo: Tim Jagielo

High school students also helped build set pieces, and will be running the audio and visual aspects of the live show.

Projections will be used to show the locations, which take the cast from New York's Central Park Zoo, to the wilds of Madagascar.

The play supports the Lake Fenton Theatre, the main drama program of Lake Fenton High School. The high school program is 13 years old and the Torrey Hill club is six years old, LaBonte said.

### "Madagascar — A Musical Adventure Jr." Play

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SNOW DAYS

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Local schools experienced a week of snow days during this time.

Some Michigan lawmakers are working on bipartisan legislation that would forgive the snow days that occurred during a state wide state of emergency due to the weather

**Fenton Area Public Schools** has had 12 snow days so far.

Superintendent Adam Hartley said he hasn't applied for the waiver yet.

"Typically I will wait until closer to March as the trend in recent years has been that we have to take a day or two in March or April due to snow or ice. The last two years we have had ice days in April after spring break," he said.

When asked about the possibility of days being forgiven during states of emergency, Hartley said, "There is always a balance between leveraging as much time as possible

to make up the time that was missed due to snow days and understanding that there are many reasons why we would not want to extend the year too far into the summer.

"Many districts throughout Michigan have missed over 20 days and lawmakers understand this could place school districts in a tight spot with summer

work and the various tasks that must be completed by the fall," he said.

**Lake Fenton Community Schools** has had 11 snow days so far, and they have applied for the waiver.

"I have mixed feelings" about the possibility of days being forgiven during states of emergency, said Superintendent Julie Williams. "I do not like the fact that our students have lost 11 days of school, unfortunately some districts have had so many it would be difficult to make them all up."

**Linden Community Schools** has had 12 snow days so far, with an additional day off Monday Feb. 25 due to a power outage caused by the windstorm.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said he submitted a waiver for three additional forgiven days on Feb. 20.

"Given the circumstances of the state of emergency days, I believe that something has to be done to help out with the days missed. From an educational standpoint, we want our students in school," he said.

**Holly Area Public Schools** report 13 snow days for the 2018-2019 school year. Rose Pioneer Elementary had 14 snow days due to a burst pipe.

“Given the circumstances of the state of emergency days, I believe that something has to be done to help out with the days missed.”

Russ Ciesielski  
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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ROAD

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"Through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, the city of Fenton works with several area communities to put together a list of area transportation and roadway projects that can be federally funded through the state of Michigan."

These projects are placed on the list of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects for this region. The program covers funding of up to 80 percent of the project costs with the local agency being responsible for the remaining 20 percent, Czarnecki said.

A recommendation has been made to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the projects funds to be available for 2021 to 2023.

The city of Fenton has been asked to pass resolutions for each of the four projects to demonstrate the 20 percent in matching funds will be made available if the projects are selected.

The first is a rehabilitation project for **Silver Lake Road, from Poplar Street to the west city limits**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,512,653, with \$2,010,122 to come from federal funds and \$502,531 from local matching funds.

The second project is for the rehabilitation of **Torrey Road, from North Road to the north city limits**. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$1,070,796, with \$856,637 to come from federal funds and \$214,159 from local matching funds.

The third project involves fixing **Main Street, from LeRoy Street to the east city limits**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$704,160 with \$563,328 coming from federal funds and \$140,832 from local matching funds.

The fourth rehabilitation project is for **Shiawassee Avenue, from Adelaide Street to Bent Oak Street**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$443,808 with \$355,046 to come from federal funds and \$88,762 from local matching funds.

The council voted unanimously Monday night to dedicate these funds should the projects become a reality.



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The first substantive roll call vote of the 100th Michigan legislature was held this week; not on a bill but on a resolution disapproving an Executive Order signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. This is explained below.

Just one bill has been advanced from committee for consideration by the full House or Senate. It's Senate Bill 2, which would reform the process of "civil asset forfeiture." This is a legal procedure that lets police take permanent ownership of property seized in connection with a possible crime even if there has been no conviction or even an arrest.

The bill has bipartisan support (as shown by a unanimous committee vote) so a final passage vote by the full Senate may appear in a future roll call report.

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An executive order has the force of law unless it is disapproved within 60 days by a majority of those elected and serving in both the House and Senate, meaning if the Senate concurs with this vote the departmental reorganization will not take place. The Senate Oversight Committee has held one hearing on the measure and plans to hold more before deciding whether to advance it to the full Senate.

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES  
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES





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# Bronchos give Howell a good battle in defeat

By David Troppens

**Hartland** — The Holly varsity boys basketball team was doing a lot of the things the Bronchos needed to do in order to earn a Division 1 district opener upset victory of the Howell Highlanders at

Hartland High School on Monday.

The Bronchos were playing great defense and were frustrating Howell (15-6) for most of the night.

