Nine more arrested after GHOST sting

By Sharon Stone

The Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (GHOST), a task force within the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office, arrested nine more individuals suspected of being sexual predators. This is the third batch of suspects identified by the sheriff’s office.

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Rezoning of Holly school building postponed

By Vera Hogan

The Holly Village Planning Commission voted unanimously Wednesday, Jan. 22, to postpone a rezoning request for the former school building at 111 College St. The request was to rezone the property from single family residential to commercial. The owners, Cari Cucksey and her husband, Vince Iafano, purchased the building in 2016 from

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By Sharon Stone

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Can you prevent dementia?

New studies show you can improve your chances with lifestyle changes by mid-life and earlier

By Sally Rummel

It’s never too early to begin thinking about your brain health, before you notice symptoms of memory loss and cognitive decline.

While there is no cure for dementia and its most common form, Alzheimer’s disease, there’s more to the story than hopelessness and despair.

That’s the word from a recent study by medical journal The Lancet, which reports about 35 percent of dementia cases might be prevented if people adopt healthy lifestyle activities like exercising and engaging in cognitively stimulating activities.

It’s also the experience of John Strayer, owner of Tanglewood Assisted Living & Memory Care in Tyrone Township, who has worked with 150 dementia patients since 1995.

“In the last 10 years, there has been an increased focus on the approach of people in middle age who can lessen the possibility of developing dementia,” Strayer said. “People can also extend the time before they get the disease with lifestyle changes.”

See DEMENTIA on 17
My years in Skokie

When my family first moved to the Chicago area in 1967, my parents bought our house in Skokie, Illinois. I’m thinking of those years now because tomorrow marks 75 years since the Holocaust.

I started high school that year, attending Niles West High School in Skokie. The student body was predominantly Jewish. I was one of the few who was not. In September of my freshman year, the Jewish kids didn’t have school for two Jewish holidays — Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After that first year, the district decided it was not economically feasible to leave the building open for a few students.

Hello culture shock! I went from an eighth grade class of under 30 students in a small country school, to a three-story high school with more than 3,000 students. I got used to it though and came to appreciate the opportunities afforded at this school versus the high school I would have attended.

Skokie, which is about 15 miles north of the downtown Chicago Loop, was once considered the “largest village in the world.” When we lived there, 58 percent of the population was Jewish.

In the mid-1970s, the village was at the center of National Socialist Party of America v Village of Skokie, in which a neo-Nazi group, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, invoked the First Amendment in an attempt to schedule a neo-Nazi rally in Skokie. At the time, Skokie had a significant population of Holocaust survivors. Skokie ultimately lost that case, though the rally was never held. The attempted Illinois Nazi march on Skokie was featured in a television movie “Skokie,” starring Danny Kaye, in 1981. The movie was filmed two blocks from my parents’ house.

I had a lot of Jewish friends back then, many of whom remain Facebook friends today. It hurts me to think of the horrors that some of their ancestors, Holocaust survivors, had to endure.

After graduating from high school and leaving home, my mother and I were shopping one day at Marshall Fields. She ran into a good friend and neighbor, who happened to be Jewish. They were in the department store where purses were sold. While chatting at the counter, my mom’s friend had a purse in her hand that she intended to buy. A few minutes later, the clerk came up to them, leaned over to my mom’s friend with a smirk said, “Isn’t it a shame what Hitler did to your people.”

The lady put down the purse, a $750 Louis Vuitton original, and walked away. My mom and I were right behind her.

Have you ever been on a jury?

“I was a Flint police officer for 25 years. I got called a few times for jury duty but the opposing lawyer always asks what you do, and I’d get kicked off.”

Guy Hazzard
Fenton Township

“I have been on a case in Genesee County. It was a good experience. The judge let us know how important it is. A lot of people might be nervous but the judge made me feel very confident.”

Randy Gebhardt, Byron

“I’ve never done it. I’m supposed to call in February, I just got a notice. I’m nervous. I’m not excited, but it’s a part of what you’ve got to do.”

Brian Becker
Tyrone Township

“No, I haven’t. I don’t really want to. I don’t like to judge other people. I think it should be left to the people getting paid to do it. I’ve gotten summons but they haven’t needed me.”

Kathy Lager, Linden

“I have been called but I wasn’t picked. One time I was called in Livingston County and I had to pick up my sick son on the way. They saw him and said, ‘go home.’”

Karen Bethke
Deerfield Township
Fenton councilman patronizes city restaurants during the fifth annual ‘Restaurant Week’

By Vera Hogan

The year 2019 was not the best for Fenton City Councilman Scott Grossmeyer. So this year, he decided to do something for himself and have a little fun in his life.

“When Restaurant Week was first advertised, I was talking with (councilwoman) Tracy Bottecelli and we thought how fun it would be to dine out every night during the week, and as Tracy likes to put it, ‘it’s our civic duty,’” Grossmeyer said.

“So as we looked at the list of restaurants and started planning the week we also started inviting other people. And as would happen in life, the normal can-you-meet-for-lunch-or-breakfast’ offers came along so I thought we may as well meet at one of the participating restaurants,” he said.

To date, Grossmeyer enjoyed dinner at Andiamo on Monday with Mayor Sue Osborn. On Tuesday, he had lunch at The Laundry with Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood, and dinner at Ciao with several people, and Wednesday morning, breakfast at CRUST with his cousin.

The plan for Wednesday evening was The Relief and Resource Co. “We will plan tomorrow (Thursday) after that,” Grossmeyer said.

“As it stands now, unless another breakfast or lunch offer pops up I should dine out nine times in the seven days of Restaurant Week doing as Tracy calls it ‘my civic duty,’” he said.

About Restaurant Week

The Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted the fifth annual Restaurant Week in Fenton, from Monday, Jan. 20 to Sunday, Jan. 26. This year, there were more than a dozen participating restaurants offering many deals and specials. They included: Jersey Mike’s, Beale Street Smokehouse, La Marsa, The Fenton Hotel, Fenton Fire Hall, Fenton Winery & Brewery, CRUST- a baking company, The Laundry, El Topo, The Relief and Resource Co., Ciao Italian Bistro, Andiamo and Corner Bar & Grill.

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Fenton High School and Fenton police look into post shared on student’s social media

By Sharon Stone

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, Fenton High School Principal Mark Suchowski sent this letter to parents of high school students regarding an incident under investigation.

“Good afternoon, FHS Parents:

I am sending this message to share information about the safety of all students and staff at Fenton High School.

