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Assisted living, memory care facility may come to Fenton

■Clearpath Provision Living of Fenton planning to build on Fenway Drive

By Vera Hogan

On Thursday, Jan. 23, the Fenton Planning Commission tabled a request for special land use approval and site plans for new construction on an assisted living and memory care facility at 440 N. Fenway Dr., immediately north of

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Holly resident attending State of the Union

■U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin seeks to highlight prescription drug costs

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

A Holly resident is attending the State of the Union (SOTU) on Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Washington, D.C. U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-Dist. 8) of Holly announced T uesday, Jan. 28 that resident Sarah Stark will attend as her guest, marking a rare

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Former addict shares story of hope

■ Fenton Center of Hope gave him the tools to move forward

By Vera Hogan

John Osborne, formerly of Fenton who now resides in Arizona, is eternally grateful to Bob and Jennifer Strygulec, directors of Fenton Center of Hope, for their love and compassion, which led to his recovery and giving him a new lease on life.

Osborne, 48, was born in Flint and lived in Fenton since he was 5 years old. He graduated from Lake Fenton

High School in 1991.

Osborne's troubles began when his first wife, Christina, died in 2008 at the age of 36 from an accidental prescription medication overdose due to a pharmacy error.

"While I cannot go into specifics, I did win a settlement from the pharmacy due to the horrible mistake," Osborne said. "At the time of her passing, I felt

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Fenton Township considers 2020 road projects

■ Roads being considered are Petts Road, Ray Road, Old Linden Road and more

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — At the Monday Jan. 20 Fenton Township meeting, trustees discussed p otential 2020 lo cal ro ad

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public places

or go to a dog park. Be a responsible dog owner and keep them and us safe. Even 'nice' dogs are capable of biting for all sorts of reasons. Do your research."



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paper needs to go in a plastic bag so it does not fly all over the parking lot."



Sharp shooting nets 10-year-old a ticket to camp

■ Contest during LA Lakers basketball game is a thrill for the Ureche family

By Sharon Stone

Evan Ureche is one happy 10-yeaold. The fifth-grader at Torrey Hill Intermediate School won a basketball shooting

gets to attend Camp Lakers this July in Los Angeles, California.

Evan's father, Tom Ureche, of Fenton Township, said the family traveled to LA over Christmas and New Year's to spend the holidays with family. One of Evan's Christmas gifts were tickets to the Lak ers basketball game on New Year's Day.

Ureche said that Evan loves LeBron James and is a big basketball fan in general. When they got to the venue, they walked around to experienceall the sites. Soon, an employee walked up to them and asked Evan if he'd like to play a game,

contest over the Christmas break and now a contest, during the Lakers' game. Evan jumped at the chance.

> In 30 quick seconds, Evan made the 10 points needed to win the contest. In turn, he won entry to a weeklong Camp Lakers youth basketball camp in JulyThe whole evening was fun and Evan received attention from the players, celebrities, including Kevin Hart, and the Laker Girls, even posing for a few photos.

Ureche said the prize covers the cost of the camp registration.

It looks like the Ureche family will be making plans for another trip to LA this summer so Evan can attend the camp.



Evan Ureche and his father. Tom Ureche of Fenton Township, are all smiles after Evan won a basketball shooting contest and tickets to a basketball camp in Los Angeles this summer. Submitted photo

POLICE & FIRE

REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED

On Monday, Jan. 20, at 4:48 p.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle, a 58-year-old Holly woman, had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest for an operating while intoxicated charge with another police agency. The driver was arrested and transported to the Holly police station where she was able to post bond on the warrant and was released pending her court date.

HOLLY TEEN FACES CHARGES

On Friday, Jan. 24, at 1:40 p.m., Holly police officers following up on an earlier report of larceny from vehicles Jan. 11, discovered evidence that the suspect in the theft of credit cards from a vehicle attempted to use them at a local bank. The officers were able to retrieve bank video that led to the identity of a person suspected in the larceny. Based on their investigation, the case has been presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for charges on an 18-year-old Holly man.



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You, too, can throw a superhero party

■Winter is a great time to get creative with kids' indoor activities; WOW leads the way

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Sam McDowell, 4, of Fenton took a big wind up with two Frisbees decorated like Captain America's shield and let them rip, sending them colliding with a stack of heavy aluminum cans.

Elsewhere, children avoid "laser" beams by sliding along the ground on their bellies on carts. This activity is just neon tape strung between retail display racks. Children had fun using them nonetheless.

Some items at the 2020 Superhero Training event at the Ellen Street Campus/World of W onder (WOW) Early Learning Program were "store bought," like the Imagination Play ground blue foam block set or the inflatable bounce house obstacle course.

However, most of the fun activities the children took part in were completely do-it-yourself (DIY), from the WOWstaff. Children in hero costumes donned large plastic Target store bags with head and armholes with targets on the front for a game where they dodge Silly String flung



Children wore disposable Target store bags for the Silly String game. Photo: Tim Jagielo

by costume wearing volunteers.

WOW Director Linda Mora point ed out that her staff dreamed up the whole thing. The expansive event is unapologetically DIY and kids still had a blast. Her inspiration was actually kids' birthday parties.

