

# Ambulance wait times in Linden reach 15-20 minutes

## ■County sends letter to municipalities on contracting with specific ambulance services

By Hannah Ball

With 34% of Linden's population age 55 and older, and 27% of the population

age 62 and older, city officials and EMS workers are worried about the long wait times for ambulances.

"We have seen increased response times in the past several months like most other communities across Genesee County. Upwards of 15 to 20 minutes is happening more frequently, sometimes even longer," said Linden City Manager

Ellen Glass.

Genesee County's ambulance system is unique. It does not have one dedicated ambulance service. Instead, multiple EMS companies provide service in the area.

However, according to Kolby Miller, CEO of Medstar Inc., increased competition among companies results in

ambulance crews parking near the most populated areas of the county. This means that less populated municipalities, such as Linden, have to wait longer for an ambulance to arrive when someone has a medical emergency.

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said their firefighters do their best to stabilize  
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## Suspect in custody after I-75 shooting

■Case sent to Oakland County Prosecutor's Office

By Hannah Ball

A suspect is in custody following a shooting on I-75 on Friday, Jan. 7.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, the Michigan State Police announced that a suspect was taken into custody along with multiple pieces of evidence, including a handgun.

Around 12:10 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 7, a suspect driving on I-75 shot at another driver near East Holly Road in Springfield Township. The victim was transported to the hospital in serious condition, and this person has since been released.

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## Gas station closer to completion



Construction of the Beacon & Bridge redevelopment is ongoing. Workers were out on Tuesday, Jan. 11, doing work outside and inside the new building. When done, the convenience store, now located on the north end at the corner of the intersection, will be 2,592 square feet. The eight gas pumps, an increase from four before construction, are now on the south portion of the property. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Applicants seek to turn Red Fox building into event venue

■Agreements with neighboring businesses secure more parking

By Hannah Ball

The old Red Fox Outfitters building could be turned into an events and banquet facility.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a special

See **RED FOX** on 9



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“Great service from the guys at Linden Complete Auto this past week. Many thanks for getting our daughter's car heater working before her trip back to college in Marquette. The staff was friendly, professional and helpful. Top notch service in Linden. Glad to have this service place in Linden.”



“My parents always taught me to treat each other the way you want to be treated. I work in a medical facility, and I am so frustrated with how rude and demanding people have become. A little kindness goes a long way.”

“So sad that Beale Street is not able to open in their new location yet. So glad we were still able to have dinner Friday night in the old location, it was excellent.”





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# Community, firefighters mourn loss of former Gaines Twp. chief

■ Bill Miller, who helped build the Gaines Twp. Fire Dept. in 1979, died Jan. 1

By Lania Rocha

**Gaines Twp.** — The Swartz Creek/Gaines Township community – and in fact, the Genesee County firefighting community – suffered a great loss last week with the passing of former Gaines Township Fire Chief Bill Miller.

Miller, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 1, of natural causes. A funeral took place Saturday, Jan. 8, at Hill Funeral Home in Grand Blanc. Visitation was from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw Street in Grand Blanc, with a funeral service at 6 p.m.

Miller helped build the Gaines Township Fire Department from scratch in 1979. A February 2015 Swartz Creek View article announcing his retirement noted that he was the longest-serving continuous fire chief in Genesee County at that time.

“He put a lot of hard work and effort



Former Gaines Township Fire Chief Bob Miller was a descendant of the first settlers of the Swartz Creek area.

Submitted photo

into putting it all together,” said current Chief Joe Hyrman, who served as Miller’s assistant chief for many years. “I remember when we started, we didn’t have pagers, we had fire phones at the station, and we slept on old army cots until we got our pagers. He worked his butt off to put this all-in place.

“He was a great leader. He had a lot of

good people skills. He could chat with anyone and get along with most people.

“He took the fire service very seriously. Most of the people who grew up through the ranks were taught by Bill Miller. He taught firefighters across the state. He was a good teacher, very patient. He was very well respected. And he was a very good friend.”

Miller was a descendant of the first settlers of the Swartz Creek area, originally called Miller’s Settlement, for whom Miller Road is named. He was proud of his heritage and sought to do his part to preserve local history, both as an aspiring author and as curator and archivist for the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society.

“He certainly had the most knowledge in our group,” said Lisa Spillane, Historical Society member and assistant curator. “He had a wealth of knowledge. He was our curator right up to the very end. If anything needed to be identified, he was our go-to person.”

Spillane said she will miss Miller’s stories and his sense of humor.

“He always had a joke to share and most times it was about himself,” she

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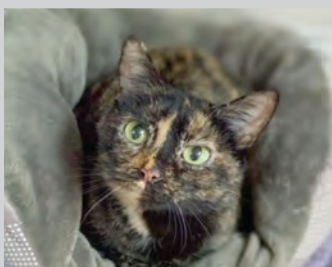


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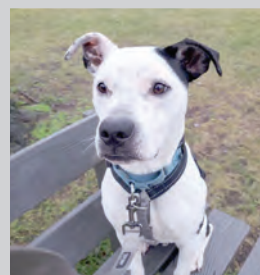


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## Building Brands

## Four ways to stay top-of-mind right now

I heard the rumors but didn't want to believe them. About a month ago, someone said that cream cheese was going to be in short supply this winter. One article cited on-going supply chain and labor shortage issues, another said a cheese manufacturer was the latest to suffer a cyberattack. I even saw something about a reimbursement program Kraft Heinz was offering during Christmas to help ease the pain of families going without their Christmas cheesecake.

But the holidays came and went and I didn't have any trouble finding my beloved cream cheese. That all changed this week. There it wasn't in THREE stores. No spreads, no bricks, no flavors. Only one tub of a "cream cheese alternative." Panic set in. I eat a lot of cream cheese. Turns out I'm not alone.

The author of a USA Today article from mid-December talked to a spokesperson for Kraft Heinz who told USA TODAY that the company is "maximizing our production to meet unprecedented demand."

"We're shipping 30-35% more product to foodservice partners vs. a year ago," the spokesperson said in an email, noting at-home consumption, which has remained 18% higher than 2019 levels, is

adding to demand."

Apparently the pandemic made us all crave cream cheese.

