

Argentine Township man gets probation

■ Ordered to stay away from Holly store where he wiped nose on clerk after she asked him to put on mask

By Sharon Stone

Rex Howard Gomoll, 68, of Argentine Township, was sentenced to 12 months probation for assaulting a clerk at the Dollar Tree store in Holly on May 2. Sentencing was

held via video conference.

As reported previously in the Times, Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said Gomoll was arrested for wiping his nose and face on the shirt of a store clerk after she



Rex Howard Gomoll

told him he needed to have a face mask on inside the store. Signs stating the store's policy were on the entrance doors.

The close encounter was caught on surveillance video at approximately 1:30 p.m. Holly police and the Tri-County Times shared the store's surveillance

video on social media Monday morning, May 4, which led to tips on the suspect's identity.

Holly police, working with Argentine Township police, spoke with Gomoll at his home later that evening, where he admitted to police that he was the man in the

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Was your small business hurt by COVID-19?

■ Oakland County has economic recovery grants available; deadline to apply is Aug. 24

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Oakland County retail stores, restaurants and personal service businesses such as salons and fitness centers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic can apply beginning Monday, July 13 for part of the \$32 million Oakland Together Small Business Recovery Grant fund.

Locally, this would affect small businesses located in Holly Village, and the townships of Holly, Rose, Groveland and Springfield, all in Oakland County.

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Linden teen gets prom of her dreams



Amelia Tuller, 15, of Linden, talks with guests at her prom on Thursday, July 9, put on by Linden Pay It Forward. It was a small, invite-only event at the The Rock Church facilities off Linden Road. See story on Page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

Township approves liquor license recommendation

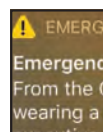
■ Independent senior living facility off Owen Road will have restaurant once complete

By Hannah Ball

Vicinia Gardens, the independent senior living facility being built in Fenton Township, is one step closer to having the ability to serve alcohol once the building is complete.

On Monday, July 13, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a recommendation for the facility to have a Class C Liquor License, a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) License and a Sunday Sales (PM) Permit.

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“Did I just enter the Twilight Zone? Did Whitmer really issue an Emergency Alert about wearing a mask? This dis-

ease does not warrant masks or schools to be closed or operating at half capacity. I think it's time to take to the streets and protest all this nonsense.”



“To the person who wrote in saying people who still wear masks have a mental disorder. If you ever have to be hooked up to a ventilator, I can assure you it would change your mind. This is written by a nurse who knows.”



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Governor orders stricter facemask rules

■ Requires people to wear face covering in indoor public spaces, businesses must enforce beginning July 13

On Friday, July 10, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-147, which reiterates that individuals are required to wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space. It also requires the use of face coverings in crowded outdoor spaces.

Most significantly, the order requires any business that is open to the public to refuse entry or service to people who refuse to wear a face covering, with limited exceptions. Governors in the states of Kansas, Maine, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Washington have imposed similar requirements on businesses.

Whitmer signed this executive order in response to rising COVID-19 cases

in Michigan and across the country. Executive Order 2020-147 amends and replaces the governor's previous Executive Order 2020-114.

"The heroes on the front lines of this crisis have gone hours without taking their masks off every day — doctors, nurses, child care workers, grocery store workers. We owe it to them to wear our masks when we're on a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy," Whitmer said. "Masks can reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 by about 70 percent. By wearing masks, we can save lives and protect our family, friends, and neighbors from the spread of COVID-19. And by wearing masks now, we can put our state in a stronger position so our kids can return to school safely in the fall. For the sake of your loved ones, let's all mask up, Michigan."

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Macy's assault suspect charged

■ Located and arrested nearly three weeks after incident

By Sharon Stone

Damire Canell Palmer, 18, of Mt. Morris Township, was arraigned Friday, July 10 in Genesee County District Court with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, a 10-year felony.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said Palmer was charged for allegedly attacking a 50-year-old manager who was working in the men's clothing department in Macy's at Genesee Valley Mall in Flint Township at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15.

The incident was caught on store surveillance video as well as a cellphone video made by Palmer's brother, which went viral after he shared it on social media.

In surveillance video obtained from Macy's by Flint Township police,

Palmer is seen walking around the store. He then approaches and allegedly punches the manager in the head from behind, knocking him to the floor.

The video shows Palmer allegedly continuing to strike the manager while he is on the floor. Palmer then exits the store with another man.

Leyton said that despite public comments on social media, the police investigation did not uncover any evidence of provocation by the store manager.

"This was an unprovoked attack on a Macy's employee,"

Leyton said. "This behavior as seen on the video is unacceptable, it is criminal, and it cannot be allowed.

"We don't believe any racial slur was made by the store manager and even if there had been, it does not condone nor justify the assault by Mr. Palmer," Leyton said.

A cash or surety bond of \$200,000 was ordered. No new courts dates have been scheduled.



