

Triangle Park to be ADA accessible

■ Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation receives grant

By Hannah Ball

Triangle Park will become handicap accessible. Construction is expected to take place spring to fall 2023.

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation received a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding to bring Triangle Park in compli-

ance with the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

On Tuesday, March 15, SLPR held a public hearing to gain input. Potential plans include adding a pavilion, picnic tables, benches, a bike repair station, drinking fountain, interpretive signage and

trash/recycling receptacles in the future.

"We received a grant (to) basically make a trailhead that's ADA accessible for the pathway. The best place to put that, we thought, was Triangle Park," said Ed Koledo, execu-

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NOCFA awarded \$500,000 grant

■ Also requests portion of townships' ARPA funds to buy ambulances, trucks and more

By Sharon Stone

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) could see some financial assistance in the near future to purchase some much-need big-ticket items for its fire department and emergency medical services.

NOCFA learned last week that it will be awarded a \$500,000 Appropriations Community Project Grant through U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin's office.

NOCFA Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz shared the news with the
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Boy Scout remembers late uncle



Boy Scout Alec Pease (bottom right) and his friends work Sunday, March 20 to construct a new bicycle repair station at O'Donnell Park.

See story on page 2. Submitted photo

Fire chief scores 80% on performance evaluation

■ Will receive one time merit bonus of 3% of salary

By Sharon Stone

Results of North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Chief Jeremy Lintz were reviewed during the NOCFA Board meeting on Tuesday, March 15.

With a combined score average of 80%, Lintz met his and the board's goals for 2021. He will receive a one time merit bonus of 3% of his salary since his average score was 80% or more.

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“Need appliances? Sears

Hometown Fenton gets my vote. Needed to replace a very old wall oven with tight size restrictions. After many supply chain snags we were at a dead end. Jeff Stone kept checking and located an available unit at nearly the same price as we originally budgeted for.”

“We have such a wonderful community.

Can we please start picking up our trash? Driving U.S. 23 and Torrey Road is an embarrassing trip with the trash on the road side through Fenton and Lake Fenton area.”

“What a wonderful

thing that Phil Hagerman did by donating that property to Southern Lakes. It's great to see people who can giving back to the community.”



Boy Scout remembers late uncle

■ Organizes construction of bike repair station, cleaning of park's deck and benches

By Sharon Stone

For his Eagle Scout project, Alec Pease of Fenton Boy Scout Troop 212 was busy last weekend cleaning and re-staining the existing deck, cleaning the benches and installing 40 square feet of cement and a bike repair station at O'Donnell Park in Fenton. He had several helpers

Holes for the foundation were poured Sunday, March 21 and concrete was poured the following day.

Pease had been raising funds for his Eagle Scout project. While trying to decide on his project, his uncle, Brian O'Donnell, 43, died in a house fire in Fenton on Oct. 16, 2020. O'Donnell Park was named in honor of Brian's father, Mark O'Donnell, who unexpectedly died many years ago.



Pease, who will be graduating from Linden High School this spring, believed that installing a bike repair station was the perfect addition to the park, not only because it would help the community but due to his medical condition, bikes were his uncle's only mode of transportation.

"I love that I can relate something that was so prevalent in his life, and build upon that while helping others," Pease said. "Also, improving the existing deck adds to the overall beauty of the park."

Alec Pease of Boy Scout Troop 212 takes a break from working on his Eagle Scout project to take a photo with his grandparents, Ron and Ellen Pease of Holly.

Submitted photo



This is an example of what the bike repair station will look like when complete at O'Donnell Park in Fenton.

Submitted photo

O'Donnell Park

O'Donnell Park is a 1.5-acre park located on the corner of East Street and E. Ellen Street across from Strom Park. It was dedicated to Mark A. O'Donnell on Dec. 9, 1990 in memory of his service on the Fenton Parks & Recreation Board. O'Donnell's son, Mark E. O'Donnell also is listed on the dedication plaque. The park is always open and has no entry fees. There is a picnic area and a deck with benches. It's a great place to fish or feed the ducks and enjoy the beauty of a sunrise on the Millpond.



First Place Firebirds!

Saturday, 7pm vs. Saginaw

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Murder of former Fenton woman remains unsolved

■Fresno Police Department still considers beauty queen’s death a mystery

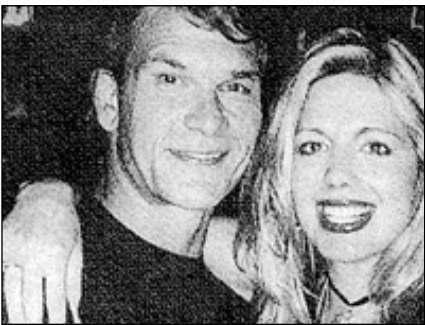
By Sharon Stone

Twenty-four years ago tomorrow, March 24, Fenton native Jill Ann Weatherwax was murdered. She was 27 years old. Her body was found in a Fresno, California field. She had been stabbed to death.

