'It's a miracle. It's been a nightmare'

Dozens of Fenton area residents change plans when motion hearing for bond is canceled in shooting case

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton area mother is hoping that the judge presiding over the case in which her 20-year-old son is a shooting victim will raise the bond of the

defendant. A motion hearing that was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8 was canceled Tuesday. She learned that the judge is writing a new order and a new date has not been announced.

Joshua Antwan Liggins, 31, allegedly shot multiple times, unprovoked, at a truck occupied by eight young men aged 18, 19 and 20, while they were See HEARING on 16



No name change for **Squaw Lake**

■Secretary of the Interior declares term 'squaw' derogatory, wants federal lands renamed

By Sharon Stone

A story being shared on social media has some Fenton Township residents concerned that the name of their lake and road will have to be changed.

See SQUAW LAKE on 16

More than 5,000 attend Linden's Frosty Parade



More than 40 floats from local businesses, organizations, civic groups and performances from the Linden High School Marching Band and Hartland High School Marching Band entertained residents and visitors during the Linden Holiday Happening Frosty Parade on Friday, Dec. 3. See page 5 for the full story Photo: Hannah Ball

G What a spectacular

Linden Holiday Happening this

year! Kudos to everyone who

helped make this incredible

and hard work really paid off.

It was great to see so many

people enjoying downtown

Linden and all it had to offer to

welcome the holiday season. It

is truly a beautiful community."

event happen. Your efforts

Fenton's Jinglefest 'wows' thousands

Tree lighting ceremony. fireworks and festivities put people in holiday cheer

By Hannah Ball

Fenton—The Fenton Jinglefest returned this year and entertained thousands of people with Christmas decorations, activities, a parade and a visit from Santa.

See JINGLEFEST on 11

Parents, 15-year-old son jailed

■Investigation continues into deadly mass shooting at Oxford High School, court dates set

By Sharon Stone

James and Jennifer Crumbley, the counts of involuntary manslaughter. parents of Ethan Crumbley, were If convicted as charged, they face up arraigned Saturday, Dec. 4 in Oakland

County 52-3 District Court with four See OXFORD on 15

hank





James Crumblev

C Thank you

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yesterday who

just handed us

to the very

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would pay it forward, but

and his family to have very

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Jennifer Crumblev

Ethan Crumbley



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MIDWEEK TIMES

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- Wedding Vow Renewals with Queen Victoria in front of the Holly Hotel Porch. Schedule your special moment at the Festival Welcome booth on Battle Alley. Packages available.
- Visit Santa: Sat 2:30-6pm, Sun 12- 2pm & 2:30-5pm
- Hospitality/Pub Tent
- Dickens Festival Chimney Sweeps Street Performers
- Hadley House Museum OPEN
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
- Knighting Ceremony with Queen Victoria
- Storytime with Queen Victoria.

Saturday, December 11 1.00 4.14

11:00 AM	Festival Opens
11:15 AM	Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
12:00 PM	Holly Youth Theater Presents: A Christmas Carol - A Holiday Musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
1:00 PM	Mainstreet Show Choir - Holly High School - OH! Christmas Tree Stage
1:30 PM	Visions In Motion Dance Studio performs to Christmas music - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
2:00 PM	A Christmas Carol an Interactive Play - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
3:00 PM	Michigan Irish Dance Academy - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
3:30 PM	Mainstreet Show Choir - Holly High School - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
4:00 PM	Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
5:00 PM	Fenton Varsity Vocals - Fenton High School
5:30 PM	Simply Dickens singing harmonized old world Christmas carols and performing skits dressed in Dickens era clothing Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
6:00 PM	Festival Closes for the day

Sunday, December 12

12:00 PM	Festival Opens
12:00 PM	Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House. Until 5 PM.
12:15 PM	Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
1:30 PM	Simply Dickens - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
2:00 PM	Simply Dickens strolling entertainment. Until 5 PM.
2:00 PM	A Christmas Carol an I nteractive Play - Oh!
	Christmas Tree Stage
3:00 PM	Holly Youth Theater presents: A Christmas Carol a Holiday Musical - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
4:00 PM	Clark Lewis: Juggling Stunt Show - Oh! Christmas Tree Stage
5:00 PM	Festival Closed for the season. See you next year!

Holly man wishes for new kidney

Hopes to match a living donor as he continues dialysis multiple times each week

By Sharon Stone

A Holly High School Class of 2013 graduate is hoping to connect with someone who might be interested in donating one of their kidneys to him.

Cesante Ward, 26, of Holly, is a graduate of Oakland University. He graduated in 2018 with honors, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development.

Ward needs a kidney transplant. He said his time at OU ultimately has given him the courage to share his story and advocate for himself and to raise awareness for the dire need of kidney donations.

Ward said his kidney disease is from a birth defect and he's been on and off dialysis until he was 12 (from deceased donor kidney transplants). He then started again when he was 23. He added that most people develop kidney disease through things like diabetes and high blood pressure.

"Most people don't find out that

they're at risk for kidney disease until it's too late because most general primary care doctors don't test for the certain markers," he said. "But if people are worried, they can ask for a referral to a Nephrologist where they would test levels like BUN, Creatinine and eGFR."

In December 2018, a kidney transplant failed, and he has been back on dialysis. These treatments consist of being on a machine for four hours, multiple days a week, which can be very tiring and can cause other health complications.

There is no cure for this disease but Ward said receiving a transplant would give him the greatest chance of living a long and healthy life. He fears having to wait maybe five years before receiving a matched deceased donor.

"Asking someone to donate a kidney is difficult and it's very hard to bring this up with people myself, yet it greatly improves my chances of finding a living kidney donor," Ward said.