At approximately 1:35 this afternoon, I was informed of a threatening message written by one FHS student in a notebook and posted by another FHS student on social media.

After finding the two students and the threatening message, the Fenton Police Department was notified and the students’ parents/guardians were contacted. The parents of the two students were informed that the students responsible for writing and posting the threatening message are suspended indefinitely, pending the outcome of our investigation and the investigation of the police department, including possible referral to the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office.

I want to thank the students who heard and saw something that was unsafe and then said and did something. Once again, we are safe because they did the right thing.

Parents, please use this unfortunate incident to remind your children that any threat to the safety of our students and staff will be taken seriously. If your child is angry or frustrated or misunderstood, they should talk to a trusted adult about their feelings and seek help to address their concerns. Writing and posting threatening messages on social media does not help anyone.

As always, providing a safe school environment is our priority. Working closely with the Fenton Police Department, and with concerned students and parents, we will continue to remain safe.”

“We did not go into lockdown yesterday afternoon. Keeping our students and staff safe did not require that response. At this time, there is no update to report.

“Today at FHS, thanks to our students, staff and the Fenton PD, we enjoyed another safe day of teaching and learning,” he said.
Odds makers expect close game between Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers

By David Troppens

One of the teams played in the very first Super Bowl but hasn’t played in it since 1970 (the Kansas City Chiefs), while the other one will be competing in the National Football League’s championship game for the seventh time (the San Francisco 49ers).

The 49ers (15-3) will be looking to win their sixth Super Bowl championship in franchise history when they face off against the Chiefs (14-4), winners of Super Bowl IV way back in 1970.

Super Bowl LIV (that’s 54 for those who can’t read Roman numerals) will be played Feb. 2 at Miami Gardens’ Hard Rock Stadium on FOX at 6:30 p.m. It should be an entertaining one if the early point spreads from Las Vegas are any indication. Currently, the Chiefs are a 1½-point favorite.

Key players for each team

Kansas City: Patrick Mahomes II (the guy in the State Farm commercials) is one of the NFL’s elite quarterbacks, completing 66 percent of his passes for 4,031 yards and 26 TDs during the regular season. He threw only six five picks during the regular season. He’s been just as impressive during the postseason.

Defensively, safety Tyrann Mathieu is one of their top players, collecting a team-high four interceptions and 12 passes defended.

San Francisco: The 49ers can run the ball, and have three backs, Raheem Mostert, Matt Breida and Tevin Coleman, who ran for at least 500 yards and for at least 4.0 yard per rush average. The 49ers ran for 285 yards and four TDs against Green Bay in the NFC Championship game. Mostert ran for 220 of those yards, and for all of the scores.
SUPER BOWL
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Defensively, cornerback Richard Sherman is still getting it done at the age of 31. He’s recorded an interception in each playoff game.

The Detroit Lions connection to the Super Bowl
Every year there is seemingly plenty of ex-Lions competing in the Super Bowl. This year is no exception. The 49ers have nine players (three on the practice squad) with a Lions’ past. Maybe the name that may stick out the most is the one in the front office. Former Lions’ general manager Martin Mayhew, who was given his walking papers by the Lions in 2015, is part of the 49ers front office.

The Detroit Tigers connection to the Super Bowl?
The Detroit Tigers selected Mahomes during the 2014 Major League Baseball draft, but he never signed due to his commitment to football.

Fire Up Chips — Central Michigan University’s Super Bowl connections
Two past Central Michigan University football players will suit up. They are 49ers offensive lineman Joe Staley and Chiefs offensive lineman Eric Fisher.

Record on the line
If the 49ers win, the franchise will tie New England and Pittsburgh atop the team Super Bowl wins with six.

What is the Super Bowl?
Fans of the Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans have never played in a Super Bowl. Of course, the Lions’ most recent championship was in 1957 when the title game was just called the National Football Championship game. The last time the Browns played in an NFL title game was 1964. The first Super Bowl wasn’t until 1967. The Chiefs lost to the Green Bay Packers, 35-10.

Fenton firefighter to be honored
February event to celebrate first responders, raise money for charities

By Hannah Ball
A local Fenton firefighter will be honored at a Grand Blanc event Friday, Feb. 7 at “A Night to Give Back: Honoring Local Service Heroes.”

From 5 to 9 p.m., at the Captain Club’s of Woodfield, the public is invited to honor first responders, including 2019 Fenton firefighter of the year Mike Johnson.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said Johnson has been with the Fenton Fire Department for 10 years. He’s an EMT, hazmat technician, and has volunteered with the Genesee County Hazmat Team for four years.

Johnson was selected for his willingness to always go “above and beyond,” Cairnduff said. “Mike will help anyone that asks and even those that don’t ask. Mike will be the first to volunteer his time for extra projects or charity work that we do in the community. Mike is always giving of his time and skills.”

Cairnduff said Johnson is a builder and always helps people with construction projects. He recently helped build a ramp at the house of a retired fire chief who’s not doing well medically.

“As soon as Mike heard he might need help building a ramp at his house, he was on it. At the house the next day, plans drawn up, supplies were acquired, and the ramp was built within days,” Cairnduff said. “Mike is an epitome of what we look for in the fire service. Hard worker, wants to get it done, and always willing to help others.”

“What an honor to be voted Firefighter of the Year by my brothers at the fire department. I don’t do this for recognition, I do it to help the citizens of Fenton and Genesee County,” Johnson said, adding that he was surprised when he heard the attributes they listed for firefighter of the year, which were things Johnson said he’s always done if someone needs help.

“That’s just the way I was brought up. So being a firefighter just feels right, always available to help when the time arises.”

The event also recognizes decorated Army Vietnam Veteran Donald Jasman, Mt. Morris Police Officer Kevin Mihaloff, and Amber Hall, the curriculum director of Grand Blanc Community Schools and Perry Innovation Center, according to the eventbride page.

Tickets are $30 and include the pasta buffet, a chance to play Family Feud for a cause, a cash bar and a silent auction. Proceeds will be donated to service workers and local charities.

A percentage of proceeds will be donated to United Veterans of Michigan, Fenton Firefighters Charities, Concern Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.) and Grand Blanc Educational Foundation.

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Remembering the Holocaust

It has been 75 years since millions were murdered by Nazis in gas chambers

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Monday, Jan. 27, marks the 75th commemoration of what is often said to be the biggest human tragedy in world history — the Holocaust.

The word “Holocaust” comes from the Greek words “holos” (whole) and “kaustos” (burned). It was historically used to describe a sacrificial offering burned on an altar.