As with all of the shortages we've dealt with in the past two years, the cream cheese shortage won't last forever. I thank the Kraft Heinz spokesperson for their comforting words on that front. Another sure sign that cream cheese will be around for years to come is there hasn't been a slowdown in cream cheese

advertising. (Just ask someone who has a hankering — suddenly cream cheese is everywhere.) Why? Because cream cheese brands know that, especially in the absence of their product when people could

forget why they needed all that cream cheese in the first place, staying top-of-mind is vital. Brands are finding ways to keep their customers happy and thank them for their loyalty (see reimbursement program). Other brands are using this unusual time to find new customers who may have been loyal to a different brand before the shortage.

Cream cheese producers aren't alone. We have a lot of customers dealing with the same challenges, but they're still advertising. Why? Because staying top-of-mind remains the most important tactic a brand can employ right now. All of the current challenges are temporary and staying top-of-mind

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Emily Caswell

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID**, 'Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains taken to bring it to light.' As Americans, we must seek sources of news that provide truth. Main media creates false narratives. Finding truth is difficult, painful work. But try diligently. Look for truth, experience pain and liberation.

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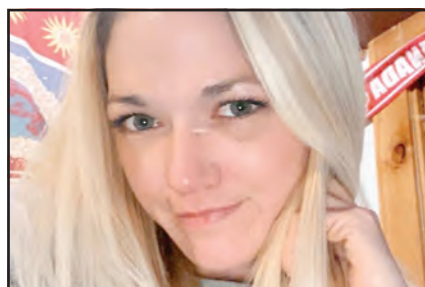
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**Carl Jones**  
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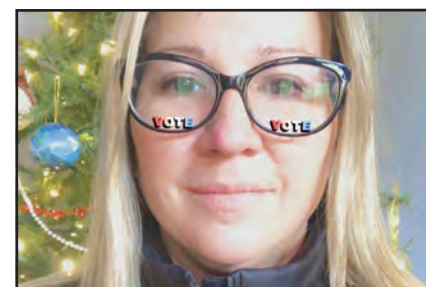
"Emotional and mental health support animals free for the elderly, many are already lonely everyday in homes or communities, but with the isolation of the pandemic, bringing me ESA dog to visit those places always makes them light up happy"

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"I'd set up a community garden/farm that teaches kids where their food comes from. The produce and meat would go straight to the local food bank, so people in need did not just get canned stuff, but actual fresh vegetables."

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"Pediatric cancer. They receive less than 4% of all government funding for cancer research."

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# MCC Fine Arts Gallery welcomes Andrew Rieder

■ Mixed media pieces by well-known artist to be shown Jan. 10-25

From Mott Community College

**Flint** — Mott Community College's (MCC) Fine Arts Gallery will present an exhibition of paintings by Andrew Rieder from Jan. 10 to 25. The exhibit is titled "Absolved of Essence Through Obsolescence," and it will feature mixed-media works on canvas.

In addition, Rieder will give an art talk 10 a.m. Jan. 14. These talks are available through the MCC Fine Art Gallery page ([www.gallery.mcc.edu](http://www.gallery.mcc.edu)) and are made possible in part by the Ballenger Trust.

Rieder began working in the Great

Lakes Bay Region of Michigan in 2010 where he continues to teach at Delta College as an Associate Professor of Art & Design. His academic credentials include a Master of Fine Arts from Michigan State University, a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and a Bachelor's of Art & Design NC State University's College of Design.

His work has been featured in exhibitions throughout the country, including Paul Collins Gallery, Saginaw Art Museum, Lillian Davis Hogan Gallery, Shiawassee Art Center, Studio 23, Buckham Gallery, and the Alden B.



Andrew Rieder

Dow Museum. These works aim to explore the concept of work ethic and the various ways in which it is quantified.

## Artist statement:

"This series of mixed media pieces conveys to the viewer that many (if not all) of us are contending with a sense of insufficiency. I also want

the audience to gain an understanding of how one's own struggles can at times be too overwhelming to empathize with the struggles of another," Rieder said.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be limited capacity in the gallery and all art talks will be virtual. All visitors are expected to follow the MCC Standards and perform the Mandatory

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## TOP-OF-MIND

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means that when those challenges end, consumers — both new and returning — will come to you. And as a reminder, consumers are spending. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, November retail sales were up 0.3% over October, nationally, and rose 18.2% over 2020. Imagine how high those numbers will be when supply shortages end. Plus, with all of the on-going changes right now you have to ensure your customers know that you're not going anywhere.

So, if you're taking the focus off goods or services, what should your marketing message include? Here are four ways our team suggests you stay top-of-mind right now:

- **Share your terrific team:** If there is one positive to come from labor shortages it is the appreciation leadership and consumers have for the team members still getting the work done. Share those faces along

with some facts, like how long a team member has been with the company, why he or she has a passion for the work they do and their hobbies and interests outside of work. Along with keeping your brand top-of-mind, these marketing messages remind consumers that you provide jobs in the community, you care about your employees and, as an added bonus, these types of messages can even act as a recruiting tool.

- **Show your community some love:** Some of our clients are using their ad dollars to support area nonprofits by sponsoring advertisements or articles for and about for the vital organizations.

- **Say thank you:** A simple thank you goes a long way in today's world. Thank your team for their hard work, your customers for their loyalty, and your community for their on-going support.

- **Basic branding:** Sometimes we can get so caught up in developing a good campaign, that it's easy to forget how important and impactful basic branding ads can be. A strong

brand, including a logo and tagline, alone in an ad can have the desired impact of keeping you top-of-mind.

These are just four ideas, the possibilities are endless. Our team is here to help. Contact me if you'd like to talk marketing strategy or if you

have any leads on cream cheese.

What are you doing to stay top-of-mind right now? Email me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com).

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

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY HANNAH BALL

### DOMESTIC ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, around 4:45 a.m., Village of Holly Police Department

officers were dispatched to a residence from a 911 call by a female reporting that her husband assaulted her and threatened her with a knife. Officers arrived and spoke with the reporting person and a male neighbor who witnessed some of the interactions in a public area. The reported suspect had left the area before officers arrived and has not been located. Officers submitted the case to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office for review.

