**Bald eagle sightings**

Bald eagle sightings are happening around Argentine Township, Byron and Linden this spring. Flying adult eagles have long, slow glide without much flapping. Watch for a bright white head and white tail feathers. Adult males and females look identical.

**The ‘chicken little’ mindset**

The ‘chicken little’ mindset of the left is embarrassing. To live in the greatest country in the world but can only find fault, never showing gratitude for being an American. They live in fear and trepidation. Why do you not go somewhere else if America is so awful? Seriously, go. Now.

**I have to laugh at the Hollywood has-beens**

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**More information on measles ‘outbreak’**

If you were at these Oakland County locations you may have been exposed to disease

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

As of Tuesday morning, March 26, there have been 18 documented cases of measles in Oakland County.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has released a list of additional exposure locations for the measles “outbreak” this month (see sidebar) along with other information about the vaccine.

“Unvaccinated individuals need to get vaccinated. If you do not have a record of two measles (MMR) vaccines, unsure if you have been vaccinated, or unsure if you have had measles in the past, contact your healthcare provider,” said Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County in a news release.

If symptoms

See MEASLES on 10

**Riverfest coming to downtown Fenton**

Fifth annual event will take place at Mill Pond on June 23

By Vera Hogan

Downtown is where it’s at. At least that’s what the Keepers of the Shiawassee River have decided when planning their fifth annual river festival.

The first four events were successful. The first two were at Bush Park in the city of Fenton and second two were in downtown Linden. However, the continued improvements in downtown Fenton make holding the next event there an attractive and lucrative option.

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved the Keepers’ request to hold the all-day event in downtown Fenton on Sunday, June 23. See RIVERFEST on 5

**Little ladies and lizards at Camp Copneconic**

Camp Copneconic Spring Break Day Camp children carefully pet “Godzilla,” a northern blue-tongued skink at the first breakout activity on Tuesday, March 26. Several activities include learning about nature, up close and hands on. The camp includes outdoor activities and it runs all week. See story on page 8. Photo: Tim Jagielo

**Hagerman Foundation helps pay for pathway**

Hagerman Foundation is helping with the development of non-motorized pathways in Argentine Township with a $25,000 grant.

At the Monday, March 25 meeting, the Argentine Township Board of Trustees approved a professional services agreement with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering for engineering for the Argentine portion of the Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton and Fenton Township (LAFF) pathway.

The contract costs around $100,000, said Teresa Ciesielski, See PATHWAY on 10

**The Keepers of the Shiawassee Riverfest held its 2018 event in Linden. Here, the Cardboard Canoe race is about to get underway. Times file photo**

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**Comment of the Week**

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The evolution of movie ratings

Criteria has evolved since starting in 1968, adding PG-13 and NC-17

By Tim Jagielo

The overall catalyst for the PG-13 rating was the scene in “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.” An evil character gruesomely ripped out the heart of another character. PG-13 became the solution for having no rating between PG and R. Now, most blockbuster movies are rated PG-13. Most of the highest-grossing movies of 2018 were PG-13.

Parental guidance for movies began in 1968 under an initiative by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). The first ratings were a little different than today. “G” was for general audiences, “M” for mature audiences, “R” in 1968 meant no one under 16 would be admitted without an adult guardian. This was later raised to age 17. Before NC-17, “X” was the rating for adult content with no one under 17 admitted, according to filmsite.org.

The four criteria used in the ratings included theme, language, violence, and nudity and/or sexual content, according to filmsite, and AMC website. Eventually the “M” rating was dropped for “PG,” leaving the “R” rating for movies with adult content.

The PG-13 rating was created out of a need for more guidance for parents. Some PG movies feature themes and images that would never be in a PG movie today. Sci-fi classics like “Logan’s Run” feature nudity, violence and adult themes, which would probably have earned a solid PG-13 today.

According to today’s PG movies like “Gremlins” and “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom” contained content that frustrated parents who would have liked more notice than the simple and vague PG rating.

Michelle Kinser is a contributor for Spoiler Free Movie Sleuth, a Detroit-based movie blog with 45,000 followers on Facebook.

Recently she reviewed “Captain Marvel” and “Alita: Battle Angel,” both PG-13 movies. She said “Captain Marvel” fits safely within the PG-13 rating, but “Alita,” to her, really pushed that rating.

“That was really towing the line … it was pretty gory,” she said, adding that they may have avoided an R rating because cyber-gs with robot bodies were fighting and being injured, not humans.

See RATINGS on 10

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The film rating system

G — “G” means “general” audiences. A film rated G contains nothing that would offend “parents for viewing by children.”

PG — Most can watch PG movies, but parents are urged to give parental guidance. Some content may not be good for small children.

PG-13 — parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teens.

R — “Restricted” films contain adult material. Parents are urged to research the movie before taking young children. No one under 17 admitted without a parent or guardian.

NC-17 — For adults only. No one under 17 admitted. “NC” stands for “no children.”

Ratings firsts

“Showgirls” (1995) was the first movie with the NC-17 rating, which replaced the “X” rating.

“GREETINGS” (1968) was the first R-rated U.S. film.