Despite offers of rewards and Weatherwax being the subject of various television shows including “Inside Editon” and “America’s Most Wanted” and numerous magazine and newspaper articles, those responsible for her death have not surfaced.

The small town girl was a cheerleader and member of the track team at Fenton High School, from which she graduated in 1988. She became a cosmetologist, won a series of Michigan beauty queen crowns and worked as a model. She also became a singer and dancer.

During a fashion show in Chicago, Weatherwax got her chance to go to Hollywood and pursue a singing career. There she led a jet-setting life, meeting and partying with some of Hollywood’s biggest stars. She danced with actor Patrick Swayze, partied with Armand Assante, sang with Van Morrison and



(Above) Jill Weatherwax was known to socialize with Patrick Swayze, shown here in this undated photo with her. (Left) Jill Weatherwax, originally of Fenton, was crowned Miss Hollywood in 1991.

“Our thoughts go out to the family, and we are hopeful that someday we will have news that will help bring closure to this tragedy.”

Sgt. Chris Serrano
Fresno Police Department

dined with Scott Baio. She once sang backup for Whitney Houston.

She used a stage name of Eve and later was known as Jill Weathers. In an

interview with the Tri-County Times on May 1, 1994, she likened her voice to a mix between Houston and Janis Joplin.

Weatherwax recorded several CDs and sang for five years in clubs belonging to Ciro Orsini, a London restaurateur, throughout Europe and the Middle East. She developed a personal relationship with Orsini, who also became her manager.

Det. Al Murrietta of the Fresno Police Department, who was in charge of the case, told the Times in a 2001 See **MURDER** on 7

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Building Brands

There's a saying out there that goes something like "If you choose not to find joy in snow, you'll have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow." People share this with me often because I strongly dislike winter. And while I try, I have a hard time getting on board with snow.

However, I've been thinking lately about updating this sentiment to address all the recent bad press surrounding work. "If you choose not to find joy in your work, you'll have less joy in your life but still have to work."

This thought first hit me the other day as a friend was complaining (again) about her job. To be fair, she's not alone.

It seems like work is getting a bad rap lately. Raise your hand if you've heard about the: Lack of "good" jobs, lack of "good" employees, debates about returning to the office, staff shortages and/or the overworked. And let's not even talk about the recent Kim K. comments about work. (You can email me if you're curious).

The pandemic changed the way many of us think about work. One reason is because within the first days

Brand yourself as someone who finds joy in your work

of COVID, some jobs were deemed "essential," which made many of us think differently about what we do for a living.



Emily Caswell

Even for people like me, who's personal identity is so closely tied to what I do for a living, the pandemic and the weirdness that followed left us questioning if we truly loved what we do. (I DO!)

Work is hard, but it can also be rewarding. Our brains are flooded right now with so much negative talk about work, I decided it's time to flip the script and find the joy, because unless you're sitting on a pile

of cash, work is a part of life.

To get the ball rolling, I asked a few of my team members why they love their job. Here's what they had to say:

Graphics Manager Jen Ward:

I went to college for graphic design and love that I was able to find a job immediately in that field. I love that I work in an environment that challenges me to be creative every day and I love that I never get bored with my day-to-day tasks. But most of all, I love that I am influencing my child to have a positive attitude and strong work ethic. Loving where you

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HOW IS IT possible Social Security is in trouble and running out of money for those who paid in over a lifetime? Simple solution for our Congress; create stimulus money for Social Security or same program as theirs.

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I AGREE THAT MDOT should repair its broken down right-of-way fence that separates U.S. 23 and Torrey Road. Also, the North Road chain link fence has some breaches that need fixing as well.

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I FIND IT strange that so many people blame President Biden for the Russian/Ukraine war. Guess they ignore the fact that Putin is the one that ordered his army to invade.

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IN A REPUBLIC, laws are made by representatives chosen by the people and must comply with a constitution that specifically protects the rights of the minority from the will of the majority.

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THE ONLY THING necessary for the destruction of liberty is for good people to do nothing.

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

Where are you going for spring break?

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"Key Largo and Key West, Florida. The location was requested by my teenager. We've never visited the Florida Keys, so this will be an exciting adventure!"

Katy Golden, Holly



"Walt Disney World with the Lake Fenton Marching Band. They will be marching in the parade at the Magic Kingdom on Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m."

Kevin Knuth, Linden



"Florida. My parents have a place there and have been gone since January. I can't wait to hug my momma."

Karen Welker-Self
Linden



"Laguna Beach, Florida. We have been going to the same place for about seven years. Have three other families joining us this year."

Scott Blaska
Holly



Elias Cady was born in Providence, Rhode Island on Sept. 7, 1756. He died March 31, 1853 and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Holly.



Elias Cady Society members Kristin Sleva, Allison Sleva, Parker Hagle (holding trophy), Macie Hagle and Emma Nelson won Most Outstanding Society for 2021 at the 89th Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution (M.S.C.A.R.) State Conference. Linda Royse (second from right) is Elias Cady Senior Society president, NSCAR.