Ward is hoping to spread the word on his own need by sharing his story for more awareness of organ donation. People can share his



Cesante Ward, 26, of Holly, seeks to inspire someone to donate their kidney to him and spread awareness of organ donation. Due to a birth defect, he's had kidney disease and has been on and off dialysis for most of his life. **Submitted photo**

story by liking his page, "Without a Moment to Spare," which is on all social media. His blood

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HILLARD 'ARKY' WRIGHT GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN 1928-2009 U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS PFC WORLD WAR II Service dates: 1944-1946

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MIDWEEK TIMES

Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

he mass shooting that happened Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Oxford High School left four teenagers, Hana St. Juliana, Tate Myre, Madison Baldwin and Justin Shilling, dead. There also are seven other families who are coping with loved ones who were shot and injured in this senseless shooting. I am so mad and sad about this horrific situation, just as I am sure everyone around me feels the same way. This mass shooting, allegedly done by a 15-year-old student, has shattered the lives of those teens' families and friends along with the entire community.

This hit way too close to home.

We don't know all the details of the investigation so I would never claim I know how it happened or why. We can all speculate for now but the truth will eventually come out.

I'm confident that the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will do a thorough investigation. Since the beginning, they have been keeping the media, such as the Times, and all of the residents up to date with the latest details through

The investigation of the Oxford High School mass shooting

Sharon Stone

gators.

continual press briefings that are live streamed on Facebook and other social media. The sheriff's office also has been keeping all of its media contacts up to date with schedules of future press briefings, details about apprehensions of the suspect and the suspect's parents who reportedly purchased the handgun recently for their son as a gift.

Between Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Undersheriff Mike McCabe, everyone who is following this horrific story knows what the sheriff's office is doing. Oak-

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land County Prosecutor Karen McDonald also went live on social media with charges issued by her office.

Bond was denied for the suspect and bond was set at \$500,000 for each of his parents who were arrested in a basement of an office building in Detroit early Sat-

urday morning. All three of them are lodged at the Oakland County Jail. Sheriff Bouchard said they have been segregated and none of them are cooperating with investi-

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WHY DO FENTON and Lake Fenton remain two different school districts with redundant bureaucracies? Should have consolidated years ago.

THE CITY AND township ought to hire landscapers to mow and delitter all of Fenton's US-23 exits.

PEOPLE IN THEIR 90s really appreciate it when the big box stores leave shopping carts in the parking lot. I always look to park near one to support walking into the store.

THANK YOU TO all our Michigan Congress, all Republicans, for Senate Bill 687. The tax dollars absolutely need to follow the student, not to the state substandard schools. Not sure bill 687 does enough to address our concerns but it is a start.

THE ONE COMMON denominator in all the school shootings in the last 30 years is the parents not knowing what their kids were doing most of the time. How can a parent not know their child's mental state?

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

What's your favorite Christmas movie? I street talk



"A Christmas Story!' It was filmed at my first school back home in Canada."



"It's a Wonderful Life.' It takes you back to when neighbors and friends helped each other. When people stood up for each other, expecting nothing in return. When even though you may have nothing, you still did anything you could to help another."



"I'll take a step away from the common choices. 'The Family Man.' Why? Because it actually has a really good story line and shows you the importance of family."



"It's a tie between 'The Santa Clause,' 'Jingle All the Way' and 'National Lampoon's Family Vacation!' They just don't make movies like that anymore."

Brodie Horn Linden

Dawn Middleton, Holly

Kevin Maynard Fenton Chelsea Flowers Davisburg



The Hartland High School Marching Band performs during the Linden Frosty Parade on Friday, Dec. 3. After the parade, children met Santa and participated in an elf hunt, and families watched the fireworks show over the Mill Pond. Photo: Hannah Ball

More than 5,000 attend Linden's Frosty Parade

Holiday Happening festivities include meeting Santa, carriage rides, elf hunt and more

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden's Holiday Happening festivities grow every year, and 2021 was no exception.

It's estimated that more than 5,000 people attended the Lighted Parade that traveled through downtown. The city was packed with attendees during the fireworks over the Mill Pond, and hun-

dreds of children met Santa at the newly renovated Kimble-Sharp Gazebo.

There were more than 40 floats from local businesses, organizations, civic groups and performances from the Linden High School Marching Band and the Hartland High School Marching Band.

Sue Turpen, board member of Happening in Linden, said the parade went well with no big issues.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the event went "fantastic" and there were no issues.

"The community was able to come together and enjoy a great parade and

wonderful fireworks. I think it was important to have this in light of what occurred in Oxford. It was a time to just relieve the stress and anxiety that we are all going through. I saw many happy faces in the crowds, both young, old and in between," he said.

The entire Linden Police Department was at the event. Two Argentine Township officers attended and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office sent four reserve officers. Linden Fire Department personnel helped, along with the Department of Public Works and city staff.

He believes it was the largest Holiday

Happening parade they've had as far as attendance. More than 5,000 people attended and the crowds went farther on Bridge and Broad streets compared to years past. "This event is our largest event of the year and it takes many hands to put this event on," he said.

Other festivities included the family zone at the Linden Fire Department and a visit from dogs and handlers from Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs. Food trucks were on scene to provide food and drinks. Refreshments were available at the VFW Hall, and horse and carriage rides went on until 9 p.m.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

Victims have died, been raped, assaulted, disabled physically and mentally, experienced destruction, looting of property private or businesses. Victims' Lives Matter. Liberal policies are destroying our country. Criminals belong in prison, no bail, incarcerated from day of arrest, off the streets not released.



MIDWEEK TIMES

Immigration, deportation, Padilla v Kentucky, and competence of counsel

Over the years, issues surrounding immigration have been a topic of conversation. For example as to legal status, noncitizens have a number of ways of being here legally including temporary visitors who are given special visas and coming for work, school or tourism; permanent residents who aren't citizens who hold what are known as "green" cards; and other visa holders and authorized individuals.

These noncitizens have a protected status, which can be removed under certain circumstances and result in deportation from the United States. One way for noncitizens to be deported is by being convicted of a crime.

