## Hartland man dies from gender reveal explosion

■Struck by metal shrapnel when cannon-like device malfunctions, explodes

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Family and friends are mourning the death of Evan Silva, 26, of Hartland. He died Saturday, Feb. 6.

According to the Michigan State Police, Silva was attending a baby shower/

gender reveal party in Gaines Township on Saturday. An attendee used a small cannontype device to reveal the baby's gender, however, the device exploded and Silva was struck by metal shrapnel. Several vehicles parked nearby also



were damaged from shrapnel.

Silva was transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint where he later died from his iniuries.

The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, Gaines Township

Fire Department, and Med Star Ambulance assisted MSP troopers at the scene.

A gofundme.com account, "Funeral expenses for Evan Silva" has been created to help with funeral expenses.

A gofundme account created to help with funeral costs for Evan Silva has raised more than \$13,000. He was killed in an accident involving a gender reveal explosion Feb. 6 in Gaines Township. Submitted photo



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## **Linden considers** selling water to outof-city development

■Assisted living facility developers wish to use Linden water

#### **By Hannah Ball**

Linden City Council discussed allowing DMK Development to connect to the city's water system for the assisted living facility they plan to build on Silver Lake Road, next to Price's Airport.

On Monday, Feb. 8, at the city council meeting held via Zoom, Linden City Manager Ellen Glass said because the city's water system is a commodity they could sell, they could use the revenue to help improve the infrastructure.

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## Bronco crashes into city sign



The female driver of this Ford Bronco sustained minor injuries after her vehicle struck the guy wires and a decorative city of Fenton sign on Silver Lake Road at Poplar Street at 10:25 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. See story on page 7 **Photo: Fenton Police Department** 

## **Prices going** up at the pump

■GasBuddy says many factors contribute to higher prices, relief not expected for months

#### **Compiled by Sharon Stone**

According to a press release from GasBuddy on Monday, Feb. 8, Flint gas prices have risen 17.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.51 per gallon, according to its daily survey of 212 stations in Flint. Gas prices in Flint are 38.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 21.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in

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**ff** am all in for supporting specific expenditures like updating firefighter SCBAs (Feb. 7, Times) but not broad

tax increases. I am against all federal after seeing what they do with our money.'



**66** 'Caring about other Americans' knows no political

affiliation and has nothing to do with socialism.'



**66** The 'Random Acts of Kindness' letter put a smile on my face!"



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## **Consumers Energy donates \$25K**

■ Partners with Flint & Genesee Chamber to offer matching gift cards to use at area businesses

## **By Sharon Stone**

First it was the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), then it was the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce. Now, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce is offering a matching gift card program, thanks to a \$25,000 donation from Consumers Energy.

The Flint & Genesee Chamber made the announcement, Monday, Feb. 8. Some of the participating businesses are in the tri-county area.

Get more for your money with the Chamber's "Our Town Gift Card Match Program." Thanks to a \$25,000 donation from Consumers Energy, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with 20-plus area businesses to double the value of gift cards purchased at their locations for a limited time.

"We're hoping to give our local restaurant industry a shot in the arm by incentivizing community members to patronize these businesses during what has been a very difficult time," said Kristina Johnston, COO at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Com-



An employee at Donna's Donuts holds the flyer showing it's participating in the "Our Town" matching gift card program. Some tri-county area businesses also are participating.

merce. "What's great about the Our Town program is that it puts additional dollars in the hands of some of our local food-based businesses, while also allowing consumers to stretch their dining budgets in Genesee County."

The Our Town initiative comes two months after a survey from the Michigan

are the backbone of the communities we serve, and every community has seen those businesses feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. 77

Lauren Youngdahl Snyder Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience

Restaurant & Lodging Association reported that 90 percent of Michigan restaurant operators said their profit margin was lower than it was prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

As part of this new program, a customer who purchases a \$10 gift card at a participating business will receive a second \$10 gift card at no cost to them. The maximum amount eligible to be doubled for one customer is \$100.

This initiative builds on the matching gift card program Consumers Energy launched in December 2020, when the energy provider donated \$500,000 to support shopping local in 55 Michigan communities.

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## **Building Brands**

## Lasso lessons that will improve your life

spent all day Sunday getting acquainted with my new best friend — Ted Lasso. Spoiler alert: If you have not watched "Ted Lasso," which streams on Apple TV, you may want to do that before reading this column, because I don't want to ruin the magic for

I'm a little late to the party as "Ted Lasso" debuted last summer.

you.

but I'm kind of glad I waited. It's winter in Michigan, we're still in a pandemic and we're about to enter our busiest season at work. I needed the boost of motivation that I now believe only Lasso can offer.

"Ted Lasso" is a sitcom about a somewhat unknown American college football coach who is hired to coach a football team in England. (Yes, we Americans would call that soccer.) So, yeah, he's a fish out of water. But turns out he's good with that because according to him, goldfish are the happiest animals in the world because they only have a 10-second memory. "Be the goldfish" he tells one of his players struggling to overcome some bad days on the field.

