

Linden receives milestone award

■ Mayor accepts 150th birthday plaque at ceremony at Linden Gazebo

By Hannah Ball

Linden — With the sun shining and the Shiawassee River flowing in the

background, dignitaries and Linden officials spoke at the Saturday, July 17 ceremony to celebrate Linden's 150th birthday.

Standing in the newly renovated gazebo, Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson accepted the Michigan Mile-

stone Award from the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) to commemorate the city's sesquicentennial.

Cusson said Michigan approved the articles of incorporation for the village of Linden on March 2, 1871.

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Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson (right) accepts the Michigan Milestone Award from Maria Elena Rodriguez, a representative of the Historical Society of Michigan, on Saturday, July 17 to commemorate Linden's sesquicentennial. Photo: Hannah Ball



Open Gate
Garden Club
2021 Tour this
Sunday

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Fundraising efforts continue

■ Circuit court judge grants stay for dogs in rehabilitation program at The Devoted Barn

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County judge overseeing Rose Township's lawsuit against The Devoted Barn granted a stay June 23 for the

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The Devoted Barn founder Melissa Borden holds Doodle, who needed leg surgery. Submitted photo

Linden's River Fest



One of the nineteen contestants climbs into his cardboard boat during the regatta at River Fest, organized by Keepers of the Shiawassee, on Saturday, July 17 in Linden at the Mill Pond. First place was Coltin Bugg, 11, second place was Adam Keranen, 9, and third place was Cole Sawatzki. The weekend was filled with river activities, live music, food trucks and more. See story on Page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

Police seek masked home intruder with red clown nose

■ Detectives investigate daytime home invasion

By Sharon Stone

The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating a home invasion, which occurred Saturday, July 10 at a home in

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Bicycle theft incident leads to arrest of armed felon

■ Fenton cop spots suspect at nearby restaurant

By Sharon Stone

Within an hour, two stolen bicycles were located and returned to two boys who had leaned them against the side

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“Wow, the Fenton Village Players have outdone themselves. Their production of ‘Something Rotten,’ a musical comedy, is entertaining, funny and performed by very talented people. You must pay attention to enjoy the one-liners and facial expressions. Even if you don’t like musicals, you should enjoy this one. I sure did.”



“Happy 150th Linden. What a wonderful ceremony to kick off Linden’s 150th Anniversary. It is

just too bad that more of the younger generation couldn’t take the time to bring their families to this momentous occasion.”

“So the post office is asking for a rate increase effective in August? How about no Sunday delivery? That should save money. Why do we need Sunday delivery anyway?”



**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**The right of confrontation**

A fundamental right that a defendant has in a criminal case is contained in the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provides that “in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him.”

This is commonly referred to as the “Confrontation Clause” and guarantees that a defendant has the right to the cross-examination of any prosecution witnesses to test the truthfulness of their testimony and to show any bias.

This amendment was ratified by Congress in 1791 because of the universal condemnation of the inquisitorial methods of the Star Chamber in England which did not provide such safeguards.

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■ Fenton police arrest two men for shooting multiple guns near S. Long Lake Road

By Sharon Stone

A 30-year-old Swartz Creek man and a 32-year-old Fenton man are facing multiple felonies after their arrests Saturday, July 17. They have not yet been arraigned.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said at 11:25 p.m., July 17, officers responded to the 2400 block of S. Long Lake Road near Swanee Beach Drive for a report of shots fired.

The responding officer made contact with the complainant who pointed to the direction of where the shots fired came from. The officer approached the area and observed two males sitting in a Chrysler minivan. When the officer made contact with the individuals in the van, he observed several firearms on the floorboard and rear seat in the van.

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Attendees of the Open Gate Garden Club's 2021 Garden Tour will be stopping at these two gardens, designed and tended to by local residents. **Submitted photos**

**‘Celebrate the Joy of Horticulture’**

■ Open Gate Garden Club's 2021 Garden Tour is set for Sunday, July 25

By Sharon Stone

Community members of all ages are invited to attend the 2021 Garden Tour, hosted by the Open Gate Garden Club from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, Sunday, July 25.

The light-hearted theme this year is “Celebrate the Joy of Horticulture — Wings Welcome!” Children of all ages (1-99-plus) are encouraged to wear their wings (and antennae) for extra smiles as they make their way along the stops.

This tour showcases the diverse gardening opportunities available with woodlands, farmland, rivers, and lakes — all within minutes of downtown Fenton, brimming with parks, award-winning streetscapes, tranquil neighborhoods and unique shops and restaurants.

This event is a merging of local heart and spirit.

The tour begins at the Fenton Butterfly Garden with information available on how to grow a home butterfly garden.

Five private gardens will welcome participants, each exuding their own beauty. Those on the tour will view woodlands with natural wildflowers, ponds, garden art, exotic lilies, dahlias, vegetable gardening, an apple orchard, a labyrinth, a lakeside waterfall and much more.

The tour includes an additional stop at a Hosta Farm, with some plants for sale, and where private tea parties may be scheduled by appointment. A local nursery is hosting a live community planting for children.

Kids with ticket-holding adults also will be given the opportunity to decorate

a pot and plant a seed to take home to nurture.

On the same day, Forgotten Harvest Farm is holding an Open House for those interested in learning more about their mission of growing and distributing food for families in need. Tour attendees will find more information about this open house on their tour ticket.

TICKETS

Tickets bought in advance are \$8 each. Children 12 and under are free with paying adult. Tickets will list the locations and provide information about each tour stop. Tickets are available from the following merchants:

- Gerych's Distinctive Flowers and Gifts, 713 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton
- Yard 'N Garden Center and Florist, 603 W Silver Lake Rd, Fenton
- Bordine's of Grand Blanc, 9100 Torrey Rd, Grand Blanc

Tickets on Tour Day are \$10 each and are available only at AJ Phillips Museum, 310 S. LeRoy St., Fenton.