Howell had only 19 first-half points and the Bronchos were still within eight points, at 37-29 after

two converted free throws by Ian Haines with 3:48 left.

But that's when the squad that may be considered the district favorites took over.

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Holly's Hunter Jackson

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## Sports Times

### Fenton girls capture outright league championship

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity girls basketball team had every single player score at least two points in the Tigers' 71-34 victory at home against Linden, Friday.

The balanced scoring was a pretty symbolic way for the Tigers to complete their mission of winning an outright Flint Metro League title. After all, this is a squad that has been a team in every sense of the word since the beginning of the season. So it only made sense that when Fenton earned its first outright league title since the 2009-10 season, everyone truly contributed to the effort.

"It did mean a lot to ourselves because it's been 10 years since Fenton won it and to get it by ourselves with everyone together on the team is pretty amazing," senior Erin Carter said. "It's an amazing feeling."

"It was super cool to be on the court for our last (Metro League) game winning it especially with this team because it means so much to do this with each other," senior Chloe Idoni

said. "We knew it was possible, we are so close and it's awesome to be (champions) with them."

Considering the Linden Eagles entered the game with just one win this season and no victories in the Metro League, the Tigers (15-1 in the Metro) were clearly the favorites to convert their co-league title into an outright championship. By the end of the first quarter, it was apparent that it was only a matter of time before the Tigers were going to be able to celebrate, outscoring Linden 21-2 during the first eight minutes. Carter led the way with eight first-quarter points, while Idoni chipped in seven.

During the second quarter, Fenton's balance showed on the scoreboard, as seven different people scored at least one point but no one scored more than three points during the stanza, helping the Tigers to a 35-13 halftime lead. Basically, the victory was pretty much assured at that time.

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Fenton's Erin Conroy (middle) drives to the bucket while Linden's Jordan Peterson (left) defends. The Fenton Tigers captured the outright Flint Metro League championship by defeating the Linden Eagles 71-34 Friday at Fenton High School. (Below) The Tigers pose with their Flint Metro League trophy just minutes after capturing it.

Photos: Mark Bolen



Angela Hanners

### Fenton's Hanners headed to bowling state tournament

By David Troppens

It was a busy weekend for bowling teams as the programs competed in two regional meets on back-to-back days. One involved individual competition and the other team play.

When all the girls bowling was completed, the tri-county area had one participant earn a spot at the Division 2 state meet in the competitions held at Clarkston's Cherry Lanes on Friday and Saturday.

Individual regionals were held on Saturday and Fenton's Angela Hanners was the only area performer to earn a state trip, placing fourth in the girls individual regional.

The Fenton senior had a six-game pinfall total of 1,042 pins, just 60 out of the regional championship position. In fact, Hanners was in contention for the top spot right until the sixth game. She entered the final game in fourth place, behind leader Adrianna Good (927), Delaney Andridge (906) and Abby Mather (901) with her 891 five-game total pinfall count. However, Mather bowled a 201 in her final game, earning the title with a pinfall total of 1,102. Good (1,100) and Andridge (1,073) finished off the top three spots.

Hanners started out well, bowling a 180 in her first game, putting her in second place behind Good's first-place score of 218. She remained consistently strong during the first half of the event, bowling games of 179 and 197 in her next two games, placing her 556 pinfall total in second place behind Good's 578 total. She remained in second place after a 179 fourth game, placing her 11 pins behind Mather at the time. However, Hanners had her two worst games of the day in the final two matches, while each of the top three placers bowled at least a 200 in one of their two final games, putting Hanners in fourth. Hanners finished a strong fourth as fifth place finished 25 pins behind her.

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### Fenton boys swimmers capture eighth straight Metro league title

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swim team is Metro League champions again.

The Tigers captured their eighth straight Metro League championship by a convincing margin, scoring 242 more points than second-place Swartz Creek/Flushing at the Metro League Meet held at Fenton High School, Friday and Saturday.

Led by a strong senior class, the Fenton swimmers captured eight league event championships, including all three relay titles. The Tigers did more than that. Every single Fenton athlete who competed during the first day earned at least one spot in the finals or consolation finals on Saturday as well. That's the first time Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones remembered that happening with either gender's swim program.

"Every member of our team came back the

second day," Jones said. "That was new for us. We had an outstanding meet and our seniors led us. We have some outstanding freshmen, but when you take a look at our state meet team, seven of the 12 are seniors. This has been a group of guys who have worked really hard. Their goal has been to not make the Metro League meet their last meet, and five of the seven seniors have individual (state) cuts. Our seniors have put in a lot of time for us and have displayed tremendous leadership."

Two seniors are ending their careers as three-time league champs — Josh Kippe and Evan Bartow. Individually, Bartow won the 200 individual medley (2:02.80) and the 500 freestyle (4:50.90) with state-qualifying times. Meanwhile, Kippe won the 100 freestyle (50.72) and the 200 freestyle (1:51.02).