"(Families) can do the same thing," she said. "They're simple things. They're tin cans, they're cardboard boxes. They're games of skill that children need to do. They test out their own limits. It's imaginative play."

Old phone boxes, wrapped in paper with hardboard buildings, became "tall buildings" for children to leap (in a single bound.)

This is the third year for the event and balances out the Enchanted Princess Ball.

Various stations take a little vision and creativity to set up. These ideas were found on online sites, such as Pinterest by searching "superhero birthday party," and summer church camp things.

"All of this is very doable," Mora said. "Families can use their imaginations with very simple materials

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Building Brands

t a recent sales meeting the newest member of our team was sharing her success story. "I won some money!" she said. My ears perked up. Our office sometimes pools money for lotto tickets,

and I thought maybe they hit it big. As the rest of the team applauded, I started to get mad at myself for not throwing in a few bucks. Then, I realized she didn't win the money through the lotto, she won it through our sales contest in which our sales team has been competing for the past year.

At the start of 2019 View Newspaper Group launched a company-wide competition among the sales team based on adding new business. Each month two winners are crowned (and awarded money) — the person who brings in the most new clients and the person who brings in the most new revenue.

Each month the sales team receives a copy of our New Business Scoreboard listing each team member's stats. And while the money and bragging rights are pretty cool, the purpose behind the New Business Scoreboard actually goes well beyond that.

First, creating a contest focused on new business ensured that the sales funnel at View Newspaper Group was never empty in 2019.

Keeping score keeps us growing

Second, it allowed our group to track new business. Even with all of the emphasis we'd put on the importance of gaining new clients in the past, it was something we had not tracked. Famed businessman Peter Drucker said it best — "What gets measured gets improved." That was cer

> tainly the case for our team. In 2019 we secured 846 new business clients. Y ou better believe that now that we've measured it, that number will improve in 2020.

Here's where our newest sales team member 's com ments struck a chord with me. I don't think she, or any of our New Business Scoreboard honorees, WON the money.

I think they EARNED it. Finding new clients is not easy.

Finally, our New Business Score -

board is further proof that community newspapers are not dead. Wew Newspaper Group continues to grow and thrive. Along with adding more than 800 new clients in 2019, we also added three new publications to our group.

An independent audit by the Cir culation Verification Council (CVC) found that all survey respondents were aware of our printed products and 71.4 percent of our readers frequently purchase products and services from ads seen in V iew Newspaper Group publications.

Going into the new year with results like this makes us confident in and excited about the year ahead. W ith wins like this, who needs the lotto? Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager for VIEW Group, the branding divi sion of View Newspaper Group.

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SLOTKIN CRITICS: READ Tim's

article. You do a disservice to Elissa. She does not call people names and is not disrespectful of those who disagree with her. Her life shows her to be patriotic and able to work with Republicans. She is not a 'do nothing' Democrat.

THE JAN. 26 Hot lines are illustrative of how Trump divided us. In a democracy, citizens do have differing views. When views in opposition to vours are demonized or disrespected, you show your intolerance, your ignorance, your anti-Democratic hatred.

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What's been your all-time favorite vacation?

Emily Caswell



"Up north. There's a lot to do up there, around Hubbard Lake. I used to own property up there."

- Sheree Tennant Fenton



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"Jamaica. I got married there. It was warm and peaceful, nice beaches."

- Kristina Swainston Fenton Township



"Cocoa Beach, Florida. I learned to surf and I liked the Kennedy Space Center — learning the history of NASA about rockets and space shuttles."

-PJ Swainston Fenton Township



"We went to Hawaii; it was a wedding anniversary. It was so long ago, the weather was great."

- Ross Greenwald

Fenton



"A trip to Mackinac Island two years ago on Mother's Day. My wife and I stayed at the Grand Hotel. Excellent service, excellent food."

Larry Andrykovich

Fenton

Looking for a few ghosts

■ Fenton couple penning a book on local haunts

By Vera Hogan

Michael (Mickey) V izard and his wife, Mor gan, are looking for some ghost stories.

The Fenton couple has started a book project and are hoping residents will favor them with some of their tales of paranormal activities in and around Fenton.

"My wife Mogan and I are hoping to write a book about haunted locations in and around Fenton," Mickey said. "I'm an attorney who specializes in probate and estate planning, and on weekends I work as an EMT. Morgan is a wildlife biologist who currently works with bees, and for the Oakland County Park system, too."

The V izards are members of the Fenton Historical Society. "I typically go there when they're open on Sundays to do research and see all the fun things they have there," Mickey said.

"They've told me at the Historical Society that the questions they're asked about most often are about ghost stories of Fenton, and that's what gave me the idea to write this book. Also, my father Dave Vizard was a journalist for more than 30 years, and researching the book and chasing down these leads could be a great way for us to bond," he said.

Ghost stories in particular are interest ing to the Vizards because they involve local history, but also local lore and storytelling. "I just think it's a fascinating intersection of those two areas," Mickey said.



Michael (Mickey) and Morgan Vizard Submitted photo

The couple said they would like to find about 10 different locations in the tri-county area.

"Due to my background in law, I'm a fairly experienced records researcher, so our idea is I'll do most of the researchof this project, and I'll hand it over to Mom for her to reduce it all to writing," he said. "It could be a really fun project."