“Red Dawn” (1984) was the first PG-13 movie.

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Ding, dong, the King is dead!

One of the many surefire signs of getting older is reading obituaries. As morbid as that seems when you are in your 20s, 30s and even 40s, it doesn’t seem odd at all to those of us who have crossed the magical age of 50. Obituaries are the Rodney Dangerfield of newspapers — they get no respect. Even their placement, at the very back of the newspaper, seems to attest to their morbid nature and lack of glamour. Maybe it’s because obits tend to remind us of our own mortality. Who among us, when reading the obituary of someone we knew, doesn’t feel just a bit superior for no other reason than the fact that we outlived the deceased.

But, I digress. My point is that I have come to the realization that obituaries are not about death, but about life. They should be the epitome of what any good story in a newspaper is — interesting, entertaining and informative. A well-composed obituary shouldn’t be mournful, but rather an encapsulation of the notable accomplishments of the deceased’s life. That’s why I have decided to write my own obituary now, while I can still recall the highlights of my life, thereby relieving the inevitable event of my demise.

To wit, my obit:

**CHILDS, FOSTER (aka The King)**

I was born in November (evidently my parents had a great Valentine’s Day). When we were very young kids, my brother and I perched in a knothole in the floor of our second-story bedroom for three days before our mom caught us on. My mother never forgave me for being born butt-first. My first kiss was with a girl named Debbie, on the beach in Oscoda. My first broken heart was from a girl named Debbie, on the beach in Oscoda. I achieved the highest IQ score in my fourth-grade class. I won the school-wide spelling bee when I was in sixth grade. I once threw a boomergang that came back to me. Many of my childhood friends are still my best friends. I attended three different colleges before not graduating. Most people don’t know that I was arrested and thrown in jail on several different occasions — all in my younger days. I married the love of my life. I consider ‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ to be the best movie ever. My most memorable job was as a railroad conductor. I always say ‘Never Complain, Never Explain’ (I don’t always do it, but I always say it). I have been best man at six weddings. I have an inactive pilot’s license. I have a CPL. I once had a drink with Chevy Chase (cheap bastard, I had to buy). I have parachuted. I have written 1,051 ‘If I Were King’ columns for the Times. I have experienced two major earthquakes (Las Vegas and San Francisco). I dislike New York City, New Orleans and Southern California. I love Northern Michigan, Northern California and South Dakota. The best vacation of my life was in Costa Rica. The worst weekend (four days actually) of my life was in Dade County Jail. My greatest regret is that I didn’t enlist in the USMC. The hero in my life was my father. My greatest accomplishment was marrying well and raising our two kids to be good parents. If I could live my life over I wouldn’t change a thing. I have always believed that the best time to start thinking about retirement is before the boss does. And so, after 21 years, and by my own decision, this will be my last King column. Good bye, good luck — and thanks for reading.

NOTE: In lieu of donations to a worthy cause, please send flowers.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

**What was the first R-rated movie that you saw?**

“A Star is Born” with Barbra Streisand. I didn’t know if it was R-rated for sure. I loved it.

Sandy Meade
Fenton

“Probably ‘Halloween’. Scary, right? I was a good age to see it. It was really scary.”

Jennifer Engel
Linden

“It was probably ‘Psycho’. My sister and I would take our blind neighbor to the movies and tell her what happened. With the surround sound in ‘Psycho’, she asked us not to talk.”

Kathryn Bowen
Canton, Ohio

“This is the End’ with Seth Rogen and James Franco. It was stupid humor.”

Grace Williams
Linden

“Michael Myers. I was turned around for most of the movie. They brought his body to the hospital morgue and the nurse and orderly were making out. That was the end of them.”

Chris Woodward
Fenton
Argentine offering free security assessments

Officers will walk through home, business, and more to identify risk areas

By Hannah Ball

Are you worried about security at your business or home? The Argentine Township Police Department now offers a free security assessment for people living in the township.

Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton and Officer Scott Conner are certified crime prevention specialists, who will inspect homes, businesses, churches, and schools and make recommendations about security. "We started a crime prevention unit because of the property crimes that were being committed within our township as well as neighboring communities," Conner said. "We're trained with security of a business or house, or to determine ways a resident can improve their property to reduce the chance of crime occurring on their property." Conner said. The officers will survey the doors, windows, security system, lighting and landscaping to find areas of potential concern. They walk with the owners of the buildings through the home or business during the day and at night, identify potential issues and ways to correct them.

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St. John students impress with Twinderella: The Musical

Students perform modern take on classic fairy tale
By Hannah Ball

Fenton — On Tuesday, March 19, St. John School students in grades four through eight performed two showings of “Twinderella The Musical” the tale of Cinderella’s long lost twin brother, Bob. “Living in the same kingdom with different wicked step families, Cinderella’s cruel stepmother and evil stepisters make her rotate tires and polish bowling trophies while Bob’s evil stepfather and cruel stepbrothers force him to make dried herb wreaths and organize the sock drawer,” according to the program.

“This hilarious musical fractured fairy tale will delight actors and audiences alike, as Cinderella and her long lost twin brother are reunited.”