Since 1945, the word has taken on a new and horrible meaning — the ideological and systematic state-sponsored prosecution and mass murder of millions of European Jews, as well as millions of others, including Gypsies, the intellectually disabled, dissidents and homosexuals by the German Nazi regime between 1933 and 1945.

To the anti-Semitic Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, Jews were an inferior race, an alien threat to German racial purity and community. After years of Nazi rule in Germany, during which Jews were consistently persecuted, Hitler’s final solution, now known as the Holocaust, came to fruition under the cover of World War II, with mass killing centers constructed in the concentration camps of occupied Poland.

Approximately six million Jews and millions of others, targeted for racial, political, ideological and behavioral reasons, died in the Holocaust. More than one million of those who perished were children.

On Jan. 30, 1933, Hitler was named chancellor of Germany. After President Paul von Hindenburg’s death in 1934, Hitler anointed himself as “Fuhrer,” becoming Germany’s supreme ruler.

There are few people today who don’t know that places like Dachau and Auschwitz meant human rights abuses, genocide and other catastrophes under Hitler’s maniacal Nazi leadership. At Auschwitz alone, more than 2 million people were murdered in a process resembling a large-scale industrial operation. A large population of Jewish and non-Jewish inmates worked in the labor camp there; though only Jews were gassed, thousands of others died of starvation or disease.

At Auschwitz, numbers were tattooed on the doomed. In Auschwitz, nobody knew names. When a German SS officer talked to them, he was talking to a number.

By the spring of 1945, German leadership was dissolving amid internal dissent. In his last will and political testament, dictated in a German bunker that April 29, Hitler blamed the war on “international Jewry and its helpers” and urged the German leaders and people to follow “the strict observance of the racial laws and with merciless resistance against the universal poisoners of all peoples” — the Jews. The following day, Hitler committed suicide. Germany’s formal surrender in World War II came barely a week later, on May 8, 1945.

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an officer, fleeing and eluding and burglary-forced entry. Bond was set at $100,000.

The third suspect is a 16-year-old Grand Rapids resident. He is in custody in the Livingston County. Since he is a juvenile, Livingston and Genesee counties will be petitioning Kent County, his place of residence.

As previously reported, Lt. Jeff Cross said Fenton police received a call from corporate security for Target on Owen Road at 2:10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 13. Fenton police were told that the security alarm had sounded and three individuals were inside the store. A description of the individuals and vehicle were provided to police.

Fenton police arrived at the store within two minutes of the call and spotted a black Chevrolet Malibu driving out of the parking lot toward Owen Road. Police learned later that the car was reported stolen from Grand Rapids. Fenton police followed as the car entered northbound U.S. 23 at Owen Road. Police activated lights and sirens to initiate a traffic stop.

Genesee County Dispatch was alerted to the break-in and fleeing vehicle and multiple police agencies in Genesee County responded in an attempt to stop the car. The Malibu traveled 29 miles north and exited the highway at Vienna Road. It reentered the highway traveling southbound back through the Fenton area.

Livingston County police agencies were alerted to the situation. Stop sticks were deployed on U.S. 23 near Faussett Road. The car ran over the stop sticks, causing it to veer from the road and crash.

When the car crashed, all three occupants fled on foot. One of the suspects, Vinson, was caught quickly by a Livingston County officer after a short foot pursuit.

Several police agencies searched for the other two male suspects for over six hours, but they were unable to locate them. Police used K-9 units and drone technology.

Several hours later, a tip came in to police indicating the location of the two other suspects. A motorist called police after being approached by the two suspects asking for help on Hyne Road, near U.S. 23. Officers in Livingston County located the two suspects and took them into custody for questioning.

Cross said Target reported that nothing was stolen from the Fenton store. The suspects gained entry by breaking two glass doors, which have since been replaced.

Multiple Target stores across Michigan have been broken into in recent weeks.

Slater said the investigation is ongoing to see if these three suspects were involved with any of the other Target store break-ins.

LOOKING BACK
at this week in HISTORY

Compiled by Vera Hogan

JAN. 26
1986: In New Orleans, Louisiana, the Chicago Bears score a Super Bowl record number of points to defeat the New England Patriots, 46-10, and win their first championship since 1963.

JAN. 27
1965: The Shelby GT 350, a version of a Ford Mustang sports car developed by the American auto racer and car designer Carroll Shelby, is launched. The Shelby GT 350, which featured a 306 horsepower V-8 engine, remained in production through the end of the 1960s and today is a valuable collector’s item.

JAN. 28
1985: The special instruction Quincy Jones sent out to the several dozen pop stars invited to participate in the recording of “We Are the World” was this: “Check your egos at the door.” Jones was the producer of a record that would eventually go on to sell more than 7 million copies and raise more than $60 million for African famine relief.

JAN. 29
1977: “Roots,” a groundbreaking television program premieres. The eight-episode miniseries, which was broadcast over eight consecutive nights, follows a family from its origins in West Africa through generations of slavery and the end of the Civil War. Roots was one of the most-watched television events in American history and a major moment in mainstream American culture’s reckoning with the legacy of slavery.

JAN. 30
1990: The Soviet Union’s first McDonald’s fast food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throng of people line up to pay the equivalent of several days’ wages for Big Macs, shakes, and fries. The appearance of this notorious symbol of capitalism and the enthusiastic reception it received from the Russian people were signs that times were changing in the Soviet Union.

FEB. 1
1974: University of Washington student Lynda Ann Healy disappears from her apartment and is killed by Ted Bundy. The murder marked Bundy’s entry into the ranks of serial killers as he had recently attacked his first victim, Sharon Clarke, in her Seattle home.

Source: history.com
Local people, local reps: Elissa Slotkin

U.S. Representative has been active on the national stage passing bipartisan legislation

By Tim Jagielo

Grand Blanc Twp. — On Tuesday, Jan. 21, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-Dist. 8) toured the expansive Magna Electronics Plant 4 building. She discussed the company’s global reach and how to improve the talent pipeline for such specialized work.

On the Sunday prior, she helped serve dinner to those in need at the Livingston County Severe Weather Network. On Monday, she spent time with volunteers at the Greater Lansing Food Bank who were packing box lunches.

Slotkin, 43, was elected in November 2018 and has already had a whirlwind of a first year representing Michigan’s 8th Congressional District. She has consistently walked on the national media stage while maintaining close ties and contact with her home area of Holly. Slotkin is on the House Armed Services and Security committees.

She said her district is very “independently minded,” so she has supporters and detractors for many of her decisions.