Elias Cady Society is 'Most Outstanding Society'

■ Youth group from Holly honored during statewide conference in Novi

By Sharon Stone

A youth group recently held its 89th Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution (M.S.C.A.R.) State Conference at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi.

Holly's own Elias Cady Society won Most Outstanding Society for 2021. The group's namesake is a Revolutionary War veteran, Elias Cady, buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Holly.

Two members of the Elias Cady Society read reports, including Parker Hagle, Elias Cady Society president and state corresponding secretary and Macie Hagle, state membership chairman. Their aunt, Gina LaCroix,

Elias Cady Society senior chaplain and state senior chaplain spoke at the memorial service.

First-time Elias Cady Society attendees, Amy Nelson, along with her daughter Emma Nelson and Karen Wakeman-Sleva and her two granddaughters Kristin and Allison Sleva took part in the activities.

The Elias Cady Society took home the state trophy for Most Outstanding Society for M.S.C.A.R.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who thinks that we are a Democracy (rule by majority), please read Article 4 Sec. 4 of the U.S. Constitution or recite the 'pledge of allegiance.' We are supposed to be a Republic (Representative government).

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'I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'

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NICE JOB COPYING and pasting the first result on a Google search about Democracy vs. Republic. We are not a Democracy, nor would we want to be.

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POLITICIANS LIE TO us all the time, from our local politicians on up. I would believe a prison inmate before I ever believe any politician.

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Fenton History – Did you know?



Fenton supplied the cement for the first mile of paved road in America. Fenton was once home to two cement plants — the Aetna Portland Cement Plant and the Egyptian Portland Cement Plant. The Egyptian plant was originally built in 1900 on the shore of what is now called Lake Ponemah. It began processing cement in the summer of 1903, then closed in 1920. The Aetna plant, located on the north shore of

Silver Lake, manufactured cement from 1912 to 1936. In 1909, the concrete from the Egyptian plant was used to pave Detroit's Woodward Avenue — creating the first mile of concrete roadway in America. These photos show the Aetna and Egyptian Portland Cement Plants, the paving of Woodward and the road after it was finished.

Source: Fenton Historical Society and the A. J. Phillips Museum

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The reasonable expectation of privacy and drone surveillance

The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of persons to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures.

A search occurs when the government intrudes on an individual's reasonable or justifiable expectation of privacy.

Whether an expectation of privacy is reasonable depends on the answers to two questions.

First, did the individual exhibit an actual subjective expectation of privacy?

Second, was the actual expectation one that society recognizes as reasonable?

In the past few years, the use of drones has become increasingly popular for a number of reasons including their being able to fly almost anywhere at a low altitude and take aerial photos and videos.

As a result, a number of legal issues

have arisen including the applicability of the Fourth Amendment and the reasonable expectation of privacy when a governmental agency causes drone pictures of a person's property to be taken without a search warrant.

This issue has not yet been decided by the United States Supreme Court.

However, on March 18, 2021 the Michigan Court of Appeals addressed the issue in Long Lake Township v Maxon.

The case involved the defendants allegedly violating township ordinances and a 2008 settlement agreement by having too many junk cars and materials on their property.

A civil suit was filed by the township with the evidence including drone photographs of the defendants' property.

The defendants claimed that these photographs were a violation of their Fourth Amendment Rights as there was no search warrant and they had a reasonable expectation of privacy as very little of their property was visible from the ground.

After reviewing the facts and United States Supreme Court case law (which allows aerial photographs without a

warrant using an airplane or helicopter), the court held in a 2-to-1 decision that low-altitude, unmanned, specifically targeted private property drone surveillance, intrudes into a person's reasonable expectations of privacy, such surveillance implicates the Fourth Amendment and is illegal without a warrant or a traditional exception to the warrant requirement. There was a

strong dissent.

This was the first appellate decision nationally to recognize a landowner's Fourth Amendment air rights as to drones.

On March 16, 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered oral arguments and supplemental briefing on the township's application for leave to appeal. We'll see what happens.

Picasso owner plans to keep concrete mixer

■ Environmental expert says plans are in compliance with state law

By Hannah Ball

A previous Times story stated that the Picasso Landscaping owner was no longer pursuing plans to have a concrete mixer on his property on 400 Meadowridge Drive along with his landscaping business.

This is incorrect. Business owner Brian Dennis took out the part of his plans that included concrete crushing and grinding components. The concrete mixer remains in his site plan application.

This topic was last discussed publicly at a Feb. 24 Fenton Planning Commission meeting. Dennis is seeking site plan approval and a special land use permit to develop a landscaping yard with a concrete mixer.

The topic was tabled, but approximately a dozen residents expressed environmental concerns over having a concrete recycling facility close to residential areas.

Dennis said there's been confusion because he's never proposed to develop a recycling operation.

"I am not, nor have I ever, proposed to have a recycling operation. From day one, I proposed to have a public facing landscape supply yard with a concrete mixer. Due to the technicalities of the local zoning ordinance, the city asked that I also apply for a recycling use permit in order to operate a small scale mobile concrete crushing machine," Dennis said. "This is a single small scale mobile machine that can fit on the back of a trailer. It would

have only been used periodically. This is a smaller version of the same machine that the neighboring business already uses without a recycling use permit. This use made up such a small portion of the overall site plan that it made sense to remove it and proceed with the approval process."