Damire Canell Palmer

Linden teen gets prom of her dreams



Amelia greets the police officers who led her parade procession. In attendance were Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter, Argentine Township Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton and more. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Genetic condition keeps her from doing activities other teens can do

By Hannah Ball


Thanks to Linden Pay It Forward, 15-year-old Linden resident Amelia Tuller had the prom of her dreams.

With a DJ, photographer, buffet dinner and friends and family present, Amelia enjoyed the police-escort parade and dance at The Rock Church on Thursday, July 9, put on by Linden Pay It Forward. She wore a special bedazzled face mask for the occasion.

As a young child, Amelia was diagnosed with KIF1A Associated Neurological Disorder (KAND), which is a rare neurodegenerative disorder with a progressive course. KAND is caused by mutations in the KIF1A gene, according to kif1a.com. The condition can affect the brain and body, including the eyes, muscles and nerves. It can result in stiff and weak leg muscles, low muscle tone, and developmental delays.


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New Year's Resolution review

There were fireworks, champagne, a beach, friends and a delicious meal. New Year's Eve 2019 was a great night. I rang in 2020 full of joy and ready to take on the new year. It almost seems like a dream now, yet it was just seven months ago.

At the start of 2020 in this column I reached out to business leaders to see what they hoped 2020 would bring. I also set my resolution — based on Oprah's recommendation — to practice these three activities daily:

- Stillness
- Vision
- Gratitude

Little did I know just how still things would become. My goal in practicing these acts was to take life one day at a time. If a pandemic, a quarantine and an economic crash doesn't force you to slow down and take life one day at a time, nothing will. Whether I was conscious of it or not, I have been still and I have set a vision for each day. A pandemic might seem like a strange time to realize how important gratitude is, but that's exactly what these past few months have taught me. It's the

simple things in life like health, a home and toilet paper that I am thankful for. No matter what the next six months bring, I hope to continue to practice these activities.

Although 2020 has been a year like no other, I think it's still important to revisit resolutions. Here's a look at what business leaders had to say at the start of 2020 and now:



Emily Caswell

Christine Welsh, principal Kerning Advertising

In January, Welsh was aiming to grow a part of her business helping other businesses succeed at social media. Here's what she says now: Unfortunately, Social Success Toolbox has been very slow to progress since COVID hit. We were doing very well prior to the pandemic — providing consistent online tips and tricks, selling packages and providing social media training through one-on-one sessions, online and on-site workshops and speaking at various conferences. However, since early April, things have pretty much come to a halt on all of the above. I'm hopeful as things open back up and people figure out the "new normal" we can pick back up where we left off.

Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

In January, Osborn wanted to find a solution to funding road improvement projects. Here's what she says now: We have not even started working on this because of COVID-19. We were scheduled to have a community wide meeting on this, but we had to cancel it. I honestly don't know when we'll revisit it with everything else we are doing because of COVID-19.

Wes Smith, group publisher, View Newspaper Group

In January, Smith vowed to connect with readers through various "Reader engagement" activities to see how the newspaper could better serve the community. Here's what he has to say now: When I said I intended to work on reader engagement to be more relevant in our readers' day-to-day lives, I had no idea that relevance in 2020 would revolve around our coverage of COVID-19. The pandemic has shown us and our readers — whose numbers are growing — that local news matters.

How is your New Year's Resolution shaping up? Email me at ecaswell@mihomenepaper.com.

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FOR THOSE FOLKS pointing out that this country is huge, with 48 contiguous states, requiring a national shut down; I would remind you that many of those 'didn't shut down' countries are about the size of Pennsylvania and U.S. shut downs were made at the state, not national level.

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GOD BLESS THE Detroit police and all other men and woman in blue, ICE, Border patrol, National Guard and those protecting our country and Constitution.

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TO THE HOT-LINER looking for a good cause for can/bottle deposits. There's a cube van in front of a home on the north side of Owen Road just east of Linden Road. They are using the money to support Linden marching band. The address can be found on the Linden band Facebook page.

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ALL OF THE chaos, carnage, and despotism in this country, I think it's time for the silent majority to get loud. If you are an American-loving, God-fearing patriot, speak up and let your voice be heard. They can't cancel us all.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

Will you follow Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest mask order? | streettalk



"Of course. If everyone would quit whining and just wear a mask we could all get through this much faster to help halt the spread."

Grant Kenney
Fenton



"I will not. Laws are made by our legislature. If they made it a law and she signed it, then I will. Until then no way. She thinks she is a complete dictator."

Adam Rakay
Linden



"I will! I am pregnant and have a horrible history with asthma. My family, family business, career, and friends have all been very supportive as it's the smallest act of selflessness and could save lives including my child!"

Marissa Barkley
Linden



"So, are we going to be required to wear masks next cold and flu season too? If you want, wear a mask. If not, don't. Since when should this be a 'law' with fines?"

Colleen Vegas Talbot
Fenton

Ally Challenge announces changes

■ Birdies for Charity presented by Ally program returns for third annual tournament

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Organizers announced Monday, July 6 that competition rounds for the 2020 Ally Challenge presented by McLaren will be played Friday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 2, without general public or corporate hospitality attendance at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club.