Her drug prices legislation received support, but people also wanted to know how it would be funded. “That’s a totally legitimate and reasonable question,” she said. She took the time to explain things to constituents with concerns. “People have responded with questions, enthusiasm or complaints,” she said.

Recent decisions have drawn ire in some Hot lines, such as her decision to back President Donald Trump’s impeachment proceedings.

“I wish there were more people that every single day, woke up and said to themselves, ‘how do we work together with the other side to get things done?’” U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin

“Impeachment is the last thing I wanted to be working on this year,” she said, adding that was pressured and protested by more liberal activists to impeach Trump, and she didn’t want to do it. “But then the facts changed,” she said. She knew supporting the inquiry would be controversial, but she made herself available to explain this.

Slotkin had to change from working in the background as a CIA analyst with no phone allowed at work, to campaigning in the public eye. She had to learn how to use social media and smartphones fluently. “I had to learn a lot, and I had to just catch up with the technology, frankly,” she said. “That was definitely an adjustment.” She also had to get used to constant media attention as a member of Congress. “They kind of want to talk to you even when you’re headed to the restroom,” she said. “It’s a pretty different world.”

She was even stopped on the street to be interviewed by TMZ about her time in the CIA.

Schedule

Her schedule varies greatly day-to-day, but most include her first meeting at 8 a.m. Sometimes she meets with other pro-business Democrats to talk about bolstering Michigan business, and then to the Michigan delegation where all Congress people meet to talk Michigan issues.

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The aftermath

The wounds of the Holocaust—known in Hebrew as Shoah, or catastrophe—were slow to heal. Survivors of the camps found it nearly impossible to return home, as in many cases they had lost their families and been denounced by their non-Jewish neighbors. As a result, the late 1940s saw an unprecedented number of refugees, POWs and other displaced populations moving across Europe.

In an effort to punish the villains of the Holocaust, the Allies held the Nuremberg Trials of 1945-46, which brought Nazi atrocities to horrifying light. Increasing pressure on the Allied powers to create a homeland for Jewish survivors of the Holocaust would lead to a mandate for the creation of Israel in 1948.

Over the decades that followed, ordinary Germans struggled with the Holocaust’s bitter legacy, as survivors and the families of victims sought restitution of wealth and property confiscated during the Nazi years. Beginning in 1953, the German government made payments to individual Jews and to the Jewish people as a way of acknowledging the German people’s responsibility for the crimes committed in their name.

Swiss government and banking institutions have in recent years acknowledged their complicity with the Nazis and established funds to aid Holocaust survivors.

Sources: Reuters.com; history.com

Holocaust museum

One of the best ways to learn more about the Holocaust is to visit the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Hills. For more information, hours and directions, call (248) 553-2400, email info@holocaustcenter.org, or visit the website at holocaustcenter.org.

SLOTKIN

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Then she may review legislation and vote on it. While on the floor, there’s a flurry of activity that includes chatting with other representatives she’s co-sponsoring legislation with. She’s back at her home in Rose Township every weekend, where she lives with husband Dave Moore.

Q & A

Do you have any big goals for this year?

I really want to see my bill passed on prescription drug prices. It’s a bipartisan bill, it passed through the House. Because it was bipartisan, it was picked up by the Senate. It’s made it through the finance committee; all it needs is a vote—as long as the president signs off on it, we will have passed a law on transparency around drug prices. Drugs are the only thing in our lives that you don’t know what it costs until you’re at the checkout. That’s a primary goal for me.

We just passed a big PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) piece of legislation that really forces the EPA to set a standard of what’s healthy and what’s not healthy. I want to see that get to the Senate. Then I want to continue bipartisan work on things like border security. We’re a border state and I’m on the homeland security committee. It’s extremely important to me to that we invest in smart border security.

And then a goal of mine always, in any way that I can, is to expand bipartisanship. Work together so that my bills are bipartisan. Five of the six pieces of legislation that passed in the House were strictly bipartisan.

What’s been the biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge has been that unfortunately there are really just 40 or 50 of us that truly believe in bipartisanship like a religion. I wish that number was 240. I really respect these 40 or 50 folks. I wished we needed a bigger room every week to meet.

What are you most proud of so far?

Getting a piece of bipartisan legislation turned into law. I’m about actually getting laws signed. We passed the Pentagon budget, we passed the PFAS monitoring act, which says that the EPA has to test for PFAS along with all the other chemicals that are listed in the Safe Drinking Water Act. It said if you have a small community like Holly that has 10,000 people or less, there are funds available for testing. That passed into law. We have four PFAS sites in District 8.

What’s the biggest thing you’ve learned so far in your first year?

To always remember to figure out who are work horses and who are the show ponies. There are members of Congress from every corner of the country. Some people are just amazing and have passion for helping people in the issues they work on, and some people are here and it’s all about them. You have to learn who to work with and I’ve learned that lesson a few times.
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Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced the arrests Thursday, Jan. 23 during a videotaped press conference from his office in the Genesee County Jail.

The sheriff said the suspects chatted online with GHOST investigators and offered to have sex with underage girls between the ages of 13 and 15. Swanson said all of the suspects reportedly showed up for the sexual encounters.

Five of the suspects have been arraigned, including Wardell Cortez Hodo Jr., 22, of Flint; Mike White, 43, of Waterford; Kevin Maxwell, 42, of Atlas Township, Christopher Roberts, 32, of Gladwin and Jeremy Jason Studt, 39, of Tyrone Township.

Studt was arraigned Dec. 6, 2019 in Genesee County 67th District Court for three alleged offenses Nov. 4, 2019.

Swanson said Studt, an HVAC technician, showed up at the GHOST site to allegedly have sex with a 15-year-old. He was charged with one count of child sexually abusive activity, one count of accosting children for immoral purposes and one count of using a computer for communication to commit the crime.

A personal bond of $50,000 was ordered. Studt is expected back in court for a preliminary hearing Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.

Three more suspects are facing charges and a fourth suspect, a 21-year-old college student, may have fled to his native India.

Swanson said the GHOST task force exposes these sexual predators to save the victims as well as the sexual predators’ lives. He said multiple online platforms that are used allow people to meet others, however, sexual predators will take unsuspecting victims offline and communicate with them further. Often fake profiles are used.

Swanson has strong advice to all parents regarding their children so that they too do not become victims of sexual predators. He said, “Get into their privacy. Talk to them. Ask them who their friends are.”