Information on the site plan, site plan review and more, was obtained through a FOIA request to the city of Fenton. Documents show that CIB Planning, Fenton's planning consultant, recommended approval for Picasso Services site plan with conditions relating to receiving a special land use, setbacks, and a few other requirements.

According to the special land use application, Dennis had planned to use the smallest machine manufactured in the industry for ready mix concrete production. It also states that this manufacturing use is similar to neighboring parcels.

Dennis retains Kuhn Rogers as counsel. Joseph Quandt, with Kuhn Rogers, who has served as environmental counsel to the Michigan Concrete Association for 25 years, told Dennis in a Dec. 8, 2021 letter that his plan for a ready mix concrete facility would be in compliance with state environmental regulations.

"Based upon the plans and information you have provided me, it would appear that all of the above referenced programs will be properly managed or permitted at your Fenton, Michigan operation," he wrote.

Dennis has since removed the request for concrete crushing and recycling.

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GUEST VIEWPOINT

From Alison Kalcec, former clerk and supervisor of Rose Township and long time member of the NOCFA Board of Directors

An open letter to the North Oakland County Fire Authority and the Tri-County Times

I recently viewed a recording of the Feb. 15, 2022 NOCFA Board meeting and was appalled and dismayed at the behaviors displayed by the Rose Township members of that board. What is glaringly evident is a clear lack of concern for the residents that rely on the essential services delivered by personnel of NOCFA. The personal issues that are clouding the judgment of the board members are irresponsible and do not serve the interests of the taxpayers who fund the services of NOCFA.

NOCFA was conceived and built by visionary government officials solely to deliver services to the townships that do not have access to private sector service providers. There was a time in the non-too-distant past when ambulance service could take an hour or more to arrive. Fire services were minimal because such services do generate profits in the private sector. NOCFA addressed the need for life saving essential services in your communities.

Chief (Jeremy) Lintz dedicated his knowledge, expertise and work life to build and maintain NOCFA for many years without a service disruption and now it seems you won't acknowledge his contributions or those of the dedicated men and women who provide quality emergency services to your citizens. What a short-sighted and self-important approach you are taking to your oath of office. Should it be okay to need police protection at meetings? Is it appropriate to exceed your budget line items to pay legal fees because you can't trust or respect each other?

I strongly urge you to make drastic changes to your Board of Directors and focus your energies and your influence to get back to serving your community. Do it now before an innocent citizen loses life and/or limb because of your unwillingness to cooperate in the best interests of the people that elected you to represent them. Please support your chief, your personnel and most of all, your constituents.

As a side note, if you research NOCFA documents on file, I think you will find that the NOCFA Board adopted board policies and standards of conduct. That should give you guidelines to follow as you move forward.

Thank you for your immediate attention to remedying the divisiveness that is evident in your actions on behalf of the citizens of Rose and Holly townships.

MURDER

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interview that all of Weatherwax's actions after she arrived there were substantiated up until an hour before her death. She was last seen talking with three Hispanic men with a Ford Tempo. He substantiated the autopsy report, saying there were no contaminants in her body.

Murrietta placed her death at approximately midnight on March 24. She was found about 12 hours later, just before noon, on March 25, he said.

Weatherwax is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton. The cross-shaped

headstone features her senior picture, in which she holds a rose, set in the stone.

On March 10, Sgt. Chris Serrano of the Fresno Police Department and Homicide Units supervisor, said, "The Jill Weatherwax murder investigation is still considered an open investigation. We do not have any active leads in the case currently. This case will remain open as there is no statute of limitations, which would prohibit us from prosecuting the case in the future should additional evidence become available.

"Our thoughts go out to the family, and we are hopeful that someday we will have news that will help bring closure to this tragedy."

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House Bill 5682: Authorize enhanced penalties for assaulting emergency room staff

To authorize enhanced penalties for assaulting a hospital "health professional" or volunteer by creating a new crime punishable by 93 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine or more depending on specific circumstances.

Passed 85 to 17 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 4912: Authorize "alternative" veterinary practices and more

To revise various regulations in the law governing veterinary practices.

Among other things, the bill would prohibit veterinarians from practicing "unless it is within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship" as defined in the bill; waive certain licensure mandates during a declared emergency or in response to a "to a large-scale animal cruelty case;" authorize the use of specified "therapeutic philosophy and practice that is not considered part of conventional, Western veterinary medicine;" and more.

Passed 100 to 3 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 5804: Mandate 'veterinarian-client-patient relationships'

To prohibit veterinarians from practicing "unless it is within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship" as defined in the bill. See also House Bill 4912.