About the Open Gate Garden Club

The Open Gate Garden Club is in Fenton and currently has 135 members. The club holds monthly meetings featuring a guest speaker who will discuss a variety of garden topics. They also hold an annual Garden Tour in the area. Open Gate Garden Club is a membership club for Fenton and surrounding area community members who share a love of gardening or admire gardens.

Their objectives:

- Encourage all phases of home gardening
- Promote community projects utilizing environmental responsibility
- Inspire a love of nature and beauty

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River Fest in Linden a 'wonderful success'

■ Organizer says 4,000 people attended weekend event

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Thousands of people walked around downtown Linden from July 16-18 to celebrate River Fest and the city's 150th birthday.

The 2020 River Fest was canceled due to the pandemic, and this year's River Fest and birthday celebration was one of the biggest events in the area in 16 months.

Brad Jacob, chairperson of Keepers of the Shiawassee, estimates approximately 4,000 people attended. It was put on by Linden, Keepers of the Shiawassee and Happening in Linden. In 2019, River Fest was in Fenton. It's been a few years since it took place in Linden.

"River Fest was a wonderful success this year. Everything went really well. Thanks to the efforts of the Happening in Linden committee, the city of Linden, the Keepers of the Shiawassee, and so many local civic groups, businesses and individuals. The real success was seeing so many smiling faces all weekend," he said.

The car cruise at Symphony in



Bands perform at River Fest at the newly renovated gazebo, now called the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park. Attendants enjoyed the live music, food and nice weather. Photo: Hannah Ball

Linden, live music at the gazebo, and the beer barn at the VFW Hall started the festivities on Friday, and Saturday was the Linden Gazebo dedication and plaque dedication for the city's sesquicentennial from the Historical Society of Michigan. The day ended with fireworks. Vendors and food trucks were there the

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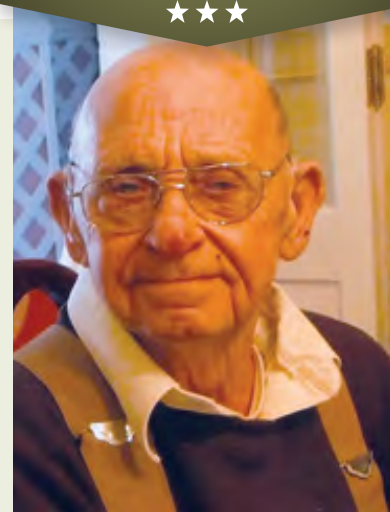
Keepers of the Shiawassee chairperson

entire weekend.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "I was very pleased with how the weekend turned out and pleasantly surprised with the number of people who came out for the festivities. I received so much positive feedback. I am very proud to be the mayor of this See **RIVERFEST** on 5

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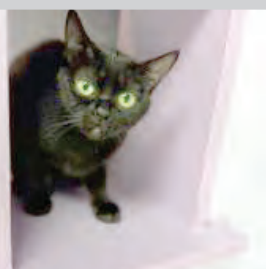
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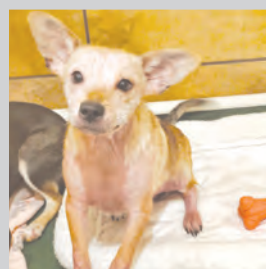
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Sharin' the spotlight

Appreciating the friendly smiles while shopping locally

By Editor Sharon Stone

With this pandemic going on for nearly a year-and-a-half, we've all adjusted our way of life and adapted to keep our households running smoothly, or at least attempted to keep things running smoothly.

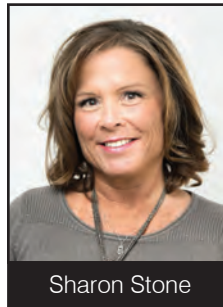
Take our local stores and restaurants that stayed open throughout this whole time. They could have closed up shop and sent all their employees home in their effort to keep everyone safe from the virus. A few places did, but most did not. It has been stressful on everyone. As part owner of the Sears Hometown Store, I hear the challenges of serving anxious and nervous customers. As editor of the Times, I hear from our readers on a daily basis via the Hot lines. I can feel the stress and anxiety as well as the hope and optimism that we will all emerge out of this pandemic kinder and wiser.

Shopping has always been fun for me. While I do shop online just a little bit, I only do that when I cannot run to the neighborhood store

and find what I need. I know how important it is to keep our locally owned businesses thriving. I know many people shopped online at the local grocery stores and pharmacies during the pandemic to stay socially distant or to not have to drag their kids to the store. I understand that, however, I chose to always do my own shopping in person. It was a welcome treat to run into a friendly employee who was obviously grateful for my business.

I am grateful to one female clerk at Walgreens on Silver Lake Road in Fenton. I don't know her name. It didn't matter what day it was. She would welcome me, and every other shopper into her store with a smile and ask if there was anything she could do. If I browsed the cosmetic aisle, she'd make sure I knew the specials and would hand me coupons so that I'd save money.

For groceries, because of where I live, I either go to either VG's in Fenton or Alpine Marketplace in Linden. I'd often stop at Target to pick up an item or 20 too. I always



Sharon Stone

felt safe and welcomed at these stores as there was always an employee sanitizing shopping carts and welcoming me with a smile. Sometimes the smile was covered with a mask, but I could tell by their eyes that they were smiling. I appreciate that.

