

County could soon make changes to dispatch system

■ Linden attorney hopeful they will soon reach positive outcome with County 911

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden officials are hopeful that ambulance response times may soon improve.

During the Jan. 24 meeting, Michael Gildner, attorney for Linden, said he anticipates they will reach a positive outcome soon with the Genesee County 911 Consortium. Last month, Tim Jones, executive director of County 911, sent a letter to municipalities outlining a pro-

cess for entering into an agreement with a specific ambulance provider in an attempt to reduce long wait times.

Local officials have reported ambulance wait times as long as 21 minutes for a Tier 1 medical call.

“The consortium is finally

coming around with the idea of recognizing local designations for the communities who choose to have a particular provider,” Gildner said.

Linden is taking advantage. Gildner recently sent Linden City Manager Ellen Glass a resolution for contracting

with an ambulance provider. It was approved by the consortium and it will come in front of Linden City Council next month.

Even with these agreements, County 911 Dispatch is still the ultimate authority on who is

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Fenton approves new COVID protocols

■ Masks required in all city buildings

By Sharon Stone

People will be required to wear a mask, deemed effective by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), if they enter any Fenton City-owned building, such as city hall, police station, fire station, public works building and the museum. During its Monday, Jan. 24 meeting, Fenton City Council voted

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Frigid temps, blanket of snow hits area

■ DPW crews salt and plow city streets

By Sharon Stone

Residents in the tri-county area woke up to single digit temperatures early Tuesday morning following snow

See **TEMPS** on 10



At 8 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, the sun rises over Four Lakes Avenue in Fenton Township. The road is snow covered from Monday's snowfall. It was 1 degree F. Photo: Sharon Stone

A trip to the Winter Market



The Sunday, Jan. 23 Holly Winter Market featured approximately 30 vendors that sold homemade food, soaps, artwork and more products. The market days will continue every other Sunday, with the addition of Sunday, Feb. 13 for Valentine's Day-themed items. See story on page 9. Photo: Hannah Ball



“I can’t believe we pay hundreds of dollars a month for cable or dish TV and almost half of it is commercials. Have we all gone crazy?”



“It’s 20 degrees outside but even really cold days are so much better when the sun shines.”

“For my snowblowing neighbor, there is a noise ordinance in Fenton Township — 11 p.m. equals a \$500 fine.”



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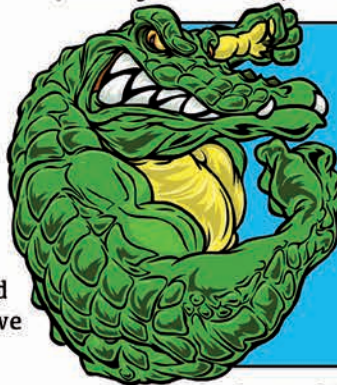
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■ Main Street Holly preps for 'Galentines' First Friday event – just in time for Valentine's Day

By Sharon Stone

Downtown Holly is preparing for an upcoming event, "Holly First Friday: Galentines" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4. First Fridays are put on by Main Street Holly, Downtown Development Authority.

Attendees are encouraged to stroll, shop and dine throughout the downtown area. Participating downtown shops will be open until 8 p.m. Visitors will help kick off the #loveholly loyalty punch cards. The businesses also will have poster boards up for attendees to let them know their thoughts by using sticky notes.

Nick Klemp, director of Main Street Holly, said Galentines is, instead of Valentines (which tends to be a love interest), about bringing your favorite friend downtown for the evening and shopping, grabbing something to eat and enjoying the



Fun activities, such as ice sculpting shown above, are planned for every First Friday event in downtown Holly. The next First Friday event, "Galentines," is set for Friday, Feb. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. **Submitted photo**

ambiance.

This First Friday they will kick off the #LoveHolly loyalty card where customers get punches for each purchase and turn them in when they are full for a drawing to win gift cards to their favorite DDA shops.

Klemp said their First Friday concept is to give people a later

night to come out and just enjoy the shops in downtown and throughout Holly, as there is really something for everyone.

"The last few First Fridays have really started to pick up some traction and bring people downtown for the night but it just seems to depend on what everyone has going on," he said. "We are trying to create the thought that this should be what they have going on every First Friday."

Most of the shops do participate by staying open until 8 p.m. and have some kind of fun thing for customers in their shop.

The DDA partners with the businesses on First Fridays by bringing some kind of fun aspect to the downtown or the shops. They have had everything from a Pet Palooza Pet contest, Arts in the Alley, Witches Night Out, to a chili cook off and ice sculpture artist.

"They have been a lot of fun to see people come downtown, hang out, enjoy our awesome downtown and then go spend time in our restaurants and shops," Klemp said. "We are even starting to include other shops and restaurants on the north end of town as some of them stay open later anyways and incorporate what they have to offer as well."

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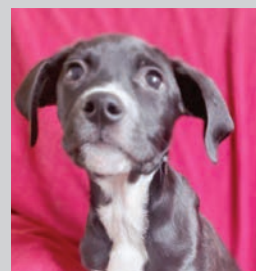
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Building Brands

Is it time for a tune-up?

Searching for a topic to write about this week, I texted our publisher to see if he had any thoughts. He texted back: “Yes, how about Three Easy Steps to a Bran Tuna.”

I don’t know what a Bran Tuna is, but I know our publisher well enough to know that he meant to text “Brand Tune-Up.”

Along with knowing our publisher pretty well, I knew what he meant because we’ve been working a lot these last two weeks on the finishing touches for a rebrand of an area nonprofit. (I’ll share more once the new brand is approved!)

I always get a little jealous of the organizations we do a rebrand for, because it’s such a valuable and fun process and it always ends with something fresh, new, exciting and — best of all — effective. I’m especially envious of this launch because it’s coming at the start of a new year. What a perfect time to approve an updated mission, vision, tagline and logo and get your whole team excited about being on the same page and what’s

ahead for your organization.

If you’re like our team at View

Newspaper Group and you’re reading this without a new brand launching right now, you’re likely wondering how you can get the same energy and excitement happening for your team. There is a way.