The play was a modern twist on the classic tale. The evil stepisters embraced their evilness, and told Cinderella to do tasks such as changing the tires on the Subaru and programming the VCR, while Bob was tasked with mopping and knitting.

The play was filled with memorable characters, such as the Fairy Godfather who only wished to be called “Godfather,” allowing the student to talk like the iconic character.

(Top) St. John’s student Louisa Gartland, who plays Cinderella in “Twinderella the Musical” Tuesday, March 19, dances at the ball. She eventually meets her long lost twin brother, Bob. (Bottom) Reese Gourdley performs as the queen in “Twinderella.” Photos: Hannah Ball

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House Bill 4286: Make good on wrongful imprisonment compensation promise
To appropriate $10 million to make good on the promise made by a 2016 law that authorized payment of $50,000 for each year of wrongful imprisonment served by a person who did not commit the crime. The bill would require the Attorney General to file reports with the legislature on the status of claims, settlements and awards under this law. Reportedly, the fund created to provide this compensation currently has just $1.1 million, and the estimated amount of claims is $22 million.

Passed 110 to 0 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) • YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) • YES

House Bill 4129: Authorize release for medically frail prisoner
To let prison officials ask the court that sentenced a prisoner to transfer the prisoner to a facility that can provide acute long-term medical or mental health treatment or services, if the prisoner’s physical or mental health makes the individual a minimal threat to society. This would not apply to prisoners sentenced to life without parole or first-degree murder. The medical facility or nursing home would not be responsible for enforcing a prisoner’s parole conditions or reporting violations of them.

Passed 104 to 6 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) • YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) • YES

House Bill 4112: Mandate liquor stores post pregnancy warnings
To mandate that liquor stores, bars, and restaurants with a liquor license must post signs warning about drinking during pregnancy. The medical facility or nursing home would not be responsible for enforcing a prisoner’s parole conditions or reporting violations of them.

Passed 100 to 10 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) • YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) • YES
Lowering the OWI Threshold

On Dec. 30, 2018, Utah became the first state in the nation to lower the threshold for its Operating While Intoxicated law to .05 percent blood alcohol concentration (BAC). All other states still have .08 percent thresholds or limits.

On March 21, 2019, bills were introduced in the Michigan House to make Michigan the second state with the .05 percent threshold and also require all defendants convicted of a drunk driving offense to have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle they operate.

If the interlock bill is enacted, Michigan would become the 34th state to have this type of law. Drunk driving is a continuing issue in Michigan and elsewhere and here are some important facts to know.

Every year there are more than 10,000 alcohol related driving fatalities in the United States. For drivers with a BAC of .05 percent to .079 percent, the risk of being involved in a single vehicle fatal crash is at least seven times greater than for drivers with no alcohol in their systems.

In Michigan 44.9 percent of fatal crashes are alcohol and/or drug related.

Over the past few years when states reduced their thresholds to .08 percent from .10 percent, alcohol-related fatalities were reduced by 10 percent.

The question has been asked as to why .05 percent was chosen as the target threshold?

The answer comes from several sources. There is a worldwide trend to have thresholds of .05 percent or lower and this is the law in over 100 countries.

Studies in Europe show that alcohol related traffic deaths were reduced 53 percent between 2001 and 2010 when the thresholds were lowered and other enforcement measures were initiated.

Both the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in 2013 and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine in 2018 recommended that all states reduce their thresholds to .05 percent.

In the United States it is estimated by the NTSB that some 1,790 lives would be saved if this was implemented.

Opponents of these bills point out the difficulties involved when one is trying to determine if they’re at or over .05 percent, that this is a tactic to create fear, and have questioned whether at .05 percent a person is actually drunk or impaired.

The fate of these bills is uncertain but clearly people are talking about the issues involved.

Michigan Municipal League honors former Linden mayor

The Michigan Municipal League awarded former long-time Linden Mayor David Lossing with the League’s highest individual honor — the Honorary Life Membership Award. The award was given during the League’s annual Capital Conference Awards Gala March 19 in Lansing.

Lossing served his community of Linden for nearly two decades. He was first elected to city council in 1998 and later served as mayor for three terms, from 2004 to 2016. Bob Slattery, former Mt. Morris mayor and fellow Honorary Life Member of the League, presented Lossing the honor Tuesday.

“Active, inspiring, and leader are three words that define this year’s Honorary Life Member recipient recipient — David Lossing — perfectly,” Slattery said. “David’s involvement with the League was much more than just something he did, it was his passion and it became a part of his life. He is extremely deserving of the League’s highest individual award.”

Lossing served as the Michigan Municipal League president from 2012 to 2013, served the prior year as the League’s vice president, and as a League Board member before that. Lossing was active with the Michigan Association of Mayors as well as the League’s elected Officials Academy. He has served as EOA president; was instrumental in tying the compensation of elected officials in Linden to the completion of EOAs; and was one of the first two elected officials to ever earn the EOA Level Four Ambassador Award, in 2012.