Passed 71 to 31 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 5612: Exempt diapers and incontinence products from sales tax

To exempt diapers and adult incontinence products from sales

tax. It is unusual for the House to complete and record a vote to defeat a particular bill, rather than suspending the vote and moving on to the next agenda item. In the background of this vote are ongoing negotiations on some very substantial proposals to cut the state income tax and suspend the state gas tax.

Failed 50 to 53 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 5570: Authorize gas tax 'holiday'

To suspend collecting the state motor fuel tax levied on gasoline and diesel fuel purchases between April 1 and September 30, 2022. The current tax rate is 27.2 cents per gallon on both fuels, and revenue from it pays for state and local road repairs. The House Fiscal Agency

projects this would reduce that revenue by \$725 million in 2022, leaving an equivalent amount in motorists' pockets.

Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **NO**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

House Bill 4074: Encourage schools to teach free enterprise and entrepreneurship

To encourage (but not require) public schools to offer a program of instruction on free enterprise and entrepreneurship for high school students.

Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **NO**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

GRANT

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NOCFA Board at its meeting March 15. He wrote this grant last April and submitted it.

Along with this \$500,000 grant, Lintz additionally proposed to the Fire Board on Tuesday that the board requests \$200,000 from each township's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money that the townships are getting. The NOCFA Board members would have to discuss this request with their respective township boards and approve the allocation.

Holly Township held its monthly Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday, March 16 and approved its \$200,000 share. Rose Township does not meet again until next month.

Lintz added that NOCFA itself would also contribute \$200,000 from its capital fund.

In total, this would generate \$1.1 million and allow NOCFA to purchase a multitude of capital equipment that either should have already been replaced, or is scheduled to be replaced by this next fiscal year.

The fire chief said the list of equipment purchases would be:

- 2 new ambulances
- 1 brush fire truck
- 1 heavy rescue truck
- \$100,000 for training/classroom upgrades
- 60,000 for new radios and accessories

"If approved, NOCFA would be able to purchase all of this without it costing anything to our residents," Lintz said.

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PARK

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tive director of SLPR.

The park is a potential trailhead in The State Bank Trail, which is expected to be constructed this spring along Silver Lake Road. Planners hope the ADA amenities and trailhead will attract people from outside the community to come visit the Linden area and use the pathways and outdoor recreation. The grant is for \$300,000. SLPR were notified they were selected in fall 2020.

Koledo presented two design plans at the public hearing.

The first plan incorporates more of the above amenities. The benefits of choosing this plan would be providing ample parking and ADA access, with 12 regular spaces and four handicap spaces on the east side, along with creating areas for people to relax, LED lights, developing a garden area, potentially using the pavilion for community events and more.

One potential consequence is increasing activity in a residential area. Koledo said neighbors expressed to him they would be

worried with people parking in their driveways to get to the park. Another potential consequence is that the initial build out changes the character of the existing park, and it's possible it will not be utilized like they hope in the future. They would also have to fundraise for other amenities.

“Initially when we did this, we included a whole lot of amenities but there’s only a few required per the grant,” he said.

The second design plan shows the minimum number of amenities to meet grant requirements. This plan encompasses a parking lot with five regular spaces and two handicap spaces on the west side, ADA access to The State Bank Trail, trash/recycling receptacles, a bike rack, an informational kiosk and the trailhead.

“Obviously, this is much more open. Much less things going into the design,” Koledo said. “It gives us a chance to see if we want to do some-

thing later on in the future.”

Benefits of going with this plan include a less impactful footprint on the existing landscape and residential area, and it would allow planners to develop further amenities at Triangle Park over time if desired or needed.

“It allows the city to scale Triangle Park and see what they want to do with it. Maybe they have other ideas if they don’t want the whole thing to be a trailhead,” he said.

Koledo said the negative aspects of going with the second plan is fewer amenities and that the infrastructure would do little to support community events.

Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson said the city sees this as a positive and they want the connection to the other municipalities. She has concerns over parking.

Scott Ward, who lives right near the park, said he's met with Koledo and walked the area. He said he was ex-

he's pretty and willing make this work."

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Linden Councilor Pam Howd, who's lived across from the park for more than 16 years, said making it a one-way might not be a good thing for delivery drivers.

Ward supports design two. He opposes having the parking lot right in front of his property and supports putting parking in the west area instead. Maintenance is also a concern. Ward also suggested adding a bathroom, which a few residents spoke in favor of.

Koledo said SLPR, Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township will figure out the maintenance concerns.

“Everyone’s pretty much all in and willing to put in to make this thing work,” he said.

Most people who spoke supported the minimal plan.

Koledo said once they revise the second design plan, they'll take it to Linden City Council.



Most people who spoke during the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation public hearing said they favored the second design and the possibility of adding more amenities to the park in the future. **Submitted photo**



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GAS PRICES STARTED rising as soon as Biden got into office and he stopped the pipelines. He blames everyone but himself. I'm appalled at all the lies that come out of Democrats' mouths. Telling us to buy electric cars. We can't all afford them. Is he driving one?

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WHEN I LISTEN to the news, I feel like I am living in a novel where our leaders are all playing power games at the expense of the people they rule. The plot is thickening right now and I am hoping for a happy ending.