Before I get to that, however, let this column serve as your sign to do a mini, in-house brand audit to see if you do, in fact, need a full rebrand.

Ask yourself:

- How long has it been since your brand has been updated?
- Can your current brand serve you as you work to reach your goals for 2022 and beyond?
- Do you and your team like your brand? (There’s nothing worse than an ugly, outdated logo!)
- And finally, does your brand still represent what you do? A brand identifies you to your community and users. With many businesses making changes in the wake of the pandemic, it’s time to consider that a new brand is needed.

If any of your answers indicate that



Emily Caswell

it may be time for a new brand, please email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com. Let’s talk!

Those questions may reveal that it’s not time for a full rebrand — that’s the case for View Newspaper Group — but chances are it is time for a brand tune-up. (a.k.a. bran tuna).

Our publisher said it best in a follow up text, “After two years of improvising, planning contingencies and making ad hoc decisions maybe your brand hasn’t had as much attention as it needs. January 2022 is a good time to assess the state of your brand and perhaps give it a little tune-up.”

With all the challenges we’ve faced and embraced in the last two years, I hadn’t even looked at our brand identity package (this includes your brand promise, mission, vision, positioning statement, tagline and elevator speech) in I don’t know how long. If I hadn’t looked at it, I bet no one else on our team had either. It was time. Here’s what we did and what you can do, too.

Three Easy Steps to a Brand Tune-Up:

- Review your current brand identity with leadership: After reviewing our

See **TUNE-UP** on 10

Hotlines

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OUR BLOOD BANKS are experiencing crisis level shortages, yet the Red Cross rules won’t allow gay men to donate blood because of the HIV rule implemented in the early ‘80s. What gives? They test all the blood from donors before it’s used on anyone else. This is a pathetic disgrace.

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SLOTKIN’S ATTEMPT FOR reelection, the ‘Invest in Law Enforcement Act,’ could help our local police departments. But, considering this bill is being introduced by a Dem that has supported some of her far left socialist constituents, such as the ‘Squad’ and others who would rather defund our police.

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

What motivates you to work hard?



“Hard work is built by ethics (work), ethic is built by parents, family, teachers, and surroundings friends that our youth look up to! Working hard is a life style which you are raised by. Having a desire to be successful in life, family and business!”

Nick Stilson, Howell



“My family, and the goals I have to be able to help other people. More money means having resources to be more generous.”

Alex Schwartz
Swartz Creek



“My purpose is to go out and help someone every single day, big or small. I’m a medical device rep. It’s never about me and always about someone who needs help getting back to their healthy life style and ways.”

Katie Lyn, Fenton



“I was raised by a hard working single mother of two boys. She and my own two boys are what motivates me to work hard.”

Kenny Way
Fenton

| street talk

Linden organization seeks gaming license

■ Council passes resolution recognizing group as non-profit local civic group

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Happening in Linden, one of the prominent event-planning organizations in Linden responsible for Ladies Night Out, Holiday Happening and more, is seeking a charitable gaming license. Linden City Council approved the resolution Monday, Jan. 24.

“As you all know, Happening In Linden has been presenting community events in and around Linden for a number of years. In an ongoing effort to continue to diversify and expand our offering of community events, we are wishing to add a Charitable

Gaming License to our portfolio,” wrote Chris Kinyon, president of Happening in Linden.

With this license, they would be able to offer raffles and other gaming activities at their events.

The state requires a resolution from the city council recognizing the organization as a non-profit local civic group. The resolution will be filed with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The organization is registered as a charity with the state of Michigan.

“Happening in Linden always strives to conduct business at the highest of levels and in compliance with all laws. We are one of only four charities in Linden registered with the state to solicit donations,” Kinyon wrote.

Linden approves five-year parks and recreation plan

■ Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation creates comprehensive plan

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City Council passed a resolution of support for the five-year master plan by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, during the Monday, Jan. 24 meeting.

The “Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan” is a tool to guide the development and preservation of park facilities and programs in a manner consistent with its mission of “establishing, maintaining and operating a system of parks, recreation facilities and programs,” according to the plan.

Councilor Pam Howd said it’s an “extremely comprehensive” plan.

“The city of Linden supports the mission of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation to establish, maintain and operate recreational facilities and programming,” according to the resolution. “The parks and recreation plan provides a solid foundation for the development of recreational facilities and continued

improvements in recreational programs to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the residents throughout the Southern Lakes region.”

The entire plan can be viewed at slpr.net.

The most significant change in the plan is SLPR’s goal to acquire land for a park, or future parks, and to construct a new recreation and administrative facility to house SLPR operations.

SLPR’s top priorities ranked in order include; (1) Expand program opportunities in the SLPR service area; (2) Promote non-motorized connections throughout southern Genesee County and connect them to key destinations; (3) Continue partnerships with non-profits and education institutions; (4) Evaluate and pursue acquisition for park development; (5) New capital improvement project; (6) Continuing to modify programming to fit the demographics needs.

SLPR is expected to adopt this plan on Thursday.



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Two of the most common procedures are fingerprint matching and DNA matching.

Fingerprint matching involves the comparison of fingerprints found at a crime scene with those of a known suspect or, if unknown, from a national fingerprint database called

the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

Fingerprints are created when epidermal "ridges" on a finger touch a receptive surface. Ridges are the raised lines on the palm side of a person's fingers.

Everyone has a unique set of fingerprints which never change and which have one of three ridge patterns—arches, loops or whorls (circles).

There are as many as 150 ridge points in a fingerprint. Depending on the quality of the print and the experience of the examiner, six matching points may be sufficient for a positive identification. Less experienced examiners require more.

DNA is short for "Deoxyribonucleic acid." Every person has an entirely unique DNA profile (except for identical twins).

This technology was first developed in 1985 by British Scientist Alex Jeffreys to help solve criminal cases.

The matching process involves a laboratory comparison of DNA found

at a crime scene with a DNA sample of a suspect.

DNA samples can include bodily substances such as inner cheek skin cells, blood, fluids, hair and fingernails.

Like fingerprints, if there isn't a known suspect, there is a national DNA database that can be used for comparison.

