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Thank you to the lady at the Linden Ace hardware who paid it forward and paid for my purchase.

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County has vaccinated nearly 4,100 people

Hundreds to be vaccinated at Lake Fenton High School this Saturday

By Hannah Ball

As of Tuesday, Jan 26, Genesee County has vaccinated 4,093 people and they expect to do 3,720 more through Jan. 30.

During a livestreamed press conference, Genesee County officials on the COVID-19 task force gave an update on the county’s vaccinations and COVID response.

Mark Young, chairman of Genesee County Board of Commissioners, said they’re having the same issue they’ve been having the last few weeks — they don’t have enough vaccine doses.

More than 30,000 people have preregistered online at gchd.us and are waiting for the call to

See VACCINATED on 10

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On Saturday, Jan. 10, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the 6000 block of N. Towne Commons in Fenton Township for a larceny report. Contact was made with the complainant who said he purchased a new bedroom set from a furniture store in Novi. He said the furniture was delivered on the morning of Jan. 7 and at the time of delivery, his gold rope chain was in his bathroom near the bedroom. He said the following day the chain was missing and no other people had been in his condo. The man said he contacted the store where he made his purchase. The store advised that they use third parties to make all deliveries and were unsure what company made the delivery. This case remains under investigation.

FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
On Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies responded to a home on McCully Lane in Fenton Township for a domestic violence report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the male victim, a 34-year-old Fenton Township resident. The victim said that he and his wife were involved in an argument and that she shoved him out of the house. The deputies observed minor injuries to the victim. Deputies made contact with the victim’s wife identified as April Kowalske, 35, of Fenton Township. The sheriff’s office said alcohol was involved in this incident. Kowalske was arrested for domestic assault and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. She was arraigned on domestic assault charges and given a personal recognizance bond. She was due in court at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27 for a pretrial hearing.

BACKYARD DAMAGE REPORTED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP
On Monday, Jan. 4, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies responded to the 1100 block of Copneconic Drive in Fenton Township for a destruction of property report. Contact was made with the homeowner who said when he arrived home, he noticed damage to his backyard. The damage appears to be from a four-wheeler or off-road vehicle. As a reminder, Sgt. Andrew Snyder said it is illegal to ride any off-road vehicle on private property unless the homeowner has given you permission to do so.

MAN ARRESTED ON WARRANT AFTER ARGUMENT OVER COVID
On Sunday, Jan. 11, 2021, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies responded to the 1400 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township for a disturbance. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the 55-year-old Fenton Township man. Deputies were told he arrived home and was intoxicated and an argument ensued over COVID-19. The man was asked to leave. Deputies ran the suspect for warrants and discovered he had a felony warrant for child support. The suspect was transported to the Genesee County Jail and lodged on his warrant.

DEBIT CARD STOLEN DURING PARTY ON ENID BLVD.
On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies received a call from a victim who said he was at a party on Dec. 26, 2020 at a home on Enid Boulevard in Fenton Township. The victim said he left his vehicle at the residence and when he returned to retrieve his vehicle, he noticed some things missing. The victim said his debit card was stolen and used to make a $144 purchase at Meijer in Dewitt. This incident remains under investigation.

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MONEY STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
On Monday, Jan. 4, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies responded to the 5000 block of Twilight Drive in Fenton Township for a larceny from an automobile report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the homeowner who said she went to her vehicle and noticed that there was money missing from her center console. The victim said she had approximately $20 in small bills. The victim said she did leave her vehicle unlocked. As a reminder, Sgt. Andrew Snyder said be sure to keep your vehicle locked and report any suspicious individuals walking around any neighborhoods to the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT
COMPILLED BY SHARON STONE

SUSPECT STEALS 10 PACKS OF CIGARETTES
On Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to Beacon & Bridge, 3011 Thompson Rd., in Fenton Township, for a larceny report. Deputies were advised of a larceny that occurred on Nov. 3, 2020. A white male approximately 30 years old entered the store and asked the clerk for 10 packs of cigarettes. The suspect then took the cigarettes and left the store without paying. The suspect has been identified and the incident remains under investigation.

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Parade sendoff for Holly resident

Former Holly High School marching band drum major leaves for Marines, boot camp

By Hannah Ball

The Holly “Hometown Support for All on Active Duty” organization planned a sendoff for a 19-year-old Holly High School graduate who left to become a Marine this past weekend.

John Shorez stood outside and waved to a parade of about 15 cars full of friends and loved ones Saturday, Jan. 23.

Holly resident Jennifer Tschion, who took in Shorez about two years ago, said, “It was nice. The people that supported John and meant the most were there. Some people couldn’t come because of work.”