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The Fenton varsity boys swim and dive team celebrate its eighth straight Metro League championship after winning the league meet at Fenton High School, Saturday. Photo provided



# Linden's strong start leads Eagles by Fenton Tigers

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — If the Linden varsity boys basketball team was looking to make a statement at the start of its rivalry game at Fenton High School against the Fenton Tigers, the Eagles (17-2 overall) found a pretty emphatic way to do it Friday.

The outright Metro League champions won the first quarter 24-2 and actually led by as many as 25 at 27-2 early in the second quarter, hushing the Fenton crowd. The Fenton Tigers were able to regroup and actually cut the gap to as close as six early in the fourth quarter, before the Linden Eagles ended the game with a 24-9 run, cruising to a pretty impressive 73-52 victory in what was both team's final regular season game of the year.

What made the victory even more impressive was Linden played the game without the services of their biggest star, sophomore Blake Lund. Lund, who hurt one of his ankles in a Wednesday loss to Clio, is

probably out the rest of the season. However, the way the rest of the Eagles went to work it was obvious they weren't going to let that bother them. Many players picked up the offensive slack, but no one did more than sophomore guard Eli Beil.

Beil scored a game-high 23 points, helping ice the game in the fourth quarter with 10 points during the final eight minutes. He also hit the three-pointer at the beginning of the second quarter, giving the Eagles their 27-2 lead at the time.

Other players were responsible for the first-quarter offensive barrage. Senior Travis Kloczek scored eight points while Seeger DeGayner, the player who replaced Lund in the starting lineup, made two three-pointers. Brenden Miller scored five points as well. Before Fenton knew it, the Eagles had hit on a sizzling 10-of-16 shots from the field in the first quarter and had an impressive lead.

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Linden's Reichen Lund drives to the basket in the Eagles' 73-52 victory against the Fenton Tigers, Friday.  
Photo: Mark Bolen

## Tri-county ski squads compete at state meet

By David Troppens

What became an abbreviated prep ski season came to an end for the tri-county area's performers who qualified for the Division 1 state meet at Schuss Mountain, Monday.

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton girls co-op squad (LFFL) capped its season by placing eighth in the nine-team field, while Holly/Oxford team had several individuals perform at the meet as well.

Perhaps the area's best performer was Holly/Oxford's Connor Ford. An individual qualifier to the meet, he placed 11th in the giant slalom (GS) with a combined time of 50.10 seconds. He finished his first run in 25.10 seconds, putting him in 11th at that time. His second run of 25.00 seconds solidified his 11th place performance.

The FLLF squad's best individual performance was Emma Hiscock's effort in the slalom. She took 25th place with a time of 1:15.27. Her best run was a 37.39 second-performance on her second run. In the GS, Lara Kemp led the FLLF team, taking 30th place with a time of 1:00.05.

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Emma Hiscock

## Holly swimmers take third at league meet, finish third overall

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swimming and diving team is trying to rebuild its team back to the levels of the era when the Bronchos won five straight league champions from 2005 to 2009.

The Bronchos aren't there yet, but they are getting closer.

Holly placed third at the Flint Metro League meet, taking third at the meet and third in the final standings.

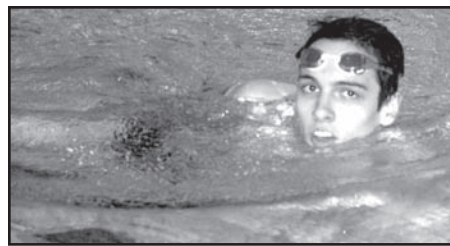
The squad didn't get any league champions, but the Bronchos did get three runner-up finishes with one of those seconds earning a state-qualifying time.

Logan Molzahn played a role in each of the seconds. He teamed with Drew Hignite, Emilio Perez and Dean Krueger to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay

(3:49.9). He also posted a state-qualifying time in the 100 backstroke (56.11), earning second. He also had a second in the 50 freestyle (23.44). Molzahn was already qualified for the state meet in the 100 backstroke prior to the event.

Four other individuals earned finalist places. Hignite had a seventh in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.34) and an eighth in the 200 freestyle (2:07.86). He also teamed with Molzahn, Bryce Nichols and Krueger to earn third in the 200 medley relay (1:51.97).

The other individual finalists each placed eighth. They were Emilio Perez in the 500 freestyle (5:58.78), Jake Osborne in the 100 backstroke (1:17.78) and Zachary Rockafellow in the 100 breaststroke (1:24.03).



Holly's Logan Molzahn

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## Bronchos cap Metro season with 56-26 victory

The Holly varsity girls basketball team locked up sole possession of fourth place in the final Metro League standings, defeating Brandon by a 56-26 margin at Brandon High School

Friday night.