I love to check out our little shops that are owned by local residents. Throughout the pandemic, they were constantly changing what they did to accommodate state mandates while dealing with low inventory on some items, late deliveries because drivers were sick, employees who had to quarantine and customers who were frustrated when they couldn't find what they wanted to buy. I have grown to appreciate all of these shop owners even more now and will continue to shop in person. When I visit these businesses, I hear local chatter, get story ideas when I least expect it and find out what really concerns the people in the tri-county area.

To all the shop owners, store clerks, restaurant hosts and servers, you are appreciated.

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TO THE PERSON commenting about pressure to get vaccinated. I don't care if you do or don't. You're the one who'll be living on the edge as COVID-19 ramps up and becomes increasingly dangerous. As for the rest of us, we'll enjoy a reasonably active and normal life with no mask.

ASKING FOR A little help. Can anyone please explain to me just exactly what our state Rep. Mike Mueller has done, especially in response to COVID-19?

STRAIGHT OUT OF the Engler playbook, Whitmer used her authority to borrow \$800 million for road repairs. The loan will generate \$565 million in interest. That's half a billion in tax dollars going to investors, not roads.

PEOPLE THINK THAT those of us who are anti-mask and anti-non-FDA approved vaccine and question everything are crazy. We think you're the crazy ones for questioning nothing.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

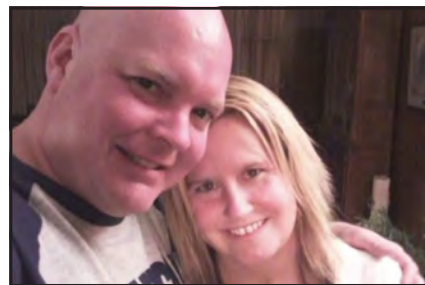
Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What was your first pet?



"Grew up on a small farm but the usual dogs, barn cats and we had licensed raccoons and skunks, and we have a skunk now too. They were some of my earliest pets."

Carrie Bard
Fenton



"A cat, her name was Timone, named after The Lion King Movie. My mother Margaret gave her to me."

Ann Rogulsky
Fenton



"My first pet would have been a horse for sure. They say get your kids into horses and they will never have the money for drugs — truth!"

Bronwyn Kershaw
Gaines



"A collie. My dad, father of eight, brought home a beautiful collie. I couldn't believe my mother agreed to it so I asked my dad how he convinced mom. He said, 'I told her she would never have to do a thing for the dog.' He had eight kids to do that, one for each day of the week and one to spare. In our entire childhood, we always had a collie. Smart move, dad."

Judy Crimando, Fenton

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RIVER FEST

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amazing city. Our city staff and volunteers put so much time into this event and the city of Linden looked great.”

The Keepers of the Shiawassee put on the annual cardboard regatta, and 19 children participated. Kids made tie dye shirts at the Linden Presbyterian Church and enjoyed the kids zone at Eagles Wooden Park.

“My personal favorite was the bands showing off the great talent from the area, but it was terrific to see a record number of cardboard canoes, 19 all together. It’s so much fun watching the kids put their boats to the test,” Jacob said. “This year was a challenge, going from what has been a one-day to a three-day event. But, it was well worth the extra work to see everyone out enjoying themselves after this last year. The community really needed this opportunity to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Linden.”

The Linden Hotel held a pancake



A few contestants in the cardboard boat regatta sink into the water. Volunteers were nearby to help. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

breakfast Sunday and had a Linden sandcastle in front of the restaurant. Sunday also was the Keepers of the Shiawassee Flotilla at the Mill Pond. Approximately 50 kayakers participated.

FELON

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of Target store off Owen Road while they shopped Thursday, July 8.

The suspect, Joel Luis Valles, 35, of Linden, faces multiple counts in Genesee County 67th District Court. He was arraigned July 12 on two counts of larceny, as well as felon in possession of a weapon, felony weapons, possession of a loaded weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon with no license. A cash surety bond of \$70,000 was ordered and he remains lodged in the Genesee County Jail. A probable cause conference is scheduled for July 22 at 1 p.m.

Sgt. Dan Forbush of the Fenton Police Department said Fenton police were dispatched to the store at 6:10 p.m. after receiving a call from a loss prevention officer.

When the boys realized their bikes were gone, Forbush said they went back in to tell an employee. The loss prevention officer viewed the surveillance video. A burgundy pickup truck was observed driving up to the bikes. A man got out of the truck, picked up the bikes, put them in the bed of the truck and drove toward the exit. The

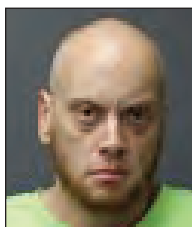
man was wearing a lime green shirt.

Forbush said Fenton police officer Travis Whitman responded to the store, obtained all of that information from the loss prevention employee and as he was driving toward the exit, he saw the suspect’s vehicle parked in the restaurant adjacent to Target’s exit. The officer walked into the restaurant and spotted the suspect, later identified as Valles, wearing a lime green shirt. When confronted, Valles claimed he thought the bicycles had been abandoned.

Whitman arrested Valles for stealing the bikes. During a search, the officer recovered a loaded and unregistered 9mm handgun from Valles’ waistband. Valles did not own the weapon and did not have a concealed pistol license (CPL).

Valles was transported to the police station for processing. Valles’ friend, a 25-year-old Flint man, who was with him at the time of the bicycle theft, was questioned. Police learned he had valid arrest warrants from another jurisdiction and was subsequently turned over to that police agency.

The bicycles were returned to the boys.



Joel Luis Valles

Gary Messenger, member of the Keepers, said it was a “great” turnout.

“It felt great to get back out to do stuff again with the public. It was great seeing people out and enjoying themselves. Because 2020, nothing went on. 2021 is a new start,” he said.

Sue Turpen, board member of Hap-pening in Linden, said they were very

happy with the outcome and showcasing Linden.