Not all crimes result in deportation and the law has five major categories of deportable crimes as follows:

- Crimes of moral turpitude
- Aggravated felonies
- Controlled substances offenses
- Firearms offenses
- Domestic violence offenses

In criminal cases, defendants (including noncitizens) have a Sixth Amendment right to an attorney who is effective and provides competent legal advice.

In the 2010 United States Supreme Court case of Padilla v Kentucky, this right was confirmed as to the legal advice to be given to a defendant before they pleaded guilty to a deportable offense.

Mr. Padilla was born in Honduras, a lawful permanent resident of the United States for over 40 years, and a Vietnam veteran.

He pleaded guilty to a drug charge as his attorney assured him that he "did not have to worry about his immigration status since he had been in the country so long."

This advice was wrong and in fact, he was subject to deportation no matter how long he'd lived in the United States.

The Supreme Court held that the attorney's performance was constitutionally deficient and attorneys are always under an affirmative duty to inform noncitizen defendants of whether their plea carries a risk of deportation. The defendant was allowed to withdraw his plea.

On Nov. 18, 2021, the Michigan Court of Appeals discussed Padilla in People v Brizo-Custodio, and affirmed the obligations of counsel to noncitizens before there is a guilty plea.

While deportation is devastating and can separate families, it doesn't mean that defendants who are convicted of certain crimes shouldn't be deported. It does mean that the law demands that they are given all of the necessary information before making a guilty plea decision.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE (Genesee County, Michigan)

Peninsular and Belfast Drives Special Assessment District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, has received petitions from property owners to make certain public improvements (the "Public Improvements") consisting of:

The Milling and resurfacing of Peninsular Drive and Belfast Drive in the Township.

The petitions have been received from record owners of land constituting more than fifty percent of the total frontage of the public and private roads in the proposed special assessment district described below.

The Township Board has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, to make the Public Improvements in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that some or all of the cost of the Public Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise the proposed Special Assessment District:

Property located in the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, and described by the following parcel numbers:

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01-35-553-014	VACANT	01-35-553-056	VACANT
01-35-553-015	8432 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-057	8337 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-016	8424 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-058	VACANT
01-35-553-017	8420 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-060	VACANT
01-35-553-020	8390 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-062	VACANT
01-35-553-021	8386 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-065	8171 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-022	8380 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-069	8198 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-023	8372 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-073	8200 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-024	8366 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-074	8292 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-025	8356 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-075	8288 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-026	8352 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-076	8226 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-027	8342 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-078	VACANT
01-35-553-028	8336 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-079	VACANT
01-35-553-030	8324 PENINSULAR	01-35-553-086	8398 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-031	8308 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-087	VACANT
01-35-553-032	VACANT	01-35-553-093	8326 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-04	8240 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-094	VACANT
01-35-553-042	8236 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-533-095	8298 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-043	8232 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-096	8284 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-046	8220 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-400-015	8194 PENINSULR DR
01-35-553-047	8216 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-013	16425 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-048	VACANT	01-35-553-012	16429 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-053	VACANT	01-35-553-011	16445 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-054	8168 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-010	16453 BELFAST DR

01-35-553-009	16457 BELFAST DR	01-35-551-015	8427 PENINSLAR DR
01-35-553-008	16461 BELFAST DR	01-35-551-014	8437 PENINSULAR DR
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01-35-551-012	8421 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-001	8438 PENINSULAR DR

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine will hold a public hearing on December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Argentine Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, to hear and consider any objections to the petition, the proposed Public Improvements, the proposed Special Assessment District, and all other matters relating to the Public Improvements and also by Zoom.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and current cost estimate of \$398,000.00 for Peninsular and \$55,000.00 for Belfast for a total estimate is \$453,000.00 not including administrative costs or interest, for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ORIGINAL COST WILL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal

TAKE NOTICE that a property owner of record or a party having an interest in the property must appear and protest at the hearing, or in writing before the hearing (clerkgraves@argentinetownship.com) in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Township Supervisor Township of Argentine 9048 Silver Lake Road Linden, Michigan 49058 Telephone: (810) 735-5050

ZOOM INFO: Time: Dec 20, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976070517

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

PARENTS. JUST BECAUSE your kid is as tall as you are doesn't mean your job is over. Until that 'child' reaches 18 years of age, you are legally liable, for his or her actions. Not knowing what he/she is up to could cost you everything you own.

TENNIS IS MY new favorite sport. While other professional leagues cower and cater to Chinese propaganda and profit, the Women's Tennis Association holds firm to moral and ethical standards. Thank you, WTA.

ISN'T IT STRANGE how a lowranking GI became so disgruntled with military procurement during WW 2 that he coined the acronym 'SNAFU' and that it remains until this day as an accurate description of Congress?

Free mental health counseling and resources

Oakland County hosts events in aftermath of Oxford High School shooting

Oakland County and its community partners will offer free mental health and other assistance throughout the county to individuals impacted by the tragic Oxford High School shooting last week. The Oakland Cares Mental Health Counseling & Resource Events will offer on-site counseling, pastoral guidance, and other resources Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week.

"We will deploy every resource at our disposal to give this community what it needs to heal. But make no mistake, there are no students, faculty and staff who were left unscathed in this tragedy," said Oakland County Executive David Coulter. "There were more than 1,700 students at

NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SEYMOUR ROAD DRAINAGE OUTLET

Please be advised, The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment District Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections.

SEYMOUR ROAD DRAINAGE OUTLET

The proposed amount of \$272.00, not including interest and administrative costs, is for ten years and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls starting in 2022.

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

To Join the Zoom Meeting: Time: Dec 20, 2021 07:00 PM

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Joseph Graves, Clerk Argentine Township

Oxford High School who were forced to flee the violence and that is a trauma that isn't easily erased for students, their families and the larger community."