Each person's DNA has what are called "markers" and the actual comparison is made between the crime scene DNA markers and the sample's markers.

The accuracy of DNA testing is over 99% with odds of mistaken identification estimated at about one in a billion.

As can be seen, identification of defendants can be accomplished in a number of ways. However, it must be remembered that ultimately the judge or the jury determines if the prosecutor has presented sufficient evidence to establish a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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MOST INSURANCES ACCEPTED**City approves buying plow truck**

■ Cost is approximately \$38,765; old truck has hole in driver's side floor

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City Council approved the purchase of a plow truck at its Monday, Jan. 24 meeting.

The city bought the used 2020 Ford Super Duty plow truck, previously owned by Linden Community Schools, for \$38,765. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will use it for snow removal and other services.

Don Grice, DPW director, said this was a "great" price.

The previous vehicle the city used is a 2009 GMC pickup truck that was taken out of service due to its worsening condition. It has a hole in the floor on the driver's side.

"For the last couple of months, we have been working with several dealerships around the state in an

effort to locate a new pickup truck through various governmental discount programs. Unfortunately, we have been told that the current demand for work-duty pickup trucks is far outpacing the supply and therefore, manufacturers are filling full purchase price orders prior to governmental discount orders. With that, we are told it would likely be late fall or early next year before we would be able to acquire a new truck," according to Ellen Glass, city manager, and Grice.

After they acquire this truck, they will have two trucks out of service.

"So I'll be taking some action to try to get rid of these older vehicles," he said.

Glass said the city did not budget to buy a truck this year and this would be a budget amendment. However, the city did add approximately \$260,000 to the fund balance last year.

18-year-old questioned, lodged at jail

■ Father reports nude photos on 13-year-old daughter's phone

By Sharon Stone

An 18-year-old Lake Fenton High School student was interviewed by a Genesee County Sheriff's Office detective before being lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

Det. Sgt. Scott Pritchard said deputies responded to Lake Fenton Middle School on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 9:30 a.m. for a child sexually abusive material case.

Pritchard said a teacher notified the school resource deputy who is assigned to Lake Fenton schools that a student's father found nude pictures and inappropriate conversations on his 13-year-old daughter's phone. The pictures and conversations were from an 18-year-old male that attends Lake Fenton High School.

Deputies then responded to Lake Fenton High School and made contact with the 18-year-old male and made arrangements for him to be interviewed by a detective at the Office of Genesee County Sheriff. The male student was later lodged at the Genesee County Jail for child sexually abusive material, possession (4-year felony) and using a computer to commit a crime (7-year felony).

The case is still being investigated by the Office of Genesee County Sheriff. If anyone has any information on this or any other crimes, call (810) 257-3422,

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- People who are dangerous may represent themselves online as a young boy or girl to entice you to a face-to-

face meeting.

- You should never arrange a face-to-face meeting without first asking a parent. If a parent agrees, you should meet in a public place with your parent accompanying you. Be careful when someone offers you something for nothing.
- Be very careful about any offers that involve you coming to a meeting or have someone visit your home.
- Always get to know your online friends just as you would get to know all of your friends.
- Never send your picture without first asking a parent.
- Never respond to messages or items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable.
- Be sure that you are dealing with someone you and your parents know and trust before giving out any personal information about yourself.
- Diligent parental supervision will help ensure your safety on the Internet.

Source: Michigan State Police

MCC earns top awards at LAND Awards

■ Linden resident earns Honorable Mention for documentary

Nine Mott Community College (MCC) Media Arts & Entertainment and Fine Arts students, including one from Linden and Swartz Creek, are winners in the 2022 Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) student competition and the College's International Institute won the LAND Institutional Excellence Award. They will be recognized at the 37th annual LAND Conference awards ceremony Feb. 18, to be hosted live on Zoom at 12:30 p.m.

LAND is an organization that seeks to develop and to promote a network for strengthening the liberal arts in Michigan community colleges.

"Winning the Institutional Excellence Award is testament to the hard work and creativity our faculty have put into

providing our students with enriching international experiences despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic," said Debra Gibes, faculty director for Experiential Learning and Coordinator of the International Institute.

The International Institute at MCC initiates, coordinates, promotes, and supports campus and community-wide efforts for international and intercultural programming that increase global awareness and understanding for intercultural competence in a global society.

In the non-fiction/documentary category, Owen Summerland of Swartz Creek earned First Place for his "Weaving Through COVID."

Todd Hopkins of Linden earned an honorable mention for his "Pandemic: Lives Affected."

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance Number 177, the Rose Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments, adopted at the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board held on the 8th of December 2021 and published on January 26, 2022 and January 29, 2022.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Genisys Credit Union recognized

Honored as a ‘Best of Michigan Business’

Genisys Credit Union has been named an honoree in the large business category for the 2021 Best of MichBusiness Awards hosted by Corp! Magazine. This award celebrates the companies that make Michigan a great place to live and work through their outstanding leadership, commitment to growth, and organizational achievements.

“We are honored to receive recognition from Corp! Magazine as a ‘Best of Michigan Business,’” said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. “The Genisys team is committed to upholding a sound financial and operational foundation in order to maintain a focus on the member experience and product and service excellence.

“This award validates and attests to the endless contributions the team makes for continued success. I would also like to extend a ‘thank you’ to our members for their continued support and for allowing us the opportunity to make a positive difference in their financial lives.”

Over the course of 85 years, Genisys has been proud to build its financial strength by creating and maintaining an environment that is built on the commitment to financial strength

and performance to grow impactful member relationships. In recognition of this, they were awarded the Crystal Award by Raddon Financial, a Fiserv Company.

This coveted award gives recognition to the top 2 to 3% of credit unions throughout the nation based on a scorecard of: growth, income, efficiency, margin management, products, and member household relationships. It is an organizational achievement that honors years in the making as it gives recognition to credit unions that use insights to affect direct, impactful action at their organizations.