“The event was very well attended. The activities on the river were a great success. My favorite was the dedication of the new Kimble-Sharp Gazebo as we kicked off the celebration of 150 years of Linden. Such a beautiful setting on the banks of the Shiawassee River. It was and is worthy of a Hallmark card,” she said, adding that the fireworks over the Mill Pond were spectacular. “It could not have been better.”

Peter Maas, president of the Linden Mills Historical Society, said hundreds of people came through the Linden Mills Historical Museum over the weekend.

“It’s so wonderful to see the people of Linden out and about having fun,” he said. “It’s been a rewarding thing for us. It’s turning out to be a really really successful thing. It shows our resilience as a community, the way they work together, the way they have each other’s backs. Linden has recovered from the big fire, it’s recovered from COVID.”

Police Chief Scott Sutter said the event went well and there were no incidents.

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DEVOTED FARM

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dogs in the rehabilitation program and sanctuary. The personal pets were separated from the case.

Rose Township claims in a lawsuit that Melissa Borden, owner of The Devoted Barn at 1301 W. Rose Center Rd. in Rose Township, did not apply for a special use permit for a dog kennel and was running an unlawful and unpermitted dog kennel. Rose Township became aware of the animals because of a complaint made by a neighbor, who has since moved.

According to a Wednesday, Feb. 24 court order by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Leo Bowman, Borden had 14 days (March 10) to propose a plan to remove and relocate dozens of dogs from her property in 60 days (April 25). On Feb. 10, the court determined the organization had violated a previous court order to remove 21 dogs from the property.

Judge Bowman retired and has been replaced by Judge Edward Sosnick.

Regarding the June 23 decision, Joe Durocher, property manager and volunteer for the Devoted Barn,



The Devoted Barn in Rose Township has been busy fundraising to care for the animals it has rescued, as well as to pay legal fees it faces for a lawsuit filed by Rose Township. Here, these two horses are enjoying the sunshine and their new surroundings. **Submitted photo**

They can be found by searching Rose Township, Michigan.

For those that have been following The Devoted Barn's work, Durocher said the mama horses have all successfully given birth to their baby foals. "The four babies, two boys and two girls with their 'helicopter moms' are such a delight to see running around a pasture," he said.

He said because of their "amazing" fosters, they have the chance to save two cleft palate puppies that require around the clock care including tube feeding every few hours.

"None of this would be made possible without our supporters," Durocher said.

Melissa Borden, founder of The Devoted Barn, said some people might not realize that The Devoted Barn has helped law enforcement agencies worldwide. She said they've given seminars worldwide to countless animal controls and rescue organizations, assisted animal controls in large scale hoarding, major disasters such as wildfires in California and hurricanes down south, and provided a place for animal controls from multiple Michigan counties to hold their farm animals for court cases making it possible for them to prosecute abuse cases. The Devoted Barn also has won multiple international awards for its work with feral dogs, and special needs adults and children. They have four books published and for sale on Amazon with a few more almost ready to publish.

"I'm not good at tooting our own horn so these are not things I talk about," Borden said.

The Devoted Barn does stray holds and scans for microchips for loose dogs. They also have a veterans program for veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or those that really just need a purpose.

"Our purpose is to be of service to our community," Borden said.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

According to the Rose Township clerk's office, the amount paid to the township attorney for this case through the end of June is \$35,364.

said, "Both are big wins for us. We are currently finalizing the required documents for the Michigan Court of Appeals. This will be an expensive and lengthy process. We are ramping up our fundraising to get ahead."

Last weekend, The Devoted Barn had two events — a car show in Commerce on Saturday and a Boot Camp at the Under Armor Store in downtown Detroit on Sunday. The Under Armor charity event was a collaboration with Next Level Fitness.

"We are very grateful that the owner of Next Level Fitness, Chad Demchik, chose to help The Devoted Barn. All proceeds will go to The Devoted Barn.

Durocher said the Rose Township board has the ability to settle this case without further litigation, which would save thousands of nonprofit and taxpayer dollars. "We encourage everyone especially residents to attend the township meetings," he said.

Rose Township meetings also are posted to YouTube usually a day after.

“Our purpose is to be of service to our community.”

Melissa Borden
The Devoted Barn founder

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Owen/Linden intersection now a three-way stop

■ Construction causes more traffic congestion

By Hannah Ball

The Owen Road and Linden Road intersection is now a three-way stop.

The announcement was made at the Monday, July 19 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, said, "The Owen/Linden intersection...can get really congested at times. Now with traffic being rerouted because of construction, it's really un-

manageable. By the end of the week, that intersection will be a three-way stop. It's not going to alleviate the number of cars going through, but it should make it more orderly."

Construction in Fenton, with the closing of a busy section of Silver Lake Road, is causing drivers to use Linden Road and Owen Road to get from Fenton to Linden and vice versa.

The Genesee County Road Commission announced July 20 that it will be a temporary three-way stop for the remainder of the summer/fall construc-

tion season. New stop signs were placed along the road.

"With many construction projects in the area, the change is necessary to improve traffic flow and relieve congestion. The intersection operation will be monitored throughout the construction season. Motorists are advised to proceed with caution, obey all traffic control and to allow themselves additional time to reach their destinations," according to the GCRC.

For additional information, call Bonnie Wood in Traffic Engineering at (810) 767-4920.

SHOTS

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While questioning the men, they admitted to the officer that they had been out of the van and shooting at a target in the area. Police confiscated five weapons from the minivan and recovered 36 shell casings of multiple calibers.

The men were arrested for shooting firearms in the city. During a search of the van, police recovered suspected marijuana edibles, methamphetamine and heroin from the vehicle. The substances will be tested at the Michigan State Police crime lab to positively identify them.

