

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

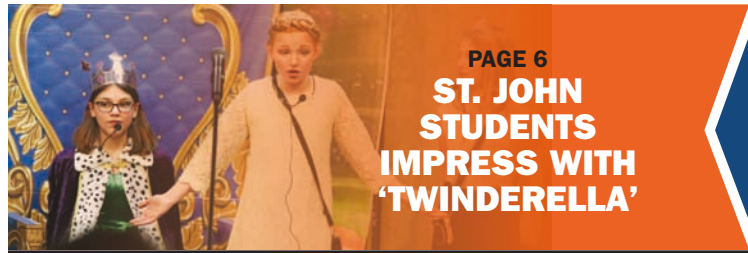
first two were at Bush Park in the city of Fenton and second two were in downtown Linden. However, the continued improvements in downtown Fenton make holding the next event there an attractive and lucrative option.

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved the Keepers' request to hold the all-day event in downtown Fenton on Sunday June 23.

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The Keepers of the Shiawassee Riverfest held its 2018 event in Linden. Here, the Card-board Canoe race is about to get underway.

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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

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

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp.— The 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 Argentine Township non-motorized pathway is expected to be constructed spring 2020. It will connect to Linden City sidewalks.

Photo: Metro Photo



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“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.”



“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.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“I have to laugh at the Hollywood has-beens who find out how fragile their Hollywood friendships are when friends turn on them over meaningless issues such as the ‘college scandal.’ It should be called ‘Hollywood,’ because it’s full of demons. Kids are starving, but this is important? How do you like me now!”



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Emagine-Hartland, a 10-screen luxury movie theater owned by Emagine Entertainment, opened its doors to the public Saturday, Dec. 15. *Times* file photo

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](http://filmsite.org), 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.com, older 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 Kisner 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” fit 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 cyborgs with robot bodies were fighting and being injured, not humans. See **RATINGS** on 10

“I feel like if there’s sexual content or nudity, it will push it into an ‘R’ in the U.S.”
Michelle Kisner
Spoiler Free Movie Sleuth contributor

G GENERAL AUDIENCES

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PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED

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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.

Source: businessinsider.com, filmsite.org

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If I Were King...

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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 my family from this dreary obligation in 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 peed in a knothole in the floor of our second-story bedroom for three days before our mom caught 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 boomerang 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.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

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TO CLIMATE CHANGE non-believers. You propose to not do anything about pollution in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. It sounds like a defeatist attitude, like the hell with it; we're going to die anyway. What an attitude.

PEOPLE, PLEASE STOP leaving your cars at pumps when there's a fast food restaurant at the gas station. You are holding up business. Have some common sense.

EVERY ONCE IN a while 'The King' (a huge ego?), writes something that makes sense. Then comes his right-wing vitriol this Wednesday. What a nut case.

THE DELUGE THAT devastated so much of the Midwest over the last week could be a preview for one of the worst years for flooding in the U.S., according to federal weather officials.

AS A PRISONER of war, John McCain was tortured and so physically broken that he was unable to comb his own hair. All this pales, however, in comparison to the suffering from President Trump

endured from his heel spurs. Wake up America! Who is the real American hero?

THE PROBLEM ISN'T student loans, the problem is that college costs too much. My college's tuition costs have increased 1287 percent since I graduated, which is nowhere near the rate of inflation. Public and community colleges should charge tuition on a cost-plus basis.

OUR ROADS MAY be the worst in the nation and they reached their calamitous state under complete Republican rule. It should also be noted that a recent study found that Michigan drivers additionally spent over \$2,000 annually on fixing their cars as a result of the poor condition of our roads.

GOVERNMENT/DEMOCRAT-RUN education system has systematically eliminated and/or perverted history for years. Now with push to lower voting age by Democrats, we all see their motive for doing so and it's shameful.

THE SUPREME COURT ruled unanimously (9-0) that states must adhere to the Constitution's (California) ban on excessive fines, a decision that will likely limit the ability of states to impose certain fees and seize property.

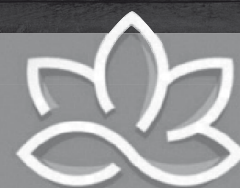
MR. MUELLER'S REPORT released on Sunday — no collusion. Send the bill to the DNC!

I CAN'T HELP but note that the news programs choose to scream when they are castigating Trump, but whisper when the news is pro-Trump or anti-leftist.

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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 Rogan 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

street talk

Argentine offering free security assessments

■ Officers will walk through home, business, church 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. We're trained to identify issues 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.