And that's just one of the many

memorable Lasso quotes born out of the show. Here are a couple of my other favorite quotes:

> • "Takin' on a challenge is a lot like riding a horse. If you're comfortable while you're doin' it, you're probably doin' it wrong."

• "Be curious, not judgmental."

Nearly every episode is quotable, but what I learned from spending the day with Lasso goes far beyond

quotes. Here are some, what I call, Lasso Lessons, we can all apply to our

Emily Caswell

Every member of the team is important: Right away Lasso takes the "kitman" (sort of an English water boy) under his wing. This move pays off and is a great reminder that every single person — no matter if they're the CEO or the janitor — plays a pivotal role in making a team or business go.

Rewards come in many forms: I'm not sure how much money professional football players in England make, but at some point, it appears to stop being a motivating factor for Lasso's players. You know what did motivate one tough cookie? A locker room shower with proper water pressure. If one of your teammates seems to be frustrated with work, ask why. Maybe their computer is lagging, or their desk chair is uncomfortable.

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I HAVE JUST one simple question for those who refuse to wear a mask. What would Jesus do? 

HEY MASK WEARER, don't ever use the word 'must' when advocating that I wear a mask.

WHY IS IT that we let the teachers unions hold our children hostage? Let's tell them get back to work in the place that you work or no more pay. I'll bet you a million dollars they stop being scared real fast. Just about everyone else is already back to work.

WHY CAN'T WE get Walden's sign down? It makes me sad I will never have a ham and cheese there again.

## LINDEN HIGH'S HYBRID

approach seems to prepare students for college. Many colleges have offered a mixture of virtual and in-person learning long before COVID. Teach teens to adapt and adjust, before teaching them to just give up. Teach them to be strong, not the opposite.

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

## What's the scariest movie you've seen?



"The Believers.' It was based on a true story about a Satanic cult. The fact that it could actually happen again was terrifying to me."

**Theresa Stasik** Fenton



"Gigli' - talk about a movie that made you squirm in your seat and you couldn't wait for it to be over."



"It's a tie. Probably 'A Nightmare on Elm Street' and 'The Blair Witch Project' when I was younger."

**Aaron Workman** Fenton

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# street talk



"Amityville Horror,' because I watched it when I was a kid."



Consumers Energy repairs low hanging power lines at the exit ramp from southbound U.S. 23 at North Road in Fenton Township on Monday afternoon. Hundreds of customers lost power for a few hours. Submitted photo

## Hundreds lose power Monday

■ Delivery truck snags low hanging wires on exit ramp of southbound U.S. 23 at North Road

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Approximately 555 Consumers Energy customers in Fenton lost power at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 after a delivery truck snagged low hanging wires on the exit ramp from southbound U.S. 23 at North Road in Fenton Township.

Terry Dedoes, senior public information director for Consumers Energy, said there were confirmed wires down at that exit.

Though the incident happened in Fenton Township, several traffic lights in the north end of Fenton City were affected.

According to Michigan Vehicle Code, if a traffic light is not functioning, a motorist is to stop at a clearly marked stop line, or if there is no clearly marked stop line, stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if there is no cross walk, stop before entering the intersection.

Crews responded to the site and power was restored at 4:15 p.m. on Monday.

Fenton Township Fire Department assisted at the scene.

## Fenton water plant to get upgrades

■ Council approves \$153,209 to update Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Fenton City Council unanimously approved a request made by Stephen Guy, supervisor of the water plant, during its Zoom meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 to upgrade the city's water plant. The proposal from CCI will cost the city \$153,209.

In 2014, the city of Fenton water plant was built with modern technology that enables the operations equipment not only to be monitored but controlled from a personal computer. This technology is built on a network of electrical boards referred to as cards. Electrical signals run through wires to and from the cards and the equipment on/off points that trigger solenoids to activate the equipment.

A main controller called a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) houses the components of the system cards, wires and relays that gather the information and send it to the operational PC where the plant operator interfaces with the PLC to control and/or monitor the equipment. The main wire, called the communications loop, delivers the input and output signals to and from the PC and PLC. Collectively the system is called a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

In 2015, the operational PCs were replaced because Windows 7 was no longer supported. Similarly, the cards of the SCADA system and PLC and the communication loop called the

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Data Highway are coming to the end of their useful life. As this happens, the equipment that may fail becomes more costly to obtain and at times hard to find. The PCs that were previously replaced use a converter box to communicate from the Data Highway to the new technology but will now hood directly to the new communications loop.

Commerce Controls Inc. (CCI) was the supplier and installer of the original equipment. CCI is still today the company that is called to trouble shoot and fix problems that occur with the system. CCI supplied a proposal to upgrade the system at the plant, which will be phase one of two. The upgrade of phase two will consist of converting the radios and remote sites at the ground storage tanks and well houses. The remote systems require less effort to upgrade than the large equipment components at the plant.

