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Hartland man charged with criminal sexual conduct with minors

■ Youth baseball coach facing 10 felonies, lodged in Livingston County Jail

Compiled by Sharon Stone

On Nov. 23, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office arrested a Hartland area youth baseball coach for criminal sexual conduct involving minors and for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

The suspect, identified as Joseph Mark Frappier, a 49-year-old Hartland Township resident and Linden High School graduate, was lodged at the Livingston County Jail without incident and arraigned at the 53rd District Court in Howell on 10 counts of various degrees of criminal sexual conduct and one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor. A cash surety bond was set at \$500,000 for Frappier.

The charges stem from an investigation where Frappier is alleged to have sexually assaulted two minors at his Hartland Township residence on multiple occasions between 2015 and 2019. Frappier was introduced to the victims through his position as their youth baseball coach.

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Joseph Frappier



Holly Dickens Festival begins — Santa Claus (Kevin Lambert) holds his “key to the city,” given to him by festival director George Kullis (right). The parade and tree lighting ceremony were attended by approximately 1,500 people Friday, Nov. 29 and served as a kick-off to Dickens Festival, which runs the next two weekends. See story on page 8. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Two local daycares 100-percent vaccinated in 2018

■ Preschool immunization rates range from 70- to 100-percent vaccinated

By Hannah Ball

Michigan requires that parents have their children receive certain immunizations, or complete a waiver before they start

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Should state term limits be relaxed?

■ Michigan legislators have some of the strictest term limits in the country

By Tim Jagielo

In Michigan, representatives may be elected up to three two-year terms. Senators may be elected up to two four-year terms, per the Constitution of Michigan.

These limits are among the strictest in the country, See **TERM LIMITS** on 2



“The ‘memory tree’ in Oakwood Cemetery is up and ready for ornaments to be added in

memory of your loved ones. There are 2,100 hundred lights on the tree this year. The gates are open all night for viewing.”



“I was in Adopt-A-Pet and saw so many homeless dogs. It's heartbreaking.

I hope everyone considers adopting this Christmas.”



“To the deer that keeps showing up on my deck every night. I'm watching you, and stop moving my patio furniture.”



TERM LIMITS

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according to University of Michigan-Flint political science lecturer Kimberly Saks-McManaway. She said 15 states have restrictions of some kind.

Recently a bipartisan panel of former legislators acting through an attorney asked a federal just to strike down the voter-approved limitations as unconstitutional, according to Michigan Radio.

There's no action on this question currently, but it offers a chance to examine Michigan's term limits.

Saks-McManaway said that overall, the positive results of term limits are mixed. She said that while it can encourage diversity, the "churn" of new legislators can lead to an office staff that's actually more powerful and better educated in legislating than the representatives or senators. "This goes against the idea of democratic elections because then unelected staff are more knowledgeable and powerful than the elected representatives themselves," she said.

The "pork" spending isn't eliminated by term limits, she said. The term refers to the practice of politicians trading favors granted to constituents or special interest

groups in exchange for political support, such as in the form of votes or campaign contributions, according to investopedia.com.

This is why she's against term limits herself. "I have always argued that elections are term limits," she said.

For former legislators like State Rep.

“(Term limits go) against the idea of democratic elections because then unelected staff are more knowledgeable and powerful than the elected representatives themselves.”

Kimberly Saks-McManaway
UM-Flint political science lecturer

Joe Graves of Argentine Township, elections aren't enough. Graves held the 51st district seat for all three two-year terms. He was unable to run again due to term limits, but he still supports them.

"I think career politicians have ruined the national stage," he said, on both par-

ties. He's referring to the federal level where there are no term limits. He doesn't like the idea of multi-decade "dynasties" of one family holding onto a seat for 50 years.

Graves said he would lengthen the terms for representatives, however. He said with two-year terms, they're always running for office again.

In November 2018, Mike Mueller won the seat vacated by Graves. Mueller said term limits are both good and bad. They do keep legislators accountable and active because they only have so much time in office.

Echoing Saks-McManaway, Mueller said the downside is that institutional knowledge is lost. "The legislative process also takes time, and oftentimes you see the momentum of a bill killed when there is so much turnover" Mueller said.

He agrees with Graves that two-year terms are not enough time. He thinks a four-year term would make more time to get legislation moved through.

Saks-McManaway thinks the length of terms are fine, but there should be more terms available to legislators. She said the current system leads to people moving through both houses of the legislature and



Former Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) was on several committees during his three terms in office. He was unable to run again in 2018 but still supports term limits. *Times file photo*

then becoming lobbyists, which is "the very thing many term limits proponents claim they want to lessen or eliminate," she said.

Former LF student enlists police to help with proposal

■ Police dash cam video goes viral, featured on Good Morning America

By Hannah Ball

The son of a Fenton Township family appeared in a Good Morning America segment Saturday, Nov. 30 after his proposal to his now-wife was shared online.

Watch the segment at myfenton.com.

In the video, Grant Speace, 24, who attended West Shore Elementary in Lake Fenton Community Schools as a kid, was driving with his girlfriend, Hailey Stultz, 23, when they were pulled over by police on Sunday, Nov. 24. An officer told them there was a warrant out for Speace, and they both got out of the car.