The Oakland Cares Mental Health Counseling & Resource Events will be in various locations to make it accessible to residents throughout the county. They will take place from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Legacy Center in Oxford; 2-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac; and 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Southfield Pavilion in Southfield.

Oakland Cares Mental Health Counseling & Resource Events will return to the Oxford community next week, date to be announced later.

Licensed counselors and social workers will be available, including

OXFORD HIGH Continued from Page 4

It felt as if everyone in this area was following what was happening at Oxford High School in real time. The story quickly spread across the internet and everyone I know watched in shock as school officials and law enforcement provided more details.

Schools across mid-Michigan closed their schools as copycat threats of violence circulated via social media causing short-staffed and overwhelmed police departments to shift their resources to investigate threats, which may or may not be credible. Reports of threats or shootings are continuing this week, prompting immediate response from multiple law enforcement agencies.

When the suspect's parents missed their arraignment, a be-onthe-lookout was issued and every police department in Michigan was focused on finding them. A credible tip came in, which led law enforcement from Detroit to locate and apprehend the couple for private one-on-one sessions, as well as faith-based leaders. Table resources will include parent support groups, school shooting resources, parent guidelines for helping youth after a shooting, discussing difficult situations with children, including violence, and information on suicide prevention.

Participating community partners include Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services, OaklandCommunity HealthNetwork, ACCESS Community Health and Research Center, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, and Welcome Missionary Baptist Church. Meijer, Costco, and Sam's Club are donating water for the events.

For more information, go to oakgov.com/oaklandcares.

who were hiding in an office basement. This apprehension was the culmination of many law enforcement agencies working together.

Now that the suspect and his parents are in custody, investigators will be conducting interviews around the clock. They'll be asking all the tough questions to learn how such a devastating turn of events happened and determining who will be held accountable.

The families of Hana, Tate, Madison and Justin want and need answers. The other families also want and need answers. As one who has lost a child, I know their parents are numb right now, they're confused, they're mad and they're in auto mode. It's enough that they pull themselves out of bed each morning.

While we let our justice system work, it's a good time to hug our loved ones a bit longer. It's also time to say something if you see something. An anonymous tip to your local police department could be all it takes to prevent this from happening again.

KIDNEY

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type is B, but he's on a paired kidney donation exchange program that still helps if incompatible.

Those interested can learn more about donation from the University of Michigan Transplant Center or at the National Kidney Foundation. If interested, contact his coordinator at the U of M Transplant Center at 1-800-333-9013.

"A transplant would allow me to continue enjoying life, along with having more energy, a less restricted diet, and would lessen this health burden overall," he said.

Ward has recently pursued a career as a summer camp director to develop programs that encourage and influence children to find new passions and to build their own identity. However, he said these are difficult to achieve with the long and tiring dialysis treatments.

To be a kidney donor, you need to be in generally good health. Routine tests are performed to determine a potential donor's qualifications. Kidney donors go on to live long healthy lives with one kidney. All costs are covered, and the recuperation time in the hospital is a couple of days and two to three weeks at home.

"My experiences with the treatments consist of seizures, frequent hospital stays, stunted growth, countless amount of surgeries, among other difficulties," Ward said. "Kidney failure and transplant rejection also caused me to miss school, field trips, sports, or events."

For more information about kidney disease, go to kidney.org.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO, THEY'RE CITING how threequarters of those hospitalized with COVID are unvaccinated. Another way to look at that stat is that one quarter of those hospitalized are vaccinated. People, wake up. The vaccine will not prevent you from catching or spreading the virus. All viruses have to run their course.

I BELIEVE MOST Americans agree that if a woman wants to serve in the military, that's wonderful. But also, that most Americans recognize that forcing women into compulsory service is wrong.

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Cesante Ward of Holly is spreading the word about organ donation. He is hoping to find a living donor who would be willing to give a kidney to him. Submitted photo



In the Times' Dec. 25. 2011 edition, Cesante Ward, a then junior at Holly High School answered a question in the Student Body column, "What is your favorite part of the holidays?" He responded, "I like to be Santa Claus, because I like to give presents to all the children." Times file photo

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McLaren Flint launches \$1.5 million tuition payment program

Goal is to recruit and retain workforce

The McLaren Flint Foundation has secured \$1.5 million dedicated toward the McLaren Flint Tuition/Loan Forgiveness program to help provide student loan repayment benefits to more than 100 healthcare employees. The hospital is partnering with Goodly, a platform that assists companies in making contributions to student loan debt by creating student loan benefits for employees. Current and new fulltime and part-time employees in highdemand positions are eligible, including registered nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, medical technologists, and more.

"The McLaren Flint Foundation not only assists patients in their time of need, but they have been vital in assisting the hospital to show appreciation and assist our frontline heroes in their times of need, as well," said Chris Candela, president and CEO of McLaren Flint. "We want to be a forward-thinking employer, retain the amazing healthcare workers we already have, and attract new caring individuals to join our team. Being able to add a student loan benefit for eligible employees will help ease some of the stress of paying student loans and allows staff to put more of their mental energy into providing the best care for our patients and career growth."

The student loan benefit will be applied like a 401(k) contribution — Goodly will automatically take an amount from McLaren Flint to apply toward student loans every month. This tuition payment is a payment on top of the employee's student loan payment, which will lead to shortening the length of the loan and avoidance of compounding interest. The monthly payment amount increases in years two and three as long as the employee remains with McLaren Flint. A maximum of \$15,000 of funding may be applied toward the employee's student loans.

"When looking at ways we can continue being a leading employer of choice for RNs and health care workers in our community, this benefit seemed fit for the time," said Doug Glazier, vice president of the McLaren Flint Foundation. "More and more nurses are continuing their education, and though McLaren Flint offers tuition reimbursement, the remaining balance has to be paid by the employee. This is another way we hope to help our healthcare workers as they continue to care for our patients. We're gracious to have donors who find the benefit in giving to the Foundation to help make initiatives like this happen."