Additionally, for the past 29 years, the credit union has received a 5-star rating from Bauer Financial, which is held by less than 4% of financial institutions nationwide while gaining the recognition of “Sustained Superiority” and “Best of Bauer.” This ensures to the credit union’s members that their deposits are held safely, especially in times of economic downturn.

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Holly Winter Market held every other Sunday

■ Old fire fall is new location for market days

By Hannah Ball

Holly — Homemade food, soaps, knitted products, paintings and more were available for purchase at the Holly Winter Market on Sunday, Jan. 23 at The Gather Station. Hundreds of people attended the event.

This is the first year for a winter market in Holly, which is generally held every other Sunday. Organizers said there's a lot of interest and almost every vendor slot is taken.

The fall farmers market season ended in late October, but vendors and customers didn't want it to end, said Diana Regan, Holly farmers market manager.

So they figured out a way to keep it going.

Regan and Kim McDonald Petrie, owner of The Gather Station, organized to have market days in the old fire station at 313 S. Broad St. in Holly.

The event was approved within two weeks.

The Holly Winter Market began in early December. Each market day has been busy, but a few inches of snow came down the night of Saturday, Jan. 22, which most likely affected attendance on Sunday.

"It was a little slower than usual. I think the snow did hamper a few people. After the sun came out, we started to get pretty busy," Regan said. "December was good. It's fallen off a little in January, but I can definitely see an increase in interest in customers and vendors for February and March."

The venue can only hold 30 vendors, and all the spots are taken up until March. Those are filling fast. Regan has a waiting list. Market days are held every other Sunday with the addition of Feb 13. Vendors requested another market day to feature Valentine's Day merchandise.

Once the weather gets warmer in April, they're hoping to add spaces outside for more vendors.

"When we have a beautiful spring day, of course people want to be out-



A vendor hands customers a bag of baked goods during the Sunday, Jan. 23 Holly Winter Market. The snowy weather kept some people away, but the market day was busy from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

side," Regan said.

They don't have much produce right now due to the weather, but some vendors are bringing beef, dried fruits, salsa and chips, apple cider and doughnuts, snacks, dog treats, baked goods and more.

"It's a well-rounded group of vendors. We have a wide variety of food items available, crafts and health products," she said. This includes holistic products, medicinal teas and more.

The event will feature food trucks as well. O'Brien BBQ Truck out of Hartland will attend the Feb. 6 Winter Market.

"The vendors were so happy to do this and the customers like it so much, we're going to plan on doing it every year," Regan said.

Watch the Holy Farmers Market Facebook page for details.

“It's a well-rounded group of vendors.”

Diana Regan

Holly farmers market manager

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flurries for much of Monday, Jan. 24. The area saw approximately 4 inches of fresh snow.

Dan Brisson, director of public works for the city of Fenton, said, "All day snow events can be a challenge for our staff."

Brisson said that Fenton's DPW crews salted major streets Monday morning and spot salted high-traffic intersections as needed throughout the day.

At 3 p.m., Monday, the DPW started full-scale plowing and salting operations on major streets to prepare for afternoon rush hour traffic. By 4:30 p.m., all major streets were plowed and salted.

"DPW staff plowed residential streets until about 10 p.m., Monday evening," Brisson said. "A small crew worked overnight in the downtown area to plow and salt city parking lots when vehicles occupying parking spaces is at

a minimum."

DPW staff resumed plowing and salting all city streets, parking lots and downtown sidewalks as needed Tuesday morning.

Michigan State Police (MSP) Metro North reminds motorists that when it's very cold, it takes salt longer to work after it's been applied to the roads. They advise everyone to keep their speeds down, especially in the subdivisions as they will remain snow covered.

The Road Commission of Oakland County is urging motorists to use extra caution while driving. They reported that higher elevations can quickly refreeze after being salted. They warn motorists not to tailgate and to slow down.

Watch out for black ice. Black ice often forms on bridges, ramps and overpasses. The cold air circulates above and below the elevated surface. Road salt melts the ice, however, the air circulation can cause refreeze.

TUNE-UP

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brand identity I realized we did need to update a couple of small items including our current reach. In the coming weeks, I'd also like to make some changes to our elevator speech. After all, we don't often find ourselves in elevators with strangers these days, so it's a good time to tweak that message and make it more appropriate for a quick "hello" at networking events, including those done on video. Overall, however, our brand identity is in good shape. (Whew!)

• Set aside dedicated time to make updates: We're all doing more these days, but your brand is no place to skimp. Set aside at least an hour in your calendar to make any changes you see necessary to

your brand identity pieces.

• Get the team excited: Here's where the tune-up really makes an impact. Once the tune-up is done, it's time to get the entire team a fresh copy of the brand identity pieces and, if it's in the budget, some fun swag to go along with it. It's a not a rebrand or a brand launch, but a new year is a great reason to remind your team who you are, what you do and why that's important. Now is the perfect time to get everyone in your organization speaking the same language (free of auto correct errors) again.

Want help with your brand tune-up? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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called to respond to calls.

All calls from the county's 33 municipalities go through the Genesee County 911 Dispatch Center. Six ambulance providers provide EMS services in the county, which is a mix of private companies, hospital affiliated nonprofits, and public nonprofit ambulance providers. The city of Fenton is the only municipality in the county that operates its own 911 dispatch center.

More and more municipalities are contracting with a specific ambulance provider.

Fenton Township entered into an agreement with Medstar Inc in early November 2021. Since the agreement began, response times have improved in Fenton Township. Average response times are down from 12 minutes to 6:50-7 minutes.

Glass said Linden has had a contract with STAT EMS for more than

10 years, but County 911 doesn't recognize it due to how the dispatch system works. She said not all ambulance providers are willing, or they're not able, to enter into these agreements.

"Even if we contract, it doesn't solve the staffing issues that obviously every industry is experiencing, especially ambulances. It'll be interesting to see what transpires," Glass said.

On Monday, Jan. 24, the Linden City Council acknowledged a letter from attorney Scott Fraim of Henneke, Fraim & Dawes, representing Swartz Ambulance Service, Inc. He sent this letter to every municipality in the county.