Tschion, who considers Shorez her “bonus son,” said he started talking about joining the marines during his senior year of high school. He signed the contract Thursday, Jan. 21. Shorez is currently in Jacksonville, Florida, doing a two-week quarantine before he will go to boot camp at Parris Island.

He’ll play the French horn in the United States Marine Corps Band.

Shorez also plays piano, trumpet and trombone. Tschion said he made the district’s honors band while at Holly High School, and he often received scores of “one” at competitions, which is the best score.

“He loves music so much. It’s one of the sure ways he’ll have a music career for life,” she said.

He also was in choir and marching band, and he was drum major his senior year.

“He’s a very musical kid,” Tschion said.

One person who attended Saturday was Ben Baldwin, one of the band directors of the Holly High School Marching Band and former professional trombonist with the U.S. Marine Corps Band.

“I think he is going to come out such a strong, confident man that I know he is.”

Jennifer Tschion
Holly resident

A group of friends and family stand for a photo after they participated in a parade for John Shorez to show their support for his future endeavors serving in the military. Submitted photo

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Focus on gratitude and you’ll be thankful for the results

As the pandemic goes on I find that I’m asking friends, family, teammates and clients more and more what they’re thankful for, as opposed to what challenges they’re facing. It’s not an easy question but if we try I bet we can all think of something we’re thankful for, even in these challenging times. And it’s not that I don’t want to hear about the challenges, I do, but there are many reasons to focus on gratitude. In fact, a forbes.com article on the subject lists tons of benefits, including better sleep. Here are just a few more:

Gratitude improves physical health: From the article, “Grateful people experience fewer aches and pains and they report feeling healthier than other people, according to a 2012 study published in Personality and Individual Differences.”

Gratitude improves psychological health: From the article, “Robert A. Emmons, Ph.D., a leading gratitude researcher, has conducted multiple studies on the link between gratitude and well-being. His research confirms that gratitude effectively increases happiness and reduces depression.”

Gratitude increases mental strength: From the article, “A 2003 study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology found that gratitude was a major contributor to resilience following the terrorist attacks on September 11.

Recognizing all you have to be thankful for — even during the worst times of your life — fosters resilience.”

Another thing I’m thankful for? Modern technology that has allowed me to stay connected at work and with friends and family near and far. What have you been thankful for in the last year? Email me at ecaswell@mhomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.
Holly and Rose townships review ‘articles’

To discuss amendments to articles of incorporation for North Oakland County Fire Authority

By Sharon Stone

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted to have Clerk Debbie Miller set up a meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees and the Holly Township Board of Trustees to discuss language in the articles of incorporation for North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA).

After contacting Holly Township officials, it appears a meeting between just the two boards will not be scheduled until the NOCFA Board holds more discussion in February.

NOCFA provides coverage to Rose and Holly townships through taxes paid equally by each township.

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis said they were reviewing the articles of incorporation because it had been many years since they had been reviewed and updated.

Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester, who serves on the NOCFA board, submitted a letter for public comment during Rose Township’s meeting Jan. 13. She wanted to bring awareness that the Holly Township representatives on the NOCFA Board did not agree that the articles of incorporation were ready for adoption by either township.

Winchester said the amendments were approved by a split vote and that she would not be recommending approval to the Holly Township Board without important language be added.

Winchester said Holly Township representatives requested language be added to the articles to prohibit a current or past employee of NOCFA to serve on the Board and the NOCFA Board attorney agreed, but the request was ignored. She said this request would be in the best interest of the authority as it eliminates the potential conflict of interest.

Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider acknowledged Jan. 13 that she is a former employee of NOCFA.

She also said during the meeting Jan. 13, that because properties in Rose Township had a higher taxable value than Holly Township, Rose Township residents could be paying more for coverage by NOCFA than Holly Township residents if NOCFA became a taxing authority. “We’ve always shared 50-50,” Scheib-Snider said.

Scheib-Snider added that she was concerned to keep Rose Township taxes low.

To resolve the issues, Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller suggested Jan. 13 that the two township boards set up a meeting.

Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester said Holly Township voted down the amendments because there were a few additions to the language Holly Township requested of the NOCFA Board that they turned down. She said that Holly Township also motioned that the articles go back to the NOCFA Board.

“I am hoping we can come to an agreement of the additional language,” Winchester said.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!!!

In an effort to better serve all of our customers, effective February 1, 2021 your service day with Republic Services will be changing.

