### Linden schools to ask for \$55-million bond

■Money will go to security, tech, upgrades; presentations planned

### By Hannah Ball

The Linden Board of Education approved placing a \$55-million bond proposal on the May 5 ballot.

According to a press release from Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, the money would go to the following:

- · Enhancing student safety and school security
- Expanding and enhancing the instructional environment
- Remodeling

- Upgrading and constructing school facilities
- Upgrading technology and tech nology infrastructure

The district has 2.92 mills in existing bonds, and 1.88 mills would be added in 2020, totalling 4.8 mills. The maximum number of years for the bond is 25 years.

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**44**We expect that a successful bond election will positively impact our

students and other members of the community now and well into the 21st century. 77

Russ Ciesielski, Linden superintendent

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### **Holly school** house rezoning approved

■Village council gives its nod for owners to pursue plans with conditions, restrictions

#### By Vera Hogan

Now that both the Holly Village Planning Commission and Village Council have given their approvals to rezone 111 College St., the owners of the former Holly Area Schools building can move forward with their boutique hotel and banquet center project.

At a special Planning Commission meeting Feb. 6, conditional rezoning from R-1B Residential to C-Commercial was recommended. The owners of the

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### Colorful lessons in Black History



Fenton Tomek-Eastern Elementary third grade art students create pieces based on the colorful vibrant style of African American artist Reginald Laurent (shown on the screen). In front are Tessa Simeoni (left) and Ella Turnpaugh, both 9. See story on page 8 Photo: Tim Jagielo

### Holly man faces 88 more charges

■Criminal sexual conduct with victim under 13. second-degree CSC and extortion among charges

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Jeremy David McCallum, 43, of Holly, who

was charged with 15 felonies Feb. 4 in Genesee County 67th District Court, is now facing 88 more felonies.



Jeremy McCallum

Authorization of the latest 88-count complaint took place Feb. 13. Charges by the Michigan State

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### Take advantage of the snow with winter activities

### ■Sledding, skiing, snowman-making are all fun family activities

### **By Hannah Ball**

Cold winter weather inspires people to stay indoors more, but there are certain activities that can only be enjoyed in the snow.

Paul Stark, recreation and athletic programmer with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, said to embrace the cold and mentioned several winter activities.

"Anyone can find something to do in the winter outside or inside, they just have to start out trying different activities until they figure out what they like best. If you live in Michigan you know that winter comes around every year and lasts for a good part of the year," Stark said.

#### **Sledding**

One of the most popular spots to sled locally is at the Linden County Park, off Linden Road. The hill is on the north side of the park, next to Byram Lake. Sledders must bring their own sled, and there are picnic tables available.



Staff Reporter Hannah Ball takes a break from cross-country skiing Sunday, Feb. 2 at Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon.

Photo: Hannah Ball

"Sledding with friends and family is always fun and people are getting great exercise walking back up the hill after a ride down the hill," Stark said. "Build snowmen and snow forts with

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Paul Stark

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation recreation and athletic programmer

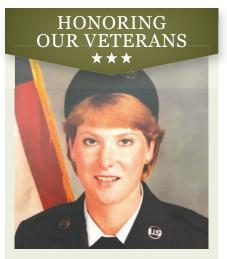
your children, shovel off a neighbor's driveway or sidewalk especially if they are senior citizens or have some type of limitations."

#### Ice fishing

With the recent blast of cold weather, most local lakes should be strong enough to walk on.

"People love to ice skate and play pond or lake hockey when the ice is safe," Stark said. "Of course, you cannot go by any frozen lake in Michigan and not see all the ice shanties on the ice. Ice fishing is just as popular as any other winter activity. Those people are some diehard fishermen."

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### Just sayin'...

### **Guys deserve more credit**

here is someone I know who has suffered with an eating disorder called bulimia for years. She is single, attractive,

very well educated, has a great job and is a joy to be around.

But she doesn't think so, especially when it comes to men. She works out regularly and recently lost 25 pounds but is not proud because as she puts it, "I look in the mirror and I'm still gross. I don't think I look any different. Every day I think

about this 'funny' meme a guy posted about how girls over a certain weight should be shot with an elephant gun and feel guilty for eating anything. Yep, I got it. Men don't like fat girls."

In my opinion, her biggest problem is not her weight or how she looks, it's about her attitude and not giving men a chance and the credit they deserve. Sure, there are some who say things like the guy she quoted, but they are not all like that, not even close. And is he really the man you want to impress?

This young woman has been look-

ing for the "right guy" for almost her entire adult life and hasn't been able to stay in a relationship for more than a year or so, and I have to wonder

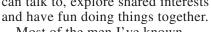
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If you ask any guy what he is looking for in a partner, he most likely would not say he wants someone who looks like a magazine model. He would say he wants to be with someone with whom he has something in common, someone with a good sense of humor he

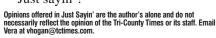
can talk to, explore shared interests

Most of the men I've known in my life say "no thanks" to the woman who is obsessed with her weight, makeup and hair, and clothes. That is actually a big boring turn off.

Perhaps this young woman would be better off stepping away from the mirror and the scale and get out more. She just might meet that man of her dreams.



Just sayin'!





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### Are you worried about the coronavirus?

VERA HOGAN

### Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter | **street talk**



"No, not at all. My opinion is that China is making a big deal out of it so they can shut down the Hong Kong protests and not allow public gatherings."

**Aaron Aeschliman** 

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"No. It seems to be pretty well contained in the U.S. as far as the spread. People who do have it here are linked to China. The CDC is controlling the spread."

> **Rodney Roberson** Flint Township



"I'm not. I think they're doing the best they can to keep it contained. When you look at the numbers of who has it and the population size of China. I think the media is making something more of it."

**January Sage**, Fenton



"I'm not really concerned right now. I feel safe at home. I wouldn't travel overseas right now. I certainly wouldn't want to be on a cruise ship."

**Lynn Thrasher** 

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### Sewer fee to stay the same in 2020

■Bonds allow Fenton Township to save money on repairs

#### **By Hannah Ball**

Fenton Township residents should not expect a decrease in the sewer rate cost in 2020.

User fees for the sanitary sewer system have cost \$255 each quarter since 2007. According to a spring 2016 report by Fenton Township, residents will pay that for at least 10 more years.

In the past few years, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a few bonds relating to the sewer, which have helped the township save money on repairs.

In 2017, the board approved a \$1.7-million bond for the same purpose after the township had spent "a lot of money to fix and patch the old stations instead of replacing them," according to an April 2018 Times story.

In 2018, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the sale of general obligation capital improvement bonds not to exceed the amount of \$1.5 million to go to the sanitary sewer system.

It was the second phase of the project to repair or replace the 57 lift stations in the sewer system.

John Tucker, Fenton Township treasurer, said, "In 2016, we had spent \$143,535 on repairs and the number was heading north year-toyear. Once the upgrades were made, we spent \$20,080 in 2017, \$24,610 in 2018 and \$27,750 in 2019. So we are experiencing a six-figure drop in annual repair costs."

Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk, said there are no new plans to issue any new debt in 2020.

Sewer fund cash flows remained positive in 2019 due to an increase in new connections and a reduction in debt service expense. The upgrades have reduced maintenance and emergency call expenses, although "that was somewhat offset by emergency call expenses related to heavy rain falls and power outages," according to Fenton Township meeting minutes.

Specific changes include an increase in connection fee revenue and an increase to emergency call expense.

"We will review the Sewer Fund financial reports after our annual audit has been completed (May-June). While cash flows have improved somewhat over the past few years, I do not anticipate a user rate reduction this year," Broecker said.

### **Smoother roads ahead**

### ■Last year, DPW unable to apply asphalt emulsion primer and make it stick

### By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council has unanimously approved the purchase of equipment that will aid in the continuation of applying asphalt to city streets — only this time a bit more smoothly.

Last year, the Department of Public Works (DPW) began a new hot mix asphalt repair program and applied more than 500 tons of hot mix asphalt and 13,500 pounds of crack fill material to repair and extend service life on city streets, according to DPW Director Dan Brisson in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

Brisson said that while performing

the repairs last summer, the inability to apply asphalt emulsion primer (tack coat) quickly and evenly was the weak point in the program. "Last year's program was tack application by 5-gallon bucket using a stick mounted brush to hand dip and apply," Brisson said.

Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment of Freeland, a state of Michigan MI-Deal vendor, quoted a price of \$8,772 for a skid-mounted complete heated tack application system.

Although the equipment is not a Fiscal Year 2019 budgeted item, it has been determined that funding is available to purchase the equipment, Brisson said. "In order to have the equipment in time for the hot-mix asphalt repair season (May through November), an order has to be placed now to allow for build time," he said.



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### What do local schools teach during Black History Month?

### ■ Many follow suggested curriculum while making their own lessons

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

Fenton — Students in Jennifer Hamilton's third grade art class at Tomek-Eastern Elementary cut bright and somewhat random organic and geometric shapes out of construction paper, and then glued them on black paper, to be further painted and embellished in another class period.

This activity is one of Hamilton's lesson for Black History Month at Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS). They're emulating artist Reginald Laurent, a contemporary African American artist living in Fairburn, Georgia. "They're learning that just as important as the old masters were, black artists are just as important,"

Hamilton said that only in the past few years has there been a push to



Fenton elementary art teacher Jennifer Hamilton gathers assignments Wednesday, Feb. 12. These pieces explore contributions of African American artists. Photo: Tim Jagielo

include all cultures and peoples in art education.