He wrote that the primary reason for a shortage of ambulances and long wait times is a lack of a sufficient number of licensed paramedics and EMTs, and municipalities entering into agreements with specific ambulance providers will not fix the issue.

"Ambulance crews are at the forefront of being exposed to the COVID 19 virus," the letter states.

Many crews have been infected by the virus and others have left the industry altogether, causing staffing shortages. EMT and paramedic training classes were paused during the pandemic, and fewer people are entering this field of work.

However, Fraim does not believe that the best solution is contracts between municipalities and specific ambulance services.

"Since County 911 is the only 911 center authorized to dispatch tier 1 ambulance calls, this mandate would exclude all other ambulance providers, who are licensed by the State of Michigan to operate in all of Genesee County, from responding to a call for emergency ambulance

services in that local unit of government's (LUG) jurisdiction," Fraim wrote, adding that he suspects these municipalities will have to rely solely on the availability of their contracted provider.

"An exclusive ambulance provider contract will

not magically put more ambulances on the road," the letter states, but it could divert existing ambulance units that currently cover all of Genesee County to instead focus on the municipalities they contract with, potentially causing other jurisdictions to have reduced availability.

He wrote that he's not aware of any study showing that Tier 1 responsetimes are longer than the national benchmark of eight minutes, 59 seconds for urban areas, and 12 minutes, 59 seconds for rural areas 90% of the time.

He said municipalities pursuing these contracts is not legal and would subject the municipalities to an increased risk of liability.

"Since a LUG has no governing authority over a 911 center, there would be no rational basis to the requirement of a LUG's ordinance/resolution mandating that a 911 center dispatch only their contracted ambulance provider when there is no legal right to accomplish that requirement," Fraim said.

“Even if we contract, it doesn't solve the staffing issues that obviously every industry is experiencing, especially ambulances.”

Ellen Glass
Linden city manager

Cleanup of wreaths at national cemetery



In the photo below, more than 100 volunteers worked at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township on Saturday, Jan. 22 for the annual cleanup. Wreaths that had been placed at each grave (above photo) for the holidays were removed and hauled away. The first two phases of the national cemetery provide a total of 4,401 in-ground cremation burial sites, 8,768 columbarium niche sites, 4,650 traditional casket burial sites, and 18,080 double-depth pre-set crypts. Great Lakes National Cemetery was established in 2005, and the first burial took place Oct. 17 of that year. **Submitted photo**



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6-1 in favor of required masks for the next 90 days, unless city council takes action on the issue again.

Councilman David McDermott cast the dissenting vote. He said, "I'm not anti-mask, I just prefer we follow the guidelines set by the CDC and not create additional mandates. I'm also pro-civility, meaning, if you find yourself in close proximity to someone that prefers you wear a mask, be courteous and wear it. Several of my City Council peers prefer to mask, so I wear one to meetings as well. It doesn't require a mandate, just some common courtesy."

In a Jan. 21, memo from City Manager Lynn Markland to Mayor Sue Osborn and city council, Markland said at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, city administration prepared a response plan, which was approved by city council in spring of 2020.

Throughout the pandemic, circumstances and information has changed from time to time. Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, who is the public health officer, Michael Hart, assistant city manager and executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, and Markland have had several meetings to discuss changes in protocol for isolation and quarantine. The guidelines also have been reviewed by the city's labor attorney.

Several boards and commissions for the city have had difficulty meeting since the changes to the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA) that severely limit remote participation as the city had

the ability to do in the early part of the pandemic. Hart said the city is waiting for the state of Michigan to provide another 90-day extension for remote meetings.

Markland wrote in the memo that there are several community volunteers who are concerned about the transmissibility of the Omicron variant and they are not yet willing to attend meetings. In addition, some city employees have been out of work due to infections or exposure.

Precautions and structural changes the city made to buildings and by people wearing masks is being attributed to no department wide outbreaks.

City administration asked that city council consider masking requirements in all buildings at this time. This would include board/commission members and members of the general public.

Hart said the library is run by Genesee County, so this city building mask mandate does not impact those at the library. He said the same goes for the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, which is run by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

Hart said the masks will be required to help prevent departments being impacted by the virus, which could then impact the city's capability to provide essential services to its residents.

Members of boards and commissions will follow this requirement as well.

Anyone entering a city building will be provided with a mask if they do not have one. Hart said supplies were ordered.

Hart added that the city attorney confirmed that city council has the authority to mandate the masks in city-owned buildings.

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Holly jumps to early lead, collects second straight win

By David Troppens

Earlier this season, slow starts were a problem for the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

On Friday, the start of the game was a great shining bright spot.

The Bronchos took a 13-2 lead in the first quarter and went on to earn a 55-43 Flint Metro League Stripes Division road victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

The leaders have been two young players. Freshman Bowen Moore scored 10 of the Bronchos' 13 first-quarter points, setting up the 13-2 lead. From there, the Bronchos never trailed.

Another young player, sophomore Tony Simmons, came up with a big second quarter. He scored seven of the Bronchos' 10 second-quarter points, helping Holly take a

26-16 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, Moore scored eight points, helping the squad extend the lead to 39-26 entering the fourth quarter. Simmons scored nine more points in the fourth while Bryce Goings netted five.

Moore netted a team-high 20 points. Simmons wasn't far behind with 18 points.

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Eagles remain perfect in Stripes Division

■ Lund scores 15 fourth-quarter points to spark win

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity basketball team trailed by nine with its top offensive player, Reichen Lund, stuck with four points entering the fourth quarter of the squad's home game against Kearsley on Friday.

Sounds like a pretty tough predicament. It wasn't.

Led by Lund's 15 fourth-quarter points, the Eagles remained undefeated in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play by defeating the Hornets 53-44.

The fourth quarter started with Kearsley trying to stall and cut the fourth quarter short. It worked for a possession. The Hornets took 1:05 off the clock, but eventually the Eagles collected possession.