The V izards also participate in the Fenton Area W riters Guild. "W e meet once a month to discuss progress in our various writing projects, and Mogan and I definitely think knowing we have to produce something tangible for the group every month will help keep us on track for this haunted history project," he said.

Anyone who would like to share their stories are invited to contact the couple by emailing HauntedFenton@gmail.com.

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Potential 'Conversations with Council' in Linden

■ City leaders discuss disseminating information

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden Manager Ellen Glass is pushing for more communi cation between City Council and the community.

At the Monday, Jan. 27 Linden City Council meeting, Glass suggested host ing informational meetings on different topics.

"Conversations with Council, you can call it whatever you guys want, but an avenue for us to go to our community, not them coming here in a formal setting. We can have cofee at Shirley's on Saturday," she said as an example.

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very guilty because I was the one who picked up the prescription, and I didn' double check it before giving it to her."

Osborne said he fell into a deep depression and felt that he had a part in her passing.

"At that time, I became unable to care for our 6-year-old daughter and had to give her to a family member ," he said. "My home was also condemned around this

time and I couldn't af ford to fix it and keep it, so I lost my home. I lost everything in the home, my dogs, my clothes, everything.

"The combination of the loss of my wife, my daughter, and my home was more than I could take and I turned to liquid Vicodin. That progressed to V icodin pills, and then I

moved to Oxycontin and marijuana," he said. "After a few years I moved to heroin, first snorting it and then injecting it. I also did crack. I spent over 10 years as an addict, doing whatever it took to support my habit. The money I was awarded from the lawsuit was all spent on drugs. I was frequently homeless and sleeping on the

streets. I sometimes had to eat out of trash cans," Osborne said.

Fenton Center of Hope

"My friends and I used to go to the food pantry at the Fenton Center of Hope," Osborne said. "We went there for most of the 10 years that I was an addict. We never attended church, we just went there for the food."

In 2018, Bob and Jennifer told him, "We love you and we do not want to see you die.

> "They kept working with me. They found a job for me, and the man I worked for told me I mattered, that I was worth something, that I was smart. My co-worker told me that I have a purpose, that I can help others.

"I needed to have somebody show me they loved me, that I done in life or who I've hurt,

God forgives me and loves me. Bob and Jen have been like mom and dad to me. I can never repay them. I can never show them enough gratitude."

me. Bob and Jen showed me that He loves me and cares about me.

"I am religious now, not over the top but I try to tell people what He has done for me. Y es, I believe, and I want everyone to know it," Osborne said. "I like my new life; it's a whole lot better than the life I was leading. I don't have to wake up sick, I don't try and hustle to get money for drugs. I don't have cold sweats or vomiting due to needing a fix. I have a normal, relaxed life now and I am grateful every day.

"I would just like to say to anyone who is still going through it, or who doesn't know what to do, stay strong and keep going forward," he said.

"Please don' t judge addicts as bad people. They are good people just looking for a way to ease the pain and suf fering. Do what you can to help them."

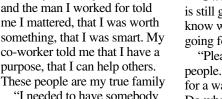
In an article "Her oin overdose victim

identified," published in the Times in October 2017, John Curtis Osborne' alleged involvement and legal battle regarding the overdose death is detailed.

(An extended version of this story can *be found online at tctimes.com.)*

Fenton Center of Hope

Fenton Center of Hope exists to serve those who are hungry and in need of resources. It is at 2525 W. Shiawassee Ave. Fenton, Michigan 48430. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find them on Facebook. Phone is (810) 620-8167. The Fenton Center of Hope offers a variety of services. including food pantry, baby closet, job skills training, classes, and small groups.



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In the beginning, Osborne said he was

not a religious person. "I felt like, when God took my wife and all the bad things happened, that He had turned his back on ROAD PROJECTS

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improvement projects.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis read which roads and projects are being considered. These p otential pr ojects a re based on discussions with Lawrence Engineering, the township's engineering firm and the Genesee County Road Commission:

Petts Road, from Fenton Road to Edy Lake Road, could be paved with asphalt or resurfaced, which could be done with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Old Linden Road, from Linden Road to Dooley Drive, could be paved with asphalt or resurfaced.

Ripley Road, from Rolston Road to Lahring Road, could be paved with asphalt or resurfaced.

Ray Road, at the paved apron at Torrey Road intersection (both sides) and at the paved apron at the Fenton Road intersection, could be paved with asphalt or resurfaced.

Hogan Road could be paved with asphalt or resurfaced from the paved apron at Lahring Road on the north side.

Other projects being considered are limestone/gravel resurfacing on Main Road, from Thompson Road to Ray Road, and on Ray Road, from Linden Road to U.S. 23.

Applying crack sealing on W iggins Road is being considered.

The Ray Road projects are subject to 50-percent participation from Mundy Township.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager

and deputy clerk, said these are mostly projects that the Genesee County Road Commission will handle and then bill the township for. The board is expected to vote on this within the next few meetings.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said the cracks on N. Long Lake Road need to be fixed to prevent long-term issues.

A public hearing for the public also was held to give input.

One resident, who lives on Wenwood Drive, said he's contacted township of ficials about the drainage issues for the road before. Mathis acknowledged the road as a "difficult road."

Another resident, Geor ge Bearden, who recently moved to Dalhart Drive with his wife said initially, the road seemed fine. It's a dirt road, but when it's graded, it only lasts about three to four days.