While League president, Lossing took on two major initiatives — advancing the importance of Town-Gown collaborative relationships between communities and universities, and raising awareness of bone marrow donations. A bone marrow donor himself, Lossing staunchly advocated getting people to register for bone marrow donation through Michigan Blood’s “Be The Match” program. He also successfully led the charge to create a new “Be The Match” fundraising vanity license plate in Michigan to raise money to help cure blood cancer. The plate was established in 2015 and remains available today.

Lossing said he was truly honored to join the Honorary Life Membership club. Lossing thanked his wife, Suzanne; League staff and League members.

“I want to thank everyone here tonight because you make Michigan better,” Lossing said. “You make your communities better. To quote former Congressman John Dingell, who we just recently lost, ‘elected officials do not have power, they hold power entrusted by people who empower them. I hope you do the same.’

About the award: The Honorary Life Membership, first awarded in 1932, is the League’s highest individual honor reserved for the most active and inspiring leaders dedicated to the League and its mission.

David Lossing served his community of Linden for nearly two decades.
Fun with zip lines, lizards and nature

Spring Break Day Camp encourages children to leave comfort zone and try new things

By Tim Jagielo
Fenton Twp. — Alex Schmidt, 9, of Fenton, didn’t want to take the zip line at first.
He was afraid he’d lose his glasses, so he skipped his first opportunity. On the second chance, he decided to put on the harness, climb the tall wooden steps and fly through the air, the woodsly chasm 80 feet below.

This is the whole point of the Spring Break Day Camp at YMCA Camp Copneconic — to encourage children from age 4 to eighth grade to try new things. This camp took 57 area children through a bevy of activities in the first and only spring day camp of the 2019 season.

Children are encouraged to leave their comfort zone through activities that include taking the zip line, meeting new friends from other schools or holding lizards or tarantulas. “A big thing is stepping out of their comfort zone,” said Katie Comack, senior director of summer camps and adventure learning at YMCA Camp Copneconic.

Outdoor Education Instructor Tyler Carl was catching the kids as they flew through the air, the woodsy chasm 80 feet below. “The kids have a lot of fun, they feel like they’re flying, and they really get to test their boundaries,” Carl said.

By harness. Sometimes challenging their fears might just be putting on the harness, or walking up the steps. “We’re going to make sure to keep it positive and encouraging,” he said.

There also are silly indoor campfire songs, crafts, science experiments, learning about animals and “a lot of exploring nature, a lot of mud” said Comack.

This camp features the “Jurassic” theme of dinosaurs; it runs all week, Monday through Friday.
Cabin Fever Winter Series attracts audiences

Series of three concerts brought residents to a community event in mid-winter

By Sally Rummel

Did you have cabin fever this past winter?

If so, getting out of the house for an event like the first annual Cabin Fever Winter Series at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center in February and March might have helped cure your winter blues.

This series of three concerts was sponsored by the City of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission, with support from many local businesses.

The concerts featured local musicians from the Fenton and Genesee County area, including the Fenton Community Orchestra Ensembles on Feb. 7, the University of Michigan Jazz Combo on Feb. 21 and Roane, a Celtic and American Folk Band, on March 14, kicking off St. Patrick’s Day weekend.

“We were very pleased with our inaugural Cabin Fever,” said Eric Szczepanski, chairperson. “The first two concerts sold around 50 tickets each and the final show, which was free, had over 125 visitors in attendance.”

Commission Board Chair Pat Lockwood, mayor pro-tem, said, “The mission of the Arts and Culture Commission is to support and initiate new art events.”

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Meet

Gavin Ambrose

Holly High School senior
Vegetarian
Future businessperson

By Tim Jagielo

Gavin Ambrose, 18, strived in basketball, his favorite sport, but also to learn as much as he can about business, and be as efficient as possible with his work. As a vegetarian, he hopes to see more dining-out options for him — even if he has to open a restaurant himself.

Do you want to attend college and where?

Yes, I want to attend college; I plan on attending Oakland University next year to major in business.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

The accomplishment I’m most proud of is receiving second team all-league for boys basketball this year. I eat, sleep, live and breathe basketball so it feels really good to be recognized for all my hard work.

What superhero power would you like to have?

The superhero power I would like to have would be superhuman speed, because it would allow me to save so much money on traveling and it would also offer me a lot more time throughout the day, due to me being able to complete tasks in the matter of seconds.

What have you learned from your grandparents?

I learned that in order to be good at something, you must put in the time and effort into that something to be great at it.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to play basketball for fun because it allows me to free my mind from everything else in the world and just focus on myself.

If you were president, what’s one thing that you would change?

If I was president I would do everything in my power to lower the cost of college, because if most high schools recommend that we need college to succeed then it seems silly for it to be so expensive. Especially to the point where students will be in debt for a big number of years afterwards.

What living person, other than a family member, do you most admire?

I most admire Gary Vaynerchuk in this world. I respect the way he became a million-dollar businessman from doing nothing but working. And I love the positive message he sends to today’s entrepreneurs like myself.

What is the best thing about your mom/dad?

The best thing about my parents is that they let me be free, they let me pursue what I feel is best for me with only providing help if I ask.

If you could open a restaurant what kind of restaurant would you open?