February is Black History Month.

pend on the grade level. The National Education Association (NEA) has a library of online resources and sug-

gested curriculum for different grade levels.

ten through fifth grade, lessons include Musical Harlem, Jazz, Dance and Poetry, Notable African Americans from the 18th Century to the Present

More nuanced lessons are suggested for middle school and high school. Middle school includes exploring poet Langston Hughes and The Illusion of Race. High school includes Variation in Human Skin Color and online studies in Jim Crow.

our four local districts for information on their Black History Month Curriculum.

mediate School, they started their education on Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day. "Even though it is in January, it really gets the ball rolling and brings light to important figures in black history," said third grade Teacher Joshua Highfield. Many teachers use Discovery Education Black History Month Channel on Discovery.com.

They use technology like their Chromebooks to enhance learning. They also use classroom read-aloud books about important historical figures such as Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, MLK and Rosa Parks.

On Monday, Feb. 10, students at Lake Fenton Middle School worked on presentations on the Underground Railroad in Bo Paxton's eighth grade history class. See mor e on LFCS education at myfenton.com.

At Hyatt Elementary School in Linden, second grade teacher Rebecca McCormick has had her students read "The Story of Ruby Bridges" and work on activities that go along with that story, according to Principal Cheryl Thomas.

Ruby Bridges is the first African American child to be integrated into an all-white New Orleans school in 1960.

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**Jennifer Hamilton** 

FAPS elementary art teacher

Loren Carlson of Fenton is the parent of a child in FAPS. He thinks FAPS does a good job overall teaching black history.

At Holly High School, students are learning a new fact about African American history

each day during morning announcements, said Holly Area Schools (HAS) Superintendent Scott Roper. These facts also are included in the Broncho Stampede, the high school's weekly newsletter, throughout February.

Aside from the most famous African American historic figures, Holly Middle School students also are learning "Nonviolent Peacemakers."

At Davisburg Elementary, students are learning and singing African American spirituals.



Every school and every grade level will have lessons and activities geared toward the subject of black history. What students are taught will de-

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and the Underground Railroad.

The Times reached out to each of

At Lake Fenton Community School's (LFCS) Torrey Hill Inter-



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HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

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### Do you have what it takes?

### ■ Fenton City is looking to hire a few new firefighters

#### **By Sharon Stone**

The Fenton Fire Department is looking for a few interested men and women to become volunteer paid on-call firefighters.

Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said his department is accepting applications for the position of volunteer paid on-call firefighter. To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, current driver's license, and the ability to pass a criminal background examination, medical evaluation and a physical ability test.

Applicants must live within the city limits or within a relatively close distance

to the fire station. Those who are interested can apply online at the city website on the fire department page. The deadline to apply is March 3.

"We currently have three openings and we hope to have all interviews, back ground exams, ability testing, and medical testing completed by April," Cairnduff said.

"This is a chance to join a group of dedicated professionals that function together in a team environment. Our firefighters live and raise families in the town they protect, so if you are looking for a truly rewarding and challenging experience, this is it. Apply and help make a difference in your community."

Anyone with question can call the fire station at (810) 629-8595.

### **FEB. 19**

1970: The Chicago Seven (formerly the Chicago Eight, but one defendant, Bobby Seale, was being tried separately) are acquitted of riot conspiracy charges, but found guilty of inciting riot. The eight antiwar activists were charged with the responsibility for the violent demonstrations at the August 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

### **FEB. 20**

1985: In a highly controversial vote, the Irish government defies the powerful Catholic Church and approves the sale of contraceptives. Up until 1979, Irish law prohibited the importation and sale of contraceptives.

#### FEB. 21

1961: Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter, a con man who went by the alias Clark Rockefeller and passed himself off as an American blueblood, is born in Germany. Gerhartsreiter gained the public spotlight in 2008, when he kidnapped his young daughter and became the target of an international manhunt. The attention the case sparked helped lead to Gerhartsreiter's conviction in 2013 for the murder of a California man in the 1980s.

#### FEB. 22

**1980**: In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the fourtime defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.

Source: history.com

### LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

#### **FEB. 16**

**1968**: This date sees the first official "911" call placed in the United States. Now taken for granted as first course of action in the event of emergency by nearly all of the nation's 327 million people, 911 is a relatively recent invention and was still not standard across the United States for many years after its adoption by Congress.

#### FEB. 17

**1972**: The 15,007,034th Volkswagen Beetle comes off the assembly line, breaking a world car production record held for more than four decades by the Ford Motor Company's iconic Model T, which was in production from 1908 to 1927.

#### **FEB. 18**

1885: Mark Twain publishes his famous and famously controversial novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South.

# Anonymous threat of shooting under investigation

■Holly Area Schools go into secure mode as a precaution

### **Compiled by Sharon Stone**

Following an anonymous threat Wednesday, Feb. 12, Scott Roper, superintendent of Holly Area Schools sent out this letter to parents.

"Dear Parents of Holly Area Schools,

"The safety of our students, families and staff is our number one priority. I am writing to inform you that Holly Area Schools received information late this afternoon that the Oakland County ISD (Intermediate School District) received an anonymous phone call stating that 'there would be a shooting today at a school district in Oakland County when school lets out.'

"While there was not a threat made against students, staff, or any building of Holly Area Schools, we took added precaution to put our remaining buildings in session into Secure Mode just before and during dismissal time. During Secure Mode, we limit unnecessary hallway traffic and heighten security efforts for visitors checking into the buildings. We also communicated with our local law enforcement agencies to have an increased police presence around our buildings this afternoon during dismissal and during events this evening.

"The most recent update we have received from police dispatch and our police chief is that threat has been deemed not credible. Presently, the Waterford Police Department and other law enforcement agencies are currently investigating the source of this anonymous threat.

As always, we appreciate your support and will continue to communicate with you on any concerns related to student safety."

Sincerely, Scott M. Roper, Superintendent Holly Area Schools

### ACTIVITIES

Continued from Page 3

#### **Downhill skiing and snowboarding**

In Groveland Township, Mt. Holly Ski and Snowboard Resort is the closest and most popular downhill ski facility around. While the resort regularly deals with unpredictable weather week by week, the snow status and weather is updated daily on its website, skimtholly.com.

Skiers and snowboarders have more than half a dozen trails to choose from. Go to their website for prices.

"I believe downhill skiing and snowboarding at Mt. Holly and other nearby ski resorts is one of the most popular winter sports. Snowmobiling is also extremely popular in Michigan," Stark said.

### **Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing**

Huron Meadows Park, a 1,540-acre area just south of Brighton, has an 18-hole green golf course that's covered with snow in the winter. This makes it an ideal spot for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, right by Maltby Lake.

It's one of the few parks in southeast Michigan that offers classic and skatestyle groomed cross-country ski trails. With more than 15 miles of classic trails going over easy to moderate terrain, and more than 11 miles of trails groomed for skate-style on rolling hills, this area accommodates skiers of any level.

Trails are groomed regularly, and the tall trees give cover from the wind. The trail is also lit at night, making the trailheads visible any time of day. After you're done with your workout, pick from the three picnic areas and enjoy a snack and the views.

For snowshoeing, the Morain Fen trail and the Hidden Lake trail are both located south of Hammel Road with three miles of trail. The trailhead for these paths, along with other classic style ski trails, is located next to the Cedar Ridge restroom building, according to metroparks.com. Go to the website for prices.

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# Partnership makes for successful holiday campaign

■ The State Bank presents \$30,000 check to Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

The State Bank is proud to announce another successful year in its campaign to raise funds for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

This year, the bank's 15 Genesee, Shiawassee, Oakland and Saginaw County branches participated in various fundraisers. The branches have friendly competitions to see who can raise the most funds for this great cause.

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the bank was proud to present the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with a check for \$30,000. In the 18-year partnership, The State Bank has contributed a total of \$254,706 — or 1,528,236 meals — to fight hunger right here in the community.

"At The State Bank, we have a

passion to create better communities and to support organizations with the same mission, said Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank. "Partnering with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is an opportunity for both our staff and our valued customers to give back and enhance the quality of life of our local residents. We take great pride in helping the Food Bank achieve their goals annually."

"Over the past 18 years, The State Bank has made a significant, positive impact on our ability to provide healthy, nutritious food to families in need in our community," said Kara Ross, president and CEO of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. "Our fight against hunger is ongoing. It wouldn't be possible for us to carry out our mission without the long-term support of committed Hunger Relief Partners like The State Bank."





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### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**DURING OBAMA'S EIGHT** years, the stock market rose an average of 11 percent per year. Thanks, Obama. Also thanks to Trump for keeping it going with an average of 14 percent per year since then.

INTERESTING THAT OUR governor thinks the stock market only benefits the rich. Is AOC her economics advisor?

IN 2016, MY insurance premium was close to \$1,100 per month. It is now

less than \$400 per month. Same coverage. What changed? The guy at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. I can't be the only one who's experienced this. Do your own research. Don't believe the media.

I WISH THE Obama haters and Trump lovers would get their facts straight. Under Obama, the stock market rose 148 percent, Trump 58 percent. The unemployment rate declined 41 percent under Obama, Trump 21 percent. Looks like Obama did a pretty good job.