The decision to play without spectators was made as a result of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-133 signed June 25 and in collaboration with the PGA TOUR, the tournament's title sponsor Ally Financial and presenting sponsor McLaren Health Care.

All special events traditionally surrounding the tournament, including the 2020 Ally Challenge Community Concert, will not be staged this year.

"We are looking forward to hosting the third installment of The Ally Challenge in just a few weeks," said Andrea Brimmer, chief marketing and public relations officer Ally. "While it will look a bit different this year, the tournament's overall impact on this community through charitable giving and boosting the local economy remains its ultimate purpose. We can't wait for the greatest fans in golf to join us again at Warwick Hills in 2021."

The official Pro-Am tournaments on Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30 will be staged as scheduled, with additional safety protocols in place for participants.

"McLaren welcomes the return of professional golf to Genesee County," said Phil Incarnati, President/CEO of McLaren Health Care. "I am very pleased to announce that at this year's tournament we will be showcasing McLaren's frontline healthcare heroes who have served patient and community needs throughout this

unprecedented health crisis. Every tour player's caddie will wear the name of one of our clinical professionals on their bib throughout tournament play symbolically representing the thousands of nurses, doctors and allied health professionals who suit up every day to restore health and save lives. While this 2020 tournament is different in many ways, it remains the same in its focus on philanthropy, community support and world class golf competition, and we are proud to be a part of it."

The tournament has established a legacy of giving in southeastern Michigan in its first two years, including raising nearly \$2.4 million in support of local charities in the greater Flint area and beyond.

The Ally Challenge will continue to positively impact the community in Genesee County and beyond in 2020 through its support of the United Way of Genesee County (UWGC), as well as the return of Birdies for Charity presented by Ally.

Birdies for Charity presented by Ally is a grassroots charity platform that creates positive opportunities for charities to partner with the tournament and benefit from the philanthropic objectives of The Ally Challenge. This successful program nearly doubled the number of participating Michigan 501(c)(3) organizations from year one to year two, with 16 contributing charities in 2018 and 29 in 2019.

Birdies for Charity gives qualified Michigan 501(c)(3) charities and schools the opportunity to raise funds based on the number of birdies made by PGA TOUR Champions players during competitive rounds at The Ally Challenge.

As an added benefit, the 2020 Birdies for Charity program will distribute payment for donated funds received through the program to charities monthly (July – October 2020). Additionally, the Birdies program timeline has been extended through the end of this October.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN HOLLY

On Monday, June 29, at 5:44 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a domestic assault between a mother and juvenile daughter. The daughter had assaulted the mother, was being detained by other people of the home and would not deescalate even with the officers on scene, telling the officers she will assault her mother if not handcuffed immediately. The daughter was arrested and turned over to another family member pending the issuance of a juvenile petition.

CAR BREAK-INS ALONG GRANGE HALL ROAD

On Friday, July 3, at 10:39 a.m., a resident on Grange Hall Road called police to report that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle in the early

morning hours and removed a small purse containing cash. A home surveillance system captured images of the person entering the vehicle. The homeowner will bring a copy of the video for officers investigating the case. A nearby resident who said he found his vehicle door open but nothing missing reported a second vehicle entry report later in the day. Holly police are investigating.

MONGOOSE MOUNTAIN BIKE STOLEN

On Saturday, July 4, at 9:06 a.m., a resident on Grange Hall Road reported she had placed a bicycle on a bike rack on the back of their vehicle for transport the next day. When she woke on July 4, she found the bicycle was missing. There are no cameras in the area and there are no suspects at this time. The officer drove the neighborhood searching for the stolen 24-inch Mongoose Mountain bike.

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SOME OF THE most consistent, nationwide enforcement comes from businesses, which have the right to deny service to customers who are not wearing a mask

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THANK YOU SO much to all our wonderful police. (TV just tells about the very rare problem.) We are blessed in having such caring people keeping our community safe and being there for us in many ways

— especially through these difficult times. Thank you and God bless you.

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I AM JUST amazed that any police officer anywhere in this country is still going to work. Thank God for your dedication to protect your communities. I don't know that I would be as strong given the backlash against you. You are true heroes. Thank you.

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HOT-LINER. RIGHT ON with your lyrics to Steppenwolf's 'Monster.' Check it out on YouTube.

FACEMASK RULES

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Over the past week, every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases, and daily case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in the Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Lansing regions. Research confirms that a big part of the reason is spotty compliance with the governor's requirement, issued in prior orders, that individuals wear face coverings in public spaces.

Studies have shown that wearing a mask can save lives and significantly

lower an individual's chance of spreading COVID-19. A study on different regions in Germany, for example, suggests that the adoption of mandatory mask ordinances decreased the daily growth rate of COVID-19 infections by 40 percent. Modeling from the University of Washington similarly indicates that more than 40,000 lives would be spared nationwide if 95 percent of the population wore a mask while in public. Furthermore, a study conducted by Goldman Sachs concluded that a federal mask mandate could save the U.S. economy from taking a 5 percent hit to our GDP.