Using two phases for the upgrade will allow better control of the project and less immediate cost until the main PLC and communications loop upgrade is completed.

## LASSO LESSONS

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Being positive doesn't erase challenges, but it makes them easier: Lasso is a super upbeat guy, but that doesn't mean bad things don't happen to him. It's life. (Well, it's TV life). Many challenges test Lasso, but he's able to rebound a little easier thanks to this positive outlook on life.

Be humble: Lasso may not win 'em all, but when he does win he takes it in stride, knowing that it's hard work and determination that got him there, not his ego.

I'm not sure what my plans are this Sunday, but I may just re-watch a few "Ted Lasso" episodes to get ready for the week ahead.

Who's inspiring you lately? Email me at ecaswell@ mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.



## **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**IF WALLS DON'T** work, then why did Democrats build one around the capitol?

**STILL NOT WATCHING** football; the NFL is dead to me. The league can keep all that 'woke' nonsense to themselves.

WHAT'S UP WITH mail distribution centers? Can't depend on timely deliveries. We used to receive mail before noon, now lucky by early to middle of the evening when it's dark and have to retrieve the next morning. Totally unacceptable.

**TO THE HOT-LINER** that asked if we could get past 'the firsts.' You're absolutely spot-on. I've been saying that very thing for some time now.

WHEN ROMNEY AND Ryan ran, they were pushing the elderly off the cliff, fear mongering fiction. During COVID-19, Democrat governors' nursing home policies killed many of the elderly and won't allow the facts to come out. Right Gretchen and Andrew?



#### **Justice for all**

Our justice system is divided into two types of cases — civil and criminal.

During my years as an attorney and then a judge it has been my experience that on balance it appears there are times when more information is provided to criminal defendants as to their rights, remedies, and court procedures, than to civil litigants.

As an example, in criminal cases at the district court arraignment, every defendant charged with a crime is informed of their constitutional rights, either orally or in writing by a judge. There is no comparable in-person explanation for civil defendants who have been sued for money damages and then served with a summons and complaint. Some defendants wonder what they do next, especially when they don't have the money to hire an attorney. There are times when they do nothing and a

default judgment is entered against them.

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A lack of knowledge also is an issue in many other areas of the civil law whether the unrepresented are plaintiffs or defendants.

Recognizing this and other civil issues, the Michigan Supreme Court formed the "Justice For All Task Force" in May 2019, to assess the current state of our civil justice system and to develop a strategic action plan to ensure 100 percent access to justice.

After 18 months of incredibly hard work and dedication the Task Force published its 92 page "Strategic Plan and Inventory Report" in December 2020.

Generally speaking, the Report identifies a number of ways that justice stakeholders including the courts, the State Bar of Michigan, legal aid services, and other institutions, can work together to make our civil court system better by providing a safe, accessible, and trusting experience for everyone.

The recommendations include streamlining procedures, educating parties on remote access, providing affordable legal services, and better referral systems. There are many more.

On Jan. 26, 2021, the Supreme Court announced the formation of the "Michigan Justice For All Commission" to implement the Strategic Plan.

When all is said and done, it is hoped that Michigan's civil justice system will be a model for the nation.

"Justice For All" means just what it says and all of us must constantly strive to provide it.

For those interested the Report is available on the Michigan Supreme Court website.

## Animal cruelty suspect arrested

■Released on GPS tether, not allowed to own animals

### By Hannah Ball

The man facing four counts of animal cruelty or neglect was arrested Friday, Feb. 5.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest warrant for Justin Colin Young-Duncan, 33, on Feb. 3 when Sheriff Chris Swanson announced the case of three dogs found in a home on Dec. 30, 2020.

The first dog was dead and hadn't eaten for 60 to 90 days. The second dog almost starved to death. The third dog was healthier and walking around. There was no water out for the dogs.



Justin Colin Young-Duncan

The two dogs that survived have been rehabilitated and they're set for adoption.

According to Genesee County 67th District Court records, Young-Duncan now has a Detroit address.

Young-Duncan is facing three, fouryear felonies of animal torture/killing, each in the third-degree, and one count of animal abandonment and cruelty, which is a one-year felony. His case is being processed through the Genesee County 67th District Court.

Bond is set for \$4,000. A pretrial release order was granted. Young-Duncan has a GPS tether and is not allowed to own animals.





## Public hearing scheduled for Beacon & Bridge

The Linden Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the topic of a conditional rezoning request by Rare Holdings, LLC (Beacon & Bridge). The owners wish to rezone the gas station and convenience store, at the corner of 110 E. Broad St. and 111 S. Bridge St., from CBD, Central Business District to the GC, General Commercial District.

This meeting will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone) due to health concerns surround-

ing coronavirus/ COVID-19 in accordance with Michigan Public Act 228 of 2020. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodations for this meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Deputy City Clerk at (810) 735-7980, or deputyclerk@lindenmi. us by 4 p.m. the day prior to the meeting.