Instead of being arrested, Speace got down on one knee and proposed. Police body camera footage captured the moment.

Speace is in the Coast Guard, currently stationed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and flew to Cincinnati last Friday. He asked for her family's blessing to marry Stultz last

Saturday and did the proposal on Sunday.

They shopped for wedding clothes on Monday and were married this past Tuesday, Nov. 26. Stultz wore Speace's mother's wedding dress for the ceremony.

Speace flew back Wednesday and his ship left Friday.

They both graduated high school in Ohio in 2014.



Grant Speace and Hailey Stultz at their wedding ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 26. *Submitted photo*

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The dog park effect

■ Thompson Road Regional Dog Park celebrates two years

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Dog parks affect more than just the fenced-in space and furry friends who come to play.

On Sunday, Nov. 24, hundreds of people brought their dogs to celebrate the second anniversary of the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park. It helped celebrate a community-wide effort years in the making.

The two-acre community dog park, on Thompson Road just east of Wiggins Road, officially opened in November 2017. The park, funded by donations, features two fenced-in sections, one for big dogs and one for smaller dogs. Its amenities have

grown in the past two years. Dogs can run and play on agility equipment made by Linden resident Sam Levi, who made the pieces for his Eagle Scout project.

Users can hang their dogs' leash on

racks and grab a plastic bag for waste disposal from one of the plastic bag stands. The park now has four benches, all sponsored by local businesses.

Dog parks are often community-supported and invested projects.

Kris Johns, one of the Grand Blanc Dog Park coordinators, said they recently had their five-year anniversary for the Grand Blanc park.

“The main goal is to give a space for people to come with their dogs. So many people love their dogs. It creates a sense of community. People who may not interact meet because of their dogs,” he said.

The National Recreation and Park Association conducted a survey in 2018 that found that 91 percent of Americans believe dog parks benefit the community they serve. The top three benefits were

“People are willing to give their time and their money. We’ve been able to raise awareness for animal shelters and canine-related groups.”

Kris Johns

Grand Blanc Dog Park coordinator

See **DOG PARK** on 7



Dogs enjoy the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park on Sunday, Nov. 24, when attendees celebrate the two-year anniversary of the park being open. The dog park committee invited animal rescue organizations to spread information about strays and pets. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



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Building Brands

Yes, And ...

A couple of weeks ago, a few friends and myself gathered for a comedy in Hamtramck.

Co-written by a friend of ours, the show was a hilarious mix of improv and perfectly planned one liners. I admire people who can get up on stage and “wing it” all while making people laugh.

Improv has been on my mind a lot lately. And no, not because I’ll be joining a comedy troupe anytime soon. Along with our friend’s comedy show, I recently saw a talk by Travis Thomas, an improv actor turned corporate speaker. Thomas uses a well-known improv technique “Yes, And” to lead teams at work and on the field. From his website “Living YES, And is about accepting and embracing everything that is happening in your experience — even the bad stuff! Why? Because good or bad, the only way to move forward is by facing it and moving through it. Whether we choose to make it good or bad, blissful or painful, a long or short process is entirely up to us.”

Thomas is not alone. Tina Fey writes about using the “Yes, And” philosophy in her book

“Bossypants.”

A Fast Company article on the art of using improv in the workplace uses this example of how “Yes, And” works. “... in an improvised scene with a partner never say no. If you’re in a boat rowing down the river, you don’t say, ‘No, we’re folding laundry.’ You say, ‘Yes, and we could really use a paddle instead of my arm.’ It adds to the scene, humor can develop, and trust is established between scene partners.”

Another reason “Yes, And” is so important is because it depends on listening. In our organization, no matter what position you hold, listening is vital. While it’s

natural to try to think of what to say next while a person’s talking, if you use the “Yes, And” rule, you’ll find you have to give that person your full attention, so you know what to say next. What a novel idea! We should all be listening first before we determine what to say next.

In addition, “Yes, And” is a fun way to live your life. On top of all of the benefits at work and at home, it also means that when a friend invites you to his comedy show you can say “Yes, And let’s eat some delicious Polish food while in town!”

How have you used the “Yes, And” concept in your life? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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Hotlines

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■■■
WELL NOW, A millennial is arrested after doing six laps on the roundabout, then crashing. Thought it was the baby boomers who can’t grasp the concept.

■■■
KEEP IN MIND the younger generation has been brainwashed by social media, group think, virtue signaling. We as responsible adults need to understand this when attempting to communicate with them. At some point, they will have to interact with real people in person for a paycheck.

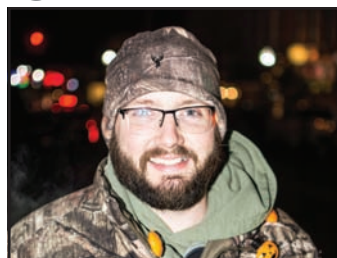
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What are your thoughts on term limits for elected officials ?



“We think there should be (term limits). We think there should be term limits so we don’t have people in forever and you get new blood in.”

Jo Wood
Holly



“I’m not in favor of term limits. If you’re not doing a good job, you get voted out. With two-year terms for state reps it can be hard to get things done.”

Derek Burton
Holly Township



“I’ve gone back and forth on this. But we can dispense with it, because let’s say someone is working on something beneficial but they can’t run again because they get termed out.”