"Michigan's fight against COVID-19 is nowhere near over, which is why it's so important that we all do our part and wear masks when we're out in public," said Chief Medical Executive and DHHS Chief Deputy for Health Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "Wearing a mask or face covering can significantly decrease the chance of spreading COVID-19 and save lives. It's important that all Michiganders wear masks properly — not down around the neck, not only over the mouth, but correctly over the mouth and nose. Please everyone stay patient, and remain vigilant."

Under the governor's order, businesses that are open to the public must refuse entry and service to individuals who fail to comply, and must post signs at all entrances instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside. Those who are exempt from wearing a mask in Michigan businesses include people younger than 5 years old, those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, and those who are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment.

The executive order took effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 13.

A willful violation of the order is a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 criminal penalty, but no term of confinement may be imposed on individuals who violate the mask requirement. No individual is subject to penalty under the order for removing a mask while engaging in religious worship at a house of religious worship, although consistent with guidance from the CDC, congregants are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings during religious services.

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PROM

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Amelia's mother, Jennifer Rice, said when they lived in Howell, she would pay people to babysit Amelia and to keep her company. When she moved to Linden, she posted on the Pay It Forward Facebook that she was looking for friends for Amelia. Through that, they met Susan Pierce, a Linden High School junior gave Amelia a large collection of Monster High toys, which Amelia loves.

More people in Linden reached out. "People just wanted to do more for her. People feel really good right now doing things for her during this crappy time. She's just bringing so many people together in a really scary time. To me, that's the best legacy," Rice said. "We have just been unbelievably showered with love and attention from this community. It's nothing like I've seen in my life."

Amelia goes to school at Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center in Flint. Rice said Amelia's legacy is making an impact in Linden. Kids who attend Linden schools might not have met children with a disability like Amelia.

"She's changing a lot of lives. People are being more cognizant of people with disabilities," she said.

A woman at The Rock Church made a custom dress for Amelia that works with her wheelchair.

Rice said Amelia's condition gets worse every day. She loves watching Nickelodeon and has asked why she can't do things other kids can do, like go to prom.

"But this has taken her mind off all of it," Rice said. "She just wants the fairytale."

On Thursday, Amelia and Carson Mlinarich, a 17-year-old Linden student who asked Amelia to prom via Facebook video, left the Linden Police Department around 5 p.m. in a red vintage Thunderbird convertible. (The video is available on the Pay It Forward Linden Project Facebook) Police escorted them to The Rock Church, where the lower level was decorated in Amelia's favorite colors — hot pink and black. Amelia was crowned Pay It Forward Queen and danced in her wheelchair with "King Carson" to "All of Me" by John Legend.

Pay It Forward took precautions for the COVID-19 pandemic. They



Amelia meets Trinity, the Argentine Township K9 dog, a male Czech shepherd, with handler Officer Tony Matthews. Photo: Hannah Ball

encouraged social distancing, put out hand sanitizer and made masks available to those who wanted one. The event was invite-only.

Denise Marks, an organizer with Pay It Forward, said they were proud to sponsor the event. The organization raised more than \$1,000, and The Rock Church let them use their Linden Road facility.

Marks said Amelia's other dream/wish is to be a cheerleader, and the Linden cheer coach is hoping to make that happen this year.

"If and when sports start again, Amelia will be cheering on the sidelines in her wheelchair with the Linden cheer team," she said.

Marks learned about Amelia's story after the family moved there and was inspired to help.

"From that point on, our community connected with Amelia and her family in a very special way. They needed us as much as we needed them. In the process, Amelia has brought our community together in ways we never dreamed; like this prom event. I can't tell you how many community members both adults, teens and businesses have united to make Amelia's dream of going to prom a reality," Marks said.

Marks mentioned members of the community that have helped Amelia and her family, including Shirley's

Cafe, which put together a breakfast for them for a morning trip to the park, and area families who schedule playdates with their kids.

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THE ROOT CAUSE of Trump Derange Syndrome, and the greatest threat that Trump represents to the Democrat Party, is the simple fact that Trump is using Democrat strategy and tactics and beating them at their own game. If you're a Democrat and hate Trump, you hate yourself.

NICE ARTICLE, SHARON, on the recognition of heat stress exposures by our police, fire and other first responders and outdoor workers.

TO MY FRIENDS of all political persuasions. The 'mob' is now also eating their own. We all need to collectively question everything, see alternative viewpoints, listen to each other and push back where we see fundamental unfairness and political insanity. This mentality is reaching all of our doorsteps.

HOPE I'M WRONG, but I think the governor has no plans to allow our children to return to school in the fall, until at least after the election is over.

PLEASE UPDATE THE children's play area. The metal slide needs to go.

TO ALL YOU liberals out there, look up the term useful idiots. That's what your leaders think you are. By the way, when the revolution comes the useful idiots are the first to go. Read your history.

IF THEY DON'T open the schools this fall, I want my school taxes back.