Go to lindenmi.us for the Zoom link.

## Bronco crashes into city sign

■Fenton police seek arrest warrant for operating a vehicle while under influence of drugs

Fenton police are seeking an arrest warrant against a 54-year-old Fenton woman after she crashed her new Ford Bronco into a city of Fenton sign and guy wires at 10:25 a.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Police believe alcohol or drugs could be a factor in the crash.

Lt. Jeff Cross said the woman was traveling westbound on Silver Lake Road. At the curve near Poplar Street, her vehicle drove straight toward the sign, missing a short pole with a traffic button by inches. The impact with the sign caused the vehicle's airbags to deploy. The driver sustained some lacerations and bruises from the airbags and seatbelt.

Cross said the concrete base was heavily damaged and the sign was tilted. City officials will assess the damage.

STAT EMS transported the driver to the hospital for observation. The warrant for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is pending lab results.

Fenton police and fire departments responded to the scene in 14-degree temperatures.

## MCC is part of Michigan Reconnect

■ Eligible individuals can apply for free tuition program at community college

Mott Community College (MCC) is part of the Michigan Reconnect program enabling people aged 25 years and older to attend community college tuition-free.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Michiganders to pursue their educational and career goals tuition free," said MCC President Beverly Walker-Griffea. "Michigan Reconnect will help individuals prepare to be part of a talented and modern workforce in a competitive job market."

Michigan Reconnect is a scholarship program that will pay the cost of tuition for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college, and offers a large tuition discount for those attending an out-of-district community college.

Reconnect is a last-dollar program, which means that Pell grant funds are

applied to tuition and fees bill first, with Reconnect paying what's not covered by Pell. For students who do not qualify for a Pell grant, Reconnect will pay the full cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and contact hours. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) is administering Reconnect in partnership with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Students can use the scholarship to complete an associate degree or a skill certificate program.

#### To be eligible, a student must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

To apply and learn more about Michigan Reconnect, visit michigan. gov/reconnect/

Application opens Feb. 2.

# Fenton Fire Department to use grant for equipment

## ■Will replace 14-yearold SCBA mask fit testing machine

#### **By Sharon Stone**

The Fenton Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for \$12,000 for the replacement of its self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) mask fit testing machine. The fire department's current machine, which was purchased in 2007 through the same grant program, has reached the end of its life cycle.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff told Fenton City Council on Monday, Feb. 8 that the federal portion of the grant is \$11,428.57 and the city has a 5-percent match requirement of \$571.43.

Cairnduff sent out a request for quotes with two potential vendors. There are two manufacturers of these machines, however, the fire department would like to continue with the brand that they currently have since they already have the mask adapters with their current machine that will work with the new machine. This will save the city about \$1,700 by staying with the same brand.

The current brand is Occupational Health Dynamics OHD device. Cairnduff said they have been waiting for the manufacturer to release its new model (Quantifit 2) and it was released in January.

Both companies that the fire department received quotes from offered a trade in value of \$1,500 for the old machine.

Cairnduff requested to purchase the Quantifit 2 fit testing machine with a five-year calibration, extended warranty, and maintenance contract from MES-Douglas Safety for \$11,975.83.

The second quote came from Premier Fire Rescue.

Fenton City Council approved the request during its Zoom meeting on Monday, Feb. 8.





## SpartanNash Foundation, VG's team up with shoppers

## ■To support Habitat for Humanity of Genesee County to build stronger communities

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity (Genesee Habitat) is proud to partner with the SpartanNash Foundation during its retail scan campaign to build stronger communities.

Between Feb. 10 and 21, store guests who visit any VG's store in Genesee County will have the opportunity to donate \$1, \$5, \$10 or round up to the nearest dollar at any checkout lane, with 100 percent of dollars raised granted to Genesee Habitat.

"We are extremely grateful for the

support from SpartanNash and our local VG's stores, especially during this difficult time when decent, affordable shelter is so critical to one's health," said Tom Hutchison, Genesee Habitat executive director.

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Intotal, 49 local Habitats in eight states will receive monetary support thanks to the SpartanNash Foundation scan to build a path toward homeownership. One hundred percent of all funds raised during the Foundation scan campaign will go directly to local Habitats' homebuilding initiatives.

SpartanNash underwrites the costs to run the scan campaign, contributes funding and encourages associates to volunteer with local Habitat partners.

"The SpartanNash Foundation is our company's charitable giving arm, supporting community nonprofit organizations that provide hunger relief, secure shelter, support our military heroes and advance diversity and inclusion initiatives," said Meredith Gremel, vice president of corporate affairs and communications and executive director of the SpartanNash Foundation. "Through our retail scan campaigns, we have developed many strong partnerships with local Habitats, and we are excited to join with our store guests, associates

and Habitat partners to continue to build stronger communities in 2021."