2020 MACC planning committee members include: Alex Kretzinger (chair), Alison Lum, Ally Sheehan, Amiee Woodrow, Bobby Thomas, Brandon Dreffs, Brian Keyes, Elisa Hennies, Elise Roug, Heather Sticka, Jason Heuer, Kaleena Escallier, Katie Bean, Katie Comack, Katie O'Toole, Keith Kalish, Meg Piechocki, Megan Kneifl, Natalie Roberts-Day, Neil Walter, Ryne Witt, Sarah Hooper, Sarah Whaley, Thomas Bawden and Tia Black. Submitted photo

### **Camp Copneconic hosts conference**

■ Raises \$21,000 for Puerto Rico YMCAs. devastated by earthquakes, Hurricane Maria

### **Compiled by Sharon Stone**

The YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton Township recently served as the host site for this year's Mid America Camping Conference (MACC), a fourday event that brings together YMCA camping professionals from across the Midwest and beyond.

The conference is held annually for camp directors and leadership team members who represent day and overnight camps of all sizes.

This year's event included a special auction that raised more than \$21,000 for YMCAs in Puerto Rico, an island devastated by a recent earthquake and series of aftershocks, as well as Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Each year during the conference, the MACC planning committee organizes a service auction to support a variety of causes such as scholarships to attend the event, assistance for YMCAs and camps across the country recovering from a crisis, and other global initiatives. Attendees provide apparel items from their camp stores, handmade gifts, training vouchers and all-inclusive stays at premier YMCA camps within the region.

In partnership with Y-USA, the committee brought international guests to the event through a unique scholarship



Adriana Stanovici of Y-USA (left) comforts an emotional Maria Lily Velez Delgado of the YMCA of San Juan during the MACC service auction. Submitted photo

program. One of the four scholarship recipients was Maria Lily Velez Delgado, a 22-year employee of the YMCA of San Juan, who directs a Saturday camp and other afterschool programs for young people in her community.

As Delgado was boarding a plane in San Juan to attend the event, her flight was grounded due to earthquakes. When she eventually arrived in mid Michigan, Delgado was shaken by the news of damage to her home and YMCA facilities, which were only recently repaired after Hurricane Maria struck the island in September 2017. Despite her travel woes, Delgado was determined to represent her YMCA.

Delgado shared the story of the Puerto Rico YMCAs with attendees.

By the end of the night, MACC attendees raised \$21.543 for the Puerto Rico YMCAs — over \$10,000 more than was raised during the 2019 auction benefitting the YMCA of Alaska.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE

### **MIDWEEK TIMES**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Feb. 12, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282 or go to myfenton.com.

#### **Holly man facing 15 felonies** after son finds child porn on his tablet

Jeremy David McCallum, 43, was arraigned Feb. 4 on 15 felonies in Genesee County as alleged crimes occurred in Grand Blanc Township. See updates on front page.

#### Fenton to apply for \$997,000 **MDOT** grant for pathway trail

Organizers continue to seek funding after failed May 2019 vote.

### **Computer versus paper ballots** Local clerks supportive of paper

ballots.

### Love is in the Air (Force)

Fenton Township couple meets in the Air Force 35 years ago, continues their love story today.



#### **Small treats offer life lessons;** intro to 4-H

Local libraries offer fun coldweather escapes such as the cookie-decorating activity on Feb. 8.

### **Goodrich native again on American Idol**

Genavieve Linkowski, 22, of Goodrich, is hoping that this year is her year to make a name for herself on American Idol. Live auditions begin Feb. 16 on ABC-TV.

#### **Our Future**

Meet Lauren Elizabeth Megdanoff, 17, Fenton High School senior.

### **Fenton VFW** collecting donations for parking lot rehab

■Decades of service and activities have taken its toll

### **By Vera Hogan**

The Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 in Fenton has been serving more than veterans for countless decades.

The group has been serving everyone in the community as well with its many activities that include Friday night fish fries, bingo, blood drives, Easter egg hunts and much more. The hall also serves the community as a wedding venue, banquet hall and high school graduate open houses. This, in addition to the many services it provides to our veterans and their families.

There is a price to pay when years of activities are hosted at the hall at 1148 N. LeRoy St., and one of them is a crumbling parking lot.

To that end, some business people and citizens, like Roger Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes, are leading the charge to obtain donations to pay for a new parking lot.

"We want to do this according to city code," Sharp said. "We're not going to just throw down some asphalt. We want to install proper drainage and whatever it takes to make it right."

Sharp said the VFW parking lot project is going to cost between \$125,000 to \$150,000 to complete and about half of that money has already been raised. "The parking lot is in bad shape. We would like to get the work done this year," Sharp said.

The public is invited to give back to the community by supporting the veterans and their efforts to provide a safe parking lot for continued veteran and family friendly activities.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Rick Carmer at (810) 629-3700, or visit the hall, which opens at 2 p.m. Monday

See FENTON VFW on 18

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### BRIEFS

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### PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON RESURFACING N. HOLLY ROAD IN HOLLY TOWNSHIP

The Road Commission for Oakland County, in partnership with Holly Township, will conduct a public information meeting from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, to share information about the upcoming project to resurface N. Holly Road from just north of Grange Hall Road north to the county line. The meeting will take place at Holly Middle School, 14470 N. Holly Rd. There will not be a formal presentation, and anyone can attend at any time between 4 and 7 p.m. to review information or speak with an RCOC representative. The project is expected to start in June and be completed in the fall. It will be completed in two stages, with each stage closed to through traffic while it is under construction. The first stage is the section from Grange Hall Road to Belford Road.

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

I ALMOST FELT sorry for the once reasonable Democratic Party. It's been infiltrated over the last two decades by socialists who knew that they could never be elected by the American people if they registered with the Socialist Party of the United States of America.

### ACCORDING TO MICHIGAN'S

Constitution, long-term debt must be approved by two-thirds of the legislature and voter approval. How can Governor Whitmer bypass the Constitution for her \$3.5 billion bond for roads?

DOES ANYONE ELSE ask the question 'What will you do for this country if you are elected?' of the Democrats. None of them will tell you what they will do. All they can say, repeatedly, is 'beat Trump.' They are so fixated upon their utter hatred of him they think of nothing else.

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**SURE IS NICE** to see the city of Fenton trying to get a grant for a bike path when our roads are still crap.

### Adopt-A-Pet to host 'Wags & Whiskers in the Woods'

LIGHTS, CAMERA

■15th annual fundraiser includes auctions, dinner and afterglow party Feb. 29

### **Compiled By Sharon Stone**

Wags & Whiskers in the Woods, Adopt-A-Pet's 15th annual fundraising auction is Saturday, Feb. 29, at Camp Copneconic, 10407 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton. The event begins at 5 p.m. with a silent auction and cocktail hour, followed by a sit-down dinner and live auction at 7:30 p.m. The evening will close with an afterglow party starting at 9 p.m.

Wags & Whiskers in the Woods helps Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton to raise money to provide needed services for the hundreds of dogs and cats who enter their care. Gift baskets and luxurious items are up for auction, including behind-the-scenes NASCAR experience with Erik Jones, a fishing expedition, Southwest Airline tickets, two-

night Grand Hotel getaway, fine jewelry, artwork, signed sports memorabilia and several animal-related items.

The theme for this year's event is Hollywood ImPAWSonators, where it's encouraged for guests to come dressed as their favorite Hollywood star or character for a chance to win prizes. Valet parking is available.

Tickets to the event are \$75 per person if purchased before Feb. 16 and \$95 following this date. Tickets are available for purchase at Adopt-A-Pet or online at WagsAndWhisker-

sAAP.com.

Guests can also purchase their own personalized Walk of Fame star to support the event through this website. Sponsorships for the event also are available. For more information on the Wags & Whiskers in the Woods event, call (810) 629-0723 or visit WagsAndWhiskersAAP.com.

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Two of the entrances to the Linden County Park are on a dirt portion of Whittaker Road off Linden Road. Photo: Hannah Ball

### **Proposal to pave portion of Whittaker rejected**

### ■Cost too high after receiving multiple bids

### By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — A portion of Whittaker Road in Fenton Township was originally approved to be paved in 2019. However, paving the section of the dirt road from Harp Drive to Linden Road would cost at least \$100,000 more than township officials anticipated, so the project was rejected at the Monday, Feb 3 meeting.

This portion of Whittaker Road leads to the entrances and exits to a section of the Linden County Park.

According to Fenton Township meeting minutes, in 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the paving as a 2019 local road project. It was based on a \$150,000 cost estimate from the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) and the use of \$90,200 in supplemental allocation funds from the GCRC. The township would have paid approximately \$60,000.

After the GCRC completed the engineering design, the cost estimate increased to \$246,660.30. The project was bid out in August 2019, and the GCRC received two bids. The lowest was \$343.542.20.

These bids were rejected and it was bid out again in December.

"This time GCRC received nine bids, the lowest of which was \$314,006, still more than double the original estimate. GCRC has advised that they do not believe re-bidding the project again will result in any significant cost reduction and has asked the township to decide if they wish to move forward with the project," according to the minutes.

If the board approved it, the township's share would have been approximately \$250,000, which is more than 70 percent of the 2020 local road improvement budget.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, confirmed that the township is responsible for out-of-pocket costs incurred to date, which amounted to approximately \$20,000 for tree removal and core sampling. This could be divided between the township and GCRC.

Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission (GCPR) was contacted to see if they were willing to participate in the cost because the property on both sides of the road belongs to the county park, according to Monday, Feb. 3 meeting minutes. The GCPR director advised that they do not have the budgetary means to absorb the kind of costs being considered.

A few residents attended the Monday, Feb. 3 meeting to complain that the trees had been cut down, but now the road wasn't going to be paved.

The board decided that the cost was too much and voted to reject the proposal.