Roger Brown, Rochester Hills



“We definitely need term limits — national and state and probably local. Some have been in office so long. Some are in their 80s and 90s.”

Ron Williams
Fenton Township



“Yes, definitely. There are guys that have been in there way too long. They’re holding us back. They’re not advancing us.”

Marjorie Kohler
Tyrone Township

street talk

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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To donate, go to toysfortots.org. Locally, residents may drop off toys at:

- Fenton Police Department, 311 S. LeRoy St., Fenton
- Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton
- Coldwell Banker Fenton, 235 N. LeRoy St., Fenton
- Fenton Moose Lodge, 2245 Sonora Dr., Fenton
- Online Auto at Thompson and Torrey roads, Fenton
- Loose Center, 707 N. Bridge St., Linden
- ELGA Credit Union, 8017 Silver Lake Rd., Linden
- The Baby Closet at The Freedom Center Church, 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton
- Brant & Associates Real Estate, 121 First Street, Fenton

Other drop-off sites will be listed online once the Tri-County Times becomes aware of them.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Member meeting

McCaslin Lake Country Club Subdivision Association is hosting a member meeting Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road Linden.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT William Clinton went through impeachment in 1998 for lying under oath, maybe it would have been better for the country if he had told the truth. Could the same be true for President Trump?

HERE ARE THE real job creation figures for Trump and Obama. Trump's first 30 months, 5.74 million created to Obama's last 30 months of 6.61 million new jobs created. Still waiting for the White House to explain the job growth decline.

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VACCINATED

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daycare around age 3. Schools are required to report these numbers to the state each February.

The 2018 immunization rates of local daycares range from 70 to 100 percent, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Bob Swanson, director of the division of immunizations with the MDHHS, said "It's very worrisome to us because if we have immunization rates that are low, that means we have a lot of children in school who are not protected. We have a large number of kids susceptible to disease."

Herd immunity, the term used to describe how much of a population is immunized, which could protect those vaccinated from getting certain diseases from the few who are unvaccinated, differs for each disease. For measles, Swanson said the accepted number is at least 95 percent vaccinated.

The Lake Fenton preschool has one of the highest vaccination rates for local daycares. In 2018, the program was 93 percent immunized with 69 out of 74

students receiving full vaccinations. Three had incomplete records, one student had a religious waiver and one had a philosophical waiver.

Chelsea Horton, the preschool program director, said this year they're at 93 percent vaccinated. Five parents turned in waivers, two for religious reasons and three for philosophical reasons.

This program consists of children ages 3-5 years old, Horton said, and in order for students to be enrolled, they must turn in a checklist of documents, including a vaccination record from the child's pediatrician. These documents are kept in Horton's office.

If parents choose not to have their child vaccinated for a nonmedical reason, they must fill out a nonmedical waiver form issued by the MDHHS.

"Parents must call their county health department to obtain this form. When they call, the health department has an opportunity to address their concerns and questions about immunizations. This allows for scientific-based education and resources to be provided to the parents," Horton said.

Younger students are more likely

to have incomplete records than older students. Horton said these students are simply waiting for their next wellness appointment for the next round of vaccinations.

"In the past when parents have talked about their wishes toward anti-vaccination, I have listened and always stated that I respect their decisions and that they are well within their rights to make those choices. I can only provide state-approved educational resources toward vaccinations for the parents to review if they request it," Horton said.

"This is a controversial topic and while we each have our own views and beliefs, I have always found it best to remain understanding and mostly neutral to the topic with my parents," she said. "It is my responsibility to build positive relationships with our families and to do that I must be flexible and open-minded. I have a duty to enforce state regulations and as long as all the proper steps are followed then I am satisfied."

The daycare has its state certificate with the 2018 vaccination rate posted on the school's board for parents to see.

2018 IMMUNIZATION RATES FOR LOCAL DAYCARES

(most recent data available)

- **Linden Child Development Center** has 24 out of 34 kids with complete immunizations. Seven are provisional or in a dose waiting period and two are listed as incomplete. They have a 70.6-percent immunization rate.
- **Fenton Early Head Start** has a 71.4-percent immunized rate with five out of seven kids vaccinated. Those students are provisional or are in a dose waiting period.
- **The Rainbow Childcare Center** in Fenton on Owen Road is 73.4-percent vaccinated. Out of 94 students, 69 are vaccinated. Ten are provisional or in waiting period, 14 incomplete and one philosophical waiver.
- **Linden Early Head Start** is 75-percent vaccinated, with six out of eight students having complete vaccination records. Two are provisional or in a dose waiting period.
- **Rainbow Child Care Center Fenton** on Silver Lake Road is 81.8-percent immunized with 45 out of 55 students vaccinated. Eight are provisional and two incomplete.
- **Fenton Early Learning Center** is 83.7-percent vaccinated with 77 out of 92 kids immunized. Ten are provisional, four incomplete, one religious waiver.
- **Linden Head Start** is 86.7-percent vaccinated. Thirteen out of 15 students are immunized; one incomplete record, one philosophical waiver.
- **St. John Catholic Montessori Preschool** is 88.2-percent vaccinated. Thirty out of 34 students are immunized. Two incomplete, two philosophical waivers
- **Argentine Elementary Preschool** is 92.9-percent vaccinated with 79 out of 85 kids immunized. Two provisional, four philosophical waivers.
- **At St. John the Evangelist Catholic Preschool**, out of 31 students, 29 have complete vaccinations. Two are listed as incomplete. It has a 93.5-percent immunization rate.
- **Fenton Headstart** has 18 out of 18 students vaccinated, a 100-percent immunization rate.
- **Southern Lakes Head Start** is 100-percent vaccinated. All 15 students have complete records.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA DID TELL Russia that, but he didn't ask for its help in the election. He didn't allow them to interfere with the election, and continue to while turning a blind eye. He didn't cozy up to Putin on national TV.