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"We want to congratulate Brown and Brown Insurance on being awarded the Spirit of the Silver Lining Award," said Shelly Hilton, CEP of the YMCA of Greater Flint. "The \$5,000 grant will be used to help support youth and family programs in Flint. In particular, the funds will be used by our Safe Places program, which provides free afterschool care, homework help, and more to nearly 400 youth in our community."

Long time agent and YMCA volunteer, Steve Randall stated, "Brown & Brown Insurance is proud and fortunate to partner with organizations such as

West Bend Mutual Insurance and the YMCA of Greater Flint. West bend's commitment to helping local communities in this time of extreme need shows their character and is greatly appreciated by all who benefit from this generosity."

"At West Bend, we have a proud tradition of giving back to the communities in which we do business," said Kevin Steiner, president and CEO of West Bend Mutual Insurance. "The Spirit of the Silver Lining Award is a unique program that allows us to express our gratitude to our agent partners on whom we rely to identify the causes that matter most in our communities."

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## AMBULANCE

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lize a patient until an ambulance or paramedic arrives on scene.

"They are comfortable providing patient care, gathering vitals, applying oxygen if needed along with performing CPR if the patient is in need," he said, adding that the current model with the contract worked well in the past and he's hopeful ambulance services will have more staff available soon. "In the meantime, we adapt as needed and do our best to take care of residents when called upon until ALS (advanced life support) services arrive to the scene."

Linden City currently has a contract with the City of Fenton and STAT EMS that has been in place since 2013.

"Unfortunately, due to challenges with the CAD system that 911 Dispatch uses and legal opinions of the consortium, our contract has never been recognized for dispatching purposes. Earlier this year, we attempted to work on a more regional effort with Argentine Township, City of Fenton, and Fenton Township for EMS Services. However, Fenton Township really had no interest in joining efforts. We are still working with Argentine Township and the City of Fenton on those efforts," Glass said.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz, who's chairman of the 911 Advisory Committee, said he doesn't believe the answer to this problem is to have one ambulance service for all southern Genesee County municipalities.

In early November 2021, Fenton Township entered into an agreement with Medstar Inc to provide ambulance services. County 911 Dispatch is still the ultimate authority on who is called to respond to calls. On Dec. 22, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution urging County 911 to recognize their agreement with Medstar.

Since the agreement began, response times have improved in Fenton Township. Average response times are down from 12 minutes to 6:50-7 minutes. Volz said they will

continue to work toward solutions for the entire county.

The subject is an ongoing conversation between municipalities and Genesee County 911. Glass has served on the general membership board and they've discussed this on a regular basis. County 911 sent municipalities a letter on what steps to take to enter into a contract with an EMS company for ambulance services.

"Municipalities that have entered into a contract recently are still pending approval from the consortium," Glass said. "Representatives of 911 have reached out to Genesee County Board of Commissioners about finding a resolution on a county level and they felt it was better handled by the individual municipalities. Unfortunately, I do not see anything changing on a county level anytime soon."

The letter from Tim Jones, executive director of County 911, states that the consortium administration is considering recommending approval of municipal exclusive service contracts with EMS companies.

"Consortium General Counsel Anthony Chubb is negotiating an indemnity and defense agreement with any contracted EMS provider, which is currently the only proposed exclusive service contract provider of Consortium members. He will additionally require an Ordinance or Resolution by each municipality entering these agreements that explicitly sets out the following:

- The Municipality, pursuant to its police powers and authority, recognizes that EMS provider as set forth in its contract; with any contracted EMS provider;

- The Municipality directs the Consortium to dispatch a contracted EMS provider exclusively within its jurisdiction, subject to applicable backup service agreements;

- The Municipality holds the Consortium harmless from any claims the Municipality may have against the Consortium arising from Consortium recognition of the EMS services contract."

Municipalities have to turn in documentation by Feb. 1 at noon for review. The executive board will discuss this during the Feb. 8 meeting.



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I believe that most people are generally aware of prisoners being released from custody and placed on what is commonly known as “parole.”

However, what is probably not well known are things such as the history of parole, how the process works, if paroles are granted in all cases, and if they are allowed under federal law and in all states.

For today’s column, I will attempt to answer these questions and more.

The word parole comes to us from the French word “parole” which means “promise” and generally describes when a prisoner is allowed early release and agrees to obey certain conditions under the supervision of a parole officer.

In the federal system, paroles were abolished with the passage of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 for crimes committed after November 1, 1987.

Prisoners convicted of federal crimes committed before that date are still parole eligible along with a limited number of other offenders.

As to state paroles, 16 states have eliminated parole with the remaining 34 states having various parole laws and systems.

In Michigan, parole is provided for by statute under the jurisdiction of the ten member Michigan Parole Board.

The Parole Board gains jurisdiction when a prisoner who is serving a non-life sentence has served their minimum sentence less any good time or disciplinary credits the prisoner may have earned.

In most cases, the minimum sentence is set by the judge and the maximum sentence by statute. This is called an indeterminate sentence.

Parole decisions are made by a majority vote of three member panels of the board.

The factors used in reaching a decision include the crime the prisoner was convicted of, their age, prior criminal record, risk, behavior in prison, parole guidelines scores, information from the prisoner interview, input from

# Driver cited for OWI and careless driving after U.S. 23 crash

■ Witnesses say driver was traveling too fast on Thompson Road exit ramp

By Hannah Ball

The driver of a Dodge Charger was issued a citation for operating under the influence of drugs and careless driving following an accident on north-bound U.S. 23 just past Thompson Road on Friday, Jan. 7.

According to a press release from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office, deputies were dispatched for a personal injury accident involving a Dodge Charger, Penske box truck, Chevrolet Silverado and a semi truck. Weather conditions were snowy and cold.

“Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the driver of the Dodge Charger, who was bleeding from the face and complained of arm and leg injuries. The driver of the Dodge Charger had a strong odor of marijuana coming from his person and admitted to deputies that he had smoked marijuana earlier in the day,” according to the press release.

Witnesses on scene said the Dodge Charger driver was going too fast on the Thompson Road exit ramp. It spun sideways into the Penske box truck, which then struck the Chevrolet Silverado, according to the release. The

victims, and other sources.

Paroles are granted only as a matter of privilege, not by right.

If granted parole, the prisoner may return to the community under the supervision of a parole agent for a specified term under very specific and strict conditions.

Failure to comply with the conditions can result in a violation of the parole and a possible return to prison.