"I would say Dalhart is the worst road in the township. We've tried to work on it for year ... it's another road off N. Long Lake Road," Mathis said, mentioning its proximity to the lake, how there are many potholes and that it's not wide enough.

Mathis said the county has of fered to fix the road before, but that would include bringing it up to standard, which means adding curbs and gutters and widening the road.

"There's no room to make a wider road," she said.

Bearden said it's one of the "worst roads that we've encountered."

"Had we'd known of this situation before we bought the house, I wouldn't have bought it," he said. "To sell it would be very difficult."



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MICHIGAN'S WITNESS SUPPORT STATUTE

Among the types of criminal cases that come before a court are those involving children as victims of sex or abuse offenses and vulnerable adult victims.

A vulnerable adult is a person who has severe mental or physical problems.

These cases can sometimes have fearful or reluctant witnesses who are asked to testify against a defendant.

Because of this Michigan has had a special statute for a number of years (MCLA 600.2603a) to make these witnesses more comfortable when testifying.

The statute has a number of provisions including allowing a support person to be near the witness during testimony and arranging the courtroom so that the defendant is not in the direct view of the witness.

The judge also can order the court room closed to all but necessary parties. If that isn't sufficient the witness can be allowed to testify outside the physical presence of the defendant by closed circuit television or other electronic means.

As an additional measure, judges have allowed support or comfort dogs to be next to the witnesses during their

Until recently, the statute didn't specifically address this procedure but the statute could be read as allowing it.

Some defendants claimed that support dogs shouldn't be present as it made juries overly sympathetic to the victims.

To clarify this, the statute was amended effective Jan. 14, 2019 to allow "Courtroom Support Dogs."

The amended statute provides that guide and service dogs that have been trained and evaluated in the area of providing emotional support to children and adults can sit with or be near the witness during their testimony. If there is to be a trial, a notice must be filed with the court of the possible use of a support person or dog and given to all of the parties to the proceeding. For other hearings, no notice is required. If there is an objection, the court will rule on it.

With this latest amendment, Michigan joined seven other states, which statutorily allow support dogs. There is also a pending federal bill with a similar purpose called the "Courthouse Dogs Act," which passed in the senate on Dec. 19, 2019.

Over the years, I have seen firsthand how Michigan's statute has been proven to be effective and helpful to these witnesses.

Our (Future

Meet

Carly Miller

- Student Council secretary
- National Honor Society communications director
- Soccer player

By Hannah Ball

Carly Miller, 17, is a senior at Linden High School. She participates in Peer-to-Peer, which is a group of students who help cognitively impaired students get to class, and she's active in the Link Leader program, helping first-year students adjust to high school. Miller also is in the Spanish Club.

What do you love best about nature?

The peacefulness that nature provides captivates me. The bright colors and the changing seasons always fascinate me. I love how unique each part of nature is. Each species of plants and animals has a specific function and purpose that contributes to the world, just like humans.

What are the things that you worry about the most?

I worry most about making the most of every moment because I don't want to have any regrets in the future. My friends' and family's well-being also weighs heavy on my mind. I not only worry about completing all of my homework on time, but I also worry about learning from it as well.

What are two things you couldn't live without, and why?

I would have an extremely difficult time living without my eyes. Not only would I constantly face challenges in my everyday life, I wouldn't be able to admire all the beautiful colors of the world. The second thing I couldn't live without is music. I listen to music every morning when I wake, while I'm driving, and while I do my homework. Both of these things bring so much joy into my life; I don't know what I'd do without them.



If you could eat just three foods the rest of your life, what would they be?

I would choose pizza, chocolatechip banana muffins, and baked beans. I don't think I could ever get tired of eating them.

What do you look forward to when you wake up?

Listening to music with my sister on our way to school. I also look forward to watching the sunrise in the morning and seeing my friends at school.

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

I would create a restaurant that has moving booths. The booths would move to different parts of the restaurant after a certain period of time. The different parts of the restaurant would look like cities from around the world and serve authentic food from those places. The customers would get to experience the new scenery and try new foods.

If you could open a store, what would it be?

My friends, Linnea Wittbrodt and Sam Whaling, and I invented a store that sells ieans made for athletes. We thought of this idea because of a lot of athletes complaining about how their jeans never fit right. If I could open a store. I would open our jeans for athletes store.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love painting with watercolors and acrylic paints. I also like taking pictures of nature and my soccer team. When I'm not enjoying my quiet time, I love spending time with my friends.



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— boxes, sheets, tape, glue, paper tinfoil, etc. We call these 'Loose Parts;' they are the staple of artists, engineers, scientists, etc."

In all, 60 families attended, which means there were more likely close to 200 in attendance, including parents and children. It was \$15 at the door, or \$10 pre-purchased.

Some at-home activity ideas

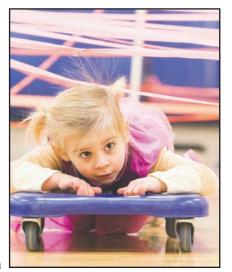
Bean Bag attack: Real bean bags or fabricated ones are tossed at stacks of cans that are the tar gets. Paint the cans or attach a printed picture of the villain at which to toss the bean bags. Bean bags can be real or made from small socks filled with rice or dried beans, tied with a rubber band and folded over itself.