THERE IS NO such thing as a kind atheist or a hateful Christian. We are all both. We are all sinners.

IF THE GLOBALISTS and Democrats are successful in overthrowing Trump they will have destroyed the separation of powers and our form of government. This is their goal.

COACHES, ESPECIALLY IN Fenton, play the kids who are buddies with them, give a lot more money...it's not about the kids. Are you crazy? It's about the coaches. Dealt with it for years. Talking with them about it makes matters worse. It's all political.

DOG PARK

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giving dogs a safe space to exercise and roam freely (60 percent), they allow dogs to socialize with other dogs (39 percent), and they allow owners a chance to be physically active with their pet (36 percent).

“People are willing to give their time and their money. We’ve been able to raise awareness for animal shelters and canine-related groups,” Johns said.

It also inspires a lot of participation and support from local businesses.

“Local businesses are always looking to support positive community projects. We were raising money last year to buy a bite suit for officers and businesses were more than willing to support the project,” he said. “We’ve found that in this area, especially in Genesee County people are more than willing to support positive things that help canines.”

Organizers with the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park have made similar

efforts and have seen results. Two benches are sponsored by Financial Plus Credit Union, one is sponsored by Fenton Winery & Brewery and the fourth is sponsored by Vic Canever Chevrolet.

The Sunday event saw booths from local businesses and organizations such as Uncle Ray’s Dairyland, Financial Plus Credit Union, Concept HOPE (Helping Orphaned Pets Through Education), which helps support stray animals, Camp Bow Wow, and Joannie’s Place, a senior dog sanctuary.

What’s next for the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park?

Nancy Draves, dog park committee member, said it’s a popular spot for socializing. Their future goals include maintaining the park.

“This next spring I’d like to regrade the road and put another layer of asphalt millings down,” she said. “We’ve got to meet this winter and solidify everything, but we’d like to see a pavilion on



These two dogs wore sweaters to the two-year anniversary celebration of the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park on Sunday, Nov. 24. Photo: Hannah Ball

each side or one in the middle.”

Organizer and committee member Keri Kostich has been thinking about structures similar to baseball dugouts, which would help protect dog owners from the weather.

“It doesn’t matter what the weather is, people are out here with their dogs. I’ve been out here in snow pants,” she said.

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Terry Stops — finger printing and photographing

In 1968, the United States Supreme Court rendered its landmark decision in Terry v Ohio.

The Terry case held that it is not a violation of the Fourth Amendment’s prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures for a police officer to make a brief on-the-scene investigatory stop of an individual who he or she has a reasonable suspicion is involved in criminal activity and, for the officer’s own safety, to conduct a limited search of the person’s outer clothing to check for weapons. This has come to be known as a “Terry Stop” or a “Stop and Frisk.”

This is now a standard police practice and there are numerous federal and state cases, which have set the parameters on what is and isn’t allowed under the law.

For example, on Nov. 21, the Michigan Court of Appeals rendered its decision in Johnson v Vanderkooi as to the constitutionality of a practice by the Grand Rapids Police Department of fingerprinting and photographing selected individuals during Terry Stops

for identification purposes.

This came into question when two juveniles were individually stopped and questioned for suspicious activities in 2011 and 2012, had their fingerprints and pictures taken, and then released without being charged with crimes.

In 2014, civil lawsuits were filed alleging this practice was a violation of their Fourth Amendment rights.

The Johnson court noted that although the United States Supreme Court had never specifically decided this issue, it had previously ruled that what a person knowingly exposes to the public, even in his own home or office, is not a subject of Fourth Amendment protection. Another Supreme Court case suggested that fingerprinting based on reasonable suspicion only might be allowed.

After a thorough review of these and other cases the court held that this was not an unconstitutional search for a number of reasons including that a person’s fingerprints and physical appearance are exposed to public view and there is no expectation of privacy.

Grand Rapids modified this practice in 2015 to make it more limited.

This is a case of “first impression” in Michigan. This means that our Michigan Supreme Court and/or the United States Supreme Court have not ruled on this particular issue. If there are further appeals I will make a full report.

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It's Christmastime in Holly

■ Village holds annual parade, tree lighting; recognizes 'People of the Year' before 1,500 attendees

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — On Friday, Nov. 29, visitors experienced the triumphant start to Holly Dickens Festival that residents have come to expect.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Katy Golden estimates 1,500 people filled downtown under the clear sky and crisp air.

Visitors experienced the lighted parade, Santa Claus' entrance, Holly Area Chamber of Commerce's "People of the Year" and tree lighting, all without a hitch. The first festival day was Saturday, Nov. 30.