TO THE PERSON who said they had COVID-19 and it was no big deal had better look up 'What we know (so far) about the long-term health effects of COVID-19.' You may not be out of the woods yet.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

VEHICLE ANTENNAE DAMAGED

On Saturday, July 4, at 5:03 p.m., a resident on Grange Hall Road reported he found the custom antennae on this vehicle had been damaged. He parked the vehicle July 1, but noticed the damage July 4. There are no cameras in the area and there are no suspects at this time.

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO ARREST

On Sunday, July 5, at 12:01 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle on Oakland Street for a traffic violation. The driver was identified as a 20-year-old Pontiac resident. When the officer spoke to the driver, the driver told the officer his license was suspended. The officer verified that it was and placed the driver under arrest. After booking, the driver was released to the licensed passenger pending a court date.

DISTRACTED DRIVER RESULTS IN ROLLOVER CRASH ON U.S. 23

On Monday, July 13, at approximately 5:38 a.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a single vehicle roll over injury crash on northbound U.S. 23 south of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township. A 33-year-old Van Buren Township man was operating a 2019 Toyota straight box truck. The driver was distracted and the truck began to leave the roadway. The driver over steered and lost control of the truck. The truck left the right side of the roadway striking the guardrail prior to overturning. The driver was wearing a seatbelt and suffered minor cuts. The driver refused treatment and was released at the scene. The box truck was unloaded by hand prompting the right lane closure for 3.5 hours. Speed and alcohol use do not appear to be a factor in this crash. Deputies were assisted on the scene by the Fenton Fire Department and Livingston County Ambulance.

TOOLS STOLEN FROM CONSTRUCTION SITE

On Friday, June 26, Genesee County

sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 16000 block of S. Linden Road for a larceny complaint. The items taken from the construction site included a Dewalt air compressor and Knaack tool box. The incident remains under investigation.

FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN CITED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, TRESPASSING

On Tuesday, July 7, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 1500 block of Triple Oak Drive in Fenton Township for a property line dispute. Upon investigating the complaint, deputies issued a citation to a 44-year-old Fenton Township woman for disorderly conduct and trespassing.

PISTOL, CASH STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On July 7, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to, 13000 block of Haddon Street in Fenton Township for a larceny from an automobile complaint. Items stolen from the unlocked vehicle included a pistol and cash. The incident remains under investigation by the Office of Genesee County Sheriff.

PROPERTY DAMAGED ON PONEMAH DRIVE

On Friday, July 10, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 3000 block of Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township for malicious destruction of property complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On Friday, July 10, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 14000 block of Oak Leaf Trail for a domestic assault and battery. Aaron McDaniel, 40, of Fenton Township, was arrested for domestic assault and battery and possession of counterfeit money. He was lodged and arraigned in Genesee County's 67th District Court on July 13 on two counts of domestic violence, where a not guilty plea was given. A pre trial is scheduled for July 29 at 1 p.m.



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judge**Probation — Part II**

Under Michigan's probation statute, the court is given the discretion to determine if a defendant should be placed on probation.

It is a matter of grace and not a right.

The statute applies to both adults and juveniles with some exceptions. I will talk about juvenile justice and probation in a future column.

Generally speaking, there are three types of probation.

The first is traditional probation and in most cases allows the convicted defendant to avoid incarceration if the terms and conditions ordered by the court are met. However, there are times when the judge orders a combination of jail and probation.

There are a number of required and discretionary provisions for all probation orders including regularly reporting to the probation officer, paying oversight fees, not violating any criminal laws, community service and counseling.

If the defendant successfully completes probation, there is a discharge. If there is a violation, the court then sentences the defendant, which could result in a period of incarceration.

The second type of probation is when there is a "deferred judgment of guilt."

When circumstances warrant, a defendant may have a finding of guilt deferred, even after a guilty plea, or in some cases a guilty verdict by a judge or jury.

This only applies to first offense crimes such as domestic violence, controlled substance violations, minor in possession of alcohol, parental kidnapping, and health professionals practicing under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Youthful offenders also qualify with no limitations on the number of previous offenses.

If probation is successfully

completed, the case is dismissed with no conviction and a nonpublic record. If it isn't, a conviction enters with a public record and the defendant can be sentenced as if the deferral never happened.

The third type of probation is on a "delayed sentence."

This is similar to the deferred judgment of guilt probation, except the probation term cannot exceed one year, a conviction has entered,

and it is a public record.

If probation is successfully completed, the court will take that into consideration and pursuant to the statute, if leniency should be granted, courts have allowed an outright dismissal of the charge upon the motion of the prosecuting attorney.

America has been called the land of second chances. Probation is but one of many examples.

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The community is invited to a two-day fundraising event hosted by Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Everything is sold on a donation basis and everything must go. Items include clothing, jewelry, books, furniture, decorate items and more. The fundraising sale is Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Patterson Building, 653 Saginaw Street, downtown Flint. Proceeds benefit: counseling, substance use treatment, foster care and adoption, North End Soup Kitchen, Center for Hope Soup Kitchen, Center for Hope Community Closet, Center for Hope Warming Center, Owosso Community Closet and Food Pantry, St. Christopher Medical Transport Program, Prevention Services, Offender Success, Outreach Assistance, Housing Programs, Mr. Gaines Gardening Program PLUS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Classic Car Cruise

A Classic Car Cruise is scheduled for Aug. 12-14, from 3 to 9 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post 822, 5065 S. Saginaw St., Flint. Event includes Burgers, hot dogs and ribs.