X-ray V ision: The superheroes practice their X-ray vision skills by

reaching into mystery bags and trying to guess what the objects are by touch only. This superhero game is as simple as filling some brown paper lunch bags with different household objects or food such as popcorn, an apple cut in half, or broccoli florets. Use your imagination and you'll come up with all kinds of things.

Joker's stone face challenge: This is one of the superhero party gamethat require no props. The little superheres are in training to be prepared for the bad guys' underhanded tricks. In this game, the superheroes are stuck in one of the Joker's villainous traps and the only way to escape is to make it through without laughing.

Each guest gets a chance to be Joker and has one minute to do their best to make the other players laugh. They earn a point for everyone who laughs. *Source: partygamesplus.com*



Erin Rattray, 3, slides under the "laser" beams, which are pieces of stretchy neon colored tape. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

SUP20-001 Charles Mueller, 6036 Lobdell Road.

The request is for a Communication Tower at 6036 Lobdell Road, parcel #06-31-400-002.

R20-001 Lake Fenton Self Storage, LLC, 10316 Fild Stone Ct, Goodrich

The request is to rezone the property at 11191 and 11175 Torrey Road from Virk Land Development PUD, to Lake Fenton Self Storage PUD, parcels #06-02-100-002 and 06-02-100-003.

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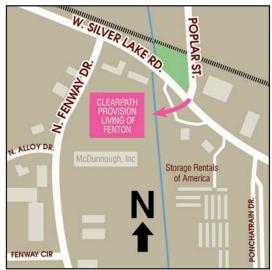
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The decision to table came after a public hearing on the matter and discussion. According to Justin Sprague, vice president of CIB Planning, the city of Fenton's planning consultants, special land use was required under the General Business District, Planned Unit Development (GBD PUD) zoning for adult/senior housing facilities. A public hearing was held prior to approval, however, no one spoke.

One major condition being recommended for site plan approval is the expansion of Poplar Street, taking it into the industrial park to run along the boundary of the property being developed. Developers will need to dedicate a right of way for the city and obtain easements from another property owner, whose land will be impacted by the expansion.

"The Planning Commission ended up tabling both items until the Feb. 27 meeting to get some additional information from the city administration about the plan to extend Poplar ," Sprague said this week. "The Planning Commission was questioning whether it was the city's responsibility to extend Poplar on that site or if the applicant would be responsible for doing that.

"Once they get some clarification on that item, I believe they will be able to make



a decision on the plan," he said. "They just didn't feel that they had enough information to make a decision on the project that night."

If ultimately approved, the 48,000-square-foot facility will be constructed on the 7.9-acre site. It will feature 56 individual residential units, 16 of which will be specifically for memory care residents. The building also will feature a café, beauty salon, chapel and offices for physicians and nurses and other personnel.

Although it is not yet known how many jobs this project will create, Sprague said parking is based on the number of employees, and the site plan lists 20 for full-time doctors, nurses and other employees.

Once approvals are given, construction is set to begin in April or May with an anticipated completion and opening date of late this year or in early 2021.

STATE OF UNION

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occasion for a local resident to attend the SOTU.

Usually, SOTU guests are brought to highlight major issues that members of Congress would like to highlight.

Lowering the cost of prescription drug prices has been a major focus for Slotkin, who just began her second year in office.

Stark has been a type 1 diabetic for 22 years. She was invited to highlight the financial challenge insulin dependent people have. According to a news release by Slotkin's Press Secretary Hannah Lindow, Stark's insulin costs have risen from \$17.75 a vile in 1999 to \$276 today.

Slotkin saw her legislation HR 3 pass the House at the end of last

year, which could reduce the cost to as little as \$34 per month or \$400 per year, according to the news release.

"Sarah is an incredible advocate for the diabetic community, and I'm thrilled she will be joining me at the State of the Union," Slotkin said, adding that stories like Stark's are what leaders in W ashington need to hear.

"I'm proud to be joining Rep. Slotkin at the State of the Union, and to continue shedding light on the

rising price of insulin, and what it means for my community," Stark said, via the news release.

Stark said type 1 diabetics sometimes have to ration insulin due to current pricing. "When we're not losing our lives as a result, we're losing our ability to afford housing," said Stark, in addition to a bevy of other negative health effects. She added that this is not a partisan issue, but for people like her, a matter of life and death.

In 2019, Slotkin invited Amanda

Thomashow, a sexual assault survivor advocate who testified against Larry Nassar, according to WXYZ.com.

In 2019, several members of Congress invited a Michigan resident to attend with them.



Holly resident Sarah Stark will attend the 2020 State of the Union as a guest with U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin. Courtesy photo

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If council was open to it, she said, they could arrange meeting times for the public to come and talk with members of the council at different locations, such as Loose Center Crow's Nest or another place in the city.

"We could even host kids in here to talk about parks and recreation ... each one would have a themed topic so we could keep things reined in so they just don't turn into a complaint session. We want them to be productive," Glass said. "It can help guide us and really get a better understanding of what our residents and business owners want."

She said they could have two council members at each meeting, and Glass would attend as well.

The council appeared open to the

decision.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid said she wants to see more communication between the different groups operating in the city.