While all appeared seamless, or-

ganizers had to troubleshoot a few problems before anything started.

The main event tents located in Crapo Park near the train tracks blew away Wednesday, Nov. 27. Not only were they destroyed, the tent company, Dial Tent out of Flint, didn't have a replacement.

Organizers had to quickly move the San-

ta's Village and vendor area to the former fire station on Maple Street.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were transported through the parade via a Holly Fire Department ladder truck and in dramatic fashion, swung over the crowd and into the air and back down to walk to the stage.

“The Senton family has worked alongside Liam as he has raised \$5,638 and over 2,500 pounds of food in the past three years.”

Richard Kinnamon

Holly Area Chamber of Commerce executive director



The Holly Marching Band thunders through downtown Holly on Friday, Nov. 29.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

This was the backup plan, said festival director George Kullis. Ken McKay, who was supposed to bring them in with a horse-drawn carriage, was unable to participate. Again, organizers had to adapt.

The festival returns this weekend. Go to hollydickensfestival.org for more information.

2019 Award Recipients

The Holly chamber announces the family, person, or organization and business of the year at the annual parade. Executive Director Richard Kinnamon makes the announcements.

"Family of the Year" is the Senton family of Davisburg. Kinnamon said the Senton family is in the spotlight because of Liam Senton, 8, who became "Super Can Man" through his can drives starting in 2017 at age 5.

Kinnamon pointed out though, that the whole family serves in different ways behind the scenes. Parents Michelle and Bill Senton were on stage with Liam, Calvin, 16, and Alec, who is a marine visiting from active duty.

The Senton family wasn't even planning to come to the event. Alec's plane was set to arrive in the evening.

They planned to pick him up as a family, except they received heavy hints that someone should be present for the announcements, so they planned to send one half to pick up Alec while the other attended the

event.

In a large stroke of luck, his plane arrived just on time for the whole family to stand on stage.

The "Person of the Year" is Jerome Raska. Raska and partner Robbin Ylverton currently own three businesses in Holly: BLUMZ, Holly Antiques and Creative Fashion.

Aside from a deep portfolio of business experience, Raska and Ylverton have filled many local requests for sponsorships. "They have added greatly to the funding for the Dickens Festival," Kinnamon said. They've held fundraisers for Holly Academy and Shop with a Cop, and were a platinum sponsor for the DDA's Ladies Night Out.

The "Organization of the Year" is Holly Kiwanis. Kinnamon said The Holly Kiwanis Club is in its 79th year, adding that the Kiwanis is about community service, particularly in regard to children and in-need citizens of our community.

The "Business of the Year" is Holly Vault. The shop is owned by Cari Cucksey of reality TV show "Cash & Cari." Cucksey took to the stage with her husband, Vince Lafano, and their daughter, Orion, 3½. The pair not only own The Vault, but several properties around the village including a nearby 110-year-old chapel and a carriage house on Holly Road near I-75.



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Pink Night Palooza raises record \$170,000



Hurley Medical Center and Pink Night Palooza founding sponsor Financial Plus Credit Union revealed the amount raised by Pink Night Palooza and 13 different mini-events hosted by caring local businesses and groups. Event coordinators, cancer survivors, local business owners, and team members from Hurley Medical Center and Hurley Foundation announced that Pink Night Palooza 2019 raised \$170,000.37, a record-setting total that will help patients get through the toughest time of their lives. **Photo: Alex Petrie**

Social Security benefits to increase in 2020

Public affairs specialist explains the details

Submitted by Vonda Van Til

Each year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

By law, federal benefits increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Usually, there is an increase in the benefit amount people will receive each month, starting the following January.

Nearly 69 million Americans will see a 1.6-percent increase in their Social Security benefits and SSI payments in 2020.

Other changes that will happen in January 2020 reflect the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax will increase to \$137,700 from \$132,900. The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will increase to \$18,240. (The SSA deducts \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,240.)

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2020 will increase to \$48,600. (The SSA will deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$48,600 until the

month the worker turns age 66.)

In December 2019, the SSA will post Social Security COLA notices online for retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries who have a "my Social Security" account. You will be able to view and save future COLA notices via the Message Center inside "my Social Security."

You can log into or sign up for a "my Social Security" account at socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to get more information about your new benefit amount. You can choose to receive an electronic notification by email, text, or both ways under "Message Center Preferences." Their notification will let you know that a new message is waiting for you. The SSA will not send any personal information in the notification.

The Message Center also allows you to go paperless by opting out of receiving agency notices by mail that you can get online, including annual cost-of-living adjustments and the income-related monthly adjustment amount increases.

The Message Center is a secure portal where you can conveniently receive sensitive communications that they don't send through email or text.

More information about the 2020 COLA is available at socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Vonda Van Til is a Social Security public affairs specialist

'Cocoa and Carols' tree lighting event kicks off Christmas holiday



Photo: Hannah Ball

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Dozens of people attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 1 in downtown Linden at the old Fairbanks gas station property. The tree was lit by Mayor Danielle Cusson as attendees sang Christmas carols and enjoyed hot chocolate. Residents took photos with the tree and

with Roman RoundTown, the popular Christmas gnome won by a Linden family at the Fire and Ice fundraiser, which was placed next to the tree. The event started off the Christmas season in downtown in preparation for Linden Holiday Happening this Friday Dec. 6. The Frosty Parade begins at 6 p.m. and the fireworks start at 7:30 p.m.