### **GET THE LEAD OUT!**

### By Nedra Downing, D.O.

Lead is a toxic metal that makes us sick. Recently lead was found in Flint's water supply. Many residents had been drinking the water and were carrying lead in their bodies. This is especially bad for children.

When lead is taken in, the body immediately starts to get rid of it, but some is kept in tissues

like liver, kidney, hair, and bone. Blood or urine tests show recent exposure, but once lead is attached to tissues, it no longer shows up on these tests. Hair analysis is a good way to find lead that has been stored in hair.

Signs of too much lead include: numbness of fingers or toes; trouble thinking and learning, leading to poor grades and lower IQ; delayed growth; memory loss; abdominal pain and cramps; constipation; headache; irritability; fatigue.

The good news is that lead can be removed from the body. For adults, the best way is with EDTA chelation. This is an IV bag of fluid dripped into a vein at doctors' offices.

With children, PorphyraZyme is a capsule safe and easy to use, but it takes a long time. PorphyraZyme is the heart of chlorophyll.

There is a connection between diet and lead. Those people eating the most green foods with chlorophyll, such as spinach, chard, parsley, lettuce, or collards, keep less lead in their bodies. Chloropyll has a ring structure with a

place where lead can attach and be escorted out of the body. I know one person who got rid of a toxic metal load by eating two tablespoonfuls of chopped fresh parsley every day for two years. Green foods can

be purchased as pills or powders, like spirulina or cracked-shell chlorella.

Also, people eating more minerals in their diets, like calcium, magnesium, copper, and iron, absorb less lead. Lead has the same charge as these other minerals, and competes with them. When lead replaces calcium in bone, bones are weaker. Getting calcium every day is important for children growing new bone. Collards are very good since they bind lead and provide a good source of calcium.

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### **Group seeking homes in need of work**

■Christmas in Action Holly provides free home repairs for low-income or disabled people

#### **Bv Sharon Stone**

Since its beginning in 1972, Christmas in Action (CIA) has provided hope and action to the low-income elderly and disabled in communities all across the country.

Volunteers unite around a common goal of completing free home repairs for low-income seniors and/or handicapped-elderly homeowners the last Saturday each April. In partnership with the local business community, civic organizations, church groups and schools support this community project. There are many opportunities for you to become involved.

Randy Redmond, president of CIA Holly, said oftentimes the elderly are asset poor and house rich, meaning that it's too costly for them to maintain their home. Sometimes they have to decide whether to pay for medications or pay for home repairs. "Some are really in need," Redmond said.

In a single day, a core group of volunteers put on new roofs, install or fix windows, update bathrooms, paint and clean to make homes safer for the residents. "One hundred percent of the money we raise goes to this cause," Redmond said. "We do it all in a day. It's pretty cool. The owners are amazed at what we can do and are very thankful."

CIA Holly intends to work on one or two homes per year. There is a formal application process and Redmond said the hardest part is finding homeowners to ask for our help. "Sometimes they are afraid to ask for help," he said.

If you know of a senior citizen that is low income or handicapped, 60 years of age or older, and the home they own in the Holly area is in less than perfect condition, call (248) 634-7720. Christmas in Action Holly wants to help.

To qualify for an appointment, residents must be 60 years old or older, own their single family home; reside in Holly Village or Holly or Rose townships, their homeowners insurance must be current, property taxes are current and other assets total less than \$10,000.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 20.

The Christmas in Action Workday is Saturday, April 25. CIA Holly always needs donations for workday such as:

- Food and drinks
- Dumpsters
- Port-a-john
- Building materials and paint supplies

### OTHER WAYS TO HELP

### Workday House Sponsor - \$1,500

Become one of their main contributors by sponsoring a whole house. Have your name and or business logo on the sign in front of the workday home. You will also be recognized in all Holly CIA marketing and be prominently displayed on their CIA work shirts.

### Shirt Sponsor - \$500

Let the volunteers advertise for you. They proudly wear their Christmas in Action T-Shirts on the workday and year around.

#### Garden Sponsor - \$250

They always need mulch and flowers to cheer up the yards of our seniors.

#### Friends of CIA - any donation

Your gift to Christmas in Action can help year around.

Christmas in Action Holly is hosting its annual Spaghetti **Dinner fundraiser** for 2020 on Sunday, March 8, from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations will be accepted. The dinner will be held at First Baptist Church of Holly, 15030 N. Holly Rd., Holly.

A golf outing also is set for Sept. 16.

To donate, volunteer or apply for help, go to hollycia.org. Find Christmas in Action Holly on Facebook.

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

#### JUDGE MCCABE: THANKS

for the Burden of Proof article. Everyone please read since Democrat leaders going after the president apparently missed this class in law school.

### **Silver Lake Hills ribbon-cutting**



CAPREIT Management celebrates the grand reopening of the Silver Lake Hills Apartments on Silver Lake Road in Fenton on Feb. 12. Community Manager Michelle DesJardin (right) holds the scissors. Since purchasing in February 2019, the new owners have renovated 28 units, improved the clubhouse, fitness center and added a dog park. Photo: Tim Jagielo



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### Tesla cars may now be sold in Michigan

**WEEKEND TIMES** 

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sell vehicles.

Instead, the company

sells directly to

customers online.

This can be facilitated

at a Tesla Store.

■State allows loophole to sell Tesla cars: okays service stations Tesla does

### By Tim Jagielo

Michigan residents who wish to purchase a Tesla have fewer barriers after a Jan. 22 agreement between the state of Michigan and Tesla, Inc.

Current owners can now have their vehicles serviced in Michigan as well,

and purchase them in Michigan online.

Tesla does not work with dealerships to sell vehicles. Instead, the company sells directly to customers online. This can be facilitated at a Tesla Store.

Under this agreement, Tesla vehicles may be sold to Michigan customers as long as the sales contract indicates the sale takes place outside of Michigan, a work around for Michigan's law requiring sales through independent licensed dealers.

In 2016, Tesla was denied the right to a dealership license, according to Fortune.com. Instead of a privately

owned dealership, Tesla sought to open a company-owned dealership, which was denied. Until this recent

> agreement, interested parties had to purchase their vehicles out of state, take delivery of the car and then transfer the title.

> Now, they may buy the vehicle inside Michigan.

> Where online sales aren't allowed, a Tesla Gallery is there to provide information and an up close look, and then steer

interested parties to another location for a purchase.

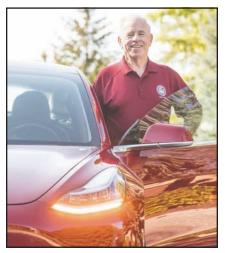
In 2016, the Tesla Gallery in the Somerset Collection in Troy opened. A Tesla still can't be purchased here, but employees can provide information about vehicles. Still, the closest location for a test drive is Cleveland. Ohio. And there's no service location in Michigan vet.

Brian Kasper of Grand Ledge and a friend started a Tesla Model 3 owners group on Facebook, which now has more than 420 members. He said everyone in the group welcomed this agreement.

Kasper travels to Toledo for vehicle checkups. His vehicle was delivered on a trailer via Tesla, but others travel to Chicago or Cleveland to receive

"If you test drive one you better have a check ready," he said, adding that Tesla spoiled him for other vehicles.

"Finally," said Tesla Model 3 owner Frank Thorley of Fenton Township. He drove to Florida with his wife



Frank Thorley of Fenton Township prefers his Tesla because of its safety record, and he enjoys the swift handling and autopilot options as well. Times file photo

Charmaine for the winter. He sees the recent agreement as an improvement. Aside from loving smart technology, Thorley bought his Tesla because of the safety record. "Not to have Michigan have easy access to a very safe car ... they're not doing the residents a favor," he said.

The electric vehicle market and landscape keep changing. This year, a new supercharger station is expected to be open in Swartz Creek. Currently, the closest locations are in Lansing and Auburn Hills.

Concerning the controversial Cybertruck, Thorley believes it's an interesting, well-engineered vehicle. He attributes the GMC Hummer EV coming in 2022, to the interest in the Cybertruck.

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The bonds are proposed to be issued in three series — 2020, 2022 and 2024. The millage rate is expected to decline after 2028 due to bond repayment and taxable value growth.

"The facility assessment process led to a bond proposal that will affect every classroom and instructional space in the Linden Community Schools," Ciesielski said. "If this proposal is approved by voters, it will address our education and facility priorities. The proposal also will position us for the future. We expect that a successful bond election will positively impact our students and other members of the community now and well into the 21st century."

The bond proposal calls for numerous projects, including adding a media center to Linden Elementary School, expanding the Linden High School

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preparing, developing,

Media Center, adding secure entrances to Central, Hyatt, and Linden Elementary, Linden Middle School, and Linden High School. It also calls for relocating the Early Childhood Center from its current location in Argentine to Hyatt Elementary, building a new multipurpose center between Linden Middle School and Linden High School, developing areas for student collaboration, and adding space for robotics instruction and Science, Technology, Engineer, and Math (STEM) programming.

The school district worked with construction and architectural specialists, to complete an in-depth facility study in early 2019, according to the press release. The bond proposal was developed following a review of the facility study by the school district's Facilities Needs Committee and Strategic Planning Leadership Group, which assesses Linden's school environment and makes recommendations for Board of Education consideration.

School Board President Scott Maker said, "A successful bond proposal will provide the school district with revenue to update and enhance our school facilities and provide a positive learning environment that supports quality instruction."