"I'm on parks and recreation and DDA (Downtown Development Authority), and they're both talking about the gazebo," she said. "After the DDA meeting, I email the parks and said this is what was discussed. They all feel like they don't know what's going on with the other one. There's so much going on and it involves multiple groups. I don't have the answer but I know there's a need for communication among them."

Mayor Danielle Cusson suggested implementing something for these organizations similar to the manager's report, where they write reports and share information with council and other groups.



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Fourth quarter costs Lady Bronchos vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Holly — If only prep basketball games were only 24 minutes long.

That may be what the Holly varsity girls basketball team thought after its home contest against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

Holly enjoyed a 34-24 lead after three quarters, but the Dragons scored 20

fourth-quarter points and the Bronchos missed eight fourth-quarter free throws earning Swartz Creek a 44-42 victory against the Bronchos at the Horseshoe Friday night.

Holly had a chance to tie the game with 2.3 seconds left but missed a putback attempt.

The Bronchos were the stronger team in the first half. Emma Tooley scored five first-quarter points and Hanna Covert

> netted four, leading the Bronchos to a 13-9 first-quarter lead. Swartz Creek's Cianna Gloster kept the Dragons close by scoring eight firstquarter points.

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Bronchos lose tight Metro contest vs. Dragons, 62-56

By Dale M. Smith

at the Horseshoe as the Holly Bron chos took on the Swartz Creek Drag ons Friday night.

Former Holly athletes Mark Mattingly Brennan Brown, Kevin Kernen and Matt Turner were all inducted into the Bron chos' Hall of Fame before a lar ge crowd who left disappointed as the Bronchos fell to the visiting Dragons, 62-56.

Both teams were sluggish early and struggled mightily to score. The first quarter ended with the Dragons up 12-11 after consecutive 3-pointers from Creek's Elijah Ayala and Holly's Danny Mathews in the last 20 seconds of the quarter.

The Dragons opened up a 21-1 1 lead early in the second quarter and led 33-28 at the break. Creek's Terrian Armstrong

had a rebound and put back at the buzzer • **Holly** — It was Hall of Fame Night to give the visitors the five-point margin at the half.

> Holly came out strong in the second half and tied the game at 37 after a steal and a bucket from senior Ben Wilson at the 3:30 mark of the third quarter. Then, Holly's Ryan Ortiz came of f the bench to drop a couple of dead-eye threes. The Bronchos led 45-42 heading into the final eight minutes.

Mathews came up big again with an "and one" to give Holly a 48-42 lead with 6:42 left to play in the game. But, the Dragons battled back and took the lead after a 3-pointer of Armstrong made • it 49-48. The Bronchos, down only two points at 58-56, had a chance to tie the game in the last 20 seconds.

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Linden's Seeger DeGayner (right) tries to chase down a loose ball in a recent contest. Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles continue to soar vs. Metro foes, crush Kearsley, 75-53

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys basketball team is putting some separation be tween themselves and the rest of the Flint Metro League Stripes Division.

The defending Metro League champion Eagles are now two games ahead of the rest of the field after defeating Kearsley 75-53 Friday night.

Linden (now 5-0 in Metro Stripes action and 9-1 overall) have won six straight games and have yet to lose in the year 2020.

The Eagles used a strong first and third quarter to earn the road victory against Kearsley. Blake Lund was his typically strong self, scoring a teamhigh 23 points. Fifteen of those points came on five three-pointers. Younger brother Reichen Lund had 15 points while Eli Beil netted nine.

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Holly's Daniel Mathews drives to the basket during the Bronchos' 62-56 loss to the Swartz Creek Dragons. Photo: Mark Bolen

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LF, Linden competitive cheer perform well at Clio : Holly cheer posts strong

By David Troppens

It was a day of strong performances for the Linden varsity competitive cheer squad.

The Eagles posted a seasonbest team score (658.84) at the Clio Mustangs Competitive Cheer Invitational on Friday.

Lake Fenton also had a solid showing, posting a team score of 674.28. The Blue Devils finished second in the Division 3 competition. Lake Fenton posted a round one score of 207.40 and followed it with a 190.98 round two score. The squad finished with a 285.90 round three score. The team's final total was



Linden's competitive cheer team posted season-best scores at the Clio Mustanas Competitive Cheer Invitational. Photo: Christina

about three points behind the squad's best team total of the season.

Linden's 658.84 score was the team's best of the season

by about 20 points. The Eagles earned their season-best score by earning season-best scores in round one and round two.

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Griffins capture second straight win, beat United

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team did something on Saturday the Griffins have done just one other time this season.

The Griffins posted a shutout.

Brady Faille made nine saves, leading the Griffins to a 4-0 win against Walled Lake Central/Waterford United (WLCWU).

The Griffins dominated the game, but WL-CWU goalie Tyler Krasofsky made 63 saves, • keeping the game competitive, at least on the • scoreboard.

Fenton/Linden (7-8) scored just one goal in the first period. It came when Keegan Mc- • Namara scored off a Ken Sorum assist.

scores at recent meets

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity competi tive cheer team started the sea son with team scores hoovering around 600 points.

Last week, that changed a bit. The Bronchos saw their scores jump to the high-600s in two meets last week.