Your new service day is listed below:

**City of Fenton:**
Trash, recycle and yard waste will now be collected on **FRIDAY** (First recycle collection on 2/5/21 and every other Friday thereafter).

**Fenton Township:**
Trash, recycle and yard waste will now be collected on **FRIDAY** (First recycle collection **SOUTH** of Silver Lake will be on 2/5/21 and **NORTH** of Silver Lake will be on 2/12/21 with every other Friday thereafter).

**City of Linden:**
Trash, recycle and yard waste will now be collected on **WEDNESDAY** (First recycle collection on 2/10/21 and every other Wednesday thereafter).

**Village of Holly:**
Recycling for the entire Village will now be on **WEDNESDAY**. All residents will receive recycle collection on 2/3/21 and every other Wednesday thereafter.

**Jayne Hills & Silver Lake (Tyrone Township):**
Trash and recycle will now be collected on **FRIDAY**. Recycle service will continue on an every other week basis.

**Shannon Glen (Tyrone Township):**
Trash and recycle will now be collected on **WEDNESDAY**. Recycle service will continue on an every other week basis.

ABOUT NOCFA

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) was formed in 1984 in Holly. Jeremy Lintz is the fire chief. Its primary response area is 69 square miles consisting of Holly and Rose townships. The area is rural and zoned primarily residential and agricultural. The current population is 17,894 for both townships.

In 2020, they responded to a total of 1,102 calls, which included mutual aid calls. In 2019, they responded to a total of 1,071 calls.

They provide 24/7-Fire Suppression, Rescue Services, Hazmat Operations/Technical services; and ALS Medical Transporting. The department has a full-time fire chief, assistant fire chief, captain/training officer, EMS coordinator and four full-time firefighters/paramedics along with 49 active paid-on-call.
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members, including medical only personnel and scene support members. Beyond the residential population, services are delivered to nonprofit day/overnight camps, several state parks and recreation areas, three schools and the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Significant exposures within the township include 15 miles of CSX Railroad and 10 miles of Canadian National Railroad that run the complete length of the area, a central distribution natural gas routing hub and a large diameter high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline. Their service area also covers over five miles of I-75 and a full service truck stop.

NOCFA BOARD
Holly Township representatives
Karin Winchester
George Kullis
Rose Township representatives
Dianne Scheib-Snider
Paul Gambka
Citizen at large
Peter Stouffer (Rose Township resident)

Crime victim’s rights — a recent addition
During my years on the bench, I have presided over numerous criminal cases where a victim has been harmed or injured by a defendant.
Although every case is different, they also have one thing in common — all of the victims are given certain rights under both Michigan’s Constitution, Article I Section 24, and the William VanRegenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act of 1985.
These rights start at the moment a defendant is arrested up to and including conviction and sentencing. They include the right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process; to be notified of court proceedings; to confer with prosecutors; to make an impact statement at sentencing; and to be awarded restitution. There are many more equally significant rights.
Over time a number of other laws have been enacted by the Michigan Legislature to ensure victim’s rights are protected.
The most recent addition was on Dec. 29, 2020, when Governor Whitmer signed the “Address Confidentiality Program Act.”
The Act’s purpose is to provide protection to certain victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking or to those individuals who have been threatened with harm, by preventing the defendants or perpetrators from discovering the victim’s address through publicly available information.
The statute provides that the Michigan Attorney General is to implement a system within two years to allow victims to apply for a state identification number with an assigned state Post Office Box. Those who apply and are approved will receive participation cards with only the assigned P.O. Box as their address.
Their real addresses will thereafter be confidential and exempt from governmental disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.
Any mail sent to their P.O. Box is to be forwarded to them by the state.
Other provisions of the Act prohibit disclosure of addresses by schools and other entities, and allows the P.O. Box to be on driver’s licenses, voter registration cards and state personal ID cards.
With the new law, Michigan joins at least 37 other states with similar statutes.
This Act underscores how a victim’s rights are vitally important and must always be respected.
For those interested, the text of the Act is available at the State of Michigan website.

NEWS

COMPiled by Sharon Stone

Rose Township to hold public hearing on CDBG projects
The Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. The hearing will be held virtually. Residents are encouraged to join the meeting from their computer, tablet or smartphone. Go to https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/137708157 to join the meeting. You can also dial in using your phone at 1 (872) 240-3412. The access code is 137-708-157. The hearing is being held for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2021 application in the approximate amount of $14,177 to fund eligible projects. All interested persons are requested to participate in the public hearing to offer their comments on the proposed use of the 2021 program year funds. Comments in writing will be received until the date and time of the hearing and should be addressed to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason St., Holly, MI 48442.