Burger Night

The V.F.W. Post 822, 5065 S. Saginaw St., Flint continues its Burger Night on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 5 to 8 p.m. This is in addition to the Fish Fry on Fridays.

Summer Cruise 2020

Cars of all years are welcome to take part in Summer Cruise 2020, hosted at Mega Coney of Fenton (3251 Owen Rd.) and Boston's Pizza of Fenton (3324 Owen Rd.). Mega Coney's summer cruises are set for July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. Cruises at Boston's Pizza are set for July 28 and Aug. 25. Participants receive discounts on food. Door prizes are possible.

Mott's LERTA graduates 17 in winter 2020 class

■ Campus in Fenton Township offers sessions for those interested in law enforcement career

By Sharon Stone

The Mott Community College (MCC) Law Enforcement Regional Training Academy (LERTA) graduated 17 recruits in a virtual ceremony. Search LERTA Graduation Class 5-20 on YouTube to view the graduation.

The keynote speakers were Chief Phil Hart, city of Flint Police Department, and Sheriff Chris Swanson, Office of the Sheriff, Genesee County. Completion of the program was delayed by the COVID-19 stay at home orders.

Students were able to complete their training in June.

Graduates of the Winter 2020 term are: Marquis Bush, Kolton Decker, Brenda Flasher, Jeremiah Gossett, Sarah Kern, Brent Krause, Angela Lewis, Sean Loveday, Brandon Maki, Hunter Miller, Derek Moore, Kevin O'Shea, Courtney Ryan, Paul Spann, Trenton Strang, Mildred Walker and Jordan Welch.

Winter 2020 represents LERTA's 16th session since the Academy offered its first class in September 2012. LERTA, operating under the authority of Chief Theresa Stephens-Lock, executive director of MCC's department of public safety, offers an excellent educational opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing law enforcement careers.

LERTA is a 16-week, intensive program that meets the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement

Standards (MCOLES) training requirements and prepares students for the Law Enforcement Licensing Examination. LERTA holds two sessions each year, designed to coincide with the fall and winter Semesters at MCC.

LERTA is a professional learning environment designed to give the basic training and education needed to begin a career in law enforcement. Academic excellence and personal integrity are stressed during the Academy.

Those interested in enrollment in LERTA are encouraged to review the MCOLES Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers at michigan.gov/mcoles.

LERTA is at MCC's Southern Lakes Branch Center at 2100 Thompson Rd., in Fenton Township. For more information, visit lerta.mcc.edu or call (810) 410-1900.



The owner of Vicinia Independent Living, which is under construction near the corner of Owen and Jennings roads in Fenton Township, is seeking a liquor license for the on-site restaurant. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

LIQUOR LICENSE

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Steve Steffey, developer for the complex near the corner of Owen and Jennings roads, sent a letter to the board about the request. The complex is currently under construction, and plans include a restaurant/pub for apartment building residents and their guests.

Vicinia Independent Living, LLC plans to apply for a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). The local unit of

government, which is Fenton Township, must recommend approval to the MLCC before the license is approved.

"Under the current quota calculation, Fenton Township is allowed to have a total of 10 liquor licenses in the township. There are seven such licenses currently issued and active, leaving three available," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township, in a letter to the board. "I have made inquiries to the Liquor Control Commission on several issues, including whether or not Vicinia Independent Living is eligible for a

Club License, which is not subject to the quota."

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said she has no problem recommending they get the liquor license.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said it sounded like only property owners and guests will be able to go to the restaurant.

Steffey said they would be able to sell beer, wine and liquor to the public with the Class C license, but that's not the facility's intent. They want to cater to the guests and their family and loved ones.

SMALL BUSINESS

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The grants, which range from \$2,500-\$10,000, provide an infusion of capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses or other similar ones that occur in the ordinary course of business. The funds come from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money allocated to Oakland County by the federal government.

"We know that many of our small businesses have reopened but the losses they suffered while they were closed or operating at reduced capacity are significant and continue to threaten their viability," Oakland County Executive David Coulter said. "We want to do all we can to help them recover and continue to provide the goods and services that are so important to our residents."

In June, Coulter requested the county Board of Commissioners allocate \$32 million to create the recovery grants. The board unanimously approved the request, with \$30 million of the allocation earmarked for small businesses. Only businesses that operate a physical location in Oakland County are eligible to receive grant funds through this program.

Applications are accepted at oakgov.com/covid/grants, which also describes the program in detail and lists the type of eligible businesses, which include:

- Retail trade
- Food and lodging
- Business and personal services
- Entertainment and recreation
- Construction and maintenance services

The deadline to apply is Aug. 24.