Holly posted a season-best team score of 687.34 at the Oak Park Knights Invitational on Thursday, and then followed that performance with a 670.34 at the Melvindale Cheer Invita tional on Saturday.

At Oak Park, Holly placed sixth overall, but more im portantly raised their seasonbest score by about 84 points. Holly started the event with a round one score of 216.20. The Bronchos followed that with a 186.04 score. Both were sea son-best scores. In round three. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM** * Holly posted its season-best



The Holly competitive cheer team competes at a recent meet. Photo: Christina Dominick

score with a score of 285.10.

"(We) substantially increased our scores in all three rounds, totalling over 100 points of im proved overall scores," Holly competitive cheer coach Sandra Tillier said.

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Holly/Oxford boys ski team continues winning ways, beats Powers Catholic

By David Troppens

The Holly/Oxford varsity boys ski team used a perfect performance on the slalom to eventually earn a victory against Powers last week.

The Holly/Oxford varsity girls squad lost to Powers.

Holly/Oxford's varsity boys team took each of the top four spots in the slalom with Jack Ford taking first. He was followed by Connor Ford, Jacob Den man and Eric Rank.

In the giant slalom, Connor Ford took first, followed by Jack Ford. Denman and Nick Rees rounded of f the squad's top four.

In JV action, the Holly/Oxford squad also won. Those leading the way to the victory were Alec Curtis, Ethan Crosby, Joe Kittle and Ethan Tillier.

The varsity girls that led Holly/Oxford were Lauren Masuer . Natalie Nichols. Emma Kerbelis and Allison Denman.

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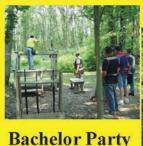


Holly's Connor Ford has been one of the key members of the Holly/Oxford boys ski team that led the squad to a victory against Flint Powers Catholic. Submitted photo

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Online Stories



LFLF gymnasts place eighth at recent invite

The LFLF gymnastics team placed eighth out of 20 teams at the Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invitational.

The squad posted a team score of 135.325.

Emily Allor had the team's top individual showing, taking fourth on the vault (9.10). She also posted eighth on the beam (8.55) while also recording teamcounting scores on the bars and floor.

Apryl Smith had the best performance in the all-around. She took seventh with a score of 34.425. Smith took fifth place on the bars (8.55) and ninth on the floor (9.15) while posting a team-qualifying score on the beam.



Tigers lose OT heartbreaker at Flushing, 76-70

Fenton was given the honor of being the team that opened Flushing's new gymnasium Friday night.

The Fenton boys gave Flushing all the Raiders wanted but the Tigers lost

a tough 76-70 verdict in overtime.

"Hats off to the Flushing community for putting together an outstanding night," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said.

LF girls basketball start fast, beat Blackhawks

The Lake Fenton varsity girls bas - ketball team jumped of f to a fast start and never slowed down, defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 65-24 Friday.

The Blue Devils scored 30 points in the first quarter, taking a 30-5 lead quickly. Lake Fenton won the second quarter 18-11 and led 48-16 at halftime.

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Fenton boys swim team performs well during busy week

By David Troppens

It was a busy week for the Fenton varsity boys swim team last week.

The squad competed against Corunna and then had a weekend three-team meet with state powers Dexter and Brother Rice.

As expected, the Tigers crushed Metro League foe Corunna by a 131-55 margin, winning 10 of the 12 events. Against the state powers on Saturday, the Tigers weren't realistically expecting a victory, finishing third.

In the victory against Corunna, the Tigers took first place in all three relays and earned 1-2-3 sweeps over five individual events.



Joel Diccion took a first in the 200 individual medley against Corunna. **Photo: Christopher Summers**

Jack Fries was the team's top performer, earning three firsts, including two in individual events.

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Linden wrestlers take second at Michigan Super Duals meet

The Linden varsity wrestling team has definitely been trending upward in recent weeks.

The only undefeated team in the Metro League Stripes Division, the Eagles also won the Mt. Morris T eam Tournament recently.

Linden added another strong performance to its recent list of successes.

The Eagles competed in the championship match of the Michigan Super Duals, finishing second to Croswell Lexington.

The Eagles went undefeated in pool play, crushing Bay City Central (70-12), Pinconning (72-12) and Almont (63-12).

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COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Fenton at Bobcat Cheer Classic:

The Tigers placed eighth at the D2 portion of the event with a season-best team score of 715.48. The Tigers had a season-best score of 222.20 during round one and followed it with season-best scores in round two (211.88) and round three (281.40).

Fenton's placed sixth in the middle school category as well. The squad had a 116.78 in round one and a 229.50 in round two.

BOYS BASKETBALL

▶ Brandon 57, Lake Fenton 48: The Blue Devils trailed 18-6 after one quarter, and never got out of the hole.

Lake Fenton's offense did get stronger the rest of the game however, scoring more points each quarter. Lake Fenton netted 11 in the second quarter, 14 in the third and 17 in the fourth.

► Fenton freshmen 42, Linden freshmen 34: The Tigers were led by Justin

Banura's 11 points while Gavin Henson and Patrick Hamilton netted six points

► Fenton freshmen 36, Flushing freshmen 35: The Tigers were led by Justin Banura's 21 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

▶ Fenton freshmen 35, Howell freshmen 22: Fenton was led by Maddie Slezinski while Sophie Hense had eight points.