Maker said that he and his Linden Board of Education colleagues believe voter approval of the ballot proposal will be a significant step toward a positive future for Linden students and the Linden community.

"We have a long history of community support for schools," he said. "Our residents understand that a successful election will have a positive impact on student achievement, homeowner property values, and the Linden community's enviable reputation."

If passed, the millage will be levied on the July 1, 2020 property tax bill.

The district will produce informational materials and conduct community presentations to explain the proposal.

- Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Linden High School Auditorium
- Tuesday, March 10, 9 a.m. at the Hyatt Elementary Gymnasium
- Thursday, March 12, 9 a.m. at the Linden Elementary Cafeteria
- Monday, March 16, 9 a.m. at the Central Elementary Cafeteria
- Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Elementary Gymnasium
- Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Linden Middle School Cafetorium

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# **'Shamrocks for Education'** gala set for March 14

Proceeds of fundraiser go toward therapy dogs and project grants for school district

### **By Sharon Stone**

Together, the Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation and the Lake Fenton PTO will host a "Shamrocks for Education" Gala — Paws for a Cause on Saturday, March 14 at the YMCA Camp Copneconic, beginning at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be split between the two groups.

The Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to receiving and distributing grants to fund meaningful, innovative projects and scholarships that will benefit the entire district. Proceeds will help with the Foundation's mission.

The PTO will use its portion of proceeds to go toward the purchase therapy

dogs that will be used throughout the district. Organizers of the event said that research has shown the effects of therapy dogs to have a range of important benefits, such as increased school attendance, increased confidence, decreased learning anxiety resulting in improved reading and writing levels, and the effect on student's social-emotional development.

The gala on March 14 includes dinner, drinks, silent/live auctions, 50/50 raffle, photo booth, DJ, dancing and more.

Some sponsorships have already been spoken for, however, organizers said there are still many sponsorship opportunities for those who wish to donate to this event.

To secure a sponsorship or have questions answered, contact the PTO at lfpto@lakefentonschools.org.

### BUSINESS

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### Heartland Hospice seeking volunteers

Heartland Hospice is looking for volunteers. Any adult, 18 years or older, can serve as a hospice volunteer. Some volunteers will make direct visits with patients and families while others may prefer to volunteer in the office. For example, volunteers can visit with patients and families, provide the comfort of touch by holding hands; play music, read stories. Office volunteers would make copies, phone calls, scanning, faxing and mailings. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, call Laura Scott, Heartland volunteer coordinator at (810) 230-1318. Heartland Hospice providers are wherever you call home: in your house, a skilled nursing center, an assisted living facility or independent living facility. Their caregivers help create individualized care plans, set personal goals, and manage pain and symptoms. Every patient is different, with different challenges, different needs, different family and friends.

### CALENDAR OF

### **EVENTS**

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### Local state rep schedules local office hours

State Rep. Mike Mueller of Fenton Township will host district office hours Friday, Feb. 28 to meet with local residents of the 51st District. "Being a voice in government for our community is important to me." Mueller said. "I invite all to attend for a legislative update and to discuss ways we can move our state forward." Office hours are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Dr., in Fenton. No appointment is necessary. Residents unable to attend may contact Mueller's office by calling (517) 373-1780 or by email at MikeMueller@house. mi.gov.

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### Do parents over share on social media?

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kids to be able

to voice if they're

uncomfortable. 77

**Kelsy Hoerauf** 

Licensed marriage and

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■Teens nowadays are old enough to find their own birth announcements on Facebook

### By Hannah Ball

Facebook came out in the mid 2000s and has remained popular since. People of all ages use the platform, and much of the conversation about social media swirls around parents making sure their kids use it safely and don't post anything that could cause trouble.

However, parents also should think about what they post about their children.

Teenagers are now old enough to theoretically scroll back on their mom or dad's Facebook and see their own birth announcement. Depending on how much information the parents posted, their children could see parents seeking advice, posting toddler pictures and posting about their own successes.

Now the people in those toddler pho-

tos are old enough to express their opinions on having their lives documented and posted online for all to see. "Sharenting" describes a parent who is an oversharer online.

Kelsy Hoerauf, licensed marriage and

family therapist and women's business coach in Fenton, said she hasn't had clients with this particular concern, but it is something parents should think about.

"I think there's value in respecting kids as they get older. They're fully a person even if they're not a legal adult. They still count," she said. "I think it really depends, too, on who's your audience. If it's Facebook and it's only family and friends, that's a little different than if it's a larger audience ... the ones doing it for a living."

Online "influencers" are people who make a living off blogging, oftentimes about their children, and their audiences can grow to be in the hundreds of thousands or millions. It could be considered a breach of privacy to tell thousands of people intimate details about your child's life.

Hoerauf encourages parents to have discussions if their child tells them they feel uncomfortable with what a parent posts about them online.



"Not necessarily that you're going to take everything down, but just having a discussion of, 'hey, does this make you uncomfortable?' You want your kids to be able to voice if they're uncomfortable," she said.

Approaching it with a curious mindset rather than a judgmental mindset is more productive, she said. Some kids might not appreciate getting comments from their friends about Facebook posts their parents make about them. It's important for the child to know

the intentions were not malicious.

"Everyone has to filter their own social media," she said.

What's considered "over sharing" is a personal thing.

"You try to judge it based on your param-

eters and also who's on your social media. Do you friend every person from around the world? Then you don't know who's on your social media," Hoerauf said.

Some parents may choose to create a private Facebook group with select friends and family to share photos and information about their children.

"People feel like they have a platform now. Whereas before, you were just talking one-on-one and you could just be like, 'whoa that's too much information," she said. "But on social media, it's a little harder."

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### Kirk Cameron — Live in Person at The River Church on March 5

Kirk Cameron, of the ABC sitcom "Growing Pains" with Matt Hammitt (formerly of Sanctus Real) presents an event on marriage and parenting, hosted by Echo Ministries and The River Church in Holly. Cameron is bringing his living room to churches across the country, and he wants you to join him for a heartfelt conversation about what matters most. Take vour spouse on a "home-run date night" to see Cameron and their special music guest, Matt Hammitt. Get away for three hours of laughter, prayer, learning, and worship, and give your family a "Living Room Reset." Join Cameron and Hammitt at The River Church, 8393 E. Holly Rd., Holly on Thursday, March 5.

### **CHARGES**Continued from Front Page

Police (MSP) Metro North Post include second-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC), CSC with a victim less than 13 years of age, child abuse, aggravated sexual assault and extortion.

He was initially arrested at his Holly home and lodged in Oakland County Jail, however, he was transferred to the Genesee County Jail because MSP indicated the crimes occurred in a Grand Blanc Township mobile home park.

The first set of charges include 10 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim younger than 13 years of age, two counts of felony firearm, one count of possession of sexually abusive activity, extortion, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Bond was denied and he remains in the Genesee County Jail.

McCallum's case also is being prosecuted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The federal criminal complaint alleges the crimes occurred between January 2000 and Feb. 1, 2020. Federal offenses include production of child

pornography and possession of child pornography.

Amy Hirina, special agent of the FBI, investigated the federal complaints against McCallum. The reason behind prosecuting in federal court stems from allegations that while McCallum performed oral sex and then looked at a camera and was identifiable. The videos meet the federal definition of child pornography.

Hirina alleges that MSP also found numerous photographs that met the federal definition of child pornography. On Feb. 2, an alleged female victim born in 1996 was interviewed. This victim stated that McCallum sexually assaulted her on a near daily basis from the time she was 5 years old to the time she was 8 years old. She told investigators that he threatened to kill her family member if she ever told anyone. When she was 11, she reported that McCallum raped her for speaking out of turn.

This victim said she cannot remember how many video recordings there were because there were so many. She identified herself in several photographs that were recovered from the trailer and said that McCallum took the photos. According to investigators, these photos meet the federal definition of child pornography.

The same victim told Hirina that her sister, born in 2000, was forced to perform oral sex on McCallum. Photos and recordings were taken in a trailer in Genesee County.

Based on Hirina's investigation, McCallum is charged with production and possession of child pornography.

McCallum faces up to life in prison.

### **Background**

McCallum's case started Friday, Jan. 31 at 7:10 p.m., when MSP troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of N. Holly Road for a runaway complaint. When contacted, the juvenile runaway reported that he found pornographic materials involving children on his dad's tablet.

McCallum's alleged activities remains under investigation and additional charges are possible.

### BRIEFS

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#### **Fourth annual Muttsquerade Ball**

The Devoted Barn, a program of the non-profit Devoted Friends Animal Society, presents the fourth annual Muttsquerade Ball Mardi Gras, Roaring '20s Style on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m., at the Linden VFW Hall. 105 Mill St., Linden. Join them for an evening of music and merriment to benefit The Devoted Barn Sanctuary, at 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., Holly. The event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, basket raffles. costume contest and more. Tickets are \$35 per person/\$65 per couple. Tickets can be purchased online at thedevotedbarn.org. For more information, email devoted varnvolunteers@amail.com. The Devoted Barn is an animal rescue and rehabilitation facility in Holly. They take in animals of all kinds from cruelty, neglect, and large scale hoarding cases. They help animals that have no owner and need urgent medical attention. They also have a large feral dog program. These animals come to The Devoted Barn to heal both physically and emotionally. In addition to helping the animals, their mission is to teach compassion and empathy to others through working with their animals.

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### REZONING

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building Cari Cucksey and her husband, Vince Iafano provided a written list of agreed upon conditions and restrictions, which the couple agrees will stay with the property.