Award determinations will be made about every two weeks until the deadline.

The funds are intended to support for-profit businesses with 100 or fewer employees that suffered actual or anticipated losses from March 2020 through July 2020 due to the pandemic:

- Experienced a loss of revenue
- Operated at a reduced level of production, sales, employment or service
- Fully closed all operations and are now in the process of reopening

PROBATION

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video and that he did make the reported statement and wipe his face on the clerk's clothing.

The video shows Gomoll walking over to the clerk and wiping his nose and face on her shirt telling her, "Here, I will use this as a mask." He continued to be loud and disruptive inside the store before leaving in a white van.

Assault and battery is misdemeanor, with a penalty of 93 days and/or \$500 fine if convicted as charged.

In addition to regular contact with a probation officer, Gomoll must participate in life adjustment counseling, undergo a psychological evaluation, stay away from the Dollar Tree in Holly, have no contact with the victim, possess no drugs or weapons and have no threatening behavior. Gomoll will also have to pay nearly \$700 in court fines.



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Looking back: Fenton girls golf team places fifth at team state meet

By David Troppens

It was hard to figure out what to expect out of the Fenton varsity girls golf team this fall.

The squad had lost a large chunk of the roster that made last year's sixth-place team finish at the D2 state meet due to graduation.

But as the season continued, it became apparent this team was pretty talented as well. And now, the Tigers have actually surpassed last year's squad with at least one very important metric.

The Tigers capped the season by finishing in a tie for fifth place at the Division 2

state golf tournament, posting a team score of 732, just two strokes behind fourth-place Farmington Hills Mercy and tied with Birmingham Groves. Last season's squad finished sixth. Individually, Brook Herbstreit capped what was a season of great improvement by earning a tie for sixth in the individual competition, recording a two-day 36-hole score of 82-80-162. The event was held at Michigan State's Forest Akers East Golf Course.

"The goal for our team was to try and meet or improve our sixth-place finish from last sea-

son," Herbstreit said. "Going in, we were ranked ninth in the state and we definitely were hoping to improve on that. I was super-excited about how the tournament played out for me personally as well. My personal goal going in was top 15, and when I found out I was tied for 10th at the end of the first day, I was really excited and it changed my goal."

"Going into day two, I really wanted to be top 10 because I knew I could do it. My focus on day two was to beat the two girls I was playing with because I knew they were ahead of me. So if I beat them, then I would



help my chances to stay in the top 10. One key to success is I just focused one hole at a time and kept my focus on beating the girls I was playing with."

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Fenton's girls golf team placed fifth at the state golf meet during the fall of 2019, improving upon their 2018 effort by a place. The Tigers had a team score of 732. **File photo**

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Sports Times

Linden's boys basketball is No. 6 on our Top 16 poll

By David Troppens

The 2019-20 prep winter sports season was a strange one in the tri-county area.

It was a season full of excitement and some record-breaking achievements. Yet, with the COVID-19 epidemic, it also became a source of frustration when some of the potentially greatest seasons came to an end sooner than expected.

Enter the Linden varsity boys basketball team. The Eagles were one of those teams that experienced many highs during the regular season, and looked poised to enjoy some during the postseason as well. However, with the state's shutdown and the ending of the rest of the 2019-20 winter prep sports season, it the season concluded with its share of frustration as well.

It also has created a lot of frustration for the sports staff when it comes to trying to figure out where to rank the winter sports teams in this school year's edi-

tion of the Tri-County Top 16 Poll. Eventually, we ended up placing the Eagles at No. 6.

With an outstanding nucleus of players returning from their 18-3 squad during the 2018-19 season, the Eagles entered the winter with great expectations, and pretty much satisfied them as much as they could.

Linden had just two losses during the entire season, and both of those were "strong" losses. The Eagles lost to state-ranked Bridgeport 50-48 on Dec. 28 during a winter break non-conference battle. The game showed they could compete with some of the state's top teams in the process. The Eagles did the same on Jan. 28 with another two-point loss to a state-ranked Goodrich squad, dropping a 46-44 verdict. That game was for the unofficial Metro League outright championship.

The Eagles won the other 19 games they played. Linden dominated the Metro's Stripes



Division teams, going 10-0 in those contests and earning the division title. After the Goodrich loss, the Eagles rattled off nine straight victories, improving to 18-2 entering districts.

Linden started D1 district play against the Holly Bronchos, who gave the Eagles all they wanted in a classic 67-66 victory. It earned Linden a chance to play Howell (on Howell's home

court) in the district title game. However, that game never happened as the pandemic ended the season. It's too bad the Eagles didn't get a chance to complete the district tournament. It would've been an outstanding way to avenge the previous season's regional semifinal loss to Howell. However, that never happened. Still, it was an outstanding season.