The case remains under investigation and charges are pending.



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McLaren Flint names Chris Candela new president and CEO

McLaren Flint welcomes Chris Candela to the position of president and CEO effective Aug. 1. Candela has more than 27 years of in health care, including both clinical and executive leadership experience. "Chris has a strong focus on patient safety, clinical quality, physician and team member relationships, and overall operational and financial performance with a proven track record of success," said Chad Grant, executive vice president and chief operating officer for McLaren Health Care and outgoing president and CEO of McLaren Flint. Candela earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from Wayne State University.



Chris Candela

AWARD

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"Today we are joined by descendants of two of Linden's first elected officials Jerome Fairbanks and Parley Warner. We are also joined by many descendants of our pioneer families," Cusson said. "The Shiawassee River continues to draw people to Linden. So, it is appropriate to kick off our sesquicentennial celebration on the river in connection with River Fest. As you can see from the many things happening in Linden, we have a strong volunteer base and sense of community pride. It is the people of Linden that make this community the place I call home."

The seats in front of the gazebo were filled with members of the public, original Linden family descendants, representatives from Genesee County and other municipalities, as well as Roger Sharp and Joe Kimble, who donated the money to renovate the gazebo.

State Sen. Ken Horn spoke about the value of small town life and said there's something "special"



Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson (right) shakes State Sen. Ken Horn's hand after his speech on Saturday, July 17 at the dedication ceremony. State Rep. Mike Mueller also spoke about growing up in Linden. Photo: Hannah Ball

about Linden. He's filming a series on hometowns, and Linden is the first city he chose.

"Sometimes you learn how special your town is when you have a fire and the whole town comes together and mourns over the loss of our property, but then you rebuild," he said.

Mike Mueller, state representative for the 51st district, whose family moved to Linden in 1941, said he graduated from Linden Community Schools in 1992 and has lived here his whole life.

"Linden is a very special place to us. I've lived here my entire life. The only time I wasn't there was when I served in the military. It's a great place to raise a family and I'm very proud to call it home," Mueller said.

A representative from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's spoke, as well as former mayor David Lossing, who was mayor during the Union Block fire of 2007.

"Because of the brave men and women of our fire department, police department and all area fire departments, we were

able to preserve the rest of the community from burning down. Nobody got hurt that evening. My wife Suzanne and I were on the way back from Bowling Green, Kentucky," he said. "When I got the call from my Fire Chief Brian Will, saying, 'yeah, the Union Block's on fire.' My first question was, 'was anybody hurt? Fortunately, No.'"

He gave a T-shirt, that someone gifted to him after the 2007 fire, to Cusson that says, "Keep calm and let the mayor handle it."

Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, said the Shiawassee River was declared a state water trail in 2018, and in 2020, it was declared a national water trail.

Peter Maas, president of Linden Mills Historical Society (HSM), introduced Maria Elena Rodriguez, a representative of the HSM, who presented the milestone plaque.

"This is a beautiful city," she said. "I've met a few people this morning and not only is there a sense of pride about being a citizen of Linden, but you also are very knowledgeable about the history of this great city. So on behalf of the Historical Society of Michigan, we honor the longevity, the grit of the citizens and leaders of Linden, and we officially bestow the sesquicentennial milestone award to the city of Linden. Michigan."

"We wish you continued success, though it's no secret that like the early visionaries of Linden, you will continue to protect, enhance and restore this lovely city."

The plaque will be displayed near the Linden Mill building with a granite marker, which was donated by Roger Sharp.

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the 16000 block of Murray Road.

Police Chief Dan Allen said officers responded to the home at 2:27 p.m. after receiving a 911 call from the homeowner.

The homeowner had been away and when they arrived home, they saw that the door from the attached garage to the home was open. They walked into the kitchen and saw a man there. The unknown man was described as approximately 6-feet tall with short black hair. He was wearing a turquoise hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, a black and yellow bandana over his face and a red clown nose.

The homeowner told police that they yelled at the intruder and the intruder fled on foot, heading south of Murray Road. The homeowner followed by car, but lost sight of the intruder near Lovejoy Road.

Allen said Michigan State Police, the Genesee County Park Rangers' K-9 unit, and the Argentine's K-9 unit responded. Livingston County Sheriff's deputies responded with their drone with infrared heat sensors. The suspect was not located.

Detectives have been tracking down leads. If anyone has information about this home invasion, they are asked to call Argentine Township police at (810) 735-5317.

Sophiea's move means the end of an era for Holly tennis

By David Troppens

Will Sophiea has been a part of the Holly tennis program ever since playing on the boys squad starting with 2005.

He eventually became a Flint Metro League No. 1 singles champion and Division 2 regional champion during the fall of 2007 season.

But even when he was playing, Sophiea kind of knew he would probably be better at teaching the sport instead of

as a player.

"I remember when I was 16 years old and I'd help out (Holly varsity boys and girls varsity tennis coach) Brennan Brown with the young kids during the summer, he noticed I was an okay player but thought I was a better coach than I was a player."

Brown was right. After graduating in 2008, Brown had Sophiea as an assistant coach for both of Holly's varsity tennis

program, and in 2010 he became a co-coach with Brown. When Brown moved to Virginia in 2012, Sophiea became the sole varsity coach for both programs.

But that run ended this spring. Sophiea recently resigned both positions due to family reasons. He got engaged this spring and his fiancée started a residency program in Tennessee, so Sophiea moved to Nashville with his future wife, forcing

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Holly's recent varsity boys and girls varsity tennis coach Will Sophiea works with a camper during the 2018 Holly Tennis Summer Camp. Sophiea had to resign the positions when he moved to Tennessee this summer.