Honoring our volunteers is a selfless way to continue our community’s tradition of giving back. Volunteers are what make Genesee County such a special place to live and work. Some of the most recent recipients include Sally Shaheen Joseph, Karen Church, the late Wade Pyles, Ingrid Halling, Amy Cuneaz and Thomas Yeotis.
The virtual awards will be held 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18. Sponsorships and tickets are available at the above website.

Just days left to honor Genesee County volunteer
For 12 years, volunteers making a difference in our community have been honored with the Sybyl Award. The award is a tribute to Sybyl Atwood who served as program director for Volunteer Information Services at Resource Genesee.
Hurley Foundation announced it has extended the 2020 nomination process to the end of this week to accommodate challenges brought on by the pandemic.
You can nominate an exceptional volunteer at: hurleyfoundation.org/events/sybyl-award.
Linden DDA has open seat

Compiled by Hannah Ball

The city of Linden is currently accepting applications for consideration of appointment to the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board.

According to lindenmi.us, the term for the vacancy will expire Dec. 31, 2021, with the opportunity for reappointment to serve up to a four-year term. Regular meetings of the DDA are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m., with the exception of November and December. Not less than the majority of members must have interest in a property located in the downtown district.

The DDA is dedicated to the sustainability of a thriving downtown district. As a DDA Board member, you will work in conjunction with local business owners, other city boards and committees, as well as city officials to support growth and improvement of downtown. You will be a part of promoting economic growth, as well as planning and implementation of development plans for Linden’s Downtown District.

To apply, go to lindenmi.us. Completed applications can be sent to clerk@lindenmi.us.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF TRUMP SUCCESSFULLY starts a third party, it would be great news for our country. That would serve to dilute the Republican base and ensure a Democratic majority rule once again.

BIDEN LEAVES THE National Guard soldiers in a car garage to spend the night after they were sent there to protect him. Oh, but his wife gives them cookies as an apology. Nothing like adding insult to injury. It will hardly be made an issue. Do I hear double standards?

BIDEN’S MANTRA WAS Trump didn’t take the pandemic seriously. Over the year, many had to totally change wedding plans, etc. Why didn’t the inauguration get canceled and save taxpayers money and just have a small ceremony inside and televise his swearing in? Are the Democrats really for the people?

I DON’T CARE what your political beliefs are. If you are destroying property, you need to be arrested, charged and jailed, period.

ONE YEAR AGO today (Jan. 24, 2021), Dr. Anthony Fauci testified before the U.S. Senate against implementing a travel ban from China.

IF THIS VIRUS has not changed your attitude on China, what would? Boycott Chinese products. I know it’s hard. There are products made in other countries. Just have to look. And now, have to double mask? I’ll pass out.

Synopsis of Argentine Township

Regular Board Meeting January 25, 2021

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.
Present: Conner, Schmidt, James, Graves and Saad.
Approved: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 21, 2020.
Approved: Budget Amendments.
Approved: Payment of expenditures.
Authorized: Fire Department purchases. Generator, Portable pump, flash lights.
Accepted: Resignation of Fire Fighter Matt Lafferty.
Promoted: Interim Chief Kurtz to Chief.
Reappointed: Board of Review Members Miller, Allen, Chambers to 2 year terms ending December 2022.
Approved: Poverty guidelines 2021.
Adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

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The charges go back to when Fenton police responded to Walmart on Owen Road on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 5:32 p.m. on a report of a male attempting to pass counterfeit money.

Responding police officers made contact with the man, later identified as Hunter. Lt. Jeff Cross said officers recovered several counterfeit $50 bills in the man’s possession. Hunter was arrested and during a search, police also recovered methamphetamine in his possession.

Hunter was lodged at the Genesee County Jail. A cash surety bond (10 percent) of $20,000 was ordered. He is due back in court Jan. 28 for a probable cause conference.

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Times
Two snowmobiles go through ice, ice shanty struck — five cited for disorderly conduct

By Sharon Stone

Two snowmobiles were pulled out of Lake Fenton on Sunday, Jan. 24 by Woody’s Towing. They have been impounded and will be released following an investigation by the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the fire department was notified at 9:56 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23. Reportedly, a large group of snowmobilers were out traveling across Lake Fenton when two snowmobiles broke through the ice. The group fled the area.

Not knowing if there were any individuals in the water, Volz said divers made sure there were no victims in the water.

Volz said sheriff’s deputies had to hunt down the fleeing snowmobilers to make sure everyone was accounted for.

The two snowmobiles that plunged into the water were registered to residents on Lake Fenton.