They also agree to provide additional parking beyond their existing lots when necessary.

They agree to make sure all of their alcohol dispensing staff receives MLCC (Michigan Liquor Control Commission) Michigan TIPS training and certification.

The couple also agrees that all exterior sound will be in total compliance with the village noise ordinance of 11 p.m. and will work with the village police to maintain adequate security at all times.

They agree to install and maintain dense perimeter landscape screening on the north property line, which has an immediate adjacent residence, and they agree to eliminate several permitted uses in the Commercial district. They are: automotive supply, parts and accessories providers, laundromats and dry-cleaners, mortuaries and funeral homes, new and used car lot and trailer sales and rental lots, gas stations, drive-in/drive through services, a lumberyard, medical marijuana dispensary, golf driving ranges and miniature gold, and automotive towing services.

At its Tuesday, Feb. 11 meeting, the Holly Village Council also unanimously approved the rezoning.

According to Katy Golden, assistant village manager and director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), "In addition to excluding certain uses, the applicant also voluntarily agreed to have the property be included in the Historic District, which would not allow for any addition or demolition. We had talked to prior developers who had proposed to demolish parts or the entire historic portion of the building. We're thankful that this will not happen; our history is too important to us."

There have been no formal agreements about parking. "As one of the options, Vince and Cari mentioned the possibility of valet parking in Cyclone Park if needed for overflow parking," Golden said. "But there is nothing formally contracted, it was just an idea." Holly Area Schools is developing an opportunity to potentially rent parking spaces, but there's nothing specific in place at this time.

"This parking opportunity would be available to anyone through an application process," Golden said. "However, Vince and Cari believe that there should be enough parking spaces on site at 111 College St."

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.

Iafano and Cucksey are investing \$3,000 annually to the district's scholarship program in exchange for parking.

#### **Next steps**

Under rezoning, site plan submittal is not required because the footprint of the building and parking lot are not changing. Therefore, it won't go on the Planning Commission or the Council's agenda because it's not required, Golden said.

#### **Background**

Cari Cucksey and husband Vince Iafano, purchased the building at 111 College St. in 2016 from 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 and resides in the building with her family.

Cucksey and Iafano plan to rehabilitate the College Street building, which was built in 1913 and covers 44,000 square feet on 2.58 acres, into a mixed-use boutique hotel and wedding/banquet center. The couple has already taken measures to prevent further vandalism that had been taking place in the building over the past several years.

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# LifeStyles

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### 'Honest Abe,' Route 66 make Springfield, Illinois a travel destination

You'll find all three in Springfield, Illinois, an ideal destination for history buffs, 'foodies' and 'roadies'

### **By Sally Rummel**

(Editor's Note: Features writer Sally Rummel traveled with her husband, Mark, and friends by Amtrak train to Springfield, Illinois, mostly to visit Abraham Lincoln historic sites, and found so much more.)

No one stands taller than Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois.

This city of 114,867 residents and the state capital of Illinois was Lincoln's home from 1844 to 1861, before he moved to Washington, D.C as the 16th President of the United States.

Springfield also is where Lincoln married Kentucky native Mary Todd and with her, raised their family of four sons, three of whom died in childhood.

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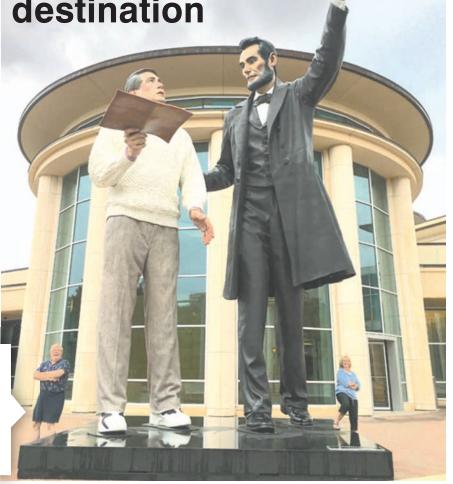
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### **ILLINOIS**

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As a visitor to Lincoln's hometown, your first stop should be the Official Springfield Visitor's Center which also houses the historic Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, all located across the street from the Old State Capitol building. This is where Lincoln practiced law, served as a legislator and gave his famous House Divided speech on slavery in 1858.

History buffs and "foodies" also will

enjoy traveling on the iconic Route 66, which starts in Chicago and spans more than 2,400 miles to the Pacific Coast in Santa Monica, California.

Make sure to stop at the historic Cozy Dog Drive-in, the pioneers of the corn dog, and the Ariston Café, dating from 1924, in Litchfield, Illinois, for fine dining and huge, homemade desserts.

Don't miss the Charlie Parker Diner, featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" for plattersized pancakes, or anywhere that serves the Horseshoe or Ponyshoe (smaller



Visitors Mark Rummel and Louis Glubzinski pose with a giant caricature or the original corn dog at The Cozy Dog Drive-in on Route 66. Photo: Sally Rummel

version) — Springfield's culinary specialty. A Horseshoe is a slice of Texas toast, meat of your choice, covered in French fries and smothered in cheese sauce.

Finally, be sure to stop at the Dana-Thomas House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1902 for Susan Lawrence Dana, a progressive socialite living in Springfield. Tours are available throughout the day and last about an hour.

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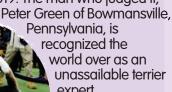
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As beloved as the Muppets may be, Miss P the Beagle was not named for Miss Piggy, but rather her name is shorthand for "Peyton." Born and bred in Canada, the 4-year-old hound was the second Beagle to win at the Garden. Westminster has a tendency to nurture upsets and upstarts, and Ms. P was no exception.



### CJ — Best in Show 2016

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### Tigers start out fast, hold on to defeat Lake Fenton, 68-60

### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team jumped out to an early firstquarter lead, and held on down the stretch to earn a victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

The Tigers jumped to a

Fenton's Addison **McIntosh** 

28-9 first-quarter lead and eventually earned a 68-60 victory.

Six Fenton players scored in the first quarter, with Trent DeGayner leading the way with nine points, all coming on three-pointers. Three other Fenton players (Addison Mc-Intosh, Alec Kussro and Braden

Moore) had trevs during the quarter as well. If not for Matt Turgeon's nine first-quarter points the Blue Devils would've been in an even deeper hole.

However, as quick as the Tigers took the early lead, the Blue Devils cut into the gap dramatically in the sec-

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# rts Times

### **Eagles sweep past area foes to district crown**

### **By David Troppens**

**Linden** — The Linden varsity wrestling team is earning its share of hardware lately.

Last weekend, the Eagles won the Flint Metro League Stripes Division championship. On Thursday, in front of a home crowd, the Eagles defeated Lake Fenton (36-33) in the semifinals and then Fenton (43-27) in the district title match to earn a Division 2 team wrestling district tournament championship.

The Holly Bronchos also won a district title at Ortonville-Brandon High School, beating the Blackhawks 51-22 in the Bronchos' district title match. Both teams will compete in the Goodrich team regional Wednesday. Linden will face Croswell-Lexington and Holly will face Goodrich in the semifinal matches. The winners of those two matches will compete in the regional title match to be played that same night.

means everything," Linden varsity wrestler Uzziah Delgado said about the district title. "We've been working for this ever since (Linden varsity wrestling coach) Kyle (Summerfield) has been our coach. We've worked hard to win a district title. It just means we've worked hard, but we put the work in the room."

"We have a goal and it's a great accomplishment, along with the Metro, but we still have work to do," senior





(Top)Linden's Tyler Barcome.

**Photos: David Troppens** 

a family. We fight like a family and we love like a family. We are a family."



Fenton's Gavin Crews took first in the 50 freestyle against Grand Blanc.

Photo: Monica Bradburn

### Tigers make history, defeat Grand Blanc in dual meet

### By David Troppens

History was made by the Fenton varsity boys swim team Tuesday night.

For the first time in school history, the Tigers defeated the Grand Blanc Bobcats in a dual meet.

Fenton won 11 of the 12 events resulting in a 119-66 victory.

The Tigers were completely domi-• nant, earning a clean 1-2-3 sweep in two events (the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle). And the Tigers did • this despite the fact that they are practic-• ing at different pools due to repairs.

"This was a big win for our program McCabe defeatsLake as we've never beaten Grand Blanc Fenton's Joseph • in a dual meet," Fenton varsity boys Garner. (Left) Linden's \* swim coach Brad Jones said. "Our pool Bryce Shingleton is down and we are practicing at other pins Fenton's Adam pools while the repairs are being completed. So it's been a hectic week for our boys to say the least."

Max Haney had the strongest night, earning firsts in all four of his events. The Fenton Tigers faced Linden for He teamed with Joel Diccion, Kaz the title match. Fenton was as close as • Sieja and Gavin Crews to win the 200





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medley relay (1:47.07) and with Anthony Barnett, Justin Melchor and Jack Fries to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:37.73). He also won the 200 individual medley (2:07.44) and the 100 butterfly (58.45).

Fries also was a two-time individual winner. He won the 200 freestyle (1:56.27) and the 100 backstroke (58.39). Other individual firsts were earned by Barnett in the 100 freestyle (51.84), Crews in the 50 freestyle (22.83), Justin Miller in diving (162.65) and Zach Michelson in the 500 freestyle (5:21.34). The 200 freestyle relay team Maddock, Barnett, Kaz Sieja and Crews (1:35.26) also won.