Linden's first possession resulted in a layup and a foul drawn by Brandon Green. He also made the free throw and the Kearsley lead was cut to 43-37 with 6:17 remaining. About 30 seconds later, Green cut the gap to 43-28 on a converted free throw. The Eagles



Brandon Green (left photo) and Reichen Lund (right photo) scored all Linden's fourth-quarter points against the Kearsley Hornets Friday night. Green scored the first four and Lund scored the final 15. **Photos: Christopher Summers**

were back in the game.

And from there, Green passed the scoring baton to Lund. Lund hit two free throws with 4:57 left in the quarter and then two more with 4:35 left in the quarter. The Eagles trailed just 43-42. Linden's River Meckstroth then drew a charge, giving pos-

session back to the Eagles. Lund converted a floating eight-footer on the Eagles' next possession, giving Linden a 44-43 lead with 3:26 left in the contest. He also was fouled and missed the free throw, but that didn't matter because Linden got the offensive board. A few seconds later,



Lund was hitting a three-pointer right next to the Linden student cheering section. Linden led 47-43 and never trailed again. Lund wasn't through. He scored the Eagles' final 16 points of the contest, finishing with a game-high 19 points.

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Kelsey McLennan scored 14 points in the Eagles' victory against Kearsley.

Photo: Christopher Summers

Eagles remain in Stripes hunt at midpoint, defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team hasn't won a Flint Metro League title since its undefeated league squad of 2003-04.

The Eagles aren't in first place halfway through the Flint Metro League's Stripes Division race, but they still have control of their own destiny for a division crown.

To win a league title, potential champions are supposed to

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take care of the teams that are perceived as weaker than their program. Linden faced one of those teams Friday and defeated Kearsley Hornets 49-31 at home.

The win means Linden (4-1 in FML Stripes Division play and 8-3 overall) are one game behind Flushing (5-0, 8-2) in division action.

While the Eagles always had control of the contest against the Hornets, the lead usually bounced no higher than the low teens. Early in the contest, it looked like the Eagles were ready to blow the game open. Kelsey McLennan scored eight first-quarter points, including the squad's first six, helping the Eagles to a 16-point stanza. At the end of the quarter, back-to-back layups by Paige Leedle gave Linden a 16-6 lead. Kearsley trailed 16-8 after the first stanza.

Linden scored the first five points of the second quarter on a three-pointer by Leedle and two converted free throws by Shaye Barkholz, raising the Eagles' lead to 21-8. The Eagles 25-12 at halftime.

The Eagles grew the lead to as many as 19 early in the third quarter.

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Pause doesn't hurt LF, defeat Brandon, 75-28

By David Troppens

Seemingly nothing will stop the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

They've had limited numbers on their bench in some games, and now have had to take a long break between games due to COVID protocol. Yet, the 14-day gap between games seemingly meant little. All the Blue Devils did in their first game back is crush Brandon, 75-28.

Amaya Smith led a group of five scorers for Lake Fenton in the first quarter. Smith hit three three-pointers in the first eight minutes while Emerson Baker and Kerrigan Howdeshell chipped in four points each. Lake Fenton led 21-8 after one quarter.

"I was a little worried about the start," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We knew they'd had a couple good starts from our scout and we've been off for the last couple of weeks, so it was good that we could be settled and put up some points. Twenty-one points came fast, but it helped that Amaya Smith was on fire."

Howdeshell was the offensive star in the second quarter. She scored eight

second-quarter points, leading the Blue Devils to a 15-point stanza. Lake Fenton led 36-20 at halftime.

The third quarter was one of Lake Fenton's greatest offensive periods this season, netting an eye-popping 34 points. Howdeshell scored 11 points while Savannah Fellenbaum netted eight points. Cola Sisk also had seven points. Meanwhile, the squad held Brandon to just two third-quarter points. Lake Fenton led 70-22.

"We've had a few of these big quarters, but this one, I think, was the best," VanBuren said. "Coming off the break and with all that showing in the first half, we locked in and got after it."

Howdeshell led the Blue Devils (9-0 overall) with a game-high 23 points. Smith wasn't far behind with 21 points. All of her points were scored on seven treys. Sisk finished with 11 points while Fellenbaum netted 10 points. Ella Prevost chipped in six points while Baker had four.

"That is a lot of points and from several kids, but I can't say enough about Amaya," VanBuren said. "Her coverage



Kerrigan Howdeshell dribbles in a past game. She scored a game-high 23 points in a victory against Brandon.

Photo: David Troppens

on Brandon guard Riley Abney was rock solid and she dove on the floor, shot well and just led our attack from both ends."

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LF boys fall to Brandon in overtime

By David Troppens

Scoring points hasn't been a problem for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team this season.

The Blue Devils have never scored less than 56 points in a contest and have reached 74 points and 71 in their last two games.

Seventy-one points should be enough to earn a comfortable margin. However, if there's an issue with the Blue Devils it usually comes on the defensive end. Lake Fenton saw its five-game winning streak snapped in a heartbreaking 73-71 overtime loss against the Brandon Blackhawks Friday night.

Lake Fenton led only once during the overtime session. They took a 71-70 lead after Jake Helms converted two free throws with 25 seconds left. However, Brandon's Micah Miller hit a three-pointer with five seconds left earning the Blackhawks the 73-71 lead. Lake Fenton's Max Muenzer attempted a desperate 30-footer at the buzzer, but missed the shot.

The Blue Devils appeared to have a

comfortable margin early in the fourth quarter. A layup by Helms and a hoop by Muenzer gave the Blue Devils a 55-46 lead with 7:25 remaining in regulation. The lead was 59-49 with 5:51 left after two converted free throws by Francis Senter. However, Brandon wasn't through fighting.

In fact, Brandon went on an 8-0 run, closing the gap to 59-57 on two converted free throws by Brad Mitchell with 3:37 remaining in the contest.

Lake Fenton held on to a slim 64-62 lead after Senter hit a free throw with 16.5 seconds left, but Mitchell hit a driving layup, tying the contest at 64-all with 6.5 seconds left. Lake Fenton did have a chance to win the game at the buzzer, but Helms's three-point shot from the wing was no good.

"It was a tough one for sure," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "They got to the free-throw line a lot in the fourth quarter and in the game. They shot more free throws than we did and made more than us."