The DNR is looking into the incident.

“There is no safe for this type of stuff,” Volz said. “You’ve got to use common sense.”

On Sunday, Jan. 24, Volz said he received a complaint from a Lake Fenton resident who reported their son and a friend had been ice fishing in a bright red shanty about the same time as the big group of snowmobilers were out on the ice. Their son had come in the house and while he was inside, a snowmobile struck and damaged the shanty and then fled the area.

“They could have been in the shanty,” Volz said.

Volz is investigating and checking with all of the current DNR laws regarding snowmobile usage.

He urges snowmobilers to use extreme caution and to be aware of people out walking on the ice, possibly with their dogs and people out ice fishing.

Sgt. Andrew Snyder of the sheriff’s office confirmed two snowmobiles did go into open water and were recovered by Woody’s Towing.

“When we showed up on Saturday several people fled the scene and were tracked to a house party on Brown Street,” Snyder said. “Five appearance citations were written for disorderly conduct. Alcohol is believed to be involved and this incident remains under investigation.”

“IT’s imperative that the residents know the danger of snowmobiling across the lake. I cannot stress it enough. Also, make sure if people are out after dark ice fishing to tell them to wear bright clothing and a light.”

The sheriff’s office is also seeking cost and recovery charges from the suspects.

It is unknown if the group of snowmobilers involved with the two machines that went in the water are involved with the damaged ice fishing shanty.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, a snowmobile struck and damaged this ice fishing shanty on Lake Fenton. The young anglers were not in it at the time of the incident. Submitted photo

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, a person shall not operate a snowmobile:

• While under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
• At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable for existing conditions.
• On the frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of a person, including a skater, not in or upon a snowmobile or within 100 feet of a fishing shanty or shelter except at the minimum speed required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile, or on an area that has been cleared for ice skating, unless the area is necessary for gaining access to the public water.
• Within 100 feet of a dwelling between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. at a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile.
• Upon the land of another without the consent of the owner or their agent, as required by the recreational trespass act.
• On or across a cemetery or burial ground, airport, railroad or a railroad right-of-way, or within 100 feet of a sledding, skiing or skating area.
• To chase, pursue, worry or kill any wild bird or animal.
• In a public or private parking lot in a careless or negligent manner.
2021 House Bill 4001: Establish new legislator conflict of interest rules
Introduced by Rep. Pamela Hornberger (R) on Jan. 13, 2021, to prohibit a legislator who knows he or she has a “personal or professional interest” in a bill or measure from voting on it, and also if the legislator is related or financially or legally obligated to a person or entity that would benefit.

2021 Senate Bill 2: Increase unemployment benefits
Introduced by Sen. Paul Wojno (D) on Jan. 13, 2021, to increase the maximum period a person is eligible to collect state unemployment benefits from 20 weeks to 26 weeks.

Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 4002: Exempt certain pension income from state income tax
Introduced by Sen. Paul Wojno (D) and Rep. Joseph Bellino, Jr. (R), respectively, to repeal the age-based limitations and restrictions on income tax deductions for retirement and pension benefits that were enacted as part of a 2011 tax reform and business tax cut.

Senate Bill 12: Exempt outpatient cardiac catheterization from medical services rationing “certificate of need”
Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R), to exempt outpatient cardiac catheterization services from a state Certificate of Need law that requires medical service providers get permission from a panel of existing providers before investing in a new or expanded service.