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Matthew W. Harris, M.D.

Harris, with over 28 years of experience, is seeing patients at 5900 Waldon Rd., Suite D, Clarkston. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Harris is accepting new patients 18 and older and can be reached by calling (248) 256-6900.

Hinman is seeing patients at 6379 W. Silver Lake Rd., in Linden. She earned her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing and completed her residency in Family Medicine at Ascension Genesys Hospital



Laura Hinman, D.O.

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Rachal Mittleman, M.D.

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THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, December 19, 2019, for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow seasonal parking storage of boats at 341 Alloy Drive, Tax ID **#53-27-576-002, 003, 004**. The property is zoned is zoned IND, Industrial District, where parking lots are a special permitted use.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special permitted use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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Fenton/Linden Griffins experience busy Thanksgiving weekend

By David Troppens

While many winter squads are still working on preparing for their first games of their seasons, the Fenton/Linden co-op hockey team has been busy around the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Griffins (1-3) faced Powers, Hudsonville and Mid-Michigan in a period of four days, going 1-2 against those squads.

The team's victory came against the Mid-Michigan Marauders, earning a 4-3 victory in overtime on Saturday. The Griffins had four different goal

scorers and five different players collect assists in the contest. The only player to collect a goal and an assist was Carson Gardner. The other goal scorers were Jace Dumeah, Ethan Hutchings and Heyden Justus. Others getting assists were Dominic Loria,

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Dominick Krusniak tries to clear the puck in a recent contest.

Photo: David Troppens

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Sports Times

Area runners compete at regional Footlocker event

By David Troppens

The cross country season hasn't ended for some area runners.

The Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Midwest Regional was hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday and a handful of area runners competed in the many events hosted there.

Linden senior Tyler Buchanan had the strongest showing. Competing in the Seeded Boys Race, Buchanan placed 18th in 16:24.2 in the 5K event. Right next to Buchanan was Hartland High School sophomore Riley Hough who finished in 16:24.3. The other area runner to compete in the race was Lake Fenton junior Joseph Gilbert who placed 245th in 19:17.

One other area runner competed in the Junior/Senior Boys Race.

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Tri-county fall sports teams flex their muscle

■ Fall's top 12 list is filled with quality squads

By David Troppens

When it comes to great athletics in the tri-county area, the fall dominates.

That doesn't seem like its going to change any time soon.

Certainly there are teams from the winter or spring that prove they can be one of the strongest squads in the area during any given year, but for the sheer depth of quality teams, the fall sports season always wins out.

It looks like the fall has put together another outstanding performance. Of the eight sports the Metro League has a championship season for during autumn, tri-county squads earned at least a co-title in seven of them (boys tennis being the only exception). One team advanced in tournament competition

to the state semifinal level and nine squads had representation in state meets, with cross country teams having five by themselves.

Because of the fall's strength, when the sports staff does our annual team rankings we typically have a larger list of squads than during other seasons. That's not going to change this year. So here is the first of two installments we'll have of the 2019 Tri-County's Top 12 Fall Teams. There's a good chance a lot of these squads will end up on our Tri-County Top 16 poll at the end of the school year.

No. 12 - Holly volleyball: The Bronchos have slowly improved each season coach Deena Maher has been at the helm. This year they did something they haven't done since the 1993-94 school year — won a league title. The Bronchos earned a share of the Metro League's Stripes

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Lake Fenton's varsity boys cross country team is No. 9 in the 2019 Tri-County Top 12 Fall Teams poll. Photo: David Troppens

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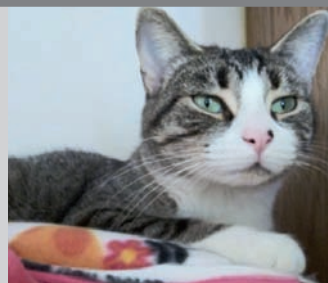


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GRIFFINS

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Dominick Krusniak, Dylan Holloway and Ken Sorum.

The Griffins played two goalies. Brady Faille played two periods and made 15 saves. Loren Jones saved all five shots he faced.

The Griffins began the weekend with a 5-2 loss against Hudsonville. Loria and Nick Temple had a goal each while Trevor Isaacson, Keegan McNamara and Brendan Miles had an assist each. Both Fenton/Linden goals were power-play goals.

Faille played in goal and made 32 saves.

The Griffins began the week against state-power Flint Powers. Fenton/Linden was able to get some offense going against the Chargers, but the squad couldn't contain Powers' strong offense. It didn't help that the Griffins suffered seven short-handed situations, allowing three power-play goals during these chances. Fenton/



Fenton/Linden's Brendan Miles (left) prepares for a face off in a recent contest. Photo: David Troppens

Linden had 27 penalty minutes compared to Powers' six minutes. Powers took 49 shots compared to Fenton/Linden's 24.

Alex Washburn scored three goals for Powers while Joey Carpenter and Tyler Lawrence had two goals. Kyle Barbour had one goal. Lawrence and Barbour had three assists each.