Those are the basics. For additional information on Michigan paroles, including paroles for life sentences, go to the Michigan Department of Corrections website.

“The driver of the Dodge Charger had a strong odor of marijuana coming from his person and admitted to deputies that he had smoked marijuana earlier in the day.”

Genesee County Sheriff’s Office press release

semi truck had to swerve into the ditch to avoid a collision with the disabled vehicles.

The Dodge Charger driver was transported to Hurley Medical Center where medical professionals administered a blood draw. He was cited for operating

under the influence of drugs and careless driving.

The driver of the Penske box truck, Chevrolet Silverado and Semi truck were uninjured.

The incident caused traffic to be diverted off north-bound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road.

The case is still being investigated by the Office of Genesee County Sheriff. The public is asked to call 911 if they see anything suspicious or unusual.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### UNRESPONSIVE DRIVER ON LAHRING ROAD

On Sunday, Jan. 1 around 4:50 p.m., Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to an unresponsive driver on the shoulder of Lahring Road near Hogan Road in Fenton Township. Genesee County Dispatch advised a witness had been following a Ford pickup truck that was swerving all over the road. The driver pulled off the road onto the shoulder and then slumped over the steering wheel. The witness was unable to wake up the driver of the Ford pickup truck. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the male driver, who had slurred speech and a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his person. The driver of the Ford pickup truck refused all field sobriety tests and was later lodged at the Genesee County Jail where a search warrant for blood was issued. The case is still being investigated by the Genesee County Sheriff’s office.



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The Michigan State Police was on scene after the shooting on I-75 near East Holly Road in Springfield Township. **Submitted photo**

## SHOOTING

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F/Lt. Michael A. Shaw, public information officer for the MSP, said on Monday, Jan. 10, they were meeting with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for a charging decision for the suspect.

Police shut down that section of I-75 for a few hours to investigate on Friday. The suspect allegedly turned west onto East Holly Road and traveled through Holly. Holly Area Public Schools were in secure mode for a brief amount of time to be safe, said Holly Village Police Chief Jerry Narsh.

## Students invited to participate in Health Career Scholarship Contest

■ Contest encourages students to focus on health career of their choice and how COVID-19 has influenced their future studies and health

**Flint** – Genesee Health Plan (GHP) is accepting entries for its fifth Health Career Scholarship Contest sponsored by Sovita Credit Union. The contest is open to Genesee County high school seniors planning to pursue a career in the health care or health related sciences. Students in home-school or private school are also eligible to enter.

Students are encouraged to interview one or more family members to thoughtfully explain their family health heritage/history and how their findings influenced their future studies. Essays must also include the health field chosen and why, and how the Coronavirus pandemic influenced their decision.

"This year's contest is focusing heavily on the students understanding and expression of the impact that COVID-19 has had not only on them and their family, but how it impacted their decision to pursue a career in health care. With a national shortage of nurses and health care professionals, we hope that this experience encourages our youth to enter the health care field and make a positive difference on the health care landscape," said E. Yvonne Lewis, GHP director of outreach and founder/CEO of the National Center for African American Health Consciousness.

The specific scholarship contest guidelines are outlined below and can also be found at [geneseehealthplan.org](https://geneseehealthplan.org).

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. They must be typed with 1,000 words or more.

"Sovita Credit Union is honored to partner with Genesee Health Plan and sponsor this scholarship contest to encourage students in our community to pursue careers in health care, especially right now given the COVID-19 pandemic," said Jen Shew, Sovita Credit Union director of marketing. "As a financial institution that serves education and healthcare workers and their families, we believe it is crucial to provide financial and educational opportunities to those working in the health care field and those planning to join the health care work force."

All essay submissions are due by Friday, February 4. Scholarship recipients will be recognized and awarded during a private ceremony in May.

Essays must be submitted electronically to: [healthheritage@countyhealthplans.org](mailto:healthheritage@countyhealthplans.org).

Contact Sherika Finklea at (810) 232-7740 ext. 217 with any questions.

For more information including specific contest rules and guidelines, visit <https://geneseehealthplan.org/>.

Genesee Health Plan is Genesee County's plan for better health which began with the vision to have a community where each person has equal and affordable opportunity to live a healthy life. GHP is a non-profit health care organization that was launched in 2001 to provide health care coverage and life-saving services to the uninsured residents of Genesee County. The plan has provided more than 90,000 county residents with doctor's visits, cancer screenings, prescription drugs, x-rays and many more life-saving services since 2001. Learn more about GHP at [geneseehealthplan.org](https://geneseehealthplan.org) or call 844.232.7740.

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**TO THE HOTLINER** that said Americans must come to the aid of the country, I couldn't have said it better myself, my friend. Spot on.

**IN PAST ARTICLES**, the Times has mentioned Jill Weatherwax. I have no ties to her, her family or friends, but what happened to her saddens me. This upcoming March will mark 24 years since her life was cut short. We continue to pray that those responsible will be held accountable and give her family and friends closure.



## BILL MILLER

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said. “He always had so many stories to tell, and he never repeated the same. He was a natural storyteller. To some people, it comes naturally, and he was one of them.”

Spillane also said Miller was a great teacher, largely due to his patience.

“He was a very caring person,” she said. “There is nobody that Bill Miller met that he didn’t like. He made people feel special. And you walked away feeling a little unique because he tapped into something in you. It was always a joy to talk to him because he made you feel that way.”

Miller was working at AC and farming about 550 acres at his home in Gaines Township in 1979 when he inadvertently landed the job of fire chief for the fledgling fire department.

He hadn’t intended to become a firefighter, much less the chief, and he initially declined an invitation to join the ranks. But he had a change of heart, and before the agency officially began, his peers elected him assistant chief. Then, as fate would have it, the man who would have become chief quit just prior to the official launch of the department, leaving Miller to assume the top spot.

Miller shaped the department into a highly-skilled, professional agency, all the while giving all of the credit to his crew.

In announcing his retirement, Miller said, “I’ve always been very proud of this department. A fire department is only as good as its people. We’ve always had very good people.”

Throughout his career, Miller received many accolades, twice being named Chief of the Year, and twice receiving the President’s Award from the Genesee County Association of Fire Chiefs. He also received numerous plaques from the Michigan Firefighter Training Council for his commitment to teaching future generations of firefighters, a service he continued after his retirement.