Since 2006, SpartanNash, the SpartanNash Foundation and generous store guests have raised and granted nearly \$2.1 million to support local Habitat affiliates' homebuilding initiatives.

SpartanNash is the sixth largest food distributor in the United States and has more than 120 corporate-owned stores in eight states participating in the companywide retail scan campaign.

In 2020, more than \$827,000 was granted through the SpartanNash Foundation's companywide scan campaigns, benefitting local Habitat for Humanity, patriotic and food pantry partners.

## **GAS PRICES**

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Flint is priced at \$2.39/gallon Feb. 8 while the most expensive is \$2.69/gallon, a difference of 30.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state

today is \$2.17/gallon while the highest is \$2.74/gallon, a difference of 57.0 cents per gallon.

According to the GasBuddy app, gas prices in Linden on Monday ranged from \$2.53/gallon to \$2.69/gallon. In

Fenton gas was selling for \$2.44/gallon to \$2.55/gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.45/g today. The national average is up 13.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Flint and the national average going back ten years:

• Feb. 8, **2020**: \$2.30/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)

• Feb. 8, **2019**: \$2.26/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g)

• Feb. 8, **2018**: \$2.56/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)

• Feb. 8, **2017**: \$2.16/g (U.S. Average: \$2.26/g)

Feb. 8, 2016: \$1.42/g (U.S. Average: \$1.73/g)
Feb. 8, 2015: \$2.21/g

(U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)
• Feb. 8, **2014**: \$3.20/g

(U.S. Average: \$3.26/g)
• Feb. 8, **2013**: \$3.73/g
(U.S. Average: \$3.57/g)

• Feb. 8, **2012**: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.48/g)

• Feb. 8, **2011**: \$3.18/g (U.S. Average: \$3.11/g)

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## Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

**Ann Arbor:** \$2.46/gallon, up 6.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.39/gallon.

**Detroit:** \$2.45/gallon, up 7.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.38/gallon. **Lansing:** \$2.52/gallon, up 17.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.34/gallon.

"Many factors continue to push oil prices higher, but at the foundation of the rise is the fact that the coronavirus situation continues to improve, pushing global oil demand higher as production continues to lag, pushing U.S. gas prices higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Until OPEC intercedes and raises oil production in the months ahead, motorists should continue to expect rising gas prices, which for the first time some time stand at their highest in over a year, adding misery to the dire economic situation as millions remain jobless. The news won't likely improve in the months ahead, with continued increases in gas prices as OPEC maintains a tight balance between reduced demand and supply, keeping prices on the higher side."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.



## **SELLING WATER**

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They have a meeting with DMK this week to discuss the topic.

The property is in Fenton Township. On Monday, Jan. 18, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved rezoning the 8.26-acre property.

8.26-acre property. Linden mayor
The vacant property
is rezoned from Horizon Park PUD to
DMK Assisted Living PUD, Planned
Unit Development. Developers are
one step closer to building an 83-bed
assisted living facility called Silver

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) also needs to review and approve the request.

Lake Road Assisted Living.

At the Monday meeting, Glass said they want to provide sustainable drinking water in a manner that's feasible to the city. They heard back from HRC about providing water to the assisted living facility, and the company said they could provide it "relatively easily."

They would need to make an agreement that lays out the cost, length of time they would use the city's water and more. Glass said the owners of the assisted living facility would be charged more than city residents, and they would pay a premium price.

Tom Trice, interim director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), said they'd be able to build a tank for the development to bring water to the residents and for fire protection, however, they would need a booster pump system to improve the pressure of the water. This would have to be paid for in part by developers.

Trice said it would be a good revenue source for the city.

Councilor Ray Culbert said he thinks it's a "great idea." His main concern is about capacity and pressure, and he doesn't want the council to put the city in a situation where they could potentially limit development in Linden because they're selling water to outside communities.

"We don't want to short our own residents and businesses and take away capacity we may need in the future in the city," he said. He added that the pressure problem is "significant" and said residents tell him they have issues.

Councilor Brad Dick said he has

concerns about pressure and being able to provide the water. He said the city is due for a water reliability study.

Mayor Danielle Cusson agreed and

**44**The more

information we can

have, the better. 77

**Danielle Cusson** 

said the last time they did a water reliability study was 2015. She said if the city is due for another study, then they might not be ready to make a decision on this soon.

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"The more information we can have, the better," she said.

Glass said they'll meet with developers later this week.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

TIRED OF FIRSTS? Spoken from true white male privilege.

PRIORITIZING ANIMALS AHEAD of humans is immoral. Where are the investigations?

TO THE HOT-LINER who says we still must wear masks after we've been vaccinated. When do you think we can stop wearing masks? No science yet that shows we can still infect. Let's stop this madness

QUESTION: IF 60 percent of the

people who got the COVID shot were white isn't 60 percent of the entire population white people?

BIDEN DOESN'T CARE about the climate. The only reason he shut down the Keystone pipeline is because the oil companies will have to use Warren Buffet's rail lines. It's merely a kickback to Democrat donors. Follow the money trail.