Fenton/Linden kept up a recent trend by having all four of its goals scored by four different players. The goal scorers were Gardner, Ryker Wright, Bittner and Miles.

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Division (9-1) and also won 32 matches overall, just one victory short of the school record.

What kept the Bronchos from finishing higher than this was losing early in the district.

No. 11 - Fenton boys tennis: This is the first of seven Fenton squads that will be in our poll. The Tigers placed second at the Flint Metro League meet. In the process, Gabe Hand became a four-time No. 1 singles Metro League champion. The Tigers also qualified for the state meet, taking second place in what was a super competitive regional meet. Once at the state meet the Tigers placed 18th.

No. 10 - Linden boys soccer: The Eagles had a fine year, finishing the Metro League season in a three-way tie for the championship with Fenton and Goodrich. Linden lost its first league game to Goodrich in controversial fashion, but then went on to win 10 straight league games to earn the share of the crown. The season included two wins against Fenton as well. However, the one loss the Eagles (18-3-1) had against Fenton kept them from a district championship.

No. 9 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: This is the first of five cross country squads to make our poll. The Blue Devils were supposed to be in a rebuild mode, but no one told them that. Lake Fenton finished in a tie for fourth in what may be the Metro League's top sport. The Blue Devils followed that by taking third in the re-



Two area cross country teams in our 2019 Tri-County Top 12 Fall Teams poll are Fenton's girls squad and Linden's girls team. Times file photo

gional meet and qualifying for the state meet. At state, Lake Fenton placed 22nd in the D2 event. Lake Fenton was sixth in last year's fall poll.

No. 8 - Linden girls cross country: And here's our second cross country squad. The Linden girls returned to the fall poll after missing it last year. The Eagles placed third in the Metro League, but showing how tough the Metro is, they still qualified for state by taking second in their regional. At the D2 state meet the squad placed 22nd.

No. 7 - Fenton girls cross country: The Tigers captured their fourth straight league crown convincingly, never seriously threatened in any of the three jamborees. In the process Alexa Keiser finished her Fenton cross country career as the league's only 12-time Metro jamboree winner. Fenton followed the Metro success by taking third at a D1 regional, qualifying for the state meet. Once there, the Tigers placed 19th. The Tigers were our No. 2 team in last fall's poll.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden Middle School wrestling:** The squad faced Owosso in a recent dual meet and also competed against Fenton and Grand Blanc East a week later in a three-team meet.

In the Owosso event, Justin Grundy, Connor Ross, Jimmy Lumm, Ben

Wingblad, Lucas Carr, Michael Bush, Itiel Delgado, Luke Haney, Daquan Lane and Konnor Hulett went 2-0 each.

In the Fenton/Grand Blanc East event, Lumm, Jablonski, Carr, Jimmy Koledo, Bush, Haney, Lane, Pete Didius and Hulett were undefeated.

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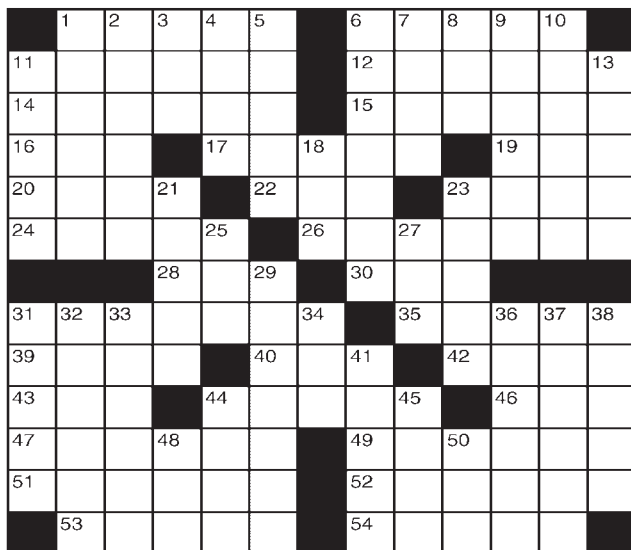
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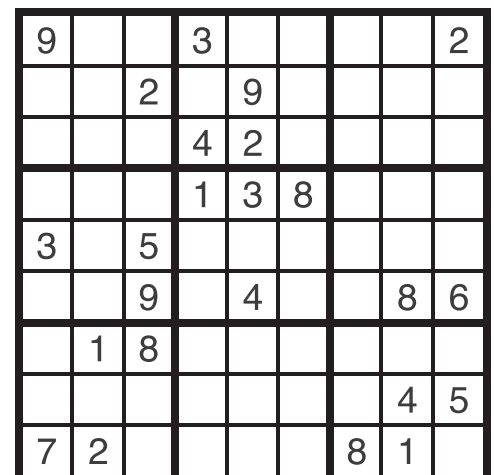
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ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Do your best to put power struggles at work or at home into proper perspective, Aries. Looking at things through a new vantage point can serve you well.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are ready to break out of a rut that has kept you in neutral for some time. You may have to sacrifice some comfort to get up and moving.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Gemini, you are outgoing in the days ahead, and the stars are aligned with your interpersonal relationships. This combination could prove rewarding.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
Cancer, take some time this week to do something that makes you feel good. Don't just focus on the physical; concentrate on your emotional well-being as well.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Leo, you do not need a reason to be self-indulgent this week. Just step out there and go get what you desire. You're a hard worker and have earned the privilege.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may be compelled to drop by a friend's or family member's house unannounced this week. Better to pick up the phone and talk things out first.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it is time to spread your wings and try something new this week. You'll get restless tied behind a desk. Take some time off to indulge your wanderlust.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, loosen up the purse strings a little bit this week, as you have been quite disciplined with your finances lately. If you are ahead of the game, splurge.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't try to rein yourself in this week, Sagittarius. The cosmos are certainly against it. Pour your heart out to someone or take on a grand project.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Take your foot off the gas pedal this week, Capricorn. You have a funny way of always being on the move. Sometimes you need to scale back and do nothing.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Sometimes the most exciting things happen when you allow them to develop organically, Aquarius. Let things unfold without too much oversight in the days ahead.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, many people see you as gentle and cooperative. These are valuable traits that can benefit you and those around you in the coming weeks.