"For example, we always recommend trimming bushes down to 3 feet tall and trimming trees up to 6 feet. This is to provide a sightline from the roadway so that an intruder can't hide behind natural foliage," Conner said.

Conner and Fulton took classes last year in crime prevention strategies for educational facilities, crime prevention through environmental design, residential crime prevention, crime prevention for places of worship, and crime prevention initiatives for business.

Those interested can visit argentin township.com and go to the police department tab. Click on the crime prevention unit and the link that says "request a free site survey."

Individuals will fill out information such as their

name, business name, email, phone and address. The department asks that those requesting a survey find the site plan for the building and mention any security concerns.

“We’re trained to identify issues 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.”

Scott Conner

Argentine Township police officer

RIVERFEST

Continued from Front Page

The festival is the primary fundraiser for the Keepers of the Shiawassee River. According to Chairman Brad Jacob, proceeds from the annual festival support the group's cleanup efforts, a full yearly calendar of free paddling events, water testing, infrastructure improvements including signage and accessible launch points.

"The event serves to increase the visibility of the Keepers, and provides the public with information regarding the ecological and recreational relationship the river has with the community," Jacob said.

By utilizing the downtown Fenton area, it is the Keepers' goal to demonstrate the economic link between the Shiawassee and the communities along its course.

"We are looking forward to a day of music and family fun in and along the river," Jacob said.

Councilwoman Cherie Smith thanked Jacob for his hard work and expressed her appreciation for starting the river festival five years ago. She told him how happy she is that it will be returning to Fenton.

Summary of events

This year's events will include live music all day in the gazebo. The lineup consists of seven local bands performing classic rock, rockabilly, country or the blues.

A "Vendor Village" will be located in Rackham Park along the river walk. Vendors will include arts and crafts, franchised sales, civic groups and local business exhibitors. Organizers expect between 30 and 50 vendors.

A fishing tournament among properly licensed participants, Cardboard Canoe contest and race and more also are among activities planned. There will be kayaks and paddle boards available for demo use.

The kids area near the Vendor Village will include a bounce house, craft area and kid-friendly activities and contests. Food trucks will be on hand as well.

Raffles will be available for prizes in the days leading up to and the day of the event. A rubber duck race (in accordance with state law) is also planned.

Up-to-date information about this festival will be published in a mid-May edition of the Tri-County Times.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Mueller schedules local office hours

State Rep. Mike Mueller of Fenton Township will host district office hours **Friday, April 12**, to meet with local residents of the 51st District. "Hosting monthly office hours is one of the most enjoyable parts of being your state representative," Mueller said. "It's a great way to have a one-on-one conversation about the issues most important to you." Office hours are scheduled from **1 to 3 p.m.** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Dr. in Fenton Township. No appointment is necessary. Residents unable to attend may contact Mueller's office by calling (517) 373-1780 or by email at MikeMueller@house.mi.gov.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

VOTERS SAY TRUMP and Democrats go waah, waah, waah. Trump says Kavanagh and Democrats go waah, waah, waah. Mueller reports and Dems go waah, waah, waah, ooh-la-la waah, waah, waah. And Dems go waah, waah, waah. Come on, everyone sing along: and the Dems go waah, waah, waah!

■ ■ ■
NOT EVEN MOUNT Everest appears immune to global warming. And a new concern has emerged as a result of glacial melting, exposed bodies. Melting ice and snow on Everest caused by higher temperatures is revealing the bodies of dead climbers.

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FULFILLING THE ROLE of Russian patsy, Democrats everywhere continue to undermine the duly elected President of the United States, implementing exactly what the Russian hoped to achieve. Who is colluding now?

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GLOBAL WARMING IS expected to continue this century, with rates depending on the volume of heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide and methane that humans pump.

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ONWARD AND DOWNWARD away we go with an 'Attorney General' that lies about the 'Muller Report' and a 'Supreme Court Justice' who claims 'The Devil's Triangle' is a drinking game?

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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 stepsisters make her rotate tires and polish bowling trophies while Bob’s evil stepfather and cruel stepbrothers force him to make



(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 Gordley performs as the queen in “Twinderella.” Photos: Hannah Ball

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dried herb wreaths and organize the sock drawer,” according to the program.

“This hilarious musical fractured fairytale 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 stepsisters 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.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, March 15.

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 alcohol during pregnancy.

Passed 100 to 10 in the House

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

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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 — 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.



David Lossing served his community of Linden for nearly two decades.