The sheriff added that these sexual predators live in a “sub culture” and that they are living a lie. His advice to potential sexual predators: “Don’t get caught by our GHOST team. Get help.”

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He said, “If you always do the same thing the same way, you won’t help develop the weak side of your brain as much as if you find new ways to do things. If you’re right-handed, use your left hand. If you’re always visiting old friends, get out of your comfort zone with new friends to make your brain work harder to get to know them.”

When it comes to exercise, don’t just do the same thing over and over. Challenge your body and your brain.

“Aerobics is incredibly important,” Strayers said. “It strengthens your heart to continue to pump blood to your brain. We also see a real correlation between alcohol and drug abuse (not use, but abuse) and the onset of dementia.”

When’s the best time to start?

Because most neurodegenerative diseases take years, if not decades, to develop, researchers say the best time to focus on brain health is long before the symptoms occur — ideally by midlife, if not before. However, it’s never too late to start.

DIETS AND BRAIN FOODS THAT MAY HELP PREVENT DEMENTIA

The DASH diet emphasizes vegetables, fruits and low-fat dairy foods — and moderate amounts of whole grains, fish, poultry and nuts.

The Mediterranean diet includes daily consumption of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and healthy fats; weekly intake of fish, poultry, beans and eggs; moderate portions of dairy products and limited intake of red meat.

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The River Church, which bought it from the Holly Area Schools district in 2007.

She moved to Holly with Iafano, in 2015, after purchasing the historic downtown building that once housed the Holly Village offices. She now runs her businesses, the RePurpose Shop, and an event venue called The Vault, and resides in the building with her family.

Originally,Cucksey and Iafano planned to rehabilitate the College Street building, which was built in 1913 and covers 44,000 square feet, into a mixed-use boutique hotel, banquet center and speakeasy pub, the latter of which has been dropped from their plans.

Cucksey said Wednesday that any liquor would be event-related and it would be allowed under their catering license.

Some of the residents, many who live in the immediate vicinity of the school building, addressed the Planning Commission and expressed concerns about the parking, noise, increased traffic especially in a neighborhood where many children play and ride their bikes in the streets, and the availability of alcohol at the banquet center.

Chris Rankin, a member of the Holly Village Council, said he thinks the plan for the old school building is a “wonderful idea. But I’m not sold on the idea of rezoning.”

One College Street resident said her concern is about parking when there is an event in the old school building and said she is worried about her driveway being blocked. She said she also worries about people being on the road after having too much to drink.

Thomas Clark, another College Street resident, said his concerns involve the area children. “This is going to be in the walking path of many children,” he said. “They will be walking past people in hotel rooms and alcohol, and parking is going to be a nightmare.”

Clark said he has great respect for what Cucksey and Iafano have done in Holly and says he appreciates it. But he said he is concerned about the future if it should happen to be another owner.

Joe Hutchins, a former Holly Village president said he has been in the village for 50 years. He said the school has been everything from a school, to a recreation hall, a voting location, a church and more. Noting the improvements the owners have already made to the building, he said, “This is the best it’s looked in the 50 years that I’ve been here.”

Amy Ray, whose mother owns a bed and breakfast on College Street, said, “I’ve heard nothing but amazing things about what Cari and Vince have done for the community. I’d feel better if the (school) building is not vacant. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

After the public hearing, one planner asked Jeremy Watson, the village’s fire marshal, building inspector and code enforcement officer, if he would live next door to that building.

Watson said he went through the building with the owners and said, “There were break-ins and a lot of bad stuff going on and they (owners) have fixed it.

“I was taken aback by the vandalism,” Watson said. He described an arrow going down a hall with the words ‘SEX ROOM’ on the wall. “In the ‘sex room’ there were mattresses and furniture,” he said. “Talk about the safety of kids. How safe are they when this happens right under your noses?”

“Ever since Vince and Cari came in here they have addressed the problems. They have boarded up windows and put in security cameras,” Watson said.

In answer to the planner’s question, Watson said, “I wouldn’t want to live next to a vacant building. I would live next to a historic building. Vince and Cari brought in professionals to do what needs to be done.”

What’s next

Gary Okonski, chair of the Planning Commission, said Cucksey and Iafano would have to request conditional rezoning if that’s what they wish. Cucksey did so at the meeting.

“We 100 percent agree with conditional approval,” Cucksey said.

It was made clear that conditional rezoning stays with the property and not the property owner. If Cucksey and her husband decide to change their minds or pull out for any reason, the conditions remain.

Cucksey submitted a parking plan to use the 700 or 800 parking spaces at the Karl Richter Center, which guests would be able to utilize via a shuttle bus. They also plan to employ valet parking.

The parking plan was approved by the Holly Area Schools superintendent, however, Okonski said he would like the Holly Board of Education to clarify the parking agreement.

Cucksey said some people have said they don’t care about kids. “We are investing $3,000 annually to the district’s scholarship program in exchange for parking,” she said.

Cucksey agreed to conditions that include noise abatement measures, additional landscaping around the perimeter of the building, security and the parking agreement.

Planners said the document was somewhat vague and should be made more clear. Once done, they will address the matter of conditional rezoning at the February meeting.

Cucksey asked if a special meeting was possible. “You can request it,” Okonski said.

(A link to the YouTube video of the Jan. 22 planning commission meeting can be found with the online version of this story at myfenton.com)
MBIA honors owner of Silver Spray Sports

Patti Smith inducted into the Hall of Fame for her dedication and leadership.

Patti Smith, vice president and co-owner of Silver Spray Sports in Fenton, was inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) Hall of Fame during an awards dinner at the Recreational Boating Educational Conference (RBEC) on Dec. 4 in Lansing.

Patti owns Silver Spray Sports with her husband, Jeff Smith.

Silver Spray Sports has won numerous sales and service awards for their dedication and hard work throughout the years. Patti has served on the MBIA board in a number of capacities and is now chair of the board.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, Patti grew up on the water in Holly and became the first woman to be a senior rated barefoot water ski boat driver for USA Water Ski in 1979.

She drove 15 years of Regional Barefoot Championships, 15 U.S. National Barefoot Championships, and is the only woman ever to drive two World Barefoot Water Ski Champion- ships in 1988 in Melbourne, Australia and 1990 in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1980, the couple co-founded the Barefooting Unlimited Ski School.

Together with Jeff and their grown daughter Whitney Burnash, Patti continues to be very active in water sports. They built Lake Jepawhit (stands for JE (Jeff) PA (Patti) and WHIT (Whitney) in Gaines, which is a world class water ski site in 1997, where they have hosted collegiate, state and world class water ski events like the Nautique “Big Dawg” slalom series.