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Linden, Holly face off at Dakota tournament

By David Troppens

There was a little tri-county battle held at the Dakota Festival on Saturday.

Linden and Holly sent their varsity wrestling teams to the team tourney and faced off at it.

Linden won the match and both teams left the event with 2-3 records.

In the match between area foes, Linden earned a 46-30 victory, capturing wins in eight of the 14 matches. Six of Linden's victories were by pinfall results.

Overall, the Eagles defeated Holly and Dearborn Fordson, but lost to Dakota, Franklin and Goodrich.

Bryce Shingleton (125) had the most successful tourney for the Eagles, going 4-0 with three pin wins. Jase Gundry (189) and Aiden Haney (145) each had three wins. Two of Gundry's wins were by pinfall while Haney had one.

Ben Shingleton (119), Tyler McCabe (135), and Itiel Delgado (215) had two wins with two pinfalls while Lucas Carr (152/160) had two wins with one being a pin. Lorena Thompson (103) also collected two victories. Adelia Carr (112), and Michael Bush (171) had a win each.



Linden's Bryce Shingleton (left) went 4-0 with three pins at the Dakota Festival.

Photo: David Troppens

The Bronchos defeated Crestwood and Fordson while losing to Dakota, Linden and Stoney Creek.

Kendall Drake (160/171) recorded a strong 5-0 day, but he had to work for it, earning four decision wins. Jacob Gonzales (160/171) went 3-0 while Hunter Hummel (152) won three matches with

two being pin wins. Sean Murray (130) and Jacob DeVray (145) earned two wins with one of DeVray's victories being by pin. Chase Couchman (135), Jayden Higgins (189), Konner Welch (140), Andrew Cross (125), Christian Preston (119), and Gabe Soja (112) had a win each. Higgins, Couchman and Welch won by pinfall.

LF wrestlers go 3-1 at own tourney

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team hosted the Rich Ruddy Classic on Saturday and posted a 3-1 record.

The Blue Devils defeated Byron 65-10, Ann Arbor Huron 78-10 and Milford 54-29, but fell to Clarkston 40-30.

Jack Conley (160) continued his fine season by going 4-0 with four pinfall wins. Meanwhile, Jackson Ketchum (125), Ty Johnson (135/140) and Noah Hall (145/152) had 4-0 marks with three pinfalls. Zack Hall (135/140) went 4-0

with two pinfall wins.

Earning three wins were Jorge Marvin (103), Drew Corcoran (145/152) Karson Crist (171) and Clay Cook (112). Corcoran won all three of his matches by pin while Crist and Cook had two pinfall wins. Marvin recorded one fall.

Drake Deem (130), Robbie Moore (119) and Hunter Carey (189/215) had two wins each while Jacob Haugh (189/215), Leim Birckelbau (285), Jackson Penrod (189) and Owen Zittle (171) had a win each.

Limited Fenton roster goes 2-3 at own event

By David Troppens

Competing with a limited roster at its own Fenton team tournament, the Fenton varsity wrestling team managed a 2-3 record at the event.

Fenton defeated Petoskey 41-39 and Midland Dow 47-30. The Tigers lost to Farmington 42-41, St. Clair 38-33 and South Lyon 41-35.

Philip Lamka (160/171), Jamal Horne (112) and Garrett Clark (125/130) were Fenton's biggest stars, each going 5-0.

Clark had four pin wins while Horne and Lamka had three each. Ben Triola (189/215) also had a perfect 4-0 record with three pinfall wins.

Kyle Dunfield (160/171), Carson Krzeszak (285) and Keagan Crandall (119) had 4-1 marks with Dunfield and Krzeszak each having two pinfall wins. Owen Freeman (119/125) posted a 3-2 record with a pin while Chris Dobek (215) had a 2-2 record with one pinfall win.

PREP REPORT

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at Hartland meet:** The Tigers placed second among the Division 2 to 4 squads at the event, with a three-round total score of 648.30. Mason won the meet with a score of 696.32 while Swartz Creek was third with a 616.38.

Fenton was in second throughout. The Tigers posted a 204.30 round one score, a 187.20 round two score and finished with a 256.80 round three score.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Flushing 23, Fenton 7:** Jena Fijolek led the Tigers with a 146-234-380 two-game series. She improved upon her average by 37 pins. Maddie Burnau had a 146-145-291 series.

► **Swartz Creek 25, Holly 5:** Holly won the first Baker game 128-125. Emily Sorter led the Bronchos with a 192-136-328 series.

► **Owosso 28, Linden 2:** Despite fielding a team of just two bowlers, the Eagles were able to score two points.

Alyssa Brooks had a 113-130-243 series while Mackenzie Miller had a 118-112-230 series.

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Tigers push Flushing, but fall 76-62

By Dale Smith

Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team played with poise and emotion Friday night at the Jungle, but ran into a talented starting five from Flushing.

All of the Raiders' points came from its starters as the visitors rolled by the Tigers, 76-62.

The Tigers started well enough and led 18-16 after the first eight minutes. The highlight of the quarter was 30-foot bomb from senior guard, Seth Logan. Flushing led 14-11 late in the quarter but Fenton used a 7-2 run to close out the quarter and take the early lead.

A three-pointer from Fenton sophomore Sam Dillard II, put the Tigers up 26-25 midway through the second stanza, but a Flushing run ended at the buzzer with a finger roll from Tylan Osborn. The Raiders led at the break 38-33.



Fenton's Connor Luck plays defense in a recent contest. Photo: David Troppens

Logan and Flushing's Drew Trevino traded early threes before Flushing opened up a 48-36 lead at the 5:19 mark of the third quarter. A few minutes later, an "and one" from Flushing's Devin Watts made it 58-41 with 2:45 left in the quarter.

Although a physical game, neither team reached the bonus until there was 1:38 left in the game with Fenton having to foul in an attempt to close the gap.

The game was not without some highlights for Tiger fans. Logan was a major force leading the home team with 20 points, including 12 from behind the arc. Logan is one of the better players in the state whose humility belies his talent. He complimented his father, Fenton coach Chad Logan, for making the game fun.