Submitted photo

"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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DEMOCRATS, IF THERE is no crime, how can there be obstruction of justice. Let's investigate collusion by the Democrats to attempting to overthrow our elected government.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS already affecting the climate of the Great Lakes region and the physical behavior of the Great Lakes themselves. The Great Lakes hold about one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water and are so large that they influence regional weather. They keep nearby lands cooler in summer and warmer in winter than those farther inland, while their humidity fuels lake-effect snowfall and summer rains.

DEAR CONGRESS, NOW that the Mueller investigation is over and it's been confirmed there was no collusion, could you please work on putting together a balanced budget? Thank you.

WHY IS IT taking until April 2 to get Muller's report to Congress? Just give it to Devin Nunes and it will get there by midnight.

HEY LINDEN, WHILE you're shaking up the baseball program, how about the non-competitive lackluster softball program. Overdue for a change there as well.

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A camper zips across the creek at Camp Copneconic on Monday, March 25. He'll be received by Outdoor Education Instructor Tyler Carl. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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 woodsy 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 of the zip line. "The kids have a lot of fun, they feel like they're flying, and they really get to test their boundaries."

Outdoor Education Instructor Tyler Carl was catching the kids as they flew from one side of the creek to the other 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.

“The kids have a lot of fun, they feel like they're flying, and they really get to test their boundaries.”

Katie Comack

Camp Copneconic senior director of summer camps and adventure learning

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House Bill 4009: Expand Freedom of Information Act to legislature

To extend the Freedom of Information Act to legislators, whose offices are currently exempt, subject to number of specific exceptions proposed by House Bill 4015.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4015: Establish open records request exceptions for legislature

To define the records that would be exempt from Freedom of Information Act requests to the state legislature, and establish appeals procedures for denials of records or excessive fees. Communications with constituents would not be subject to disclosure, along with other exceptions including records with personal financial, health, internet use and other details; preliminary and advisory communications within or between legislative bodies other than purely factual matters; records of ongoing legislative investigations and more. The bill would also exempt from disclosure records held by the Republican and Democratic caucuses.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4008: Extend Freedom of Information Act to governor

To extend the Freedom of Information Act to records in the possession of the governor and lieutenant governor's offices and staff, which are currently exempt. House Bill 4007 proposes a number of specific exceptions and exemptions to such disclosures.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4007: Establish open records request exceptions for governor

To establish specific exceptions to the proposal in House Bill 4008 to repeal the exemption of records in the possession of the governor and lieutenant governor's offices from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. These exceptions include records related to gubernatorial appointments; sanctions on judges; pardons, reprieves and commutations; executive budget preparations; deficit-related spending cuts; the annual state-of-the-state address; records subject to executive privilege; communications with constituents; and information related to security, employee personal information and cell phone numbers.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4060: Honorary road designation for Aretha Franklin

To designate a portion of M-10 in Detroit as the "Aretha Franklin Memorial Highway."

Passed 101 to 6 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

Our Future



Meet
Gavin Ambrose

- Holly High School senior
- Vegetarian
- Future businessperson

By Tim Jagielo
Gavin Ambrose, 18, strives 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 only-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.

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 Concert 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 musi-

cians 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

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“We were very pleased with our inaugural Cabin Fever (Winter Series).”

Eric Szczepanski
Event chairperson

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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.

MEASLES

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“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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March 18 – March 21

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- **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 9 a.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.
- **Mapleview 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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PATHWAY

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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 Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road intersection through the Linden school campus to Silver Lake Road and Chestnut Way.

It will connect to the existing Linden City sidewalks, allowing a safe pathway for students to walk to a from school and a non-motorized pathway for recreational use. It’s 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. Treasurer 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, \$5,000 from Linden schools 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.

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CABIN FEVER

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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 while there’s a break between the holiday and spring festivities.”

Fenton City Councilwoman Tracy 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-

ruary in the community center’s lobby.

The commission is already planning additional cultural events and programs, including Cabin Fever 2020.

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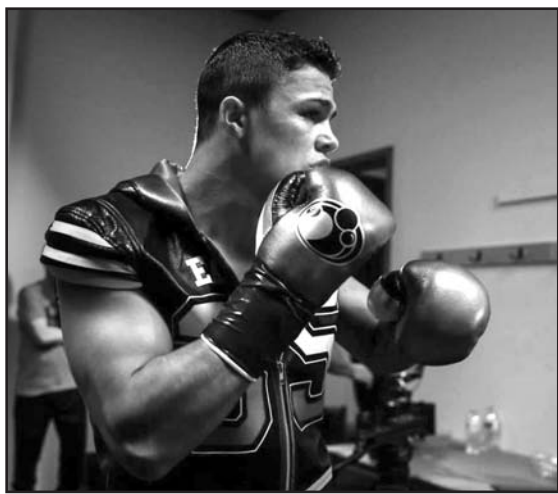
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Spencer's next bout is six rounds, April 13

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer is taking a step up in his professional boxing career in many different ways.

