

Section of Elizabeth Street to be closed

■ First Presbyterian Church to hold symbolic mortgage burning celebration Sunday morning

By Sharon Stone

Elizabeth Street in downtown Fenton between S. LeRoy Street and Oak Street will be closed Sunday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in order for the

First Presbyterian Church of Fenton to conduct a celebration.

Fenton City Council approved the street closure request at its meeting Monday, May 23.

Jonathan Wenzel, the head of the corporation for the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, told the city that the church recently was able to pay off its

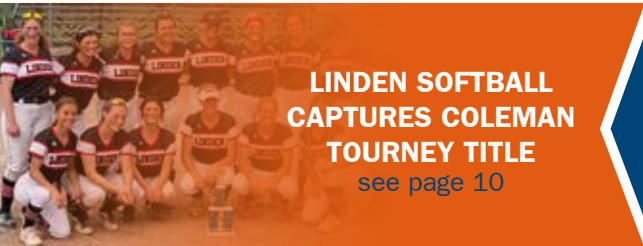
mortgage and they wanted to have a symbolic mortgage burning along with some speeches, followed by food and refreshments.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater wrote in a memo to the council that he and the Department of Public Works Director Dan Brisson gave their support to the road closure.

Barricades will be placed adjacent to the roadway at the end of the closure area on the preceding Friday, June 3, by the DPW. Police will set and remove the barricades.

In Slater's memo, he also said leaders at St. Jude's Episcopal Church supports the road closure. Slater said they were

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Fenton schools' superintendent to step down

■ Executive director of teaching and learning to take over

By Sharon Stone

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) has announced that Adam Hartley, Ed. D., who has served as the school district's superintendent for six years, will resign effective June 30. Hartley has accepted the position of executive director of alternative education with the Lansing school district in Lansing. Hartley was named superintendent in July of 2016.

Hartley, speaking on his See **STEP DOWN** on 5

Memorial Day services



The Fenton VFW conducts a memorial ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day to honor those who died in military service for the U.S. See full story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

Township approves sewer system upgrades

■ County will reroute flow from Torrey Road

By Hannah Ball

Genesee County is improving the sanitary sewer system in Fenton Township at Torrey Road.

On Tuesday, May 24, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a contract with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner-Division of Water and Waste Services (GCDC-WWS) to alleviate the capacity along Torrey Road.

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“The speed limit on Silver Lake Road between Fenton and Linden should be lowered from 55 to 45 mph, like

they did on Owen Road. Over the past few years, a number of new streets and driveway approaches have been added along this stretch.”



“Thank you to all of the local businesses and individuals that helped to support the Fenton Class of 2022 Project Graduation.

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Memorial Day events

By Hannah Ball
Linden

Memorial Day events were back in full swing this year. The Linden Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4642 held a parade, ceremony and picnic to honor those who died in military service for the U.S. for Memorial Day, which was Monday, May 30. After a brief ceremony with a few speeches and a 21 gun salute at the N. Bridge Street bridge over the Shiawassee River, the parade continued east down Broad Street to Fairview Cemetery, where they held the VFW Memorial Day Ritual service at the Veterans Memorial. Attendees lined the streets and waved American flags. After the service, the public enjoyed food and drinks at the VFW Hall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Linden VFW and city of Linden were only able to hold a Memorial Day service at Fairview Cemetery in 2021. All of the Memorial Day events were canceled in 2020.

Fenton

The Fenton Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3243 held a parade and ceremony for Memorial Day. Beginning at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, the parade participants traveled south on LeRoy Street, with a brief stop at the Shiawassee River near the gazebo



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for a short service to honor those who served at sea. The parade turned west on W. Shiawassee Avenue and briefly stopped at Fenton Freedom Park to place a wreath. The streets were lined with American flags and cheering attendees.

They held a memorial ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. Due to the COVID-10 pandemic, the VFW scaled back their Memorial Day event and held small socially distanced ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery in 2020 and 2021.

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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

I had mentioned in a previous column that I was going to announce the winner(s) of the Brad Stone scholarship during the Senior Awards Night at Lake Fenton High School on May 11. As most of you know, this college scholarship is in memory of my son, Brad, who died in 2000 at the age of 12 following complications from an asthma attack. Brad had just finished sixth grade at Lake Fenton. Due to so much support from our family, close friends and this community, we began handing out the scholarships in 2004. In addition to the scholarships at Lake Fenton, since Brad loved hockey and played for the Eastern Michigan Hockey Association, we award college scholarships to hockey players who also excel at school. To date, my husband, Jeff, and I have awarded \$263,800 through both scholarships to incredible young people. I cannot tell you how blessed this makes us feel. Brad was an athletic, smart, friendly, giggly, fun loving kid who loved his family and all of our camping trips where he'd round up all the other kids for a pickup baseball game. The Stone family takes great

Incredible recipients of this year's Brad Stone scholarships

pride in awarding these scholarships and we keep track best we can to see these young people grow into adults with successful careers and families of their own. It makes our hearts happy knowing that Brad had a small part in that.