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Sports Times



Samuel Cox was one of the runners who helped the Fenton varsity boys cross country team finish No. 14 in our Tri-County Top 16 poll.

Photo: David Troppens

Fenton teams dominate Top 16 once again

By David Troppens

Anyone who has followed the history of our annual Tri-County Top 16 lists knows there's been one constant in recent years.

That recent constant is that the Fenton Tigers dominate these polls.

That's certainly the case again this year.

In our first installment of our Top 16, Fenton softball and Fenton football enjoyed the 16th and 15th places, respectively. Today, we will be seeing three Fenton squads earn-

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Third Ode to Laz event earns successful marks

■Chadovich runs 170-plus miles to win running event it pays to finish 'last'

By David Troppens

The area's most unique running race enjoyed its share of success and broken records recently.

The third annual Ode to Laz Michigan Backyard Ultra event held July 10 and 11 at Holly Recreation Area, had 142 runners start the race and only one finish it 170.83 miles later (41 laps on the 4.16-mile loop), earning Washington's (state) Piotr Chadovich the event's title. He defeated two-time event champion Sarah Moore, who finished 40 laps. The winner of the race is the runner that completes enough 4.16-mile laps at one-hour intervals. Whoever finishes the previous lap around the trails at Holly Recreation Area is allowed to start the next lap at the top of the next hour. This pattern continues until everyone quits except one runner who will end up finishing one more lap than the runner-up. This year that was Chadovich.

Race director Tad Machro-

wicz was excited by the success of the third annual event.

"It was fantastic," Machrowicz said. "We had interesting weather. It was a great day the first day, but we had a lot of rain leading up to the event. Fortunately, the course absorbed it well. ... And then rain hit us day two, so that created another challenge."

A record 143 athletes from all around the nation signed up for the event and that record number of athletes broke plenty of other records. The 2020 event winner, Moore, finished 28 laps (116.66 miles) to win her second title, but this year the top 10 competitors finished at least 29 laps (129.83 miles). Last year, only six competitors finished the first 24 hours, completing 100 miles. This year 19 recorded 100 miles. In short, interest in the new type of racing event is growing and those already competing are advancing the sport quickly.

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Piotr Chadovich (left) won the third annual Ode to Laz running event held at Holly Recreation Area recently. It's a race that the winner is determined by the runner who runs the longest distance. Chadovich (right) ran 170.83 miles during the two-day event, to defeat two-time champion Sarah Moore. The race begins (below) at one of its starting points around the trails at the park. **Left photo: Dan Simon. Bottom photo: Britt Cynowa**



TOP 16

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ing a spot in the poll. Overall, Fenton teams hold eight of the 16 spots in this season's poll. Sometimes the sports staff gets a little heat for the domination of the Fenton Tigers on these lists. Our response — other teams need to start winning league crowns and advancing deep into the postseason tournaments. Fenton teams don't dominate these lists due to any sort of favoritism. When 12 Tigers' squads either earned outright or co-league crowns, that's going to happen. In fact, if we only have eight Fenton teams on our list, that means three Fenton squads that won league titles didn't make it on our top 16. Some Fenton squads actually have a legit beef to also be included that weren't.

No. 14 - Fenton boys cross country: The Tigers had another strong season, dominating the Flint Metro League Stripes Division once again. The Tigers



Max Haney was one of the swimmers who helped the Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team finish at No. 12 in our Tri-County Top 16 listing. **Photo: David Troppens**

won all three Stripes Division jamborees, and did so by winning each of them by at least 10 points. The title represented the Tigers' fifth straight in either the Stripes Division or in the Flint Metro League outright.

In the postseason, the Tigers advanced to the regional meet by taking third in the pre-regional competition. However, that's where the Tigers' success ended as Fenton placed just fourth in the regional meet, keeping them from qualifying for the state meet as a team.

The team's league domination is why they made it this high in the poll and Fenton's lack of qualifying for the state meet as a team is the reason why the Tigers couldn't place any higher than this.

No. 13 - Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton girls ski: Our area ski teams are traditionally some of the toughest teams to rate in our polls

Frequently the Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton girls ski squad is a strong team, dominating the area. However, the question

always comes to how strong are they really among the state teams?

The squad placed third at regionals, but a distant third. It was enough to qualify for the state meet in what could be argued is the weakest of three regions in the state. Once at the state meet, The area co-op finished in last place in ninth, 35 points worse than eighth-place Brighton.

The sports staff feels comfortable with this position. In fact, if anything it's probably a tad generous.

No. 12 - Fenton boys swim: When most think about swim programs at Fenton, the sports staff is sure the Fenton girls' program is the first thought that comes to their mind. Considering the Fenton girls have won every single Flint Metro League crown in the conference's history, that makes sense. However, the Fenton boys swimming and diving team are pretty darn good as well.

The Tigers won their 10th straight Flint Metro League title during the winter, once again doing it in dominant fashion. The Tigers crushed every single foe in league duals in convincing fashion, winning each competition by at least 43 points. Meanwhile, the largest margin of victory came against Holly by a whopping 102 point edge. The league meet wasn't any closer. The Tigers scored 508 points and outscored second-place Swartz Creek by 127 points.

The Tigers seemed poised to have an outstanding performance at the state meet, but that's when COVID-19 struck and forced Fenton to take less than their best team to the meet. The Tigers ended up placing 31st with four team points.

This is one of these instances where the sports staff had to make some educational guesses on what would've happened if COVID wasn't an issue, and this placing is based on that thought.

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Tigers start looking a little bit like 1984 team by the start of the 1978 season

Editor's Note: Sports editor David Troppens has collected historical broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. During the summer, he'll be featuring some of these games around the date of the actual date of our current publication.