“If anyone deserves honors, it’s Bill Miller,” Spillane said. “He’s somebody you just don’t forget.”

## RED FOX

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land use permit submitted by Cruwood Granary.

Applicants Chelsie Welch and Corey Cunningham wish to turn the building into a special event banquet facility that will host events for 200 people or fewer for weddings, showers, retirements parties, office parties and more.

“The extraordinary and unique building was the main draw to this location above all else,” Welch said. “Its distinctive 166 year old historic architecture works exceedingly well as a space to host events, and we hope to preserve and enhance it with that use. We were also excited at the potential to be a part of the thriving downtown Fenton community and for what the future could hold for the City of Fenton and our business as a part of it.”

The 0.542-acre property at 234 N Leroy Street in Fenton is located in the central business district. Surrounding properties are also zoned central business district. Its current use is listed as retail, although Red Fox closed March 2020. Skypoint Ventures, the real estate/capital development arm of Phil Hagerman and Jocelyn Hagerman, owns the property.

The public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 27 begins at 7 p.m. at Fenton City Hall.

Applicants are required to show how the plans are consistent with the master plan and that it’s cohesive with the character of the vicinity.

“The proposed use would help to both revitalize and unify the Rail and Downtown Districts by regularly bringing large groups of people into the City of Fenton to celebrate their events. These significant events cultivate a lively atmosphere within the Rail District while paying tribute to the historically unique area and architecture,” according to the application. “Our goal is to preserve, celebrate and amplify the historic architecture of The Granary Building. Our proposed use relies on minimal changes to the building and surrounding area. Maintaining the character of The Granary and Rail District are essential to the success of our business.”

The location allows for “ample” use of the main streets as well as access to the highways, according to the application. “The proposed use will cause no further stress on any other public facilities and services,” the application states.

The venue “may produce potential nuisances such as traffic and noise pollution,” according to the application. They plan to utilize valets, rideshare programs and shuttles so event traffic has minimal impact on surrounding areas. All music and sound systems will remain indoors.

This is not the first time an applicant has sought to turn this building into an event venue.

In October 2020, a different application applied for a special events permit but was denied due to parking issues.

In this application is a study done by ROWE Professional Services Company that states the maximum capacity allowed in the banquet facility would be 240 people, which was determined by the city. This requires them to have 120 parking spaces within a 500-foot walking distance.

The applicants provided ROWE with specifications of eight separate parking lots. In total, the plan shows

301 parking spaces.

Along with public parking, agreements with private businesses make up a portion of these spaces. The clients have an agreement to use the parking lots of Fenton Glass (60 parking spaces) and the Skin and Vein Institute (29 spaces). A third parking lot, with 11 spaces, is owned by the client.

Welch said from the beginning, these two businesses have been “incredibly supportive and helpful” in finding a potential parking solution.

ROWE collected data between 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov. 6 to study the number of spaces available in these lots. There were 140 spaces available on Friday and 166 available on Saturday.

The application also lists more than one dozen industries that would be positively affected financially in Fenton with a nearby venue, including catering, hotels, photographers, bakeries and more.

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# Blue Devils capture fifth straight win, defeat Owosso 74-42

By David Troppens

In the COVID era, depth is going to matter in varsity basketball games.

It's likely squads will be without key starters or bench players, and others are going to have to step up. The Blue Devils have experienced some of those COVID issues at the start of the new year, yet the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team continues to win.

The Blue Devils (5-1) won their fifth

straight game, defeating Owosso 74-42 in a Flint Metro League Stars Division contest. The victory also keeps the Blue Devils a perfect 3-0 in Stars Division play, tied with Goodrich.

"We've had some guys out and it has given a couple of guys a chance to step up," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "Carter Smith especially. He led us with 12 points, was diving all over the floor, getting tips

and was a big spark for us. Reid Shumaker also was one as well. He only had five points but he played a lot of good defense and was being a pace maker and providing good leadership.

"We believe in everybody on our whole team, to our leading scorer to those who may not have scored much for us yet. We believe we can plug each of our guys in a spot and do well."

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## Sports Times

### Tigers remain perfect in Stripes Division

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has taken a few losses this season.

But one look at those losses and one can see most are against very good programs like Grand Blanc, DeWitt and Goodrich. All three have strong winning records.

However, when it comes to the games that matter the most during the regular season, the Tigers are looking like superstars. Fenton's defense sparked the squad to a pretty impressive 50-30 Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory against the Kearsley Hornets Friday, enabling the Tigers to remain perfect in division play.

"I think we talked a lot in this game," Fenton's Adrie Staib said. "And I think that it really helped us be able to trust that if you're not going to be there, that somebody else will. That really is our

biggest thing as a team — communicating and talking — and that's when we thrive the most."

"We have to kind of make our money on defense," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchey said. "We have to try to get transition points off our defense as well and we did that tonight. We really have been focusing on it. Most of the stuff we do in practices are defensive drills. ... If you can play good defense, you can compete with anybody, and I think that's what has kept us in some games this year. We are able to play good solid defense, make sure we box out and hold teams to one shot. We really have focused on the team aspect of defense and not just me and my girl, but team versus team."

Whatever the defense was, it worked against Kearsley, par-

See **TIGERS** on 12



Fenton's Madison Slezinski prepares to attempt a shot in the Tigers' 50-30 victory against Kearsley.

Photo: David Troppens



Fenton's Justin Banura made a bucket on this eventual shot against Kearsley. Photo: David Troppens

### Fenton's offense stings Hornets, 68-61

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Entering the 2021-22 varsity boys basketball season, one of the main questions for the Fenton Tigers was where would they get their offense.

Besides Seth Logan, one wondered if the squad had enough offensive threats to put fear in their Flint Metro League opponents. Apparently the Tigers do.

The squad has scored at least 59 points in every game this season and are averaging 65.5 points a contest. That trend continued on Friday as the Tigers defeated the Kearsley Hornets 68-61 at Fenton High School.

"It was great," Fenton's Lance Barkholz said. "We just played as a team and the shots just came. We got hot and we went on a roll. It was good."