LINDEN 150
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During the Monday, Jan. 25 council meeting held via Zoom, Councilor Heather MacDermaid said, “What if we had it next year?”
She said she feels bad for people and businesses who have been investing in events that have had to cancel due to the pandemic.
“Sometimes you celebrate your birthday on Saturday instead of Wednesday. If we have it a year later, we can have celebrations,” she said.
The majority of the council voiced support.
Mayor Danielle Cusson said they’re hoping to do more celebrations in the summer.
“We can do some things this year, as far as a celebration with the public” they could push that until next year, she said. “That would solve the issues of people putting in the time and effort into planning an event where you don’t know whether or not it’s happening.”
The council discussed having a commemorative ceremony sometime this year to mark Linden’s 150 birthday, but the larger celebrations could wait until next year.
“We’re going to have to do some creative things,” Cusson said. “When we talk about events, we want a lot of people.”
Volunteers are already brainstorming ideas for events and features. The historical society is putting together videos of people who have lived in Linden their whole lives. They also held a logo contest.
The Linden Mills Historical Society sent old documents to the Historical Society of Michigan to prove Linden’s birthday and to receive a commemorative plaque.
Peter Maas, a member of the Linden Mills Historical Society, said at their last meeting in 2019, they approved the purchase of the plaque, which could arrive any day. They’ve had meetings about events, but COVID-19 has slowed things down.
Councilor Ray Culbert said, “I think the idea is a great idea. To spend a lot of time and effort and then needing to cancel is probably not the best idea.”
City Manager Ellen Glass mentioned how much fundraising needs to happen for a large in-person celebration and voiced support for having most sesquicentennial celebrations in 2022. She’s in favor of having a small scale event around downtown this year to recognize Linden’s 150 years and to help businesses.
Glass hopes to have more events in Linden as the weather warms and as more people receive vaccinations.
Cusson mentioned they could potentially have a plaque ceremony during Riverfest this summer.
Councilor Brad Dick is on the committee for the sesquicentennial, and they’re meeting Wednesday, Jan. 27. They will work on coordinating all the organizations that will be a part of the sesquicentennial.
Linden City Council will discuss this topic at the next meeting in February.
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
LOON HARBOR PRESERVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE
LOON HARBOR PRESERVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the
township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Town-
ship Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her
covering all properties within the Loon Harbor Preserve Drainage Improvement
Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed drainage improvement
project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assess-
ing the costs of repairing and improving the storm water detention pond in the
Loon Harbor Preserve subdivision, and work incidental thereto within the
aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans
on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan
within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of $41,400.40.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further
reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is
such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said
district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of
land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet on
Monday February 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID: 912 2803 5010;
Passcode: 769302) for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and
hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the Fenton
Township office and on the Fenton Township website at www.fentontownship.
org from now until after said hearing. Protest at the hearing held to confirm the
special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special
assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by
telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his
or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone
shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real
property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written
appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days
after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

ROBERT E. KRUG
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12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE
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VACCINATED
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make an appointment. County em-
ployees will call these people as more
doses become available. They’re
working on a database that will sort
people into the different phases.

After everyone in phase 1B is vac-
cinated, which is those over 65 and
first responders, approximately 45
percent of the population in Genesee
County will be vaccinated.

Young said all the counties are still
having an issue not receiving enough
doses from the state, and the state
isn’t receiving enough doses from the
federal government. The county is
planning to hire additional people and
bring back previously furloughed em-
ployees to help make calls and set up
appointments, especially for seniors
who aren’t as adept with technology.

“We’ve proven that we do have the
capability to deliver the vaccines we
receive,” he said.

Dr. Pamela Hackert, director of the
Genesee County Health Department,
said a new change with the Biden
administration is the method of how
many vaccine doses are given to
counties. Population size will be con-
sidered and the Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention will look at
the social vulnerability index, which
includes minority status, type of
house, density of housing, transporta-
tion and more.

Counties no longer have to put
in a number request every week for
vaccines. Instead, the federal and
state governments will use the above
criteria.

Hackert said she expects they will
receive a similar number of doses
with this new change compared to
before. They’re working on reaching
homebound citizens to help them get
vaccinated.

“We’re making an effort to ramp
up quickly,” she said, adding that
they’re planning three to four weeks
out. “We are planning as though we
could administer 12,000 a week if we
got it.”

Major David Stamm of the Genesee
County Sheriff’s Office, who’s been
working in the county’s emergency
management team for more than four
years, said the system is working “as
well as be expected” considering the
number of doses they’ve been receiv-
ing.

This week, they will have vaccine
clinics in Burton, Flint Northwestern,
senior living centers, and at Lake Fen-
ton High School on Saturday, Jan. 30,
where they will vaccinate 800 people.

All of these appointments are taken.

Hackert said the Saturday event at
LFHS will show how county para-
medics and community volunteers
will work together to get thousands of
vaccines done in a week. Those who
receive the vaccine are asked to stay
for 15 minutes for observation in case
of an adverse reaction. If someone has
a history of reactions after receiving
an injectable medication, they are
asked to stay for 30 minutes.

Hackert said out of nearly 4,100
vaccines administered, one person
had a mild anaphylactic reaction and
was treated with epinephrine. This
person was taken to the hospital.
John Shorez, 19, graduated from Holly High School in 2020 and left to join the U.S. Marine Corps this past weekend. Submitted photo

Shorez waved to his friends and loved ones as they passed by in their cars for a parade on Saturday, Jan. 23. Submitted photo

**PARADE SENDOFF**

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“Baldwin was a huge influence for him,” Tschion said. “He was at the parade with his Marine flag.”

Shorez also did some theatre and played Scrooge in the Holly Dickens Festival.