July 21, 1978

Detroit 5, California 0

Network/Announcers:

The legendary radio pair of Ernie Harwell and Paul Carey are doing the call. These are the guys I grew up listening to.

Background: The 1978 season is the year the Tigers started looking a little bit like their 1984 World Championship squad.

The 1978 season represented the first year Lou Whitaker and Alan Trammell were starters at second and short stop. Lance Parrish played a decent amount at catcher. The pitching staff included Milt Wilcox, Dave Rozema and Jack Morris.



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

All played roles on the mound for the 1984 Tigers.

Detroit entered this twilight doubleheader (two games played on the same day with the first game starting in the late afternoon) just one game above .500.

Game summary: Jack Billingham was traded to Detroit for prospect George Cappuzzello and John Valle

during spring training, and had a solid season. This was one of his better games. Billingham recorded his second straight shutout by tossing a seven-hitter while walking three in Detroit's 5-0 victory

Detroit scored two runs in front of 33,699 Tiger Stadium fans in the opening inning when Whitaker singled, Phil Mankowski walked and Rusty Staub doubled in Whitaker. Jason Thompson grounded out next, but the ground ball drove in Mankowski. The Tigers led 2-0.

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SOPHIEA'S

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him to resign the coaching positions.

"I knew there was a chance it could happen, but we didn't know where she would be (for her residency program) until late spring," Sophiea said. "Until then there was a chance she'd get something local, but there also was a chance she'd be somewhere around the country. So now we are here in Nashville."

For Holly athletic director Casey Lombard, he's losing more than his tennis coaches — he's losing his best friend in the school.

"Will is one of my best friends. I'm really happy for him with the move he is making. It's all in his best interest. From a friend level, that's exciting," Lombard said. "It's a huge loss for our athletic department and our school district. He's been a very good role model and mentor to so many kids. He carried the tradition of the Holly tennis program, carrying it where Brennan left off and continued it. His position will be a big hole to fill."

The Holly varsity tennis teams have been the dominant programs in the Flint Metro League ever since the sport became official competitions in the league. Starting with past coach Bill McDaniel (1975), the Bronchos have had the dominant squad for both genders and that trend continued with Brown (2006-12) and then Sophiea (2010 until 2021).

During his time as an assistant coach, co-coach and outright head coach for both varsity teams, the Bronchos won 11 girls Flint Metro League titles and 10 boys Metro crowns. While both programs have had their share of success, the girls have enjoyed a little more. In fact, the women finally saw their 133-Metro dual meet unbeaten streak come to an end this season. Prior to the loss to area rival Fenton, the Bronchos hadn't lost a Metro dual since a Sept. 19, 1995 when they lost 5-2 against the Tigers. The Bronchos went 129-0-4 during that run.

Also, the Holly girls started knocking on the door of not only the elite in the Metro but within the state of Michigan as well. The Holly girls finished in the top 10 at each Division 2 state meet from 2015 through 2019, placing 10th in 2015, sixth in 2016, fifth in 2017 and 2018 and eighth in 2019.

"What I'm most proud of is the consistency year after year," Sophiea said. "Whether we had the most seniors or the most talent we were in the mix for league



Holly's recent varsity boys and girls varsity tennis coach Will Sophiea talks with a camper during the 2018 Holly Tennis Summer Camp. Sophiea earned Division 2 state coach of the year honors twice while at Holly.

championships and regional championships every season.

"We had some really good girls teams from 2015 to 2019, and just like with any sport you have to get a little lucky. We had some very talented girls that worked hard on their own. Combine that with the nice nucleus of girls we had and that made for some strong teams."

Sophiea's efforts earned him many individual honors including being named the 2015 D2 Boys Coach of the Year and the D2 2017 Girls Coach of the Year.

"He's been invested in the program for a long time," Lombard said. "Few coaches put in the time and effort through the summer and the seasons as Will. His summer tennis program benefitted so many kids in our area, including my daughters. ... It's not a wonder why the tennis program is as successful as it was under his watch. He put the time and effort, along with his assistants, to make it this successful."

Sophiea said the program became a part of his own being.

"I learned that when something becomes part of you, it can be a blessing and a curse," Sophiea said. "Sometimes you find yourself thinking every second about the program and how you can improve and how you can become better. Now that I'm now in that reflective stage of all my experiences in Holly Area Schools both as a teacher and a coach, I realize all of my experiences here have made me a significantly better person."

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In the fifth, Staub faced a 3-0 pitch against Angels' starter David Frost and hit a solo home run. Detroit led 3-0. The lead grew to 5-0 with two more runs in the eighth when Steve Kemp scored on a John Wockenfuss single and Tim Corcoran, who walked, scored on an Angels' error. The Angels were unable to get a runner beyond second base against Billingham (9-5).

This doesn't happen very often: Billingham only struck out one batter in the complete-game effort. He didn't record his first strike out until Joe Rudi struck out to start the Angels' ninth inning.

Great debuts: In the opening game of the twinbill, Detroit's Kip Young made his MLB debut in what was a 4-2 loss in 11 innings for the Tigers.

In the second game Harwell talked about one of the greatest debuts in MLB history. In 1898, Baltimore's Jay Hughes made his MLB debut against Washington, pitching a two-hit shutout for the victory. Then in his second MLB start of his career ended up being a no-

hitter against the New York Giants. It would mark the first time a pitcher began his MLB career with back-to-back shutouts. It didn't happen again until Al Worthington tossed back-to-back shutouts in his first two starts in 1953.

History happening: Harwell mentioned during the game that Pete Rose had a single in the Reds' game that day extending his hitting streak to 34 games. Rose would end up hitting in 44 straight games, earning the new National League record. However, he was still 12 games short of Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak 37 years earlier.