**DOES ANYONE KNOW** what is up with that boarded up house next to the Huntington Bank? Seems like that would be prime real estate for development.



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY DO YOU bring up for me to turn off my natural gas and not using gasoline? One can support trying to improve our environment yet continue to use our current resources. As for my reduced relief checks, they went to charity.

THE REASON REPUBLICANS call you 'socialists' isn't because you care about other Americans, it's because you never consider how to fund your welfare programs. Your comfort with taking

other people's money is offensive and socialist.

THE THREE SNOWMOBILES riding at the Linden County Park were on the clearly marked 'Non-Motorized Trail.' Just being a taxpayer does not give you the right to ignore the rules. Ride

somewhere else.

WHY CAN ST. John's have that eyesore of a storage bin/dumpster out in plain sight for well over a year, but if I try to sell a car parked in my yard on Silver Lake Road, the city of Fenton shows up in under four hours with threats of fines.

### CONSUMERS

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"Small businesses are the backbone of the communities we serve, and every community has seen those businesses feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience. "With Our Town, we are excited to put dollars directly into shoppers' hands to help them stretch their budgets and give a boost to shops and restaurants."

The promotion began Feb. 8 and will run until the donated funds are depleted. Unless noted otherwise, community

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- The Coffee Beanery (Miller Road location only)
- · Cork on Saginaw
- Donna's Donuts
- Edible Arrangements Grand Blanc
- Fenton Winery & Brewery
- Fireside Coffee Co.
- Great Harvest Bread Company

- Halo Burger (Online gift card purchases only)
- Hoffman's Deco Deli & Cafe
- Italia Gardens (Flint, Grand Blanc and Davison locations only)
- Luigi's & El Toro Sports Bar
- Pesto's
- · Redwood Steakhouse
- Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse (Fenton and Flint locations only)
- Sauce Italian American Kitchen
- Semi-Sweets LLC (Flint Farmers' Market location only)
- · Sherman's Lounge
- · Soriano's Mexican Kitchen
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• Sweets by Suzanne Marie

This isn't the first time Consumers Energy has partnered with the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce to assist businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The company also provided financial support for the Restart Flint & Genesee Small Business Grant Program in 2020.

"We are grateful for the continued support of Consumers Energy," Johnston said. "The company has shown time and time again its commitment to Michigan's businesses and workers."

To learn more about the gift card match program, visit flintandgenesee.org/ourtown.

## CITY OF FENTON NOTICE OF MARCH 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW

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Please take notice that the City of Fenton 2021 March Board of Review will be held <u>electronically</u> at the dates and times provided in this Notice. This meeting is being held electronically, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, et seq. The 2021 March Board of Review is being held electronically to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health. All members are attending remotely.

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- 5. Further information and materials related to this meeting can be found on the City's website at www.cityoffenton.org.

## Sahr headed to Hillsdale College to play volleyball

#### **By David Troppens**

Sydney Sahr has had a successful prep volleyball career with the Fenton Tigers.

The middle blocker was a First Team Metro League Stripes Division player during her junior and senior seasons, earning a spot on the All-Region team this fall.

But her volleyball career didn't end with

the Tigers during the fall. Sahr will be headed to Hillsdale College during the 2021-22 school year.

"I have always loved the game of volleyball," Sahr said. "Knowing I get to compete at the collegiate level is exciting. Playing at Hillsdale means I get the opportunity to play at a higher level than I

have ever experienced."

Sahr was looking at Cedarville University, Ferris State University and Lake Superior State as well.

"My travel volleyball coach, Eric Lazowski, prompted me to reach out to them and visit," Sahr said. "When I got

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# Sports Times

Fenton's Sydney Sahr







## Fenton ski co-op teams take first, second at divisional meet

#### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton/Lake Fenton/Linden coop ski program had a pretty successful performance at the Division Meet at Mt. Holly.

The boys team took first place in the slalom and giant slalom events and captured the Divisional meet championship. Meanwhile, the girls took first in the giant slalom and placed second in the slalom, finishing second at the meet.

The Holly/Oxford squad saw its girls team take third at the event while the boys finished in fourth.

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton boys took first in both the slalom and the giant slalom.

Two of the Fenton co-op skiers for the squad are Ryland Fairbanks (top) and Lara Kemp (direct left).

**Photos: Christopher Summers** 

The squad had the runner-up in each event. In the giant slalom, Brooks Funke took second with the two-run combined time of 46.81 seconds. He was followed by Gavin Thomas, tied for fourth (47.48), Jack Antonishek in sixth (47.79) and Simon Dicks in seventh (47.90).

In the slalom event, Ryland Fairbanks was the team's top performer, placing second overall with a combined time of 54.29 seconds. The rest of the team's scoring performers were Funke in third (54.50), Antonishek in sixth (55.96) and Nate Hiscock in eighth (57.03).