“He’s very smart. He did a lot of honor classes,” she said. Shorez might consider a lifelong career in the Marines, or Tschion said he was interested in biomechanical engineering or something in engineering.

The Holly Hometown Hero program also ties yellow ribbons around a tree in front of Holly Elementary for each active duty service from Holly. Shorez doesn’t have a ribbon yet, but Tschion said they’re planning for it.

“I’m tremendously proud and overjoyed that he’s making his career path. I think he is going to come out such a strong, confident man that I know he is,” Tschion said.

The Holly “Hometown Support for All on Active Duty” organization plans sendoffs for Holly residents and graduates leaving to serve in one of the branches of the military, and they send care packages to those serving away from their families.

**ROBBERY**

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Police Chief Jerry Narsh said the department is asking the community to be on the lookout for the person and vehicle shown here.

The suspect and vehicle were last seen leaving the area on eastbound Grange Hall Road. Narsh said this person and vehicle are believed to be involved in similar crimes in Independent Township, Rochester Hills, Lake Orion and Orion Township.

Anyone with information pertaining to these crimes is asked to call Holly police at (248) 634-8221.

**THE REALITY TOUR MOVIE PREMIERE THURSDAY, JAN. 28 COMBATS OPIOID CRISIS**

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy is inviting the public to take part in “The Reality Tour” a national drug prevention program of the nonprofit CANDLE, Inc. based in Butler, Pennsylvania. The program was created to combat the opiate crisis. It is now an evidence-based program replicated in communities in several states and in Canada. The Reality Tour addresses substance abuse and related consequences.

Attendees follow the fate of a fictitious teen addicted to drugs. The Tour includes a student led dramatic skit accompanied by a narrative that includes the constant reminder to the audience that, “Once I was just like you, think about the next 10.” Pre-COVID, the dramatic scenes would have been acted out as the attendees watched. To adapt to a virtual format they created a short video starring Brighton High School students and other community members. They are kicking off the Reality Tour with a Movie Premiere. The first 25 people are able to attend in person at the Howell Historic Theater to view the video. Masks are required at all times, concessions will be open after the video. Go to http://bit.ly/RealityTourPreview for details.
Winter’s contact sports off until at least Feb. 21

By David Troppens

Just when it looked like Michigan was starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel when it came to having a full slate of winter sports activity, the tunnel apparently got a few miles longer last Friday.

Just 10 days before what was expected to be the first day of full-contact practices for winter sports like basketball, hockey, competitive cheer and wrestling Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an order that wouldn’t allow for winter contact sports have contact practices or to be able to play games at least until Feb. 21.

The decision was a big blow to all of the winter sports that thought their seasons were poised to start in early February.

“It’s definitely frustrating because I know the impact it has on the kids,” Holly Area Schools Athletic Director Casey Lombard said. “I really feel for the kids, but some things are just out of our control.”

Some sports are playing. Ski has been competing for a couple of weeks and is See SPORTS on 13

Fenton’s AGS volleyball teams return after COVID pause

Seventh-graders win three of four sets vs. Clio’s challengers

By David Troppens

Fenton — Life has been hard for the prep sports athletes during the 2020-21 academic school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, it hasn’t been any easier for middle school athletes.

“We were worried about the initial start,” AGS seventh-grade co-head volleyball coach Yaki Burnau said. “We were worried we were going to get shut down and not be able to start.”

That didn’t happen. The middle school volleyball season started on schedule during the late fall, but then was shut down, and it remained shut down until just recently. Now, with a reprieve, area middle school volleyball teams are planning on finishing a quick six-match season in two weeks, giving the girls the seasons they desired in the first place.

The first match of this current schedule for the AGS seventh-grade team was a home contest against Clio on Monday at Fenton High School. The two seventh-grade squads did well winning three of four sets between the two teams. The ‘A’ team won 26-24, 25-12, while the ‘B’ team won its first set 25-15 and lost the second 24-26. The squads are broken up into as balanced as teams as possible and are coached by Burnau and Carrie MacCaughlin.

The coaches say the girls are excited to be playing again.

“It’s kind of a conclusion for the girls,” MacCaughlin said. “We were getting going and are excited to have an ending. They are excited that they can go on and play and end it that way instead of the season being cut short.”

Seventh-grade is a challenging grade for COVID-19 issues like this. First off, the girls were learning the basic fundamentals and had played two matches at the time when the forced break hit them. Considering it was the players’ first experience playing the sport in many cases, the coaches worried retaining the information they learned earlier this season would be erased away. Apparently that didn’t happen.