Obituaries

Times

Bruce E. Dorland
1930-2019
Bruce E. Dorland - age 89, of Fenton, died Friday, November 29, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, December 6, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3 - 8 PM Thursday, December 5, 2019. Those desiring may make contributions to the Disabled American Veterans. Bruce was born March 10, 1930 in Flint, the son of William E. and L. Ruth (Lockwood) Dorland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. Bruce was the City of Fenton Fire Chief from 1964, until his retirement in 1989. He was a member and past president of Genesee County Fireman's Association, Genesee County Fire Chief's Association, Livingston County Fire Chief's Association, Southeastern Michigan Fireman's Association, Michigan State Fireman's Association, Michigan State Fire Chief's Association, International Association of Fire Chief's and was appointed to the State of Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council by Governor Milliken. He also served as a charter member and past president of the Fenton Rotary Club, Michigan Construction Code Commission and Genesee County Building Inspectors. He is survived by his children, Leo (Teresa) Doan, Ruth Dorland and Joan (Tim) Salley; son-in-law, Doug Crane; eight grandsons; six great-grandchildren; brother, Paul (Sharon) Dorland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive; daughters, Rose Crane and Jean Young; sister, Mary Henderson. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Corwin Thompson
1929-2019
James Corwin Thompson - age 90, of Linden, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2019. Services will be held 2 PM Wednesday, December 4 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Robbie Carnes officiating. Visitation was 3 - 7 PM Tuesday, December 3, 2019 and will be 1 PM until the time of service Wednesday. James was born March 6, 1929 in Flint, the son of Clark H. and Helen E. (Skidmore) Thompson. He attended Fenton High School and then graduated from Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA. James was enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1951 in Detroit and discharged in October of 1952 in Ft. Knox, KY, serving in the Korean War and ranking as Staff Sergeant. He married Joyce Ann Durand on May 24, 1952 in Angola, IN. He retired from Consumers Power in 1985 with 33 years of service. James was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and the Fenton VFW Post 3243. Surviving are his beloved wife of 67 years, Joyce; three children, Marc Thompson of Waterford, Jennifer (Scott) Johnson of Flushing, Julia Frasier of Swartz Creek; grandchildren, Trevor (Elizabeth) Thompson, Kristen (Christopher) Romps, Angela Johnson, Marlena Frasier; four great-grandchildren, Sophia, Corwin, Gisells, and Xavier Thompson. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, May Harris and Mary Thompson; and nephew, James Ireland. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Midweek Jumble

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.

- Holiday Shopping – begins at 10a.m.
- Rotary Christmas Tree decorating – begins at 10 a.m. at Bush Park
- North Leroy Business District Shopping Spree Drawing – Visit fentonchamber.com for list of participants

BEGINNING AT 11 A.M.

- Kiwanis Brunch with Santa at the Community Center
Tickets required \$10
Session 1: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Session 2: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

- One Starry Night @ First Presbyterian Church

BEGINNING AT 3 P.M.

- JingleJog 5K – Fenton United Methodist Church Family Center
- Music and Parade announcements – Young's Entertainment

BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. CONTINUED

- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Ice Sculptures
- Santa Paws pictures – Animal Health Clinic
- Children's games and crafts at Fenton United Methodist Church
- JingleJam Tent – entertainment from 3 - 6 p.m.
- Fenton Project Graduation – Hot Chocolate
- Bake Sale – Linden Fenton Moms Club
- Chili, hotdogs, refreshments – Boy Scout Troop 212
- Live Reindeer

BEGINNING AT 6 P.M.

- Holiday Lighted Parade at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Tree lighting following parade
- Fireworks
- Pictures with Santa – Fenton Community & Cultural Center
- Refreshments – Fenton Beautification Committee

Community Center:

- Brunch with Santa
- Music and Parade Announcement
- Santa Paws Pictures
- JingleJam Tent
- Hot Chocolate
- Bake Sale
- Chili, Hot Dogs & Refreshments
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Fireworks
- Pictures with Santa
- Horse & Carriage Rides

Fenton City Hall

- Live Reindeer
- Live Ice Sculpture Carving

Parade Route

- Outlined in red.

First Presbyterian Church

- One Starry Night

Fenton United Methodist Church - Family Center

- Jinglejog 5K Registration • Children's Games & Crafts