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton girls won the giant slalom portion of the divisional event. Rylan Sheffield took second in the event with a two-run combined time of 49.27 seconds.

The rest of the team's scoring skiers were Lilah Dagenais in fourth (49.67), Daisey Horne in sixth (51.11) and Lara Kemp in 10th (52.34).

The squad placed second in the slalom portion. Sheffield tied for third with her time of 59.35 seconds. The rest of the scoring performers were Horne in seventh (1:00.80), Dagenais in eighth (1:01.75) and Kemp in ninth (1:02.60).

Holly/Oxford's girls scored 58 points and placed fourth in the slalom. Natalie Nichols led the team with a combined time of 1:02.76. She was followed by Ashley Parsico in 15th (1:05.94), Molly Reese in 16th (1:06.14), and Olivia Drobnich in 17th (1:06.37).

In the giant slalom Persico took eighth with a time of 51.68. She was followed by Nichols in ninth (51.91),

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## Tigers compete vs. tough squads in swim quad

#### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity boys swim team competed against three quality opponents Saturday, and earned some solid event results.

Dexter won the event. Brother Rice and Mason were the other two teams at the meet.

Fenton took first place in two of the 12 events. The Tigers' 200 freestyle relay team of Kaz Sieja, Jack Fries, Max Haney and Gavin Crews won their event with a time of 1:30.53. Haney also won an individual event, taking the top spot in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.77. Haney also had one of the Tigers' four individual second-place efforts. He was second in the 500 freestyle (4:54.44).

Haney also was a part of a Fenton relay that earned second place. He teamed with Fries, Braden Falvo and Crews to post a second-place time of 3:20.98 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Three other seconds were earned by Tigers in individual events. Fries took second in the 100 backstroke (56.04), Crews in the 100 freestyle (49.03) and Sieja in the 100 backstroke (1:09.21).

Fries and Crews also earned individual third-place efforts.

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Fenton teammates encourage Mike Crane during a recent meet.

**Photo: David Troppens** 



### PLAY

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on campus for an official visit, Hillsdale had everything I wanted. Hillsdale • was in a small town, had a competitive volleyball program, offered pre med, had a level of maturity to its players and pursued excellence in everything they did. I knew I had to go there."

Hillsdale is a member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC), and a Division II NCAA school. Usually volleyball is played during the fall, but due to COVID-19, the season was moved to the winter. Hillsdale currently holds a 5-0 record and is ranked No. 2 in the AVCA coaches poll. Since joining the G-MAC they've won three consecutive G-MAC tournament titles. The squad has had plenty of NCAA postseason success as well, competing in the D2 NCAA tourney each of the last three years and four • of the last five. The Chargers advanced to • the Sweet 16 round in 2019.

Sahr expects to remain in the middle blocking position, but knows she'll have to earn her playing time at a high-level • program like Hillsdale.

"I am prepared to be challenged and to be an underdog," Sahr said.

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## LFLF gymnasts improve team score in second meet

#### **By David Troppens**

The Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton co-op varsity gymnastics recorded a team score of 135.175 in its first meet of the

The squad posted a pretty impressive improvement in its second meet.

The LFLF co-op improved their team score by almost three points in a 138.325-138.125 loss against the Fowlerville-Byron co-op.

The team's top performance was by Apryl Smith who scored a 9.50 on the floor, a .25 improvement from the first meet of the season. Smith also recorded a 9.0 on the vault. Meanwhile, Lauren Hayden had a strong meet as well. She posted the team's highest score on the beam with a 9.25 and a 9.175 **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM** • on the floor. Maty Temrowski

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also had a 9.05 on the beam.

On the vault, other team qualifying scores were posted by Hayden, Temrowski and Avery Miller.

On the bars, Smith, Hayden, Temrowski and Miller posted the team qualifying scores while on the beam Smith and Natasha Dudin had the other two teamqualifying scores.

Finally, Temrowski and Kynleigh Copeland had team counting scores during the floor exercise.

The squad's next meet is Friday at home.

Eva Lau performs the floor exercise during a recent meet. The LFLF co-op gymnastics team posted a team score of 138.125 during its second meet.

**Photos: Christopher Summers** 



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## DIVISIONAL

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Drobnich in 16th (54.21) and Rees in 18th (54.75).

The Holly/Oxford boys took second in the giant slalom portion of the divisional. Jacob Denman led the team by taking third (47.37), followed by Eric Ranck

tied in fourth (47.84), Joe Kittle in 15th (49.74) and Keoni Cabatingan in 20th (52.18).

In the slalom the Holly/Oxford boys took third. Denman led the team in fourth (54.77), followed by Ranck in fifth (55.49), Kittle in 17th (1:02.61) and Alec Curtis in 19th (1:03.29).