The next time Spencer steps into the ring — April 13 at The Armory in Minneapolis, Minnesota — his bout will be scheduled for six rounds instead of four.

He also is expecting a rise in com

petition. If the fighter they are hoping to schedule is finalized, Spencer will be competing against his best prospect yet.

He's also seen a rise in media commitments and is upping his humanitarian goals in the process as well. Spencer will be sponsoring a child from the Children's Miracle Network of Flint while preparing

for this fight.

Spencer, who is 6-0 during his professional career, is excited to take on all of the new challenges.

"It feels good moving up to six rounds," Spencer said. "I've been training harder and am getting ready to step up. I'm excited for the next stage of my career and am excited to see how it plays out. I can't wait to get in the ring for six-round fights and then for eight-round, then

See **SPENCER'S** on 13

Linden resident Joey Spencer will step into the ring for his seventh professional fight April 13. Photo: Trapp Photos

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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. Buchanan had a second-place time of 2:05.08 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 Michael O'Brien, eighth in the 60 hurdles (9.46); Lake Fenton's Thomas Hufton, 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-20 performances were Madeline Koehler, 20th in the high jump (4-2); 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 (6:18.09).

Linden's other individual boys to earn top-20 efforts included Buchanan, 11th in the 800 (2:05.08) and Jimmy Roti, 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 undefeated 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/Flushing.

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.

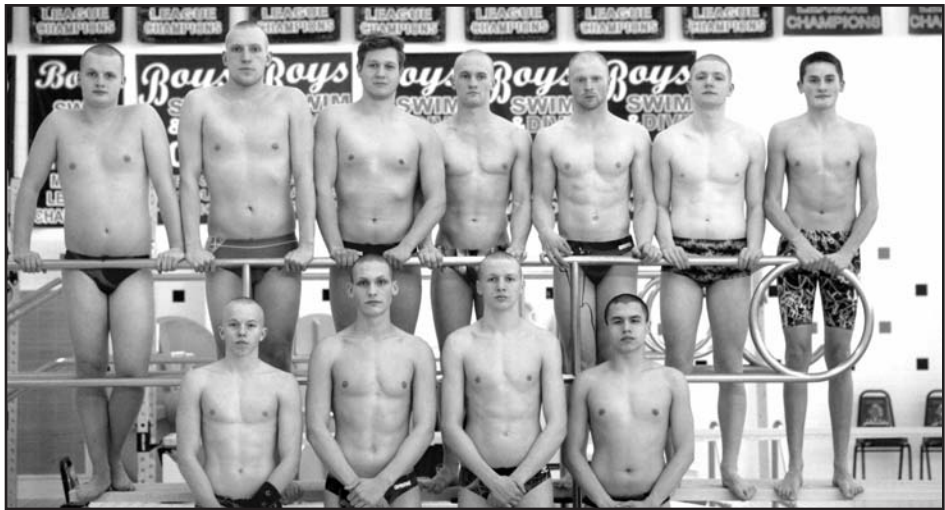
No. 2 - LFLF gymnastics: It's still a

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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.

Times file photos



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

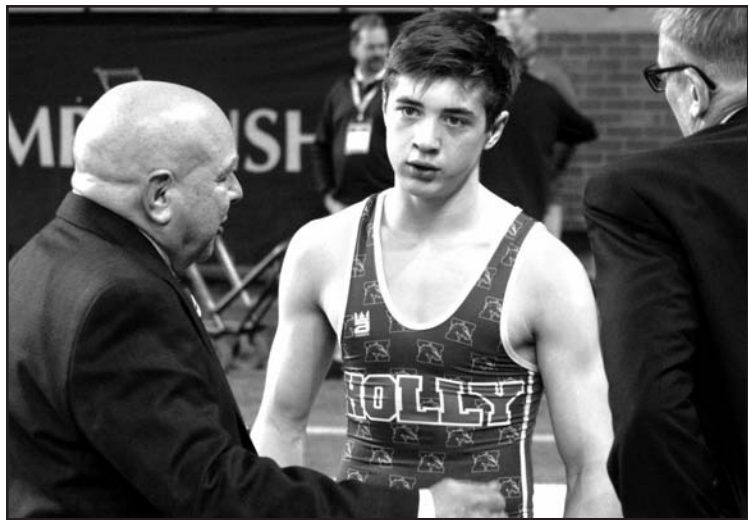
19 matches in the midfield. She started 18 of those contests and was second in minutes played on the squad with 1,549 minutes. Indeed, Linden's ex-star proved she belonged in Division I athletics immediately.