"We're scoring at least 60 points a game and we've been sharing the ball

See **FENTON'S** on 13

### Fenton/Linden Griffins split weekend matches at Sault Ste. Marie

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team ended its trip to Sault Ste. Marie with a thrilling contest.

The Griffins scored the go-ahead goal with 2:05 left in regulation, resulting in a 4-3 victory against Alpena.



Jace Dumeah

The squad opened the weekend with a 5-0 loss to Sault Ste. Marie.

The Griffins (8-4) never trailed against Alpena, but the contest remained tight throughout. Max Wright scored the game's first goal on an assist by Nick Temple in the opening period. It was the period's only goal, resulting in a 1-0 lead entering the first intermission.

In the second period, the Griffins

jumped up to a 2-0 lead with Mitchel Luck scored a goal on assists by Caden Crandall and Filip Harant. Alpena cut the lead to 2-1 with 4:11 left in the period, but the Griffins scored before the period was up again. Keegan McNamara scored a power-play goal off assists by Luck and Jace Dumeah. Fenton/Linden led 3-1 entering the second intermission.

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# Tigers place second at Wyandotte

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team is steadily getting better.

That was proven once again at the Wyandotte Tournament.

The Tigers placed second out of 12 teams.

It didn't come easy. In fact, the Tigers didn't have second place wrapped up until the final match of the day. In it, Carson Krzeszak was tied 2-2 with out 10 seconds left. But that's when he tossed his opponent to his back and earned a 7-2 decision win, giving the Tigers second just ahead of third-place Tecumseh.

The Tigers had three wrestlers advance to the championship match with one winning his weight class title. The winner was Philip Lamka (160). Ranked second in the state, Lamka went 4-0, earning two pinfall wins and two technical fall wins en route to his individual title. He defeated Southgate's Brennan Evans in the title match by pinfall, improving to 19-0 on the season.

Evan Firby (215) and Owen Freeman (119) earned second-place fin-



Fenton's Philip Lamka works on a pin in a recent match. Lamka took first in his weight class at the Wyandotte Tournament. Photo: David Troppens

ishes. Freeman earned pinfall victories in his first three matches, a 5-3 decision win in the semifinals against Ann Arbor Skyline's Achira Kerschbaum, but then lost in the finals against Utica Ford's Ethan Miller by major decision. Firby is 14-6. Firby won his first match by pinfall and the second by major decision.

However, Belleville's Javen Franklin won the title match by a 10-5 decision.

Four Tigers finished in third place. They were Jamal Horne (112), Garrett Clark (125), Kyle Dunfield (160) and Krzeszak. Ben Triola (189) and Dylan Beverly (152) came home with fourth-place finishes.

## Gonzales wins title at DCC, teammates compete at South Lyon

The Holly varsity wrestling team competed at the South Lyon Duals and went 1-4, earning a victory against Notre Dame Prep 57-18.

The Bronchos wrestled without its top star, Jacob Gonzales. He competed at the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational, earning a title in his weight class.

At South Lyon, four Holly wrestlers finished the event with 4-1 records. Jayden Higgins (189) went 4-1 with four pinfall wins while Hunter Hummel (152/160) and Gabe Soja (112) earned a 4-1 record with three pinfall victories. Andrew Cross (130) earned a 4-1 record as well, earning two pinfall wins.

At Detroit Catholic Central, Gonzales (160) remained undefeated for the season by earning a pinfall win and a technical fall victory in his first two matches. In the title match, he defeated Davison's Kyle White with a 5-0 decision win. Gonzales is 14-0.

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# Fenton swimmers defeat Bronchos

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swim team remains the favorite to win the Flint Metro League title again this season until another team proves otherwise.

That hasn't happened yet. The Tigers won 11 of the 12 first-place spots in the event and defeated Holly 109-25.

The Tigers were paced by Max Haney. Haney won both of his individual events and also helped two relays earn firsts. Haney won the 200 individual medley (2:01.32) and the 100 butterfly (52.95) individually. Meanwhile, he teamed with Jack Fries, Braden Falvo and Kaz Sieja to win the 200 medley relay (1:49.68) and with Jacob Shanahan, Zach Michelson and Evan Koch to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:40.65).

Fries also earned two individual firsts. He won the 200 freestyle (1:58.20) and the 100 breaststroke (1:05.84). Other Fenton individual firsts were earned by Koch in the 100 freestyle (55.60), Kaz Sieja in the 50 freestyle (24.02), Owen Cox in diving (175.80), Falvo in the 100 backstroke (1:04.78) and Michelson in



Fenton's Jack Fries competes in the breaststroke in a past meet. He took first in the event against Holly. File photo: David Troppens

the 500 freestyle (5:27.06).

The Tigers also earned seven of the nine individual seconds with Shanahan earning on in the 50 freestyle (24.60) and in the 100 freestyle (56.66). The other individual seconds were Koch in the 200 freestyle (2:06.87), Tristan Bakker in the 200 individual medley (2:32.08), Falvo in the 100 butterfly (1:00.35) and Michelson in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.28).

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## Young LFLF gymnasts earn dual victory

By David Troppens

The LFLF gymnastics team is experiencing a youth movement this season.

The squad of 13 athletes is about half freshmen. Yet, that didn't keep the squad from earning a victory against Walled Lake with a team score of 130.55.

Maty Temrowski is a returning gymnast and she had a strong performance. She posted an 8.575 on the vault, a 7.65 on the bar, an 8.25 on the beam and an 8.725 on the floor.

Natasha Dudin had a strong showing as well, posting scores of 8.5 on the vault, 7.850 on the bar, 8.175 on the beam and 8.175 on the floor. Avery Miller recorded an 8.4 on the vault, 7.225 on the bar, 8.425 on the beam and 8.55 on the floor. Sophia Markey earned scores of 8.25 on the vault, 7.425 on the bar and 8.525 on the floor. Alida Smith had a score of 7.825 on the beam.

"We are almost half freshman, so they are adjusting to the style of high school gymnastics," LFLF gymnastics

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## Blue Devils keep on winning, defeat Owosso

By David Troppens

Nothing seemingly can slow down the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The Blue Devils played its first half against Owosso with just six players, yet they were as dominant as ever, outscoring the Trojans 30-9 during the opening half. The rest of the game didn't go any better for Owosso as the Blue Devils improved to 8-0 overall and to 3-1 in the Flint Metro League Stars Division with a 60-16 thumping of Owosso at home.