The Tigers took eight of the nine second-place finishes. Maddock earned two of them, taking second in the 50 freestyle (24.04) and the 100 freestyle (52.44). The other seconds were earned by Barnett in the 200 freestyle (1:56.35), Sieja in the 200 individual medley (2:16.92), Crews in the 500 freestyle (5:27.67), Lucas Shampo in diving (140.50), Diccion in the 100 backstroke (1:01.16) and Jack Kennedy in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.04).

# DeGayner's free throws sparks Linden by Clio, 69-67

### **By David Troppens**

The Linden varsity boys basketball team has experienced very few close games this winter.

Eleven of the Eagles' 15 games have been decided by double-digits.

Tuesday night was one of those rare nights that it was decided by fewer than 10 points. In fact, this contest against Clio was decided by two free throws.

Seeger DeGayner made two free throws with one second left in regulation, earning the Eagles a 69-67 home victory against the Clio Mustangs.

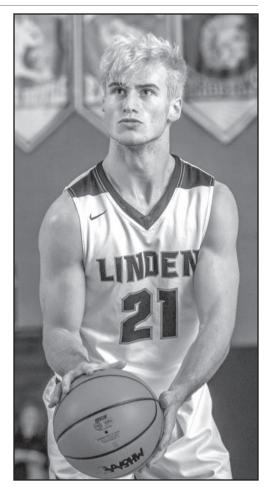
The last two times the Eagles have competed in games that went to the waning seconds on a shot, they have lost heartbreakers against Division 2 top-10 squads Bridgeport (50-48) and Goodrich (46-44). Tuesday night's victory was Linden's first in a contest decided in the final second.

Clio tied the game the possession

before the Eagles clinched the lead on DeGayner's free throws on three converted free throws by Logan McNeil. The Eagles (13-2) started the game-winning possession with a jump shot by Blake Lund. He missed the shot, but DeGayner rebounded the miss and attempted a putback, being fouled. The first free throw rattled on the rim a tiny bit before falling. The second one hit the backboard and went in, giving the Eagles the two-point lead.

Lund, Linden's typical scoring star, was once again against the Mustangs (12-4). He hit seven three-pointers, en route to a 33-point performance. Eli Beil also had a strong performance, netting 14 points while Brenden Miller netted 12 points. DeGayner had eight points.

Linden's Seeger DeGayner hit the game-winning free throw against the Clio Mustangs. Photo: Mark Bolen



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# Bronchos' offense sparks 59-50 victory vs. Brandon Blackhawks

### **By David Troppens**

The Holly varsity boys basketball team scored its most points it has scored in a game since 2019 against the Brandon Blackhawks at home Tuesday night.

It paid off.

The Bronchos (7-8) scored 59 points, earning a 59-50 victory

against the Blackhawks, ending a three-game losing streak.

The last time the Bronchos scored at least 59 points came in a 76-59 loss against the Clio Mustangs on Dec. 17. The most points they've scored in a game this season came in the season-opener, a 67-23 vic-

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### **PREP REPORT**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

▶ Linden freshman 37, Clio freshman 26: Bryson Phillips led the Eagles with 12 points while Colin Weiss made three three-pointers, finishing with nine points. Tyler Willard netted eight points.

► Lake Fenton freshman 47, Fenton freshman 42: Sam Snedden led the Tigers with seven points while Kaden Karroma and Garrett Yanez had six points each. No stats were

given about Lake Fenton.

▶ Linden JV 62, Clio JV 37: Lance Barkholz led the Eagles with 15 points while Brandon Green netted 11 points. Aiden Miller and Carson Pekarek had eight points each.

Swartz Creek JV 76, Linden JV 74: Swartz Creek defeated Linden with a bucket at the buzzer. Brandon Green led Linden with 31 points while Lance Barkholz netted 22 points. Aiden Miller had seven points.

### Blue Devils play strong contest vs. Tigers, 63-30

**WEEKEND TIMES / SPORTS** 

**By David Troppens** 

**Lake Fenton** — It was the return of a rivalry when Lake Fenton's varsity girls basketball team hosted the Fenton Tigers.

It also was a game that the Blue Devils won't forget for a long time.

The Blue Devils played what was their best game of the season, defeating the Fenton Tigers 63-30 Tuesday night at Lake Fenton High School.

"It definitely means a lot," Lake Fenton senior Sydney Hammis said. "Every single game is big for us. It feels so good because I know a lot of the girls on (Fenton), and it's a big victory."

"It's always a big game, especially against Fenton because they are right in our backyard, in our territory," sophomore Kerrigan Howdeshell said. "We really wanted this one."

The first quarter was a real battle between the two teams. Fenton scored the first four points on post hoops by Adrie Staib and Kyla 

Lynch. However, from that point on, the Blue Devils dominated.

Lake Fenton scored the final eight points of the quarter. Hammis hit back-to-back three-pointers, giving the Blue Devils a 6-4 lead with 2:19 left in the quarter. Siebert capped the quarter's scoring on a breaking layup with just under a minute left in the stanza. Lake Fenton led 8-4.

The Blue Devils were outstanding in the second quarter. Lake Fenton hit 8-of-21 shots from the field during the second quarter and turned the ball over just three teams. Meanwhile, Fenton turned the ball over 11 times and attempted just six shots (making two), resulting in a 27-8 Lake Fenton halftime lead. Howdeshell scored five points and earned two steals during the quarter while Christina Lamb also had five points in the stanza.

Lake Fenton's defensive pressure and quick passing game kept paying off in the second half.

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Lake Fenton's Katelyn Siebert scrambles to collect a loose ball in the Blue Devils' 63-30 victory against Fenton, Photo: Mark Bolen

### : Bronchos' defense keys win vs. Brandon

### **By David Troppens**

Offensively, the Holly varsity girls basketball team struggled offensively against the Brandon Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

It didn't matter because the Bronchos played the best defense they've played all season long.

Holly held Brandon to six or less points in three quarters, resulting in a 35-27 road victory against the Blackhawks.

The 27 points Holly allowed was the best performance of the season. The past lowest total was 36 points in a 41-36 road victory against the Linden Eagles on Jan. 31. It was needed considering the Eagles struggled offensively during the first half themselves.

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tory at home against the Byron Eagles.

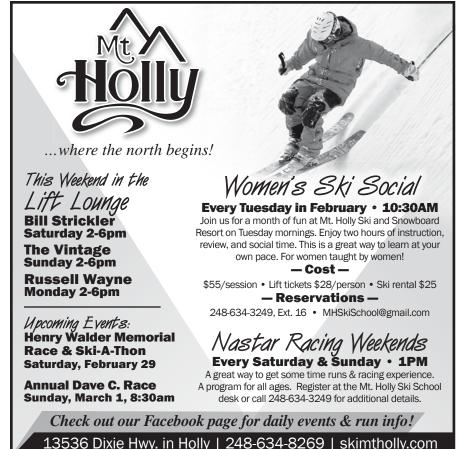
Holly trailed 4-1 early, but after the Bronchos called a time out the game changed dramatically. Dylan Hignite hit a bucket, followed by a Danny Mathews' three-pointer. The Bronchos ended the first quarter on a 19-7 run and led 20-11 at the end of the quarter.

The Bronchos' offense cooled off a bit in the second quarter, but still led 29-21 at the half. The lead remained about the same during the second half. Brandon did cut the gap within striking distance with a couple of early threes in the second half, but were unable to ever regain the lead from Holly.

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Holly's Jacob Welch scored 12 points in the Bronchos' 59-50 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks. Photo: Mark Bolen









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33-27 after a Jackson Cairnduff (285) pinfall win. However, Linden won the final three matches to lock up the victory. Tyler McCabe (103) won by pinfall, Michael Lescelius (112) won by major decision and Brenden Shingleton (119) won by pinfall.

Linden never trailed. Bryce Shingleton (125) won the first match by pinfall and the Eagles held on to the lead the rest of the way. Other Linden victors were Clark Ray (135), Jaylon Berry (145), James Roti (152) and Wyatt Gocha (215) by pinfall; and Delgado (160) by decision.

Fenton's other winners were Kyle Dunfield (130) by decision, Dylan Beverly (140) by pinfall, Login Fuller (171) by pinfall and Lukas Zywicki (189) by pinfall.

"This group is outstanding," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "Every day is a new adventure with them and they've battled. They came up short today, but if a couple of matches went the other way, we were right in it."

The Blue Devils gave the Eagles a strong battle. The semifinal match was tied at 15-15. Both teams won four matches the rest of the way, but all of Linden's wins earned bonus points. Roti (152) won by major decision, Delgado (160) won by pinfall, Gocha (189) won by pinfall and Tyler Mc-Cabe (103) won by pinfall. That pinfall was the match-clinching victory.

Other early winners for Linden were Bryce Shingleton (119) by pinfall, Ray Clark (130) by decision and Ethan Soff (135) by forfeit.

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Fenton's Addison McIntosh tries to dribble by Lake Fenton's Connor Steffey during the Tigers' victory against the Blue Devils. Photo: Christopher Summers

### **TIGERS**

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ond quarter. Five Lake Fenton players scored points in the second quarter. Kaleb Siebert netted a team-best seven points in second quarter, helping the Blue Devils to a 21-point quarter. The Tigers only scored 10 second-quarter points, cutting the Tigers' lead to just 38-30 at halftime.

Fenton slowly edged their lead out a bit in the third quarter. Five Fenton players scored in the third quarter with Lucas Claborn scoring four points, leading the Tigers to a 50-39 lead entering the fourth.