Eligible employees will be required to submit an application for the McLaren Flint Tuition/Loan Forgiveness Program, prove student loan debt, and their loans cannot be in default. The first payments to student loans are anticipated to occur in January 2022.

Like any other hospital and health care institution, McLaren Flint has seen staffing challenges during the pandemic. The student loan repayment benefit will help the hospital recruit more nurses and other hard-to-fill clinical



positions. According to Goodly, 49% of millennials would prefer receiving a student loan benefit instead of contributions to a 401(k). The platform also reports that 86% of employees they surveyed would consider staying at a company for at least five years if the employer assisted with student loan repayment.

Additional McLaren hospitals across the state have jumped on board with this forward-thinking model. For more information on careers at McLaren Flint, visit mclaren.org/careers.



Local Eastern Stars give away Christmas basket

During Linden Holiday Happening, members of Linden Chapter #175 Order of Eastern Stars of Michigan gave away free cookies and a free basket of Christmas items, all donated by their members. Shown here (from left) are Ellen Fisher, worthy matron. Gerald Graham. worthy patron, and Patti Bonura, winner of the basket. Anyone who walked in the door to the Masonic Lodge to get pasties, hot chocolate, or just get warm was offered a ticket to enter. Marilyn Ivey-Crook, secretary of #175, said members helped their Masonic brothers make the pasties the previous two days. Submitted photo





The Fenton Jinglefest celebration attracted thousands of people to downtown Fenton on Saturday, Dec. 4. From a tree lighting ceremony to fireworks, and a festive 5K and ice sculptures, the event helped people get into the holiday spirit. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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Pat Lockwood, chairperson of the Jinglefest Committee, said they were happy to be able to get the committee together this year after not having an event in 2020 due to COVID-19. They made some changes due to safety, but it felt like a Jinglefest from before the pandemic.

More than 350 people ran or walked in the Jinglefest 5K, and approximately 2,500-3,000 people attended the parade. With 51 floats, it was the largest Jinglefest parade in Fenton's history. Float attendants handed out candy and fliers, and Santa came by on a sleigh built by the Kiwanis Club.

"It really lifted peoples' spirits. Everyone was in a great mood," Lockwood said.

Marching bands from Fenton and Lake Fenton entertained the large crowd with music and lights decorating their instruments. After the parade, the city lit the Christmas tree in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, which coincided with the fireworks.

The Girl Scouts gave out hot chocolate and the Boy Scouts sold food. The First Presbyterian Church had a live nativity scene and live animals. The Fenton High School Ambassadors sang Christmas songs. A local mom-to-mom group prepared all the cookies, brownies and other treats that were given out at the warming tent.

There was an ice carving demonstration, and the more than 18 ice sculptures will remain up until they melt. "Thanks to local businesses for sponsoring everything. They all sponsored the ice sculptures. A lot of people really love walking through and seeing that," Lockwood said. "It's almost like there was a little bit of everything for everyone. It was beautiful weather."

The veterans committee spread information and awareness about building a veterans memorial at Freedom Park. After the parade and fireworks, children met Santa in the warming tent. Children were encouraged to write letters to Santa and drop them in the mailbox in front of the community center. The Key Club at Fenton High School and the Kiwanis Club is ensuring that each child gets a response from Santa. Jingle Fest is a joint event sponsored by the city of Fenton, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority, the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, and area civic and nonprofit groups.

"All in all, everyone was very pleased with it. We had very positive comments. We're really thankful to everyone who came down and celebrated," Lockwood said. She gave a special "thank you" to the Fenton police and fire departments, and the Department of Public Works, for their help.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said they increased security measures for the event.

"I feel that the event was a success allowing for a return to normalcy since the pandemic began. It was a great evening to be out at a family centered event. Behind the scenes, there were many people committed to ensuring a great event for all that chose to attend," Slater said. "There were no issues to speak of other than a medical situation near the community center. Medical personnel responded, and the situation was handled."

street talk

By Hannan Ball Asked to our readers on Facebook

What's your favorite Christmas movie?

Nancy Crosby Humphreys: "Prancer." Believe in the joy of Christmas through a child's eyes.

Veronica Sulzmann: "Scrooged." Billy Murray is just hilarious and the movie all together is funny and an amazing rendition.

Anna LeBlanc: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation!" I think everyone has a cousin Eddie in their family!

Starr Stamm Doering: So in my family — Hubby's, "A Christmas Story," mine is "Polar Express," Kodda's is "Elf," Racer's, is "Frosty" and the older cartoon ones and Bee's is the "Nightmare before Christmas."

Adrienne Conner: "The Holiday." I love the relationship between Iris and Arthur. Investing in relationships with the elderly is always very special and worthwhile.

Julie Beatty Osmun: "The Polar Express." I am thankful that I can still hear the bell ring! **Courtnay Murto:** "The Santa Clause!" It's a great reminder that "believing is seeing!" In our family, we watch it while we decorate our tree and drink hot cocoa! It's our special way to start off the holiday season!

Kimberly Harvey: "Miracle on 34th Street," the original with Natalie Wood.

Amanda Wickard: "Elf!" Buddy the Elf loves everyone and wants to sprinkle Christmas magic everywhere! Plus it's absolutely hysterical! A must watch every year!

Jackie Elise: "Elf" is my ultimate favorite, "National Lampoon's Christmas" is second and then both "Home Alone"movies.

Cheryl Beyette Burtch: "National Lampoon Christmas Vacation." Because the hilariously dysfunctional family is much like mine. And doesn't everyone have irritating neighbors you love to hate, like Margo and Todd?

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Fenton's Gracie Olsen (left) gets a high-five from Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones after one of Olsen's state championship events. **Photo: David Troppens**

Olsen, Jones earn top postseason MISCA honors

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swim team had a breakout season this fall.