If I could open a restaurant, I would open an all-vegetarian diner, considering that I am a vegetarian myself. I feel like that lifestyle will only grow in the future, and at the moment there isn’t enough places that offer an all-vegetarian menu.

If you could time travel, where would you go?

I would go to the future of America so I can see what’s booming, so then I would know what to invent or what to do in present time to make the most money. I would also want to see what type of issues we will have in the future, so that I could do everything in my power to prevent any disasters we might have.
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March 18 – March 21
- David ben Nuchim: 14800 Lincoln St, Oak Park
- Farber Hebrew Day School: 21100 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield

March 18
- Berkley Medical Center: 1695 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Walgreens: 7380 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, 9:30 p.m. to Midnight
- Kravings: 25270 Greenfield Rd., Southfield, 9 p.m. to Midnight
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak – Emergency Department and 6th Floor North Tower: 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 2:30 to 11 p.m.
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak – Medical Office Building: 3535 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Crowne Point Office Building: 25900 Greenfield, Oak Park, after 5 p.m.
- Berkley Urgent Care: 3270 Greenfield Rd, Berkley, 4 to 7 p.m.

March 19
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak – 6th Floor, North Tower: 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 1 to 11 p.m.
- Berkley Urgent Care: 3270 Greenfield Rd, Berkley, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

March 20
- 7-Eleven: Lincoln St., 15350 Lincoln, Oak Park, 9:20 to 11:30 p.m.
- Ahavas Yisroel: 25952 Greenfield, Oak Park, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Kollel Institute of Greater Detroit: 15230 Lincoln St., Oak Park, 8 to 11:30 p.m.
- Yeshiva Gedolah of Greater Detroit: 24600 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, 9 p.m. to Midnight

March 21
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak – Emergency Department: 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Maplevue Liquor Store: 6084 Maple Rd., West Bloomfield Twp., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Yeshiva Gedolah of Greater Detroit: 24600 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, 8:40 – 11 a.m.

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and cultural activity in the community. We saw an opportunity to showcase a new event at the Community and Cultural Center during the winter months which was a break between the holiday and spring festivities.” Fenton City Councilwoman T racy Bottecelli attended the first two events and said, “They were both wonderful. Great music and it was just nice to get out of the house on a cold winter night. What a great idea this was.”

Visitors also had the opportunity to view artwork by Fenton Area Public Schools students, displayed during Feb-

If symptoms develop, do not visit your doctor or emergency room unless you call ahead so they can take precautions to prevent exposure to other individuals.

Leigh-Anne Stafford
Oakland County health officer

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past Argentine Township trustee and main organizer on collecting funds for the project. All of it is paid for by federal grant money and private donations. The Hagerman Foundation donated the $25,000 grant to the LAFF pathways project.

The 2.1-mile paved trail portion in Argentine Township is proposed from Havieland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road intersection through the Linden school campus to Silver Lake Road and Chestnut Way.

It will connect to the existing Lincoln City Sidewalks, allowing a safe pathway for students to walk to a from school and a non-motorized pathway for recreational use. It’s a part of a larger effort to connect Genesee County trails to Oakland County and farther.

“We’re not paying for it as Argentine Township,” said Brain Saad, township supervisor. “This is basically us agreeing to pay for the engineering for this pathway except we’re not paying for the agreement.”

The motion passed 4-0. T reasurer Norm Schmidt was absent. Sources of funding include the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Michigan Department of Transportation TAP funds, Safe Routes to School Program and private donations. Argentine Township has secured more than $1 million in funding.

Another source of funding is $300,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, which prioritizes regional trail projects in their funding allocation. On March 7, State Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist.51) voted in favor of House Bill 4244, which appropriates the $300,000 for Argentine Township in order to build a multi-use trail. This bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate, and is expected to become law.

Ciesielski expects construction to start spring 2020.

RATINGS
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She said PG-13 is the “sweet spot” for many movies. It can be a little violent, have sexually suggestive content, and maybe even an “F” word.

R-rated movies make a little less in the theater because the audience is smaller. “Even the NC-17 is the kiss of death for blockbuster type stuff,” she said, because some theaters don’t run them because it cuts down on attendance.

She said that the difference between a PG-13 and an R rating in the U.S. is usually based on sexual content or nudity, rather than violence. “I feel like if there’s sexual content or nudity, it will push it into an ‘R’ in the U.S.,” she said.

She has observed that the PG-13 rated-movie is turning into a “soft R” rating. She said if you look at older PG-13 movies, they’ll seem less violent.

Overall, she doesn’t like that ratings can hamper the vision of the director, but she can see it as useful for parents. “On a surface level, ratings are useful — a shorthand way to gauge the intensity of the movie without doing extra research,” said Kisner. Still, she urges viewers to research movies. Not only to see if a more mature movie could be appropriate, but also that movie with a lower rating could be fun for adults. “It may still be for you,” she said.

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Lake Fenton, Linden track teams perform well at SVSU meet

By David Troppens

The Linden and Lake Fenton varsity track teams competed at the Saginaw Valley State University’s recent indoor track competition and had their share of outstanding performances.