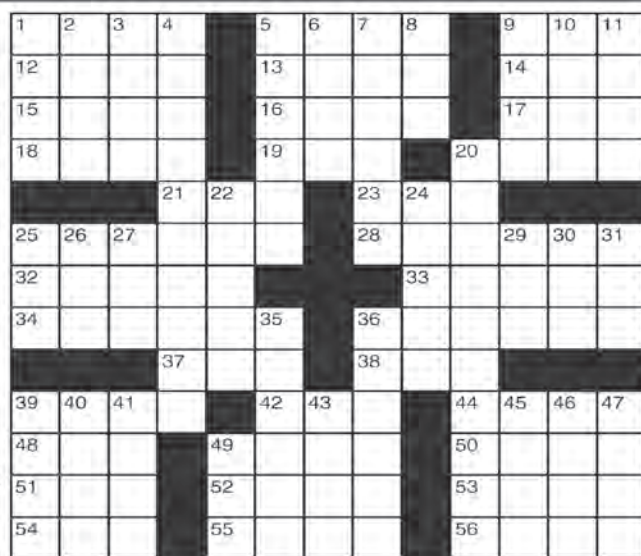
The Linden varsity boys basketball team captured the Flint Metro League Stripes Division championship with a perfect 10-0 record during the 2019-20 hoops season, and only had two losses all season, both to state-ranked foes. (Left) The team celebrates after beating Holly in a district game. (Above) Blake Lund was the team's leading scorer during the season. **File photos**

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Midweek Crossword

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12 Like 28-Across
13 Top-notch
14 Chicken-king link
15 The Swedish Nightingale
16 Hold sway
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19 Auto grille cover
20 "For cryin' out loud!"
21 Id counterpart
23 Personal question



- 25 Beckon
28 Vast sandy expanse
32 Leafy shelter
33 Release a deadbolt
34 Trolley sounds
36 Present from birth
37 Common Mkt.
38 Pigpen
39 Pre-swan
42 Puncturing device
44 It gets in the whey
48 Seek restitution
49 Neighborhood
50 Quite eager
51 Historic time
52 Read bar codes
53 — good example
54 Press for payment
55 Cattle group
56 A bit unclear
4 "Two Tickets to Paradise" singer
5 Diamonds, essentially
6 Session with a shrink
7 Extended family
8 Shirt shape
9 Tortoise's opponent
10 Lotion additive
11 Satchmo's genre
20 "I Walk the Line" singer
22 Canyon
24 Obsess
25 Pouch
26 Surfer's destination
27 Biz deg.
29 Lawyers' org.
30 Snitch
31 Exist
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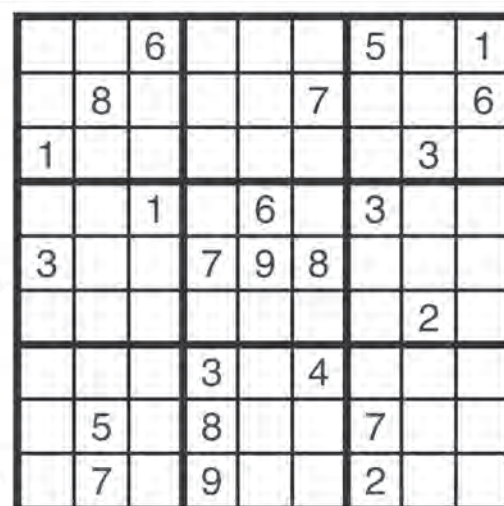
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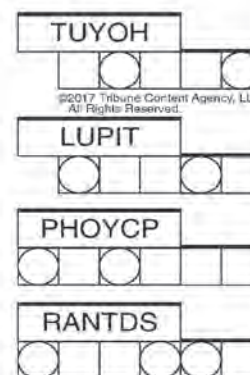
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Midweek Jumble

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Horoscopes

For the week of
July 13, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, there is a lot you want to say to someone special, but for some reason the words get stuck on your tongue. You may need a little more time to formulate your thoughts.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

The adage "look before you leap" is never more pertinent for you, Taurus. Weigh all of your decisions carefully before you start any new projects this week.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Try to keep the peace with other people this week, Gemini. Lead by example rather than telling others what to do. This approach will be more warmly received by others.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

You may want to look up old friends who you haven't seen for a while, Cancer. You may be feeling sentimental or sociable and a simple text or phone call can be effective.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

You like to have the final say in all matters, Leo. But there is a fine line between taking charge and being a control freak. Let others' reactions help you fine tune your delivery.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

You will be able to get to the root of problem this week if you put in some serious effort, Virgo. It may involve receiving and analyzing feedback from many different people.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

This week's overall outlook is positive for you, Libra. However, you may have to work a little bit for that positivity. The attitude you present is what you will get in return.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, embrace your creative side rather than your analytical side. Employ your creativity this week and you may be surprised at the results.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You may have to rethink certain principles that you have adhered to for years, Sagittarius. After some reflection, you may realize life has changed and you must adjust.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It may not be easy to get things done this week, Capricorn. You might find it challenging to muster up the energy to be effective. If so, look to others for motivation.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18


Aquarius, lately you have been challenged to assert yourself in many different ways. You tend to thrive in a leadership role, but don't let the stress get the best of you.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

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