The Tigers finished fourth in Division 2 and had All-State performances in four individual events and in two relays, with two of the individual efforts resulting in state championship performances.

It's not a shock that with such efforts, the Tigers are seeing some of their individuals earning honors after the season. Fenton's six-time individual event Division 2 state champion Gracie Olsen was recently named the Division 2 Swimmer of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) and the Tigers' mentor, Brad Jones, was named Division 2 Swim Coach of the Year by MISCA as

Olsen concluded her four-year swim

career with the ultimate high — two event state championships while helping the Tigers to their first-ever Division 2 fourth-place finish in D2 state meet history. She also helped two relays finish in third, helping the team to that fourth-place finish.

This year Olsen won the 200 individual medley with an All-American consideration time of 2:01.58, just .07 See **MISCA HONORS** on 13

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well.

Devils want their actions to match the talk

■LF girls begin hoops season with convincing victory vs. Southfield A&T

By David Troppens

What a team wants to do and is capable of doing doesn't always translate into what the squad ends up doing during the regular season.

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team has plenty of talent. The Blue Devils should have the talent to provide a strong defense of their Flint Metro League Stars Division title this winter. However, Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren wants to see his squad actually make those things happen before saying too much.

"Teamwise, we need to 'walk the talk," Van Buren said. "Everyone wants to say what they will do or what achievements they strive for, but I want to see it. Let our actions be factual.

"At this point of the season, I have not seen enough to declare who we will be, but I do know that we'll be a tough match-up if we play the way we can play."

The Blue Devils had their first match-up of the season and showed what they can do by crushing Southfield A&T 61-25. The Blue Devils See **DEVILS** on 14



Lake Fenton's Cola Sisk battles for a loose ball in the Blue Devil's 61-25 victory against Southfield A&T Saturday at home. The Blue Devils are the defending Flint Metro League Stars Division champions. Photo: Christopher Summers



Linden's Paige Leedle dribbles the ball down court during the Eagles' victory against Lapeer. **Photo: Kylee Richardson**

Eagles soar by Lapeer in seasonopening contest ^{By David Troppens}

Three years ago, the Linden varsity girls basketball team won just one ball game.

Two years ago, the Eagles improved their record to 6-15. Last season, they had a winning record, and despite playing just 13 games due to the COVIDshortened season, they won more games than the previous season, scoring an 8-5 record.

Certainly the Eagles are looking for more progress during the 2021-22 season, and it looks like they are off to a good start.



Fenton's Gracie Olsen (above photo) was recently named the Division 2 Swimmer of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association after winning two individual event state titles at the state meet this fall. (Right photo) Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones (right) was also named the Division 2 Swim Coach of the Year by MISCA as well. **Photos: David Troppens**

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seconds off the automatic time. She was an automatic All-American in the 100 butterfly though, earning a state championship time of 54.19 seconds.

She also teamed with Sophie Stefanac, Tess Heavner and Sana Saab to earn two third-place efforts in the relays. The squad posted a time of 1:46.38 in the 200 medley relay and a time of 3:33.15 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Olsen is the first swimmer of either gender to earn the honor.

"We can make a list of all of her accolades, but she's also one of the greatest kids in school history," Jones said. "She takes her role as a team leader more important than anything else. Taking care of the team is her top priority and that's why she's successful."

That attitude is reflected by what Olsen said was one of her greatest life lessons learned while on Fenton's team for the last four years moments after her prep career ended at the state meet.

"I learned that it's more important working for a team than working for yourself," Olsen said. "I learned to put in my effort and swim toward what the team can do and not just myself."

Jones has been gathering a few highly noted awards the last couple of



seasons himself. He won the MISCA State Coach of the Year award and the MHSCA Coach of the Year award in 2019. Now, he has earned this honor as well. Along with the events already discussed, Jones had Heavner and Stefanac earn individual All-State honors this season as well. Heavner finished second to Olsen in the 200 individual medley (2:04.60) and third in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.54) to earn All-State honors. Stefanac earned All-State honors by placing fifth in the 100 backstroke (58.53).

"This is an award for our program," Jones said. "I do not do this job alone. I have an incredible assistant coach, Stephanie Olsen, and diving coach, Dave Bale. Add an amazing group of athletes that have bought in and are dedicated to our program. Many of our athletes train outside of our season with coach Adam Cooper and the OLY program. This award symbolizes the work of everyone involved. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing group.

"It was an honor just to be nominated for this award. But to have been selected by my coaching peers, it makes it very special."

Griffins avenge previous loss, defeat Pinckney Pirates 7-5

By David Troppens

It was the rematch of the Fenton/ Linden co-op hockey program against the Pinckney Pirates on Saturday.

Almost two weeks after the Pirates defeated the Griffins 7-3, the Fenton/ Linden squad returned the favor, earning a 7-5 victory against the Pirates.

The amazing aspect of this game wasn't that a pretty high goal total was scored in a competitive game (12), but how they were scored. The teams played the first period with just one goal being scored. The offense started to wake up in the second period with the two teams combining for four goals, but then something really went crazy in the final period. The two teams combined to score seven goals. The contest featured four ties, but just one lead change. Typically, the Griffins (3-1) trailed but always fought back to tie the score. There were ties at 1-1, 3-3, 4-4 and 5-5. The final deadlock came after Dylan Holloway scored a power-play goal during the third period. From there, the Griffins kept going. Jacob Florida scored the game-winning goal off a Caden Crandall assist. The final goal was provided by Keegan McNamara when he scored off an assist by Mitchel Luck on the empty net late in the contest.

It was a big day for Jace Dumeah who scored his first high school threegoal hat trick for the Griffins. Luck had a goal and four assists while



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Linden won its season-opening contest by posting an impressive 45-21 road victory at Lapeer.

The contest was like a typical firstgame of the season. There were plenty of miscues, but the Eagles certainly controlled the contest.