In fact, there were two first-place finishes. No one did better than Linden’s Taylor Acox. The senior posted a time of 9.71 seconds in the 60 meter hurdles, earning a first-place effort. She also had a time of 9.82 during the preliminary round, earning the top seed.

Lake Fenton’s Eric Niestroy earned the area’s other first-place performance. He won the 800 run with a time of 2:02.57. His best competition was another tri-county running star, Linden’s Tyler Buchanan. The senior posted a time of 1:58.85 in the 800.

Niestroy came close to getting a second win, earning second in the 1,600 run with a time of 4:35.21.

There were many other top-10 performances from the tri-county boys. They were earned by Buchanan, fifth in the 3,200 run (10:08.24); Lake Fenton’s Mike O’Brien, eighth in the 60 hurdles (9.46); Lake Fenton’s Thomas Hufston, eighth in the 3,200 (10:13.22); and Lake Fenton’s Samuel Selley, ninth in the 3,200 (10:25.85).

The tri-county women also had other top-10 efforts. Linden’s Lauren O’Brien placed third in the pole vault (8-feet-0); Lake Fenton’s Sophia Clements, sixth in the 60 hurdles (10.58); and Linden’s Aleah Piet, 10th in the long jump (14-5).

Other Linden performers to earn individual top-10 performances were Madison Koehler, 20th in the high jump (4-11); Maria Miller, 14th in the shot put (29-9 1/2); Maddie Smith, 19th in the shot put (28-2); Lauren O’Brien, 20th in the 60 hurdles (11.69); and Nicole Palmer, 15th in the 1,600 (5:18.09).

Linden’s other individual boys to earn top-20 efforts included Buchanan, 11th in the 800 (2:05.08) and Jimmy Rotti 13th in the 400 (56.09).

Lake Fenton had many other top-20 individual performances as well. They included Claire Hunt, 17th in the 1,600 (6:20.96); Evelyn Riley, 18th in the 1,600 (6:22.52); Sophia Clements, 11th in the long jump (14-3); and Joey Gilbert, 12th in the 1,600 (4:57.56).

Holly grapplers earn No. 1 spot in winter super seven poll

By David Troppens

In recent seasons, the Fenton Tigers have dominated our season-ending sports polls. The Tigers were well represented in this one as well, earning representation in five of the top seven, but the tri-county area’s other schools also have earned some representation this time, especially in the top half.

Here is the second half of our 2019 Tri-County Super Seven Winter Sports Teams Poll.

No. 4 - Linden boys basketball: The Eagles dominated the Metro League and were one loss away from going unbeaten in league play. However, the Clio Mustangs edged Linden in the second-last league game of the regular season.

The Eagles were able to beat Fenton three times, defeating them a third time in district action. Linden lost in the district final, but did give state semifinalist Howell a good battle in a 55-49 loss despite the fact Linden’s top player, Blake Lund, was out with an injury.

No. 3 - Fenton boys swimming and diving: The Tigers won their eighth straight outright Metro League title, cruising to an easy 5-0 dual record and a dominating performance at the Metro League meet, scoring 242 more points than second-place Swartz Creek/Pushing.

Fenton also racked up a strong number of performers for the state meet, having eight different individual entries and an entry in three different relays. The Tigers had three entries make it to the second day and placed 25th at the meet with 17 points.

No. 2 - LFLF gymnastics: It’s still a battle heading into the state meet. Fenton and Lake Fenton both have loaded rosters and both teams have earned top-10 finishes in regionals.

The three teams taking the top spots in our 2019 Tri-County Super Seven Winter Sports Team Poll are the No. 1 Holly wrestling team (top), the No. 2 LFLF gymnastics team (left) and the No. 3 Fenton boys swim team.

Linden’s Frederick enjoying life with EMU soccer team

By David Troppens

Alia Frederick had one goal on her mind when she joined the Eastern Michigan University women’s soccer team.

She wanted to make an impact immediately.

Two years into her career, it’s fair to say the Linden graduate has done just that.

During her freshman season, Frederick not only played, she appeared in all 19 matches in the midfield. She started 18 of those contests and was second in minutes played on the squad with 1,549 minutes. Indeed, Linden’s ex-star proved she belonged in Division I athletics immediately.

“It was definitely one of my goals going in,” Frederick said. “I told myself if I play college, I actually wanted to play. It made me feel like hard work pays off because I know how much my body can take and what I can do. Coming from a small school, it was a shock. There are a lot of players from other countries and states and we’re all battling for the same spot. I am proud to be able to do that and make a difference for the team.”

Frederick continued to make a difference during her sophomore season. She made the move to defense last fall and ended up playing in all 21 games,
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starting in 18. She was third in minutes played on the squad, posting 1,825 minutes. She helped guide the team to a 10-11 record overall and a 5-6 mark in the Mid-American Conference, steady improve ments from the prior year when the squad went 7-11-1 and 4-6. It also was the most wins the squad had since the 2014 season. She’s already getting ready for next fall’s season with the spring schedule hap pensing right now.