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TO THE HOT-LINER who said we are a Democracy. I wonder what school they attended. We are a Republic represented by elected officials and the U.S. Constitution. In a Democracy, the majority rules, period. There is a big difference.

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CHIEF

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The fire chief's annual performance review consists of 11 categories that have to do with his administrative efforts and operation of the department.



Jeremy Lintz

For each category, he provides a brief summary of how he did or didn't meet the goal. Each Board member receives a copy and they then rate him on the category and his response by either saying Lintz "Met" or "Not Met" the goal. He gets one point for met and zero points for not met. The points are added from each board member's review and an average is obtained.

Dianne Schieb-Snider and Paul Gambka, the board members representing Rose Township, gave him an 8 out of 11. George Kullis and Karin Winchester, the board members representing Holly Township, gave him an 11 out of 11 so the overall average balanced out to 80%.

Board members could write notes on the evaluation worksheet.

Fire Chiefs Annual Performance Review Scores - Past 10 Years

Board Members	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
GEORGE KULLIS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
STEVE RUTH						100%	100%	100%	90%	
KARIN WINCHESTER	100%	100%	100%	100%	84%	92%	100%	100%	87%	
PAUL GAMBKA	72%	72%	90%	100%	92%	92%	100%	100%	87%	
DIANNE SCHIEB-SNIDER	72%	54%	81%	92%	84%	92%				87%
TRISH LUMLEY							100%	100%	90%	
DAVID CURTIS				100%	92%	92%	100%	100%		
PETER STOUFFER		81%	100%							
JESSIE LAMBERT										87%
ROBERT CAST										90%
JANET LESLIE										90%
DAVE GORDON										87%
ALISON KALCEC									90%	

Under "continue to improve employee turnover rates and retrain highly skilled personnel," Kullis noted that Lintz was "much improved." He wrote "excellent" for Lintz's communication with the board.

Winchester wrote, "You have done a great job during some very challenging circumstances in all areas."

Regarding working with the board and residents to become a taxing authority, Scheib-Snider wrote, "I believe you should of come up with another goal for this. I have done some homework and I am still convinced this is not a good idea for Rose

Township." Regarding his communication with the board, she wrote, "I am not happy with how you address myself and other board members. People are not always going to agree with you."

Regarding communication with the board, Gambka noted, "I feel that we have been under attack the whole year. You want everyone to agree with you."

Gambka also noted under personal readiness, "You are not very good at dealing with people. You remind me of a spoiled adolescent. If you don't get your way, you seek to get even."

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work makes all the difference in your life.

Reporter Hannah Ball:

Writing about what people care about is always amazing! One story might not reach tens of thousands of people, but every story affects someone.

Publisher Wes Smith:

(NOTE: Wes has worked in the newspaper business since he was 15 so his response could fill a book, I've condensed his thoughts): Having worked in every facet of the business during my career, I cannot imagine a business that holds more opportunities and more rewards. But the biggest reward by far is the opportunity to meet and work with good people, both inside the business — my coworkers — and the people we serve — readers, advertisers and printing clients.

I find joy in my work in many ways. One way is the family connection I have to the newspaper business. The other day the person I was chatting with and I figured out that the photo she wanted to use in her ad, which was of her grandfather when he started her family business, was likely taken by my grandfather, who was editor of The County Press (sister paper to the Tri-County Times) at the time. That's so cool. I find joy in connecting with people to share their stories and host events. I love that a drab day can be turned around with a visit to a client or by interviewing someone about something he or she finds joy in.

If you're feeling any of the negative vibes surrounding work lately, I suggest you make a list about what you love your job. Chances are you'll find some joy in there.

I'd love to see your list! Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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Winter parity makes early spots in top 10 a challenge

By David Troppens

This was the winter of parity in the tri-county area in many ways.

We saw it in several sports.

It was super evident in Flint Metro League boys basketball. Perhaps, Goodrich was the entire FML's elite team, winning the Stars Division title, a district title and advancing to the regional

final. The Martians also defeated Flushing in the FML crossover game that could be argued made Goodrich the unofficial overall league champs. However, Lake Fenton and Fenton also defeated the Martians, and the Tigers actually held wins against both division champions. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton finished second in the

Stars Division and also beat Fenton and Linden, the two teams tied for second in the Stripes. Linden also defeated Flushing once and beat the Tigers two out of three times. That parity makes this tough.

Competitive cheer was another super balanced situation with three different

See **TOP 10** on 12



Fenton's and Linden's boys basketball teams were two of the squads competing for one of the final spots on our Tri-County Winter Top 10 poll.

Photo: Christopher Summers

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Sports Times

Spencer's 15th professional fight is Saturday

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer is only 21 years old.

Yet, he's nearing the time of his professional boxing career he's been waiting a lifetime for.