► Holly JV 38, Swartz Creek JV 9: Autumn Lewis led the Bronchos with nine points

BOYS BOWLING

▶ Holly at Flint Metro League Boys Team Challenge: The Bronchos placed 10th at the event with game scores of 708, 742 and 792. They bowled baker games of 140, 170, 129 and 169.

Justin Mallory took sixth with a boys high game of 224, while he posted a series of 544.

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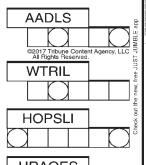


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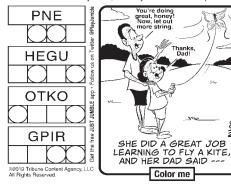
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David L. Hill

1947-2020 David L. Hill - age 72, of Fenton, died Saturday, January 25, 2020. Beloved brother of Richard (Marilyn Sonderman) Hill; loving uncle of Rick (Andrea) Hill.



Cindy (Lewis) McLaughlin, Kathy (Matt) Stewart, Patrick Melton; 11 great-nieces and nephews; and six great-great-nieces. David belonged to numerous Jazz and music clubs along with automobile clubs. He is preceded in death by his parents, Burton and Margaret Hill. Arrangements made at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Township., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Friday, January 31, 2020, 10 AM - 1 PM at Sharp Funeral Home, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. www.mimemorial.com.

Wayne **Robert Bale**

1946-2020 Wayne Robert Bale - age 72, of Byron passed away Monday, January 27. 2020. Funeral Services will be 3 PM Thursday. January 30, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden



Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Visitation will be 12 - 3 PM Thursday. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. Wayne was born October 27, 1946 in Royal Oak the son of Charles and Betty (Gardner) Bale. He married Cathleen F. Tapp on June 24, 1967 in Madison Heights. He was a carpenter and enjoyed riding motorcycles. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Cathleen; two daughters, Brigette (Mike) Byers of Rochester Hills and Laura (Shawn) Coplen of Royal Oak; son, Wayne Bale, Jr.; five grandchildren, Spencer Bale, Abigail Byers, Nathan Byers, Chase Coplen, and Shane Coplen; greatgranddaughter, Jaelynn Prebelich; sisters, Darlene Mouton and Charlotte Wallace; brother, Charles "Christy" Wallace; several nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; son, Edward Bale; sister, Bonnie Wallace; and brother, Charles "Chuck" Bale. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Timothy Darryl Morse

1943-2020 Timothy Darryl Morse - age 76, of Linden, died Thursday, January 23, 2020. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Wednesday, January 29, 2020



at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Robert Lindsay officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 2 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association. Tim was born August 31, 1943 in Flint the son of Lionel Grant and Ethel R. (Mees) Morse. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam war serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. He married Donna Elaine Gabel May 24, 1964 in Oceanside, CA. He had resided in Linden since 1978 coming from Flint. Tim retired from AC Spark Plug after 30 years of service then he owned and operated Be A Sport in Linden, E and M Industries in Holly and Rube's Bar and Grill in Flint. He also coached for his children and grandchildren's baseball teams. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Donna; three children, Scott (Jennifer) Morse of Linden, Tiffany Morse of Fenton, and Chad (Cari) Morse of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Trevor Herrick, Rhiannon Morse, Spencer Morse, Madison Feldhahn, and Madison Morse; siblings, Dorothy Crane, Jerald (Paula) Morse, Daniel Morse, and Shirley Chlupsa; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Lionel Grant Morse II, Jacob Morse, Theresa Wortman, Thelma "Lagirl" Callahan, Chalmer "Chum" Morse, Beatrice Wortman, Robert "Babe" Morse, Beverly Morse, and Perdita Nils. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of January 27, 2020

ARIFS

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a budding relationship appears to be on the cusp of taking the next step. Your relationships are your own, so don't be afraid to slow down if things feel like they're going too fast.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, now is the time to institute a change to your daily routine if that's been on your mind. Planetary energy is pushing you on a course of self-discovery.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, small influencers in your life may be imperceptible, but they are slowly turning the wheels of change and you'll soon be able to realize what is in store.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Connect with your spiritual foundations, Cancer. They will be your guide through a week that figures to have its share of ups and downs. Faith will help you ride it out.

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Jul 23/Aug 23

The week ahead should be fairly positive for you, Leo. This lifting of weight will inspire newfound freedom to embark on interesting projects or pursue new interests.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

You may be looking for fulfillment in your love life or your career this week, Virgo. Some measure of liberation will occur in the days ahead.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, as the days unfold, you may find yourself feeling more creative and perhaps a bit more rebellious in your thinking. It is okay to want to set out on a new path.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Oftentimes you are a master of taking a difficult situation and turning it on its head immediately, Scorpio. Those unique skills may be put to the test this week

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

A reorganization will occur in your life. This may involve physically moving things around the house or an intellectual reorganization that produces a new perspective

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Good times with the ones you love do not have to take a back seat to professional goals, Capricorn. Find a way to strike a balance, even if it means delegating more often.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Even if you have a mind to help the ones you love, those people have to be receptive to your assistance, Aquarius. Give them a chance to come around.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't let others talk you into something you don't want to be involved with, Pisces. Stand your ground or walk away.

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