"It was a solid 24-point victory for our first game," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zachary Darling said. "We had the first-game jitters which was evident by our 28 turnovers. We played a good game defensively, getting 21 steals, 20 deflections and two blocks.

Kelsey McLennan led the defensive charge, collecting a team-high eight steals. She also had eight rebounds.SW

Offensively, it was a balanced effort. Paige Leedle had 10 points while Allison Maienbrook and McLennan had seven points each. Megan Widner and Kayla Widener had six points each while Shaye Burkholz had five points. Olivia Mawhinney had four points.

"All of our girls got good playing time, and it was a great team win for the first game," Darling said. "We have a lot to work on, and I am going to be very nitpicky with this team because I believe



Linden's Paige Leedle (right) and Kayla Winder (left) play tough defense against Lapeer. **Photo: Kylee Richardson**

they have so much potential."

The potential is evident. Many of the players back this season were the ones that helped make last season a success. Leedle and McLennan were secondteam All-Metro Stripes Division members a year ago, while Mawhinney earned honorable mention status as a freshman as well.

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The Holly Township Board of Review will hold its annual December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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- A mistake in the millage rates, such as levying 32 mills instead of 30.2 mills
- A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by \$750 equaling \$22,800 instead of \$30,000
- To review claims of qualified homestead on properties
- To review hardship/poverty claims

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Lake Fenton's Ella Prevost (middle right) collects a rebound with teammate Savannah Fellenbaum (middle left) near her. The Blue Devils opened their season with a 61-25 victory against Southfield A&T on Saturday. Photo: Christopher Summers

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were clear favorites entering the contest and solidified that through their actions, scoring the game's first 12 points. By the time the first quarter was over, the Blue Devils enjoyed a dominating 27-6 lead with four players providing the offense. Amaya Smith scored 11 first-quarter points, which included three treys during that eight-minute period. Cola Sisk netted eight points while Savannah Fellenbaum and Kelsey Corkran had four points each.

The Blue Devils (1-0 overall) continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring their visiting foes 17-4 in the stanza. Lake Fenton led 44-10 entering halftime. The Blue Devils' offense slowed down a little bit in the second half, but that probably had to do more with the con-

tinuous mercy clock than anything.

"We moved up the court pretty well, especially for it being game one, and we shared it," VanBuren said. "I don't have any official totals, but I would say we had at least 15 assists.

"Defensively, we were active. We have a long way to go on that end, but we liked the help and activity. Our guards didn't concede anything and that always helps the overall effort.

Fellenbaum ended up leading the squad with 16 points, including netting nine in the second quarter. Sisk finished with 15 points.

"I loved that we could get the season started with a win, and get good playing time for everyone," VanBuren said.

"I can't wait for the week and to see Corunna on Friday."

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to 15 years in prison.

Ethan Crumbley, 15, of Oxford, was charged with four counts of firstdegree murder, seven counts of assault with intent to murder, terrorism and multiple firearms counts. He faces life in prison. Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald is charging him as an adult.

Ethan is the alleged shooter in a mass school shooting that happened Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Oxford High School in Oakland County. The sheriff's office reported that James and Jennifer Crumbley legally purchased the handgun that was used in the shooting four days prior to the shooting and said the parents posted on social media that the gun was a gift for Ethan.

Four high school students, Hana St. Juliana, Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin and Justin Shilling, died from gunshot wounds. In addition to those four students who died, seven other people were shot — six students and one teacher.

After not showing up for their arraignment, a be-on-the-lookout was issued for the Cumbleys. The two wanted fugitives were located and arrested by the Detroit Police Department. DPD received a 911 call from a business owner that observed the suspect vehicle in his parking lot on Bellevue near Jefferson in the city of Detroit. A female was observed near the car by the business owner. When he called 911, she fled on foot. After an extensive search by DPD including Detroit K9 units, both of the fugitives were located and arrested by DPD. The two were transported to the Oakland County Jail.

Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe said, "Kudos to the Detroit Police Department for this great response and work. We wish to thank all of the agencies that assisted on scene including Border Patrol, MSP, U.S. Marshals and our own Fugitive Team."

Andrzej Sikora, 65, was to be interviewed Monday, Dec. 6 by sheriff's detectives as to any connection he may have to the disappearance of Jennifer and James Crumbley. The couple was the focus of an intensive manhunt Friday and Saturday by the Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension

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Team, the U.S. Marshal's Service, FBI,

Michigan State Police and the Detroit

Police Department. They were arrested

by Detroit Police early Saturday in a

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linked to Sikora.

Bouchard said. "Our findings will be presented to the prosecutor."

Bloomfield Hills attorney Clarence Dass, who represents Sikora, said his client contacted the Sheriff's Office and authorities in Detroit after the couple's arrest.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for Dec. 13 at 1:15 p.m. for Ethan Crumbley. A probable cause conference has been scheduled for James and Jennifer Crumbley for Dec. 14 at 1:15 p.m.

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A Dec. 2 deadlinedetroit.com article with the headline, "Interior secretary orders removal of 'Squaw' from 31 Michigan sites, including lakes," caught the attention of several residents.

Fenton Township is home to Squaw Lake and Squaw Lake Drive.

In a Nov. 19 press release, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland formally established a process to review and replace derogatory names of the nation's geographic features. She also declared "squaw" to be a derogatory

term and ordered the Board on Geographic Names — the federal body tasked with naming geographic places — to implement procedures to remove the term from federal usage.

"Racist terms have no place in our vernacular or on our federal lands. Our nation's lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression," Haaland said. "Today's actions will accelerate an important process to reconcile derogatory place names and mark a significant step in honoring the ancestors who have stewarded our lands since time immemorial."

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Secretarial Order 3404 formally identifies the term "squaw" as derogatory and creates a federal task force to find replacement names for geographic features on federal lands bearing the term. The term has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women. There are currently more than 650 federal land units that contain the term, according to a database maintained by the Board on Geographic Names.