Emerson Baker had a huge first quarter, netting 11 points during it. She scored Lake Fenton's first points of the game with a three-pointer and hit two more before the quarter was up. The only other player to score for Lake Fenton in the first quarter was Kerrigan Howdeshell who netted five points, including a trey of her own. Lake Fenton led 16-9 after one quarter.

"Baker's start was good to see," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "She shot pretty well in practice yesterday and had a good

rhythm going. She knocked in a couple early and looked like she was seeing the rim wider than it was."

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils held Owosso scoreless, while all the players that saw the court scored in the second stanza. Smith and Howdeshell had four points each while Lily Wright, Baker and Savannah Fellenbaum had two points each. Lake Fenton enjoyed a 30-9 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Blue Devils had their strongest offensive quarter, netting 25 points. This time it was Smith and Baker who were on fire. Smith scored 13 third-quarter points with nine coming from behind the three-point arch. Baker added two more treys and had eight points herself. Fellenbaum chipped in four. The Blue Devils led 55-11 after three quarters.

"We got away from going inside the way we talked about, but to our credit, several of the jump shots were from ball rotation or just making the extra pass," VanBuren said.

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Lake Fenton's Emerson Baker scored 21 points in a 60-16 victory against Owosso. File photo: David Troppens

## Linden boys remain perfect in Metro Stripes Division, defeat Swartz Creek Dragons

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys basketball team got off to a hot start and never lost control of the game, earning a 56-41 victory against the hosting Swartz Creek Dragons Friday night.

The Eagles (3-0 in Metro Stripes Division and 5-3 overall) netted 21 points in the opening quarter and jumped to a 21-11 lead. Monte Keener and Joe Miller had six points each during the quarter, helping spark the Eagles' offensive work.

The trend continued in the second quarter. Reichen Lund hit two treys and scored eight second-quarter points, leading the Eagles to a 16-point quarter. Miller also hit his third trey of the game in the second quarter as the Eagles jumped to a

37-22 halftime lead.

The Eagles' offense cooled off in the second half, but the defense remained strong, Meckstroth scored five third-quarter points and Jase Becher netted four third-quarter points, en route to a 12-point stanza. The Eagles led 49-32 entering the fourth quarter.

Lund led the Eagles with a game-high 15 points. He scored 12 of his points during the opening half. Miller had nine points, with all of those points coming on three-pointers in the opening half. Becher and Keener had eight points each.

Quandre Wright led the Dragons with 11 points, but no other Swartz Creek players scored more than seven points.

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## TIGERS

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ticularly in the first half. The Tigers held Kearsley to one field goal in the first quarter, resulting in just four Kearsley points. Meanwhile, Staib had a big first

quarter offensively, netting nine points. The Tigers led 16-4 after the first quarter.

The trend continued in the second quarter. The Hornets were stung by Fenton's defense and netted two field goals.

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# Eagles’ strong first-half defense sparks win vs. Creek

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team played some outstanding first-half defense at Swartz Creek, and it earned the Eagles a strong Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory.

The Dragons were held to nine first-half points, eventually resulting in the Eagles’ 44-26 victory.

The game started as a defensive contest. Megan Widner had a little bit of offense in the first quarter, scoring five Linden points. Kelsey McLennan hit a trey and the Eagles led 9-5 after one quarter.

In the second quarter the defense re-

mained the key for both squads. McLennan had four points and Paige Leedle hit a three-pointer. Meanwhile, Swartz Creek hit just one second-quarter field goal and Linden jumped to a 16-7 halftime lead.

In the second, half the Eagles’ offense took over. Led by Leedle’s 10 third-quarter points, Linden scored 16 points in the stanza. Creek was held to just seven points and the Eagles led 32-16.

Leedle led the Eagles with a game-high 18 points. She also had five rebounds, four steals and three assists. McLennan netted 13 points, a team-high 11 rebounds, six blocks and four steals.

The Tigers led 56-45 entering the fourth and after a short hoop by Seth Logan, Fenton led 58-45 with 5:28 left in the contest. The Tigers were in control, and all they really had to do was make free throws from that point on.

However, the Tigers made just 3-of-7 over the next four minutes while the Hornets started nailing their shots. A three-pointer by Dakari Neely cut the Tigers’ lead to 61-54 with 1:34 still remaining on the clock. However, the Tigers got stronger at the line down the stretch, nailing 7-of-8 on their next four trips to the line. Connor Luck hit four during that stretch, and Justin Banura hit the final two during it, giving the Tigers a 68-59 lead with just 14.5 seconds left.

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### Holly boys basketball falls to Flushing, 72-47

It seemed the Holly varsity boys basketball team had found its offense prior to winter break.

After being held to just 31 points in a loss to Linden to open the season, the Bronchos had scored at least 55 points in their next three games. Included in that mix was a 68-40 victory against Clio and

a 62-59 victory against Fenton.

However, since the Bronchos have come back from break, the offense has averaged just 46 points in their two games. On Friday against Flushing, the Bronchos scored just 47 points, resulting in a 72-47 Flint Metro League Stripes Division loss.

### Holly girls play better vs. Flushing Raiders

The Holly varsity girls basketball team played one of its best contests of the season against Flushing.

The Bronchos limited the Raiders to 40 points, but still lost a 40-12 Flint Metro League Stripes Division Friday night.

The 40 points Holly allowed was the least the Bronchos have yielded all

season. On offense, the Bronchos were more patient. The effort meant the Bronchos remained in the game longer. Holly saw Makenna McGee hit a three-pointer, Audrey Combs hit a 14-foot jumper and Alana Simmons convert two free throws after being fouled inside during the first half.

### LF wrestling competes at New Lothrop tourney

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team had five placers at the New Lothrop Hall of Fame tournament.

Jack Conley (152) improved to 18-1 en route to his weight class title. He

earned a pinfall win in each of his first two matches and defeated Corunna’s Xavier Anderson in the title match by an 8-3 decision. All three wrestlers Conley faced had winning records.

## FENTON’S

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well and some guys hit shots in different moments and we seem to be winning.”

“We have a chance to put the ball in the basket quite a bit,” Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. “Look at our games and it’s not always us hitting three-pointers. We do get to the basket quite a bit and we get to the foul line a lot. This isn’t a 45-point team.”