“Yeah, time flies by,” Frederick said. “It’s really demanding but I’d never change it.

“You don’t realize how much work and time you put into it until you are here. I did expect soccer to be a big priority in my life, but until you get here, you don’t understand how much time, effort and travelling there is. I enjoy it.”

With the primary load of her responsibilities coming on the defensive side of the pitch, Frederick doesn’t get many scoring opportunities. She’s only had 23 shots in her career. However, she has found time to score two goals while at East ern, one each season.

Her first one came in just her second game of her EMU career at Illinois Chicago. Frederick scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 contest during the 63rd minute when she scored on assists from Sabrina McNeill and Madeline Olson.

“It was exciting. I remember that day because it was so hot, Frederick said. “But I like playing in the heat because you are ready to go, and besides, someone has to win. I sent what was supposed to be a cross, but it went in. It was pretty cool.”

Her only goal last season came in a 2-1 loss at the University of Buffalo. She scored during the game’s 29th minute.

“My teammate made a run and crossed it,” Frederick said. “I saw the defender go for it and I hit it and it trickled in. I don’t now if I’ve ever been more excited.”

Now that Frederick is two years into her career, she knows she can play at the D1 level. She also knows she’s probably not going to make any tremendous changes in the way she plays.

“I know I can improve in some places, but now it’s more about fine-tuning,” Frederick said. “There are small areas I want to improve on like cross ing and 1v1 defending.”

The senior when Frederick isn’t playing soccer, she has found a way to remain active in the game. Last season she could be seen refereeing prep soccer games around the tri-county area. She plans on refereeing some games this season.

“I’ve been doing club refereing since I was 12,” Frederick said.

Linden graduate and Eastern Michigan University soccer player Alia Frederick runs on the field during a past contest. Frederick has been a starter in each of her first two seasons at Eastern.

“November 10-round and then championship fights,” Spencer said.

“It’s a subtle change. I always trained twice as hard before, so I could’ve fought six rounds easily in the past. I get stronger every training camp and every fight. I push myself to the limit and naturally progress. I keep saying each training camp is my best ever, but they are because each one is a progression from the other one since I turned pro.”

This training session has included some time in Texas and some other time in Gaylord.

“We were (in Gaylord) during a big snowstorm and I was doing some Rocky-style training,” Spencer said. “It’s a subtle change. I always trained twice as hard before, so I could’ve fought six rounds easily in the past. I get stronger every training camp and every fight. I push myself to the limit and naturally progress. I keep saying each training camp is my best ever, but they are because each one is a progression from the other one since I turned pro.”

One big change for this fight will come in another area that’s important to Spencer, and has been instilled by his family — giving back.

Spencer is sponsoring an 11-year-old boy who is a cancer survivor and is a part of the Children’s Miracle Network. He met the child Saturday (March 23) at his gym in Flint. The child will be given an all-expense paid trip to Spencer’s next fight and he will participate in a lot of the events surrounding the weekend. He’ll be a part of the walk out to the ring, the locker room events and other activities. Spencer says doing these types of events does help his training.

“I’m really excited to meet him and learn from the experience at a personal level,” Spencer said. “He’s a cancer survivor and it pains me to think of a two-year old kid having to fight cancer. I look at myself when I was 3, 4, 5 and 6-years old and you think what your worries were as a kid. We’re blessed he’s here and we want to raise awareness for the Children’s Miracle Network. That means a lot to me that it’s a local charity.”

Stories like this help keep Spencer grounded as well.

“At the end of the day boxing is two guys in there fighting. It’s a hard sport to be part of. It’s taxing on the body and mind,” Spencer said. “At the end of the day I’m not doing this for fame, money and status. I’m trying to help and bless as many people as possible through boxing. That helps keep me motivated.”

Finally, Spencer is seeing his time stretched in different directions more than ever before. A Google search on Spencer’s name or a search on his Facebook or Twitter page will reveal how many people want a part of Spencer’s time as he continues to progress as a professional boxer.

“I am doing interviews left and right,” Spencer said. “It’s a big part of what I do now. But I enjoy it because it shows all the hard work is paying off. It also is giving me a platform to do things. Right now I’m able to give the Children’s Miracle Network a voice.”

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Dale Andrew “Cirkus” “Flo Bags” Flore - age 67, died Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the McLaren Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be announced at a much later date. Cremation has taken place. Dale was born July 5, 1951 in Flint, to parents Theodore Flore and Norma Robinson, Flore, Emrick. He retired from CSX Rail Road as a Locomotive Engineer and was a proud graduate of the 1969 class of Fenton High School. Dale loved hunting, being outdoors and the U.P. He was excellent at juggling and always knew the punch line. Dale was the life of the party, could juggle while riding a unicycle and preferred motorcycles over cars. He was also everyone’s handyman. Surviving are wife, Cheryl; children, Logan Elizabeth (Brian), Callahan Andrew and Chase Aurelio Flore; grandchildren, Abbieale, Brian II “Bubba”; stepmother, Deana Flore; sisters Linda (Arden) Fisher, Norita Drake, Yvonne Hobbs, Mary Flore; brothers, Charles and Norma Robinson, Brian II “Bubba”; stepmother, Deana Flore; sisters Linda (Arden) Fisher, Norita Drake, Yvonne Hobbs, Mary Flore; brothers, Charles and Norma Robinson, Brian II “Bubba”; stepmother, Deana Flore; sisters Linda (Arden) Fisher, Norita Drake, Yvonne Hobbs, Mary Flore; brothers, Charles and Norma Robinson, Brian II “Bubba”; stepmother, Deana Flore; sisters Linda (Arden) Fisher, Norita Drake, Yvonne Hobbs, Mary Flore; brothers, Charles and Norma Robinson, friends, Kevin, Jerry, Jim, Bill, Heidi, Pam, Max, Dan, Joe, Ron, Al, and many more. For more information, please visit www.reigelfuneralhome.com.