"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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Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta congratulates his wrestler Nate Young after he finished second at the state meet. The Holly wrestling team was our No. 1 team in our winter team poll.
Photo: David Troppens

POLL

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young program but the LFLF gymnastics team is quickly becoming one of the winter's strongest programs in the tri-county area.
The co-op team including athletes from Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton had a fine regular season, posting many wins. They ended up taking second in the Lakes Valley Conference and then qualifying for the team state meet with a third-place effort in the regional meet.
The squad completed its team season with an eighth-place effort at team states, and then had plenty of competitors continue to

the individual state meet as well. It was another fine season for the gymnasts.
No. 1 - Holly wrestling: The Bronchos dominated a competitive Metro League with a perfect 8-0 record and a first-place total of 152.5 points. The Bronchos gave longtime head coach Don Pluta a lot to celebrate during his final year at the helm.
The Bronchos were unable to go too far in the team postseason, losing to state-ranked Goodrich in the team district final. However, in the individual tournament, six Bronchos advanced to the state meet and had one state finalist, Nate Young, at the meet.

FREDERICK

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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 improvements from the prior year when the squad went 7-11-1 and 4-6. It also was the most wins the squad has had since the 2014 season. She's already getting ready for next fall's season with the spring schedule happening 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 Eastern, 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



Linden graduate and Eastern Michigan University soccer player Alia Frederick runs on to the field during a past contest. Frederick has been a starter in each of her first two seasons at Eastern.
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63rd minute when she scored on assists from Sabrina McNeill and Madeline Olson.
"It was exciting. I remember that day because it was scorching 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 crossing and 1v1 defending."
Even when Frederick isn't playing soccer, she has found a way how 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 more games this season.
"I've been doing club refereeing since I was 12," Frederick said.
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SPENCER'S

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10-round and then championship fights."
Spencer, 19, is well into his training sessions for his next fight.
"(A six-round fight) doesn't change what I'm doing. I just do more of it," 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. "I did a lot of chopping wood."
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 more 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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It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

Source: Thefuneralsource.org



Dale Andrew "Cirkus" "Flo Bags" Flore 1951-2019

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 limericks 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, Abbielle, Brian II "Bubba"; step-mother, Deana Flore; sisters Linda (Arden) Fisher, Norita Drake, Yvonne Hobbs, Mary Flore; brothers, Charles (Judy) Hughes, Mike (Jen) Flore; several nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law, Walter (Cindy) Maryniak and Joseph Maryniak. Preceded in death by his parents and special dog, Jac. Condolences may be left online at www.reiglefuneralhome.com.

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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 something.

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

Sept 23/Oct 23

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 22

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 and look your best.

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 18

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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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Hindu prince

5 Persian leader

9 Bigshot, for short

12 Verve

13 Horseback game

14 Tokyo's old name

15 Chamber of the heart

17 Born

18 Good-looking guy

19 Bandleader Xavier

21 Lucky roll of the dice

24 Arrived

25 Thing

26 Pots and pans and such

30 Chignon

31 Yours

32 Neither mate

33 Pavement

35 Cicatrix

36 Always

37 Swerves

38 "Monopoly" buy

40 Desert-like

42 Superlative ending

43 South American nation

48 Chicken — king

49 Cupid's alias

50 Family

51 — and don'ts

52 Transmitted

53 TV award

7 Every last bit

8 Cornmeal creation

9 With a — (forcefully)

10 Concept

11 Bard

16 Scoot

20 Coal diggers' org.

21 Bro and sis

22 Needle case

23 Feuds

24 Hit on the head

26 Burn something

27 Lubricant

28 Bellow

29 Blunders

31 Dozens

34 First lady

35 Lead astray

37 Namely (Abbr.)

38 — over heels

39 Norway's capital

40 Unsigned (Abbr.)

41 Leftovers

44 Before

45 Shade tree

46 Felon's flight

47 Whatever number

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1 Cleric's address (Abbr.)

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