When Spencer takes the ring for his 15th professional bout, it will probably be his last eight-round bout. That means bigger and better things are going to be happening soon for Spencer. But first thing is first. He must deal with Ravshan Hudaynazarov in his 15th bout, on Saturday at the Armory in Minneapolis. This fight will be on Showtime, and not on any of the Fox networks as his previous 13 fights were. For those that don't have Showtime, the fight party will be at Fenton's Buffalo Wild Wings. It's unknown at press time when the Spencer fight is expected to be scheduled on the card.

"It's an exciting time for sure. I can't wait to get my opportunity (to begin 10-round matches)," Spencer said. "We are knocking on the door to bigger things."

Hudaynazarov is an experienced fighter, competing in 23 professional fights. He holds a 19-4 record, and began boxing professionally in 2008. Hu-

daynazarov won his first 17 professional fights, but then lost four straight to Ronald Cruz (12-1), John Vera (18-1) and Santiago Dominquez (19-0 at the time but now 25-0 with 19 knockouts today) and Cameron Krael (17-15-3). In the last year, he has rebounded with two straight victories against Eduardo Ayala (6-1-1) and Sergio Sarabia (5-0) in six-round and four-round scheduled fights, respectively. Spencer will be the fifth professional boxer Hudaynazarov has fought with an undefeated record entering his bout with that opponent, and the third in the last five fights. Among his 19 victories, he's earned knockouts in 14. Among his four losses, he's been knocked out twice — the most recent coming in the second round against Ayala on April 9, 2021. The other was by Cruz on Feb. 10, 2018 in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round fight. Hudaynazarov is from Uzbekistan.

"He's really experienced and on his national country team," Spencer said. "He's been a pro for a long time, has quite a few fights and has a pretty good record. He's a tough guy with a



Joey Spencer celebrates his Christmas night 2021 fifth-round knockout of Limberth Ponce. Spencer competes against Ravshan Hudaynazarov in his 15th professional boxing match Saturday during a Showtime broadcast.

lot of experience, and this will be a good little test."

This will be Spencer's fourth scheduled eight-round fight, but only one has actually gone the full eight rounds. That was an unanimous decision vic-

tory against James Martin (7-2) on July 31, 2021. In his other eight-round fights, he made quick work of Isiah Seldon with a first-round knock out

See **SPENCER** on 12

LF girls place at state weightlifting competition

By David Troppens

Two Lake Fenton prep athletes recently competed in the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association's Varsity State Meet at Lake Orion High School, and they came back home with top-10 efforts.

Grace Hough placed eighth in the women's 181 class while Avery Jabiro placed ninth in the women's 155 class.

Hough had a squat of 245 pounds, benched 165 pounds and deadlifted 300 pounds for a total weight of 710 pounds lifted. She finished just 55 pounds out of second place. Grandville's Shannon Moore took the state title in the weight class with 915 total pounds. Hough's bench lift of 165 pounds tied her for second in her weight class.

Jabiro recorded a squat of 230 pounds, a bench lift of 105 pounds and a deadlift of 270 pounds for a total of 605 pounds. Her squat was her best performance among the competitors, earning a tie for seventh among the athletes in her weight class.

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teams (Lake Fenton, Fenton and Swartz Creek) winning different league competitions. And each finished at least third in a league event, once.

So when you have to compare these results to determine a Tri-County Winter Top 10 Teams list, how the heck do you make decisions? Well, the sports staff is going to try its best over the next few editions.

Honorable Mention: Linden wrestling is one of the teams that came the closest to the top 10, but didn't make it. They won the Stripes Division title, but their status was hurt dramatically by taking just eighth in the league tournament, finishing them just fifth in the overall league standings. In fact, the Stars Division dominated the Stripes, earning each of the top four spots in the overall league standings. Come on Stripes, you can't let that happen again next season. That hedges on embarrassing. On the opposite side, great job Stars squads. **Linden boys basketball** had a legit beef to the top 10 as well. After all, the Eagles finished second in Stripes Division action and defeated the Fenton Tigers two out of three games. However, we'll explain that decision later in more detail. **Linden competitive cheer** finished fourth in league action, but finished as high as second in one of the league events.

No. 10 - Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton boys ski: The ski programs are among the hardest to judge among our area teams every single year. Why? In many seasons, when they are strong at Mt. Holly, it doesn't always translate to the SEMSL event and the state meet where frequently the regional qualifiers in this area are hammered by the other teams in the state.

All that said, the sports staff is pretty comfortable putting the FLLF boys ski team right here at No. 10. The squad dominated the squads at Mt. Holly this sea-



Led by Seth Logan, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team finished No. 9 on our Tri-County Top 10 Winter Teams list.

Photo: Christopher Summers

son, wrapping up first in both the slalom and giant slalom events. The girls team did the same as well. So why are the boys on the list but not the girls? The LFFL boys placed fourth at the SEMSL meet while the girls placed sixth. The boys also had the stronger regional meet performance, placing fourth, only two points out of a team state trip. The FLLF girls placed fifth. So, that gave the FLLF boys the nod to make it on our list at No. 10.