Addison McIntosh helped the Tigers ice the victory in the fourth quarter. Mc-Intosh scored 12 of the Tigers' 18 fourthquarter points, helping stave off a furious Lake Fenton comeback.

McIntosh had a game-high 23 points while DeGayner and Claborn had 12 points each. Kussro netted 10 points.

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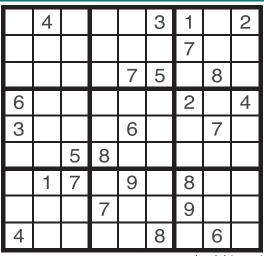
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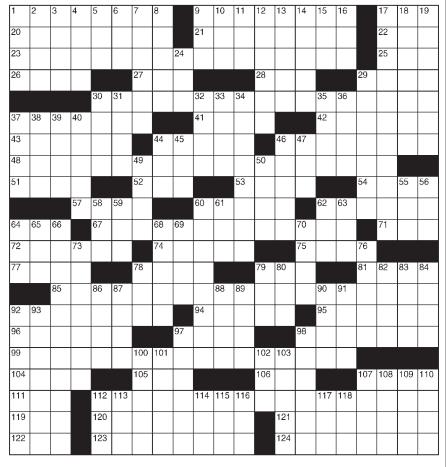


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| layout of                            | 53 Praise                   | kids for cash             | 12 Feature of a                              | 50 Boxing                                     | punk band                            |
| 22 Marina del                        | publicly                    | 99 End of the             | perfect ball                                 | punch   | 93 Distin-                           |
| —, California                        | 54 Margarita                | riddle                    | game   | 55 London lav                                 | guished                              |
| 23 Start of a                        | glass liner                 | 104 Tip jar bills         | 13 Audacious                                 | 56 16 eighths                                 | 97 Feared fly                        |
| riddle                               | <b>57</b> See 51-           | 105 Mimicker              | 14 Just slightly                             | 58 Tummy "six-                                | 98 Luxury                            |
| 25 Musician                          | Across                      | <b>106</b> "— There       | 15 Slender fish                              | pack"   | watch                                |
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| 28 Suffix with                       | part 4                      | 119 Wind up               | subjects                                     | 64 Rock blaster                               |                                      |
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| part 2                               | alternative                 | Royale"                   | Long Island                                  | 68 Suze with                                  | Dutch                                |
| 37 7-Eleven                          | 74 Bow rub-on               | Bond girl                 | 24 "Bali —"                                  | financial tips                                | 110 Actress                          |
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# Obituaries

### <u> Times</u>



#### Patricia Marie Findlater

1929 - 2020

Patricia Marie Findlater – Mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, card shark, gambler, golfer, real estate extraordinaire, and lover of fun, Patricia Marie Findlater, died Monday, February 10, 2020, at the age of 91, peacefully, at home surrounded by her beloved family.

#### "She was one hell of a woman,"

- Jackie DesMarais Savage, friend

The specifics of Pat's birth and death – days, times, locations – matter much less than her inspiration and influence on people in-between. Such an exceptional

person deserves better than a typical obituary. Pat's spirit and storm-ofpersonality cannot be measured in dates and timelines. This, however, is all about "The Dash," as they call it, that little mark between those years where the good parts live, the parts that made Pat, Pat.

#### "I would genuinely tell her I aspire to be her," — Lutricia Carlson, friend

If you ever had the pleasure of sharing a round of golf with Pat, chances are good it cost you a great deal of cash. Chances are equally good you found yourself happily buying her drinks at the end of the day, in spite of your loss. Same is true for cards. She'd take you to school at the card table and you'd walk away thanking her for the privilege of losing your shirt. If you bought or sold a house in Genesee County between 1968 and 2016, she always made sure her client got the best deal, the reason she was so highly respected and successful.

#### "We hit the mom lotto," — Cathy North, daughter

In seeming opposition to her knife-sharp instincts, keeping her family and friends close, well-fed and watered was always Pat's number one priority. Pat's approach to mothering didn't involve coddling or "letting" anyone win undeservedly – though she was always warm, affectionate and adoring of her kids. More significantly, her approach involved teaching, by example, winning and losing with grace, humor, kindness, or diplomacy – and recognizing which one is called for. Pat's approach involved an honesty of unapologetic proportions, yet always levied with genuine warmth and humor. She taught through quiet (and sometimes not so quiet) resolve; when to speak and to be silent; what's worth complaining about and what's not; when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em; and, of course, when to stay and when to go. Each one of her children was made to feel special and that she was their best friend. She was wildly proud of her tribe.

### "We should all be so lucky to be surrounded by such unconditional love during our own passings. RIP, Nan." — Garrett Findlater, grandson

Famously opinionated and universally loved, Patricia Marie Findlater, will be forever missed by her children, Cathy Ann North, Mary Sue (Scott) Ward, William (Bernadette) Findlater, Joseph Findlater; eight grandchildren, Scott (Andrea) Ward, Jon Ward, Timothy North, Alex, Max, Garrett, Andrew Findlater and Sara Swoyer (Alex); four great-grandchildren, Sophia and Charlie Ward and Lucy and Logan Swoyer; dozens of loyal and adoring friends including Dawn Parr; Maxine Hildreth, Marcy Weston and Vivian Stoll. Pat was predeceased by her parents, Jean and Joe O'Keefe; husband, William Findlater; long-time partner Rex Parsell; sister, Catherine (O'Keefe) Kostka; brothers Don and William O'Keefe; brother-in-law, Jack Kostka; and great-granddaughter, and sparkle in her eye, Bella Ward. Her legacy, her "dash," is our lesson: be authentic, don't complain, keep in touch, say please and thank you and I'm sorry, and strive for a life well lived. In lieu of a memorial, it is Pat's wish that everyone spend time with the ones you love. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Dennis C. Webb**

Dennis C. Webb - age 66, died February 12, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



### Sarah Kishpaugh

Sarah Kishpaugh - age 90, died February 8, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



### **Scott "Austin" Campbell**

Scott "Austin" Campbell - age 57, died February 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Wanda L. Pearsall**

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### **Clifford L. Pomeroy**

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#### **Gwendolyn Russell**

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**Kerry Connell** 

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#### **Rhonda Smith**

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#### **Thomas Walimaki**

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### **Ronald Reed**

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#### **Robert Cremeans**

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### **Janice Walker**

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### **Karen Shepard**

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### **Patricia Snipes**

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### **Donald Gugin**

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### Benjamin Donaldson Jr.

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### Robert "Bob" Glazar

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### **Joanne Holmquist**

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#### **Carolyn Fournier-Bergen**

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### Guess Who?

I am an actress born in the Philippines, on February 22, 1971. I made my, stage debut at the age of 7 in "The, King and I." I have been in many, theater productions and also provided, the singing voices for two Disney, princesses.

Answer: Lea Salonga

# Streaming MOVIES

# O L Y M P I C D R E A M S

#### **OLYMPIC DREAMS**

Set against the splendor of the Winter Olympic Games, an intimate and unexpected love story develops between two lonely hearts, each at their own crossroads in life. Penelope (Alexi Pappas) is a first time Olympian and introverted cross-country skier, who, after finishing her event early on in the games, finds herself spending time in Athletes Village with the gregarious and outgoing volunteer dentist, Ezra (Nick Kroll). While both are eager to form connections at the Olympic Games, they are held back by the very thing that has propelled them to this point; what do

you do once your lifelong dream has come true, and you're faced with taking the next step? As Penelope and Ezra navigate the vulnerable slopes, they push one another to embrace qualities they lost sight of in pursuit of their dreams. Will they be able to help each other take of leap of faith into the unknown? The first movie ever filmed on location during the Olympics in Athletes Village, Olympic Dreams offers audiences a never-before-seen side of the Games and the people whose entire lives are shaped by them. **PG-13, 1 hr. 22 min.** Comedy, Drama, Romance

Audience score from rottentomatoes.com was not available at press time.



### PLANNING COMMISSION **TOWNSHIP OF ROSE OAKLAND COUNTY. MICHIGAN**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROSE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (KENNEL)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Rose Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020, for the purpose of considering amending Sec. 38-6 Definitions, Sec. 38-186 Special Land Use (18) Kennels.

The public hearing will be held at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, in Rose Township. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments in regards to the proposed amendments to kennel definition and Special Land Use (18) Kennel standards. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the proposed amendments is available for public inspection at the Rose Township offices, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Center, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted to the Township at the above location prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the Township Clerk's office.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting should contact the Rose Township Clerk at (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Date: February 11, 2020

**David Plewes** Zoning Administrator



### **Please Recycle after Reading**

### VILLAGE OF HOLLY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 157 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on a request for a variance of Ordinance 157.009(A) (1) on March 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Board of Education Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a variance was filed by Handy Andy's Construction. The property is located on Oakwood Street, parcel number 01-27-355-009. The applicant is requesting a variance of Ordinance 157.009(A)(1) which requires a side setback of at least 20 feet and 2.5 stories.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the hearing and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices, located at 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

> Deborah J. Bigger Clerk/Treasurer Village of Holly

### **Puzzle Answers**

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

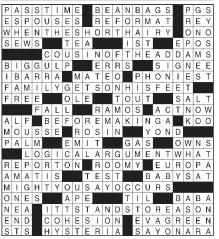
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#### MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS: BROWN, SWOON, DECADE, INJURE Answer: The bakery owned by the married couple had two -**BREAD WINNERS**

**WEEKEND SCRAMBLE** ANSWERS: DENSE. TRIFLE. GENTLE, TORRENT Answer: **DEFENSE** 

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