“Patti’s dedication is second to none, we appreciate her leadership as the MBIA board chair, and her point of view always advocating for the boating industry,” said Jim Coburn of Coburn and Associates of Macomb and Secretary/Treasurer of the MBIA Board.

“The MBIA Board voted unanimously that she should be awarded this, one of the MBIA’s highest honors.”

MBIA is the official, state-wide marine industry association, which serves as the voice for Michigan’s $7.8-billion marine industry and the four million people who enjoy Michigan’s nearly one million registered boats.
It’s time to kick off your garden

Starting from seeds is inexpensive and a good way to beat winter blues

By Tim Jagielo

If you’re looking to start your spring garden from scratch, it’s time to start planning and maybe planting your seeds indoors. This will give your seeds time to grow inside, so the plants can be transplanted into the soil after the final frost of the year.

Orange bell peppers can take 85 days, for example, to grow. Genesee District Library Assistant Kelly Stack said this area might have about a 139-day growing season, with the last frost on May 14 and the first frost of the coming fall on Oct. 1.

“The advantage to starting your seeds is that you will get a head start on the coming growing season in addition to saving money,” said Stack, an avid gardener who runs gardening classes as well as the seed library at the Fenton Winegarden Library, which is starting on March 3. “A pack of seeds cost a few dollars, or free if you get them from the Fenton Seed Library, and you can start many plants from one pack.”

She said transplants, or plants that are already started, cost about $3 or more per plant. “The cost really adds up if you get all transplants for your garden.”

Another advantage is fending off the winter blues. “You get to start plants that will provide both beauty and food, while getting your hands dirty,” Stack said. “It gives you something to do when it’s too cold to go outside.”

She will soon be starting peppers, tomatoes, marigolds, onions, greens, herbs and a bunch of flowers. “Others like beans, squash and peas I will plant.”

Don’t worry if you think it’s too hard. It’s not as difficult as you think. Stick to the basics and you’ll be off to a good start.

Kelly Stack
GDL library assistant, gardening educator
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directly outside because they are very
easy to start,” she said.

How to get started
“‘It’s not as difficult as you think,’” Stack
said. “Stick to the basics and you’ll be off
to a good start. Get seeds
from a good source, seed starting mix,
light and water. Provide enough light
and water and you are golden.”

To get started you’ll need seeds,
growing medium (potting soil or seed
starting mix) and lights.

Follow the directions on the seed
backs when planting. Cover with soil
and water them. Place the pots under
a grow light or a very sunny window.
Depending on the seeds, there could
be sprouts in seven to 21 days.

Or, start an herb garden

Individuals and school classrooms
alike also can grow herbs during the
winter. According to the Michigan
State University (MSU) Extension,
several herbs can be grown over the
winter indoors under a light or in a
south-facing window with four hours
of sun per day. While there are several,
here are few examples of herbs that can
be grown indoors this season:

• ‘English’ mint: not as invasive as
other spearmints and the leaves are
broader and a deeper green.

• Broadleaf thyme: also known as
Spanish thyme and Cuban oregano,
this plant has broad, fleshy leaves un-
like those of ordinary thyme. It never
goes dormant and reaches 10 to 12
inches tall.

• Dwarf garden sage: With smaller
leaves and a more compact habit than
regular sage, this variety grows only 10
inches high with the same sage flavor.

Source: MSU Extension
When you plant your veggie garden this year, maybe Mother Nature will surprise you with more than you anticipated. The following are veggies that made it to the Guinness Book of World Records because of their size.

**CARROT**
Giant vegetable gardener Christopher Qualley of Otsego, Minnesota, USA managed to grow a record-smashing carrot the second time he ever attempted to grow one. Weighing in at a whopping 22.44 lbs, it was officially crowned the world’s heaviest carrot in 2017.

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**TOMATO**
Grown by Steve and Jeannine Marley (both USA), the heaviest tomato was 9 lbs. 10.4 oz. when assessed in Clinton, New York, USA, on Sept. 20, 2019. The tomato was of the Domigo variety. The seeds were started in mid-May and transplanted into the ground 30 days later. Blossom was pollinated on July 29, 2019. The plant was limited to growing one tomato, and was harvested on the afternoon of Sept. 20, 2019.

**CAULIFLOWER**
A cauliflower weighing 60 lb. 9.3 oz. on April 21, 2014 was grown by Peter Glazebrook of Halam, Nottinghamshire, UK.

**CABBAGE**
The heaviest cabbage weighed 138.25 lbs. and was presented at the Alaska State Fair by Scott A. Robb (USA) in Palmer, Alaska, USA, on Aug. 31, 2012. Robb has previously held a number of Guinness World Records for heaviest vegetables, including the heaviest turnip, among others.

**CUCUMBER**
The heaviest cucumber is 23 lbs. 7 oz. and was grown by David Thomas (UK) and weighed at the Malvern Autumn Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, UK, on Sept. 26, 2015. Thomas also holds the record for the heaviest parsnip.

**ZUCCHINI**
The longest zucchini courgette at 8 ft. 3.3 in. was achieved by Giovanni Batista Scozzafava (Italy) in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, as measured on Aug. 28, 2014. Scozzafava stated that he used no fertilizer or manure, just gave the plant plenty of water.

**ONION**
The heaviest onion weighs 18 lbs. 11.84 oz. and was grown by Tony Glover (UK). It was weighed at the Harrogate Autumn flower show in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, UK, on Sept. 12, 2014. Tony Glover has been growing onions for years and finally achieved the record.

**SOURCE:** guinnessworldrecords.com
Holly’s fourth quarter sparks victory vs. Lake Fenton

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team had a strong showing in a loss against Flint Kearsley on Jan. 17.

Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner hoped the squad would be able to take that performance and parlay it into strong performances later in the season.

A game later, the Bronchos did just that. Holly ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks 44-40 Tuesday night.

The contest was Holly’s second-best defensive effort of the season. Holly held Clio to 22 points in the team’s 58-22 victory. In the team’s last three games Holly hasn’t held an opponent to less than 52 points.

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By David Troppens

Linden — Linden’s varsity boys basketball game against the Flint Powers Chargers didn’t start the way the Eagles had hoped.

The contest had a quick tempo that resulted in many quick shots (and a couple of Linden turnovers), enabling the Chargers to jump to an 8-2 lead after Luke Phillpotts converted on his second conventional three-point play less than three minutes into the game.