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**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
You might have to make a few concessions in the short-term if you are eager to make real progress in the long-term, Aries. Eventually all things will even out.

**TAURUS**
Apr 21/May 21
Put exercise to the forefront of your list of things to do, Taurus. If you have not been physically active lately, work slowly and diligently to build up your endurance.

**GEMINI**
May 22/Jun 21
Important decisions cannot be made in a matter of minutes, Gemini. You really have to work through all the angles. Seek opinions from trusted friends.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 22
Make a list of things you need to accomplish this week, Cancer. If you let it all sit in your head, you are bound to get overwhelmed and forget your wishes and give thanks.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there are a few ways a situation at work can go. Not every path may meet with your utmost approval. But you may have to swallow your pride and compromise.

**VIRGO**
Aug 24/Sept 22
If illness has been going around, Virgo, do your best to avoid getting sick. Be diligent in handwashing and other preventive measures.

**LIBRA**
Sep 23/Oct 22
Even the most doting parents can use some down time once in a while, Libra. Plan an adults-only date night and enjoy some well-deserved conversation.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 24/Nov 21
Scorpio, illnesses or medical obstacles can have many sources from the foods you eat to your emotional wellness. Start jotting things down in a journal to figure out how to feel better.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 23/Dec 21
Your perseverance is a source of inspiration to others, Sagittarius. Don’t be bashful when others share these thoughts with you. Accept their well wishes and give thanks.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 20
Hold tight to those friends who have your best interests at heart through happy and trying situations. Capricorn. These are the people you can call upon this week.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 21-Feb 19
For so long you have been doling out advice to other people and helping them improve their lives. Aquarius. Now you are the one who could benefit from some counsel.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, a recent birthday celebration could have you feeling like you need to make drastic changes. But small ones can fit the bill as well.

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**Streaming MOVIES**

**CAPERNAUM**
Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, Nadine Labaki’s documentary (“Chaos”) tells the story of Zain (Zain al Rafeea), a Lebanese boy who sues his parents for the “crime” of giving him life. Capernaum follows Zain, a gutsy streetwise child as he flees his negligent parents, survives through his wits on the streets, takes care of Ethiopian refugee Rahil (Yordanos Shiferaw) and her baby son, Yonas (Boluwatife Treasure Bankole), being jailed for a crime, and finally, seeks justice in a courtroom.

**COLD WAR**
Cold War is a passionate love story between a man and a woman whose lives closely parallel their own. Capernaum was made with a cast of non-professional players playing characters whose lives parallel their own. Colder War is a film with an expansive palette: without poetic imagery, tenderness, and inspire with flashes of intensity, surprise with unexpected twists of fate – an impossible love story in impossible times. 1 hr. 29 min. Drama, Romance

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**Horoscope Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Hindu prince
2. Bigshot, for short
3. Verge
4. Horseback game
5. Tokyo’s old name
6. Chamber of the heart
7. Born
8. Good-looking guy
9. Bandleader
10. Young roll of the dice
11. Arrived
12. Thing
13. Pots and pans and such
14. Cupid’s alias
15. Chignon
16. Yours
17. Neither mate
18. Pavement
19. Cricatrix
20. Always
21. Swerves
22. “Monopoly” buy
23. Desert-like
24. Superlative ending
25. South
26. American nation
27. Chicken – king
28. 1 Cleric’s address
29. 2 Brewerie product
30. 3 One of the
31. 4 Country song
32. 5 Rotate
33. 6 Pawn

**DOWN**
1. 11 Bard (Abbr.)
2. 16 Scoot
3. 20 Coal diggers’ org.
4. 21 Bro and sis
5. 22 Needle case
6. 23 Feuds
7. 24 Hit on the head
8. 26 Burn somehow
9. 27 Lubricant number
10. 28 Every last bit
11. 29 Commute
12. 30 creation
13. 31 Dozens
14. 32 First lady
15. 33 Lead astray
16. 34 Concept
17. 35 Abridged
18. 36 Over heels
19. 37 Norway’s capital
20. 38 Unidentified (Abbr.)
21. 39 Bro and sis
22. 40 Needle case
23. 41 Leftovers
24. 42 Before
25. 43 Shade tree
26. 44 Felon’s flight
27. 45 Whatever
28. 46 Whatever
29. 47 Whatever
30. 48 Whatever

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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