No. 9 - Fenton boys basketball: This was one of the many seasons that qualified as a near-miss in area basketball this winter. Fenton only finished in a tie for second in the Stripes Division with a 6-4 mark, but the Tigers were 14-7 overall. So much of their best work came outside their own division. The one big glitch would be the season's best basketball game of the season — Lake Fenton's overtime

win against the Tigers at Fenton. However, minus that, the Tigers were 2-1 against the division champions in the Flint Metro League. No one else can claim a winning record among the two division leaders.

And look at the teams they beat outside league play — a 16-6 Detroit Country Day squad on the road and a 13-10 Troy team on the road. The other two teams they beat non-league — Mason and Lapeer — weren't horrible squads either. Fenton had 13 games against squads that won double-digit contests this season, and enjoyed a 14-7 season. That gave them the No. 10 nod over Linden, who can also make a strong claim they had the better season than Fenton. Fenton's 2-1 record among the FML division winners versus Linden's 1-2 mark versus the same two foes gave Fenton the nod.



Joey Spencer competes in a recent match. The Linden resident will compete in his 15th professional boxing match on Saturday during a Showtime broadcast.

SPENCER

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on Jan. 30, 2021. And during his most recent fight on Christmas 2021, he knocked out Limberth Ponce (18-4) in the fifth round.

"My last two fights were good experiences," Spencer said. "I can't say what this fight will bring differently, but I'll be ready. This fight will be the fight with the cherry on top. He has a little extra experience."

Spencer is ready. He was preparing for a fight on an earlier date, but is ready for this one.

"Training has been the best training camp yet," Spencer said. "Since my last fight, I had different dates that were pretty close to my last date. ... I've been training consistently. I may have taken two weeks off. Now I'm training better and getting better."

The Armory in Minneapolis has been very good to Spencer. This will be the third time he's fought professionally at the venue. His second professional fight of his career against Ousmane Sylla was at the venue on April 13, 2018, and it was Spencer's first televised fight. He won by knockout in just 55 seconds. He also fought there exactly a year later on April 12, 2019 when he faced Osias Vasquez, earning a six-round unanimous decision in that bout. Spencer's previous two bouts were at Newark, New Jersey's Prudential Center.

"I love fighting at the Armory. It's the best place to fight," Spencer said. "It's a great time. The place is so closely compact so it holds a lot of fans together. It's a really cool place to fight. I just enjoy going back."

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Roll Call: G. Kullis, K. Winchester, M. Freeman and S. Ruth and D. Burton
 Approved: Agenda Approval as Amended.
 Approved: Consent Agenda.
 No Action: Farmstead Construction Manager.
 No Action: NOCFA and all Related Business.
 Approved: Not to Take Treasurers Recommendations.
 Approved: Charles Stewart Harding Mott II - Proposed Resolution 2022-02.
 Approved: Harvey Sorenson Plow Days Recognition – Proposed Resolution 2022-03.
 Approved: Township Legal Signer – Proposed Resolution 2022-04.
 Approved: Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference VIP Reception.
 Approved: 2022 Dust Control.
 Approved: Ernst Barn.
 Approved: Township Hall Needs Assessment.
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9 Oscar-winning actress Emma

10 Top-of-the-line

11 Compared to

19 Hesitant sound

21 Objectivist Rand

24 More (Sp.)

25 Popular card game

26 Lark, for one

28 Very long time

29 Fastidious trait

30 Yoko of music

31 Collar

36 Scents

37 La-la lead-in

38 Music for seven

41 Concerning

42 "Hey!"

43 Ellington's "Take — Train"

44 "Toodle-oo!"

46 Aesopian also-ran

47 Tend texts

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
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11-17
The rookie's dessert was so badly burned, the head chef called it a —

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

Horoscopes

For the week of
March 21, 2022

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Spending time alone could be good for you this week, Aries. While working toward your goals, you also are enjoying some much-needed peace and quiet.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Your friends may be pushing you to move forward since you seem to be stuck in the past, Taurus. Don't stay stagnant for too long or you may lose motivation for change.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

A collaboration with someone close to you yields surprising results, Gemini. You may have been looking for inspiration for some time and finally found it.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, a longing for adventure points you in all sorts of different directions over the next few days. You have to try on a few different hats to find the right fit.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, a fantastic investment opportunity comes your way but there is a lot of red tape that could get in the way if you let it. Work through all angles to make things happen.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, idolizing someone can have its pluses and minuses. You may have a picture of a person that is impossible to live up to. Temper your expectations.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a rigid schedule may work for some, but not everyone. Incorporate a little flexibility into your life and others may be flocking to your laid-back style.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Talk to someone about a creative idea that you have had, Scorpio. This person may offer valuable feedback that can guide you as you try to flesh out your idea into something tangible.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may be interested in having a lot of fun, but someone keeps throwing a wet blanket on your ideas. Don't let it derail your plans.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It's easy to give opinions and pick sides, but don't get pinned down to a particular position until you've tried several different options, Capricorn. Then you'll have a good idea.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Others may not understand the way you manage money, Aquarius. But you have a clear understanding of your particular brand of logic.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, friends are a strong presence in your life right now and you are very grateful for all that they provide you. Let them know.

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