However, Holly wasn’t able to defeat the Blackhawks in this close game, losing a 41-37 road verdict.

Holly played a strong game for the first three quarters. The Bronchos led 11-9 after one quarter and stretched that lead to 25-19 at halftime. The lead was still six points after three quarters with Holly leading 34-28.

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Eagles soar by Powers Catholic, 64-51

By David Troppens

Linden’s defense held Powers to just nine field goals in the final three quarters while the Eagles converted on 15-of-34 shots, leading the Eagles to a pretty impressive 64-51 victory at home against the Chargers.

“I like how our team just doesn’t give up,” senior Brendan Miller said. “At the beginning of the game we were down 8-2, we faced a little adversity but we came together as a team and always compete. No matter what, we will always compete and that’s what I liked the most.”

“I like the fact that we showed some toughness and that we showed some grit,” Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said.

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Fenton’s competitive cheer team improves to fourth at second Metro jamboree

By David Troppens

Two of the four tri-county Metro League teams that competed at the league’s second competitive cheer jamboree improved their team scores from the first one. However, only one squad improved its placing in the standings.

The Fenton Tigers, who placed fifth in the first Metro jamboree, jumped to fourth in Wednesday’s event, posting a total team score of 670.98, 22.34 points better than its score in the first jamboree.

The Tigers were in fifth after round one (208.30), but jumped up to fourth place with a round two score of 186.58. The squad posted a round three score of 276.10.

Lake Fenton placed fourth in the first jamboree, but fell to fifth place in Wednesday’s event with a team score of 646.20. Lake Fenton started out in fourth with a 212.00 round one score, but posted a 189.28 in round two, also suffering a 10-point penalty. The Blue Devils recorded a 280.50 in round three, capping their final score.

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Linden’s Spencer marries, gets nickname in recent months

By David Troppens

In between fights, the tri-county area’s most popular professional boxer has been a busy man.

Joey Spencer found time to train, get married and create a nickname among other things.

Ever the opportunist, when Spencer found a gap in his workout sessions, he used it to marry his life-long sweetheart, Tabitha, on Dec. 8.

“I found out I was going to have my next fight later than I was planning,” Spencer said. “When I found out and they said I was getting a week off, I thought it would be a perfect time to propose.

“I went home and proposed right then. She was shocked and surprised.”

Spencer fell into a nickname somewhat by mistake. When Spencer defeated Erik Spring by unanimous decision to improve his professional boxing record to 10-0 recently, he was introduced with the nickname “The Small Town Soldier.”

“I used it as a caption ... and they used it as my nickname during the FOX television broadcast,” Spencer said. “Before my (ninth) fight they talked to my team about it and I felt that is who I am and what I stand for. When I heard it, I liked how it sounded on TV, so I like it.”

Spencer has begun his third year of his professional boxing career and his career remains on the rise. For the second straight year he is the Premier Boxing Championships Prospect of the Year after recording four straight wins in 2019, including one by knockout. His win on Jan. 18 was pretty decisive. Facing a taller southpaw who had a longer reach, Spencer was forced to compete from a distance. Still, he was able to dominate each of the six rounds, earning the easy decision victory.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
 Linden JV 50, Flint Powers JV 45: Brandon Green scored a game-high 30 points while Lance Barkholz had nine points. Aiden Miller chipped in seven points.
 Linden freshmen 54, Powers freshmen 48: The Linden freshmen trailed by 11 points in the fourth quarter, but overcame that deficit to earn a victory in overtime. Charlie Powell had a team-high 15 points, with nine of those points coming in the fourth quarter. Colin Weiss added 10 points while Tyler Willard had nine points. Bishop Lawrence had eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Fenton Freshmen 38, South Lyon East Freshmen 16: Tammy Craven led the Tigers with 12 points while Sophie Hense and Cynthia Isenberg had six points each.

By David Troppens
The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is still learning how to win basketball games.

But it seems like the Blue Devils are starting to figure it out.

Lake Fenton captured its second victory in four games by earning a 56-52 home win against the Flushing Raiders.

“It was a great night,” Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Joshua Fox said. “We had a nice lead going into the fourth, but our turnovers showed up again and allowed Flushing to pull it close. This time we settled down and finished the game, so I am extremely proud of them and hopefully we can use this to keep building.”

The Blue Devils trailed 12-11 after the first quarter, but took a 24-19 halftime lead with 13 points in the second quarter. The Blue Devils blew the lead open with a 20-point third quarter, raising the gap to 44-31. However, Flushing’s 21-point final quarter enabled the Raiders to make things interesting late.

The Blue Devils shot a solid 46 percent from the field, with nine of the team’s 20 field goals coming from three-point land. Flushing shot just 36 percent from the floor, but turned the ball over just 16 times compared to Lake Fenton’s 23 miscues.

Fox said Francis Senter had a big game. Senter had 11 points, seven assists, seven steals and six rebounds.

“We keep giving him more responsibility and he is really growing.”

Carter Foerster led the Blue Devils with 21 points, with 13 coming during Lake Fenton’s 20-point third quarter. Twelve of his 21 points came on four three-pointers. He also had four rebounds.

Holly sweeps Metro matches, remains in league hunt
By David Troppens
The Holly varsity wrestling team are the defending Metro League champions.

However, with a loss already in dual meets, the chances of defending that title are in danger.

The Bronchos can’t afford to lose any more Metro League Stripe Division bouts. Holly edged out Flushing 39-34 to remain one victory behind the Linden Eagles. Holly also defeated Metro League Stars Division foe Clio 43-28.

The victory against Flushing went to the final bout. Tyler Jackson (285) pinned Flushing’s Owen Winter to earn the win.

Other Holly wrestlers to earn pin-fall wins against Flushing were Nate Young (145), Jacob Gonzales (160) and Scott Herrmann (171). Other Holly winners were Gabe Soja (112), Mason Forsythe (135), Ryan Sernick (140), Nate Young (145) and Tyler Hild (189).
**Eagles remain undefeated in Metro play; LF wrestling splits matches**

*By David Troppens*

The Linden varsity wrestling team hasn’t won a Metro League championship since 2006. The Eagles are making a great case toward possibly winning one in 2020.

The Eagles are the only undefeated team remaining in dual action of the Metro League’s Stripes Division and remain undefeated against all Metro squads after defeating Swartz Creek 54-24 and Lake Fenton 60-22. The Blue Devils also competed against Owosso and earned a 45-30 victory against the event’s host.