Something we never see any more: What happened to the twilight doubleheader? On this date there were three scheduled. Twinight doubleheaders weren't usually scheduled prior to the start of the season, but would be scheduled after games were postponed, and they were pretty common right through the early 1980s.

For those who are curious, the Tigers lost the first game of this twilight doubleheader 4-2 in 11 innings. Lance Parrish hit a two-run home run in the opening game, plating both Tigers' runs.



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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

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At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

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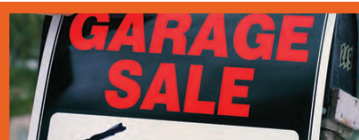
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Michigan has had the same guarantees since we became a state in 1837.

The current requirements of the confrontation clause as to prosecution witnesses appearing at trial was announced in 2004 by the United States Supreme Court in *Crawford v Washington* which held that “the framers would not have allowed the admission of testimonial statements of a witness who did not appear at trial unless he was unavailable and the defendant had a prior opportunity for cross examination.”

In Michigan, unavailability is defined as a witness not testifying because of: (1) privilege; (2) refusal to testify despite a court order; (3) lack of memory; (4) death or physical or mental condition; (5) absence from the hearing despite diligent efforts to produce them.

The most common example of pri-

or opportunity for cross examination is at a preliminary examination.

When a witness is deemed unavailable, any previous testimony is read at trial.

There are two situations when the confrontation clause doesn't apply at all.

The first is a “dying declaration” when a person is unavailable as a witness, believes they are about to die, and makes a statement concerning the cause or circumstances of their death.

These statements can be used against a defendant if they implicate him or her.

The second is if the defendant by their wrongful conduct, intentionally caused the witness to be unavailable.

An obvious example of this is when the defendant is shown to have caused the potential witness's death.

The confrontation clause ensures that defendants receive due process and a fair trial.

It has served us well for almost 230 years and will continue to do so.

Obituaries

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Harold Prowse

1926 – 2021

Harold Prowse passed away on Thursday, April 6 2021, beloved brother, uncle and friend at the age of 94. Harold was born April 26 1926 to Horace and Angela Prowse in New Orleans, LA. Raised in Honduras, Harold completed his undergraduate degree from the University of the South, graduated with an MBA from Harvard University and went on to complete studies for a PHD from the University of Michigan in Natural Resource Management. Over the course of a long and adventurous life Harold traveled extensively visiting all seven continents and along the way became a professional hunter in Africa, a highly respected consultant for the national park system in Botswana, worked for the Rockefeller Foundation in Latin America, and consulted with various international agencies in natural resource management. Eventually Harold settled in the Metamora area and worked in real estate while also joining the riding community and enjoying many riding hats and events around the area. Harold also continued to support



and fund villages and schools in Honduras until he passed. A gentle compassionate man, a sportsman and a sailor. Harold is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Harry. He is survived by his brother, Philip Prowse; sister-in-law, Karen Melvin; and nephew, Evan Prowse; with numerous cousins; nephews; nieces; and many close and dear friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 24th at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Dryden, Michigan at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Rd MI 48428.

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Midweek Crossword

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9 Lustrous black

12 Zero, in tennis

13 Scent

14 — glance

15 Border on

16 Reply to "Shall we?"

17 Rug cleaner, briefly

18 Gestation location

19 Goat's plaint

20 Roman censor

21 Fib

23 Medit. nation

25 Cellist Pablo

28 Keep perusing

32 Muscat resident

33 Sky blue

34 Lively dances

36 "Be that as it may ..."

37 Sch. URL ender

38 Atty.'s title

39 Libretto

42 Plead

44 "Oops!"

48 Priestly garment

49 Competent

50 Tiny bit

51 2016

1 Olympics city

52 Composer Bartok

53 Figure skating leap

54 Gender

55 Mideast gulf

56 Helen's home

2 Classic theaters

7 Empty talk

8 Hosp. areas

9 Coffee

10 Coup d'—

11 Mexican entree

20 Hodgepodge

22 Homer classic

24 Penn and Connery

25 Police officer

26 "I love," to Livy

27 Bando of baseball

29 "Gee, ya think?"

30 Spanish gold

31 Just out

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of
July 19, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

You are inspired to study a new culture after reading about it in the news, Aries. Continuing your education may provide the challenge you've been looking for.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, some good news about a friend puts a smile on your face. Congratulate this person and share his or her good fortune with others. Your support is appreciated.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

This week you discover your instincts about something important have been spot on, Gemini. You usually can trust your gut when making challenging decisions.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, once you make a plan you typically stick with it. This week, however, your willpower may weaken a tad and you may find yourself going off-script.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't be surprised if family members divulge some interesting news this week, Leo. You may alter your thinking about upcoming plans. Remember to follow your instincts.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, some exciting opportunities are on the horizon. Let go of any hesitation you have and dive right in with both feet. Make the most of this exciting time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Someone may need your help in the weeks to come, Libra. Embrace this opportunity to help someone in need. They may show their appreciation in unique ways.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, success and good fortune are likely in store for you very shortly. You'll feel satisfied when the good news arrives, and it will carry you through the times ahead.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

This is an excellent week to explore emotions and romantic feelings, Sagittarius. The more you give of yourself, the more you will get in return.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright to feel uncertain about recent developments, Capricorn. You can take your time to process new information, and it is good to be informed.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You're adept at reading feelings and anticipating things that are on the horizon, Aquarius. Utilize your skills for the benefit of others. Your efforts won't go unnoticed.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this week you may feel a little out of sorts. Take some time to get away from it all and reset. It will be time well spent and you will feel recharged.



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