"We get along great with him," Seth Logan said. "He really gets on us and makes us work hard. That's all you can ask for."

Fenton junior Justin Banura led the Tigers on the boards, picking up four rebounds while adding five points and three blocked shots.

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Fenton girls fall to first-place Flushing Raiders, 41-25

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team's offense struggled against the Flushing Raiders resulting in a 41-25 loss at home Friday night.

Sarah Rambus and Olivia Groulx did the damage for Flush-

ing in the opening quarter as Rambus scored six points and Groulx netted four. The Tigers (3-2, 4-6) got a three-pointer and two converted free throws by Kaleigh Shaker. Fenton trailed 12-5 after one quarter.

Rambus went on to score 10 second-quarter points, earning Flushing 17 second-quarter points. The Tigers had five scorers in the second period, led by Lauren Gangwer's four points.

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Holly girls score season-high points but fall to Dragons

The Holly varsity girls basketball team is starting to find a few more scoring options.

Holly scored a season-high 28 points in a 59-28 loss against Swartz Creek on Friday night.

Still, the squad needs to up those totals and play a little stronger defense to earn that first victory of the season. Swartz Creek scored at least 15 points in each of the first three quarters to lead

the Dragons to the victory.

The Bronchos netted eight points in the second quarter with Alana Simmons scoring four of them.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS BOWLING

► Holly at Swartz Creek Dragons' Invitational Singles Tournament:

Ryan Sparklin led the Bronchos by qualifying for the top 32 individual tournament at the event. Sparklin was involved in a four-way tie for the final two spots in the elimination rounds, and qualified in a five-frame roll off, earning him the 32nd seed. He had to face the top seed in the opening round and won 239-229. He lost in the round of 16.

Sean Dankert and Ryan Dalton also placed in the top 50. There were 118 competitors.

► **Flushing 28, Fenton 2:** Nate Dymond led the Tigers with a 216-160-376 series.

► **Swartz Creek 27, Holly 3:** Holly won the first Baker game 221-197. Ryan Sparklin led the Bronchos with a 165-212-377 series.

► **Owosso 25, Linden 5:** The Eagles were led by Ian Patterson's strong 214-206-420 series. His game improved upon his average by 45 pins. Austin Huyck had a 223-162-385 series.

BOYS SKI

► Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton 20, Everest Collegiate 68:

Brooks Funke led the FLLF squad by taking first in the slalom (54.28) and the giant slalom (45.50), while Ryland Fairbanks was second in both events (46.08 in giant slalom and 56.02 in slalom). Finishing off the team's scorers in the slalom were Jack Antonishek in third (57.49) and Nate Hiscock in fourth (57.56).

The final two scorers in the giant slalom were Chase Gibson in third (46.42) and Antonishek in fourth (47.01).

► **Holly/Oxford 26, Flushing/Brandon 55:** The Holly/Oxford co-op saw Jacob Denman win both the giant slalom (46.30 seconds) and the slalom (53.78) in the event. The rest of the squad's scoring four in the giant slalom were Cody Musial in third (48.29), Olle Sellen in fourth (48.95) and Ethan Crosby in fifth (50.08). In the slalom Eric Ranck took third (57.81) followed by Sellen (1:02.45) and Keoni Cabatingan (1:03.91).

GIRLS SKI

► **Holly/Oxford 21, Flushing/Brandon 54:** Sierra Musial led the Holly/Oxford squad with first-place finishes in the slalom (1:06.11) and the giant slalom (49.06). The other scorers for the team in the slalom were Molly Reese in second (1:07.16), Olivia Drobnich in third (1:07.57) and Ashley Persico in fourth (1:09.79).

In the giant slalom, Reese took second (51.42), Persico took third (52.24) and Drobnich took fifth (56.06).

► **Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton girls:** The squad didn't have a meet but they were timed in each event. Aver Fairbanks was second overall among all Mt. Holly competitors with a time of 58.13 seconds in the slalom. Anna Heimberger was third (1:03.40) and Hannah Erpelding was ninth (1:08.12).

In the giant slalom, Fairbanks also was second (48.22) followed by Heimberger in sixth (49.88).

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE ANNUAL MISSED VOTES REPORT

State legislators missed 2,260 roll call votes in 2021; 58 out of 148 lawmakers missed none.

Michigan's 38 senators and 110 representatives missed 2,260 roll call votes in 2021, according to the annual Missed Votes Report produced by MichiganVotes.org.

Excluding purely procedural votes, the state Senate voted 494 times in 2021 and the House voted 640 times, for a total of 1,134 roll call votes by the entire Legislature.

Two senators and eight representatives each missed 50 or more votes in 2021, led by Rep. Steve Marino, with 232 missed votes, and Sen. Mallory McMorrow, with 118 missed votes. There were 14 senators and 44 representatives who missed no votes this year.

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Judith J. Awrylo - age 82, of Gaines, died Saturday, January 22, 2022. A memorial service will be held 12 PM Friday, January 28, 2022 at Hope Lutheran Church, 7355 Silver Lake Rd., Linden with Rev. Paul Kollek officiating. Judith was born June 9, 1939 in Flint, the daughter of Joseph and Mabel (Bean) Kostka. She married Alexander Awrylo on December 30, 1966. Judith was a self-employed interior designer and artist. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Linden where she served with the Women's Guild and on funeral dinners, was involved in Summer Vacation Bible School and read her Christian stories about animals at Sunday School. Judith was a passionate Christian and an avid Bible reader, her relationship with the Lord was close, spending hours in prayer for others with her



devotionals. She had a passion for children, was a wonderful storyteller and had an offbeat contagious sense of humor. Surviving are devoted husband of 55 years, Alexander of Gaines; four children, Dottie (James) Youells of Chattanooga, TN, Geri Anne Grantham of Flint, Cynthia (David) Smeckert of Linden, and John (Diann) Awrylo of Divide, CO; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Stephanie Kostka of Flint; life-long friend, Charlotte Homeister. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Michael Kostka; two sisters, Nicola Kostka and Patricia Borden. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, MI 48451. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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