The Eagles (3-0 in Metro Stripes play and 6-0 against all Metro teams) had eight wrestlers finish the day with 2-0 records. Three wrestlers finished with 2-0 records with two pinfalls. They were Jaylon Berry (145), Jayden Rittenbury (152) and Uzziah Delgado (171). Brenden Shingleton (119) had a 2-0 record with one pinfall victory as did Bryce Shingleton (125) and Colton Powell (189). Others that had 2-0 marks were Tyler McCabe (103) and Jimmy Roti (160).

“This week was a business trip and the team came ready to work,” Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerville said. “Proud of the team. This is another step in the right direction.”

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**Fenton wrestlers capture first Metro League victory of the season**

*By David Troppens*

The Fenton varsity wrestling team earned its first Metro League victory of the season Wednesday night at Ortonville-Brandon High School.

The Tigers defeated Flint Kearsley 45-33 to earn that victory. Fenton also battled Goodrich and lost a 53-18 verdict.

In the victory against Kearsley, the Tigers won seven of the last nine matches to earn the victory. Lyle Smock (130) earned a forfeit win to start the match, but Kearsley won four straight matches making it a 21-6 Hornets’ lead.

From there, the Tigers dominated. The match wasn’t decided until Andrew Barcome (125) earned a pinfall victory.

Evan Firby (215) and Jackson Cairnduff (285) earned pinfall wins, while Garrett Langford (160), Kendra Ryan (103) and Ella Turnblom (112) won by forfeit. Login Fuller (171) won Fenton’s other match, earning a tight 3-2 decision win.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on February 21, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JANUARY 20, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a special meeting on Monday January 20, 2020 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Approved a revised Employment Agreement for Operations Manager Thomas Broecker.
2. Approved a motion to require the completion of formal performance reviews for all exempt employees during the month of January each year.
3. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $392,820.14.
4. Conducted a public hearing to obtain citizen input on potential local road improvement projects for 2020.
5. Received the 4th Quarter Report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
7. Approved the sale of tax-reverted parcel 06-07-200-032 to John H. Miller III.
8. Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Daniel E. Quinn
1949-2019
Daniel E. Quinn - age 70, resident of Cleveland, TN, formerly of Fenton, passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2019. He was preceded in death by both his parents John and Catherine Quinn; infant sister, Colleen and nephew, James Quinn. He is survived by daughter Heidi Schabbel Kovarik (Tom); two granddaughters, Hunter and Haley Ludwig; sister, Marge (Pete) Pappas of Owosso; brother, Donald (Muriel) Quinn of Cleveland, TN; brother, Lee (Ann) Quinn of Fenton. Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Private services to be held at a later date.

Larry Cook

Anna Stecki

Harout “Harry” Aydinian

Naomi Sanders

Rosalie Tyler

Florence Nagy

Franze Schultz

Nathanael Schaaf

Edward Ford

Judith Heinz

Mary Hunter

Stephen Veselenak, Jr.

Freddie Rutherford

Robert Conover

Weston Ellis Wickstrom
Weston Ellis Wickstrom - 3 months old, went to spend eternity with the Lord in heaven. We are at peace with the Lord’s will to bring him home. Although short, his purposeful mission here on earth is complete. There was too much trauma throughout his body to continue the fight any longer. He passed gently and peacefully with Mom and Dad together holding him close for the first and last time. We LOVE you with every breath, Weston Ellis Wickstrom. We believe it was God’s purpose (through Weston’s life) that anyone reading his CaringBridge journal understand that the GOD who created us also provides the capacity for humans to love as deeply as we do. Because HE is an infinite God, how much more does HE love us? Enough to give up HIS only Son for our salvation. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life,” John 3:16. Surviving are parents, David and Mary Wickstrom; grandparents, Rodger and Karen Wickstrom, Marshall and Diana Ross; many aunts and uncles. A memorial service will be held 11 AM Friday, January 31, 2020 at the Rock Church, 11400 Linden Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Friday at the church. Contributions may be made to the Rock Church in Fenton (hisorock.churchcenter.com/giving). Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes. Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

James Leonard
Obituaries

Roger Lee

Michael M. McQueen
Michael M. McQueen - age 53, died January 19, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

Barbara J. Creighton

Sharon F. McClinton

Timothy Morse

Judith L. Moler

Billy G. Southard

Kraig A. Wallace

Did you know?

Dog strollers have surged in popularity in recent years, particularly as pets are allowed in locations that might have been off limits in years past. It’s common to see pet owners scooting their prized pooches around in strollers once used exclusively for small children. Dog owners who have never owned a dog stroller before may wonder just how useful they can be. Some people have replaced traditional dog carriers with strollers, which tend to be more ergonomic and comfortable to use than carriers. Strollers can be a convenient means for taking dogs (typically smaller pups) to busy public locations or even to work. Strollers also can keep dogs out of the elements when the weather can be difficult for them to handle. Older dogs with mobility issues can benefit from strollers because they still enable the dogs to get fresh air without tiring them out. Also, people who own multiple dogs may find strollers make it easy to take multiple pooches out and about. Strollers also let small dogs rest while other dogs get more exercise walking alongside the stroller. Dog strollers come in a range of sizes and can be purchased where most pet supplies are sold.

LENTIL AND BACON SOUP

Many foodies feel that bacon makes everything better. Bacon certainly brings a salty and savory flavor to nearly any food it complements, and it is perfectly acceptable enjoyed on its own. In this recipe for “Lentil and Bacon Soup” from “Soup’s On! Soul-Satisfying Recipes from Your Favorite Cookbook Authors and Chefs” (Chronicle Books) by Leslie Jonath and Frankie Frankeny, bacon is the star of the flavor show. This soup is ideal for chilly winter days.

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 pound bacon, cut into julienne
- 1 cup diced yellow onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup green lentils
- 2 quarts chicken stock or broth, divided
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions

DIRECTIONS:
1. Cook three-quarters of the bacon in a large saucepan over medium heat until the fat is rendered, about 5 minutes. Add the onions and carrots and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are translucent, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain any excess fat and add the lentils and 1 quart of the stock. Simmer over low heat until the lentils are tender, 40 to 50 minutes. Add the remaining 1 quart stock and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook the soup over medium heat until hot, about 10 minutes.
2. Cook the remaining bacon in a hot sauté pan over medium-high heat until crispy, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove the bacon from the pan and drain on paper towels.
3. Ladle some of the soup into each bowl and sprinkle with the crispy bacon and the scallions.

JUMBLE FOR KIDS

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you’re ready to solve today’s Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You’ll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

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STTE

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