For clarification at the local level, the Times reached out to State Rep. Mike Mueller of Fenton Township.

Mueller said, "Our understanding, after speaking with our legal team, is that Secretary Haaland's order will only affect the names of federal lands — national parks, national wildlife preserves, national forests, etc.

"The federal government does not have the authority to change the name of Squaw Lake in Fenton Township. It could decide to change the way it references the body of water in federal documents, but there's no indication that would affect the way state government, local government or the public would refer to the lake or the road."

HEARING

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exiting a club parking lot on Ravine Road in Kalamazoo on Oct. 2 at 3:25 a.m. Several bullets hit the truck.

One passenger was shot through his face/mouth and taken to the hospital by his friends. He was in critical condition and underwent several lifesaving surgeries. Another passenger was injured when the bullet that went through his friend's face grazed his shoulder.

The Fenton woman said the victims, their families and friends and members of the community had planned to travel to Kalamazoo. She expected approximately 50 family and friends to attend the hearing so that their voices would be heard.

The mother of the now 20-year-old,



said, "God was with him in the truck. He turned his head just right and the bullet went through his mouth. It's a miracle. It's been a nightmare."

She said her son spent 33 days in the hospital and needed four transfusions. He graduated from Hartland High School and attends Mott Community College. He and some friends from Hartland drove over to Western for one night to celebrate another friend's birthday when the shooting occurred.

The Fenton woman credits her son's friends for saving his life. "Those boys are heroes," she said. "His friends got him to the hospital. One was calling 911 and one was calling the hospital while an officer was trying to pull them over for speeding (to the hospital). His friends are heroes."

Liggins was arraigned Nov. 23 on eight counts of assault with intent to

murder and eight counts of felony firearms. A cash surety bond of \$20,000 was ordered and he posted bond on Nov. 29.

The Fenton woman said during Liggins' arraignment, the prosecutor asked for a \$1 million bond due to the evidence, severity of charges, multiple previous records with the court and increased flight risk. The judge for the arraignment, Judge Alisa Parker-LaGrone, ordered a reduced bond of \$20,000 and would not agree to order a tracking device.

According to 8th District Court records, the judge of record in this case is Christopher Haenicke.

The Fenton woman said they are frustrated with the low bond and it was unknown as to which judge they were going to have Wednesday.

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Obituaries

Herb Scheneman



Herb Scheneman, former Fenton resident died Saturday, November 20, 2021. Herb was a local business owner, Fenton Chamber of Commerce board member, and volunteer with the Angels of Action organization. He graduated from both the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 56 years, Marge; two sons, Glenn and Tim; daughter-in-law, Christa; and two grandchildren, Kaylee and Cameron. A memorial service will be held in January.

Thomas J. Klempp 1952 – 2021

Thomas J. Klempp - age 68, of Holly, died Saturday, December 4, 2021. Graveside services will be held at 1 PM Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Beebe Cemetery, Holly with Rev. Daniel Hanselman officiating. Mr. Klempp was born in Holly on December 19, 1952 to Jack and Della (Buck) Klempp. Thomas worked as a carpenter, and commercial fisherman. He was known for being able to fix anything, always helping others, kind, gentle, and loved by many especially his granddaughter; nieces; nephews; and great nieces; and nephews, of which he enjoyed joking and playing with. He was well read with a great sense of humor. Surviving are sisters and his brother, Joan Goovert, Bill (Vickie) Klempp, Shannon Klempp; special nephew, Ron (Kathi) Goovert; granddaughter, Shelby Chard; nieces and nephews, Kerry (Ortencia) Klemp (Cassandra & Kristine), Nick (Jenny) Klempp (Trinity & Claudia), Crystal (Mike) Tokarsky (Tyler & Adam), Dawn (Todd) Cotterman (Clayton), Dee Bellows (Jared, Jordan, Jacob, & Joel), Dwayne Klempp (Christine), Johnathon (Alicia) Munger (Lauren, Jack, & Hannah), Sonya (Josh) Frieden (Anderson & Julia). Mr. Klempp was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Della Klempp; brother, Ron Klempp; sister-in-law, Linda Klempp; brother-in-law, George Goovert; nephew, Brian Klempp; and special friend, Bonnie Bump. Memorial donations can be made to March of Dimes or the Highland Congregational Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



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MIDWEEK TIMES



ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 Dig deep into matters of the heart this week, Aries. Explore ways to nurture a relationship or push it to the next level. Don't hold back on love.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21 You may rediscover your love for a good book this week, Taurus. Ask others what they're into and peruse the best-sellers lists for even more inspiration.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, you often trust your instincts regarding money, but this week you'll be even more in tune with your finances. Your income could increase soon.

Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, some shake-ups at work could be on the horizon. Right now there's no telling what will happen, but preparation can ensure you're ready for whatever comes your way.

Horoscopes

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, if you have been thinking about changing jobs or taking up a new profession, now is the time to lay that groundwork. A new opportunity could surprise you.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, radical changes to your life are just around the corner. A big move or career change will shake things up for you and anyone in your household.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Someone connected to your job may be doing things you don't agree with, Libra. It's a sticky situation that requires patience, finesse and caution. SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, channel much of your energy this into making solid partnerships this week. This way you can call on your network whenever you need advice or a helping hand.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, research opportunities for a new business opportunity or promotion at your current place of employment. Now is a great time to take the next step in your career.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a midweek burst of energy makes a project you have been working on suddenly seem like a piece of cake. Enjoy the fruits your labors.

For the week of **December 6, 2021**

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 Repairs around the house may be on your mind, Aquarius. Once you tackle these issues, you can focus on more recreational tasks. Enjoy the well-deserved R&R.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, creative project could take up much of your time this week. You'll be so caught up that the real world may pass you by for a bit.