## **PREP REPORT**

#### **BOYS BOWLING**

- ► Corunna 26, Linden 4: The Eagles were led by Austin Huyck who rolled games of 189 and 187 for a two-game series of 376. Brendyn Sinn had a 174 game and a series score of 336
- ► Goodrich 27, Holly 3: The Bronchos were paced by Ryan Dalton's 172-204-376 two-game series. Ryan Sparklin had a 161-170-331 series.
- ► Holly 23, Brandon 7: Sean Dankert bowled a 223-196-419 series, leading the Bronchos to their first victory of the season. Justin Mallory had Holly's best individual game, bowling a 231. He had a 403 series. Ryan Dalton also had a 192-217-409 series. The Bronchos also won the first Baker game, 203-194.
- Swartz Creek 28, Linden 2: Tyler

Smith led the Eagles with a 182-114-296 series. Austin Huyck had a 161 game.

#### **GIRLS BOWLING**

- Corunna 29, Linden 1: Cassie Most led the Eagles with a 175-165-340 twogame series. Desiree Lane also had a 150 game.
- ► Goodrich 27, Holly 3: Emily Sorter led the Bronchos with a 122-142-264 two-game series.
- ► Swartz Creek 28, Linden 2: Lilly Herbst and Cassie Most led the Eagles with each bowling a 350 two-game series. Herbst had games of 160 and 190 while Most had games of 172 and 178.
- ▶ Brandon 29, Holly 1: Laken Pionter led the Bronchos with a 135-157-292 two-game series. Emily Sorter had a 148 game.





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# Obituaries

## **Travis E. Prince**

1935 - 2021

Travis E.
Prince - age
85, of Fenton,
died Friday,
February,
5, 2021. A
memorial
service will
be held 3 PM
Saturday,
February 13,
2021 at Fast
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3164 Coldwater Rd., Mt. Morris 48458. The family will receive friends from 1 - 3 PM Saturday at Fast Lane Auto Exchange. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Travis was born in Tyler, MO on September 7, 1935 the son of Ellery & Mildred (Newland) Prince, one of 11 siblings. His career started out with him working in a concrete business. With hard work & dedication, he opened his own construction business that gave him the opportunity to acquire a restaurant, starting a hugely successful auction and he even dabbled in owning a hockey team -The Flint Generals. He loved playing golf, the proof remains in the dozens of trophies he has collected throughout the years. Travis was known as someone who would do anything for anyone in need.



him smile. Travis had a very blessed life. Surviving are wife of 63.5 years, Nancy Prince; son, Dr. Troy Prince; daughter, Julie Stemple; granddaughters, Jordan Tigner-Prince and McKenzie Miller; four siblings, Ralph, Wayne, Lloyd and Larry Prince. He was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings; daughter, Kim Prince and grandson, Brandon Miller. The family would like to thank everyone at Vicinia Gardens, as well as his hospice caregivers, for the graciousness they provided Travis in his last years. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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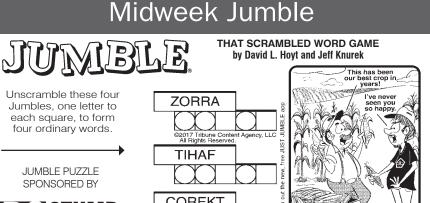
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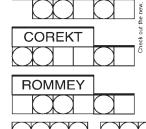
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## **ARIES**

Mar 21/Apr 20

An open discussion with a loved one yields positive results. Take what is said to heart and work on strengthening this relationship even further going forward.

## **TAURUS**

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, reassess your finances before making a big financial commitment. Start adding things up and comparing expenses to income before signing on any dotted lines.

#### **GEMINI**

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, some time off spent entirely with family and friends is just what the doctor ordered. Cherish this time and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy it with those you love.

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#### **CANCER**

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, some time alone may be necessary to figure out a problem. Once you can get free of distractions, the solution will present itself rather quickly.

## **LEO**

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, now is the time to begin planning an important project. Your mind is clear and you have the time, so embrace your creative side as you begin to hash things out.

#### **VIRGO**

Aug 24/Sept 22

Spiritual endeavors may take up much of your time this week, Virgo. Surround yourself with other spiritual people or examine your faith more deeply on your own.

## **LIBRA**

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a change of scenery can be just what you need. A day trip to enjoy the great outdoors can prove refreshing and provide some new perspective.

#### **SCORPIO**

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a new person in your life proves invigorating. Foster this relationship and be grateful for the opportunity to invite a new person into your life.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, a new hobby piques your interest. Introduce others to this activity and enjoy pursuing this newfound passion with someone vou care about.

#### **CAPRICORN**

Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright if it seems like you're a beat behind everyone else this week, Capricorn. You will catch up soon enough and others are more than capable of picking up the slack.

## **AQUARIUS**

For the week of **February 8, 2021** 

Jan 21/Feb 18

An attraction to someone you meet this week catches you off guard, Aquarius. Forge ahead and explore these feelings if your situation allows

## **PISCES**

Feb 19/Mar 20

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- 2. Select a store with the delivery feature
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- 4. Relax and prepare your taste buds!

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