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Eighth-graders complete sweep of Mustangs

By David Troppens

Fenton — When the middle school volleyball season was able to return to action, there were quite a few differences with the AGS eighth-grade volleyball squad.

Due to COVID-19, the season was interrupted in late fall and the season returned recently when volleyball was deemed a non-contact sport. However, when the AGS teams returned, the eighth-grade squad found itself needing a new coach. Laurie Thomas returned but fellow coach and Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jenna Long had other travel volleyball obligations, so she needed a replacement. In came Dave Ward.

“I wasn’t even a coach (for the squad earlier this season),” Ward said. “Jenna was and she had to move on because of the timeline. Her daughter is involved with another program. She plays club so she couldn’t do it.”
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It doesn’t seem to be bothering the girls. The Tigers returned to action for the first time in about two months, defeating the Clio Mustangs in both contests. Fenton’s ‘A’ team won 25-15, 25-9 while the ‘B’ team won 25-20, 25-16.

“The girls adapted way easier than we did,” Thomas said. “I’m so glad they are going to be able to finish their season.

“They started playing on Nov. 6, and I think they look a lot better now. They played two games (before the pause) and many played club. Now they are back and I am like ‘wow.’ I feel like they look like a different team to me.”

Fenton’s ‘A’ team put together an impressive effort against Clio. On the first point of the game, Alexa Ayotte earned a kill. Later, Megan Gornick served six straight points with four being aces. The Tigers led 10-2 and cruised from that point. Later on, Kaylee Kaluza and Gornick had kills. Fenton led by as many as 10 a couple of times, and eventually earned the first-set win on a set-point ace by Kaluza.

Fenton also scored the first four points of the second set but still led only 9-6 before the Tigers earned the service back and led 10-6. With the service Ayotte served eight straight points with three being aces. The Tigers led 18-6. Down the stretch, Kaluza recorded a kill. Match point was earned by an ace by Lydia Clemons.

The ‘B’ match was slightly more competitive as each team had their moments of strong play. A four-point service run by Ava Slezinski (two came on aces) gave the Tigers an early 9-4 lead. Clio tried to battle back, but never took the lead from Fenton. A kill by Alexandria Shouse ended one Clio run, giving Fenton a 5-3 lead, but Clio was able to work itself back into the game and cut Fenton’s lead to 9-8 later in the set.

In the second set, the Tigers dominated. A kill by Eviana Fulton gave the

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“In some of these girls have not had formal instruction and formal knowledge on how to play, so having two months off I thought we may have to start close to square one,” MacCaughan said. “Man, they showed us up and we almost took off right where we ended. It was awesome to come back and continue with the kids where they were (before the break).”

In the ‘A’ game’s first set the contest remained close throughout. Clio broke a 17-17 tie with a point and that started a 6-0 run. Fenton trailed 23-17. However, Karley Russell collected the team’s first kill of the match late, cutting the gap to 23-18 and Isabella Spencer went to the service line and scored six straight points with three earned with aces. Fenton led 24-23 on the third of those aces. However, Clio scored the next point, tying the set at 24-all. The Tigers ended up pulling off the victory with the set’s final two points.

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Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
It is not often that you feel compelled to be a people-pleaser, but you’ve been a lot more cautious about what you say or post online lately. That can be a good thing.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, certain things aren’t adding up and someone close to you is being rather evasive. You may want to do some investigative work and get to the bottom of the situation.

GEMINI
May 21/Jun 21
Even though you detest drama, unless you are careful this week you could put yourself right in the middle of some. Watch your words and actions carefully.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
You are known for adding your personal touch to everything. Cancer. Just don’t push this so far as to have the final word on everything; otherwise, you could ruffle feathers.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Leo, you’re often focused on the bigger picture but don’t consider the small details. When financial issues become a concern, you have to learn to scrutinize data.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
You can’t resist helping other people who are close to you, Virgo. However, this week is a time when the roles are reversed. Don’t hesitate to accept help.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
You are normally upbeat and passive. However, you may have to be a little more forceful if you want to get your point across and be heard in the days ahead.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
You don’t mind defending your opinions or your ideals, Scorpio. In fact, you are highly skilled at constructive conversation. Your negotiation tactics may be put to the test.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
It is not your job to solve a group issue on your own. This needs to be a democratic process with all opinions included in the discussion. You may act as moderator.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Is there something going on in your life right now that could benefit from a little more investigation, Capricorn? Personal problems may involve delving a little deeper.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, it seems that for each step you take forward, you move two or three steps back. Break this cycle and develop a contingency plan so you don’t miss a beat.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
The distance between you and someone you love keeps widening, Pisces. Take the time to mend this fence.
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