The Tigers were efficient on offense against Kearsley. Fenton made 21-of-42 shots with seven being three-pointers. They attempted 28 free throws and also turned the ball over just nine times. The only reason the game was as close as it was probably had to do with the Tigers’ free-throw shooting in the fourth quarter.

## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS BOWLING

► **Goodrich 29, Linden 1:** Mackenzie Miller led the Eagles with a 145-122-267 two-game series. She beat her season average by about 25 pins.

► **Kearsley 28, Holly 2:** Emily Sorter led the Bronchos with a 145-171-316 two-game series, earning both of Holly’s team points. The Bronchos’ top Baker game was a 126.

### BOYS BOWLING

► **Goodrich 28, Linden 2:** Austin Huyck led the Eagles with a 234-216-450 two-game series, beating his old average by 44 pins. Ian Patterson also had a 210 game.

► **Kearsley 27, Holly 3:** In a battle of undefeateds, the Hornets earned the victory. Ryan Sparklin led the Bronchos

with a 225-184-409 two-game series. He beat his average by about 36 pins. Sean Dankert had a 222-184-406 series while Ryan Dalton had a 220-166-386 series.

► **Holly at Lila Jean Furnish Classic Bakers Tournament:** The Bronchos finished with a 12-game total of 2008, earning a 167 average, placing the team ninth out of 16 teams. They missed out of advancing in the tournament by just four pins.

“Our team attitude was outstanding with the bowlers helping one another, supporting each other when things are good or bad, and stepping up to show leadership,” Holly varsity boys bowling coach Dan Yoder said. “They are bowling as a team now, not individuals. I could not be happier with their actions.”

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## Midweek Jumble

### JUMBLE

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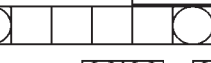
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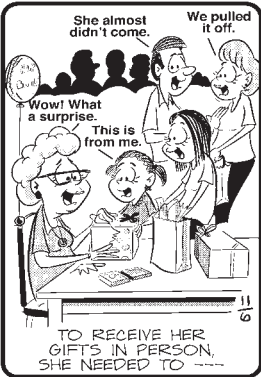
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Obituaries

Times

Michael Todd Kernen

1960 – 2022

Michael Todd Kernen - age 61, of Clio, formerly of Fenton, died Sunday, January 9, 2022. Cremation has taken place and a service to celebrate Michael's life will be held this spring. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton



high school. He enjoyed mountain biking, sailing, woodworking, and summers spent with his family on Case's Island for many years. Surviving are his siblings, Julie (John) Maloney and their son, Shane and Shawn Moleski and his daughter's, Robin

Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Mike was born November 8, 1960 in Flint, the son of Donald Kernen and Shirley Hopkins. He was a 1979 graduate of Fenton High School and he attended Eastern Michigan University. He enjoyed and was a successful wrestler, starting in 6th grade and continued through his senior year, (and EMU) taking 1st place in a state championship in

and Mariah. He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Moleski; father, Donald Kernen; stepfather, Robert VanAuken, Sr.; brother, Robert VanAuken, Jr.; and family friend, Jack Batson. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Midweek Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Polish city

6. Very eager

10. Identifies a specific person or thing

14. Tennis great Naomi

15. One concerned by professional advancement

17. PGA Championship reward

19. A fashionable hotel

20. Norse mythology afterlife location

21. Stood up

22. Car mechanics group

23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)

24. Broken branch

26. Astronomy unit

29. East Asian nursemaid

31. 'Airplane!' actor

32. Exclamation that denotes disgust

34. "Batman" villain

35. Downfalls

37. Philippine province

38. Once-vital TV part

39. Valley

40. Tax

41. Classic Scorsese film

43. Subway dwellers

45. Book part

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Founder of Babism

53. Have surgery

57. Withdrawal from a larger entity

58. Lot's father

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Lemur

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CLUES DOWN

1. Quarrels

2. Right away

3. Comedian Carvey

4. Egyptian unit of weight

5. A Brit's mother

6. Tropical tree

7. One who speaks Gaelic

8. NHL legend Bobby

9. Vacation spots

10. Military personnel

11. Shakira's don't lie

12. Wimbledon champ

13. Teletypewriter

16. Mistakes

18. Whale ship captain

22. Thus

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. One and only

27. Fencing swords

28. Taxis

29. Basics

30. Refuse of grapes

31. Go quickly

33. French ballet dynasty

35. Most open

36. Popular soap ingredient

37. US time zone (abbr.)

39. Items of food

42. Backbones

43. Infrequent

44. Blood type

46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Pike

49. Egyptian sun god

50. A cardinal is one

51. From a distance

52. Bolivian river

53. N. American student organization (abbr.)

54. River (Spanish)

55. Chinese life force

56. Chinese surname

Horoscopes

For the week of January 10, 2022

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are self-confident and know who you are, which helps you take charge of situations. Many people rely on you, and you feed off that accountability.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may feel like you have to be a mediator between two sides, and that only adds to tension you have been feeling recently. Take a deep breath and a step back.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, perceptions can be misleading. Look at a confounding situation from another angle. A new perspective may be all you need to see things more clearly.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a get-together with loved ones could do everybody some good. You may need to find the secret that can pull them everyone together, even if it's only for a day.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a friend of yours may be feeling like a third wheel on group outings. Consider playing matchmaker, or make plans for a get-together with just this individual.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, someone may try to burst your bubble in the next few days, but you won't let it get in the way of your lively, imaginative nature. As time goes by, others will come around.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, the last thing you want to do lately is slow down, but you may have to do just that or special moments may pass you by. Carve out time to spend with loved ones.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, someone is trying to stay on task this week but you are all about a less serious approach. Let others focus on the tasks at hand, even if you can't.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, technology is designed to make processes easier, but you may find you get fouled up by devices this week. Try doing things the old fashioned way for a bit.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, others may not share your sense of humor. Play to your audience and don't get too down if some jokes don't go over well. Consider toning it down for a bit.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, what you see in the mirror just isn't matching up to what you're thinking in your head. Look to wise friends for answers as to why this is.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you are finding difficulty finding satisfaction at work, it may be time to start looking for something new to do. Put out some feelers.





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