It was Brandon's Snowcoming game, but the Bronchos made it their celebration by crushing Brandon 23-3 in the second quarter.

## Holly boys defeat Brandon Blackhawks, 54-49

The Holly varsity boys basketball team earned a confidence builder entering Monday's Division 1 district contest against Howell at Hartland High

School, Friday.

The Bronchos capped the regular season with a 54-49 victory at Brandon High School against the Blackhawks.

## Tri-county boys bowlers bow out at regionals

It was a tough weekend for the tri-county varsity boys bowling teams as the squads were unable to get any individuals or teams out of regional action at Clarkston's Cherry Hill Lanes North,

Friday and Saturday.

Friday was the team tournament with the top three squads earning state trips. None of the area teams finished in the top half of the standings.

## LF boys lead early, lose to Goodrich Martians

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team had a chance against the Goodrich Martians Friday night.

The Blue Devils had a 30-28 half-time lead and looked poised to com-

pete for the victory. Unfortunately, Goodrich outscored the Blue Devils 19-7 in the third quarter, eventually resulting in a 55-46 home loss to the Martians.

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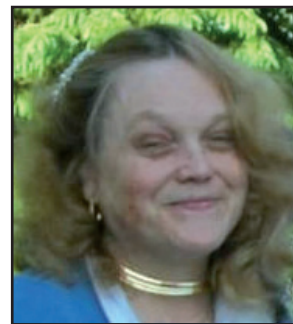
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# Obituaries



## Robert Lee Martin 1934-2019

Robert Lee Martin - age 84, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Genesys Hospital due to a fall. Robert "Bob" spent his 84 years living in Michigan. Owner of RL Martin Pumps and Service. Married to his beautiful bride Janet Rochelle Martin. Robert and Janet both enjoyed life to the fullest. Memorial service will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, 1 PM at Lake Fenton United Methodist Church, 2581 N. Long Lake Rd., Fenton, MI. Luncheon following. Flowers can be sent to 310 S. Broad St., Holly MI, 48442.



## Catherine "Cathy" Kelly-Buning 1955-2019

Catherine "Cathy" Kelly-Buning - age 63, of Flint, passed away surrounded by her family on February 25, 2019. Beloved wife of Richard for over 24 years; dear mother of Thomas (Tammy) Shimmel, Kelly (Jeremy) Kowal-Dobbs, Richard (Kelly) Buning, Allen Buning, the late Arnold "JR" (Mandy) Shimmel, Barbara (Bobby) Buning, Todd (Julianna) Buning, Mary (Mike) Shimmel and Joshua Shimmel; loving grandma of Tommy, Matt, Shay, Mike, Ricky, Ben, Jordan, Brandon, Ryan, Brody, Kaleb, Chloe, Sylvia, Samantha, Seth, Patrick, Justin, Denny, Kaylee, Kaitlynn, Kaycee, Jazmynn and Jasper; daughter of Maxine and the late James Kelly; sister of Mike, Jim, Peggy and Joe. Cathy also leaves five great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and loving friends. Her funeral service will be Saturday, March 2, 2019, 12 Noon at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may visit Friday, March 1, 2019, 4-8 PM and on Saturday 10 AM until the time of service at 12 Noon. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



## Kristina Mary (McKeon) Stevens 1966-2019

Kristina Mary (McKeon) Stevens - age 52, born December 31, 1966 in Flint, to Sally Irene Stock and John Bernard McKeon, has passed away at the age of 52. Kristina graduated from Fenton High School in 1985. After meeting Joseph Stevens in 1987 and having their first son, Justin, in 1990 they were married on June 3, 1995. They had their second son, Jacob, in 1996. Kristina was full of love and spirit; she always had time for family and friends and was always there to lend an ear or a shoulder to cry on. She held a variety of collections over the years, including Mickey Mouse memorabilia, lighthouses, and Wizard of Oz items. Kristina enjoyed vacationing to Florida. On weekends, she spent time at casinos and watching Disney movies with her grandchildren. She was also competitive in card games such as Skip-Bo and Uno and loved playing with her whole family. Not only was she family-oriented, Kristina was also a true friend who was very honest and would tell you exactly what was on her mind. She was a person you wanted in your life. She was true, honest and real. With these traits, she had the perfect sense of humor and could find the joy in almost anything; she could make you smile when you needed it most. Kristina is survived by husband, Joseph Stevens; sons, Justin (Danielle), and Jacob; stepfather, Ulvert Jackson; brothers, Greg McKeon, John McKeon, and Jeff Jackson; grandchildren, Harper Stevens and Arianna Stevens. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, February 26, 2019 from 4-8 PM; and Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Children's Miracle Network. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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