We also are blessed with the fact that Brad's lungs are still breathing life into another individual. This July 1 will be 22 years since Brad has been gone. His double-lung recipient Pamela Powell of Detroit is with us and has become part of the Stone family. She and her husband, David, often attend our Brad Stone Summer Classic and with Pam's beautiful voice, she has even sung the national anthem live on the golf course. We hope Pam and David will be able to attend our 22nd annual outing on June 18.

Our selection committee at Lake Fenton High School chose two highly qualified seniors. After a two-year pause of remote awards nights due to COVID, I had the pleasure of announcing in person that Reid Shumaker and Adrienne Kopicko were this year's recipients. They each were awarded a \$5,000



Sharon Stone

scholarship to go toward their college tuition. Reid will attend Hillsdale College in the fall. He plans to study biology with a concentration in pre-med. His goal is to become a physician. Adrienne plans to attend the University of Michigan-Flint to study business leadership. We congratulate both of these students for all of their hard work.

Our scholarship program is set up a bit differently for the hockey players. EMHA members can apply at any age and if they are selected, those funds will wait until they enter college. This year's recipients are Luke Lynch of Fenton Township and Crosby Wildfong of Linden. They each were awarded \$3,000. Coincidentally, Luke attends Lake Fenton High School. Luke joins his brother Bobby, who won Brad's scholarship through the EMHA in 2010 and his sister, Megan, who won Brad's scholarship in 2018 through LFHS. Hockey players have the extra burden of performing well with their hockey teams plus performing well in their academics. While Brad

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HOW ABOUT AN American buffet in Fenton? Maybe a Golden Corral? ■■■

OUR CITY NEEDS to hold back on spending the same as its residents are having to cut back. Weekend Times, front page, new sculptures. Really? And we're out here struggling to buy groceries and gas. Maybe doing something monetarily for the actual homeowners of Fenton would be the proper thing to do at this time. ■■■

DID THE POTENTIAL Republican candidates for governor stand on street corners asking for petition signatures so they could run for governor? No, they paid people that cheated on the petitions to make easy money. The candidates themselves should take responsibility for their failures and lack of executive management. ■■■

GUNS ARE NOT the problem in school shooting. Secure the buildings. Lock all doors with exit only panic bars and alarms. Security cameras at all doors and hallways with monitors in all classrooms and the front office. Visitor must buzz into a secure locked lobby. ■■■

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

What movie can you watch and never get tired of – Part II? | streettalk



"It's a tie between 'Top Gun' and 'Somewhere In Time.' Hmmm."

Karen Toellen
Fenton



"'Wayne's World.' I know it's kinda silly but it'll always be one of my favorites. 'Game on!'"

Sarah Newcomb
Holly



"'History of the World Part I' and 'Galaxy Quest' are classics."

Dan White
Linden



"'Smokey & the Bandit' hands down. You cannot beat the all-star cast and soundtrack. Sally Field was hot in the '70s. Mix in a sweet rig and Trans Am and you have a recipe for success. Did I mention the world record car jump? Jackie Gleason was always comedy gold."
David Siporin, Flint

STEP DOWN

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resignation, said, "I have been fortunate to have led such an amazing school district and be a part of the Fenton community. Having our youngest son graduate from Fenton High School and having lived within the community, I feel I am not leaving just a job but saying goodbye to many friends and people I consider family. While I am excited about my new adventure, I will miss the FAPS staff, students and families. I want to thank the Board of Education for their professionalism and support as I take on this new challenge within my career."

According to Fenton Board of Education President Keith Reynolds, "Dr. Hartley has been instrumental in improving Fenton Area Public Schools' academic achievements and financial status. While he will be greatly missed, he has set our district and administrative team up for continued success. We wish him the best as he pursues an opportunity to improve education outside of Fenton."

The Fenton Board of Education is expected to name Heidie Ciesielski the new superintendent, effective July 1. Ciesielski has served as the executive director for teaching and learning for the past five years and previously served as the principal of AGS Middle School for eight years.

Reynolds said, "The Fenton Board of Education has been working with Dr. Hartley on a succession plan for district leadership throughout the past year. It was an easy decision to name Mrs. Heidie Ciesielski as our next superintendent. Mrs. Ciesielski has demonstrated excellent leadership throughout her career at Fenton Area Public Schools, and her tenure as executive director of teaching and learning has prepared her



Adam Hartley,
Ed. D.
Fenton Area
Public Schools
superintendent



Heidi Ciesielski
Fenton Area Public
Schools teaching and
learning executive
director

well to continue to lead us on the path to success."

Hartley said, "Knowing I would be retiring as an educator in Michigan in July of 2023, I went to the Board regarding a succession plan earlier this school year. FAPS is in great shape and is ready to write the next chapter. We have a leader who has dedicated much of her career to FAPS and who is ready to lead a school community. Heidie has proven to be an outstanding educational leader that will step up to the challenge of leading an amazing school district like

Fenton. I am excited for her to take over a year earlier than expected and excited for our FAPS families."

Ciesielski on being named superintendent as of July 1, said, "It's been an honor and privilege to work with Dr. Hartley for the last six years, and it is because of his leadership that I feel confident and excited to step into the superintendency. I am honored and humbled by the FAPS Board of Education. The very best part of our school district is the people; the students, teachers, leaders and

community members. I am privileged to be among them, and to lead us into the future."

Ciesielski is not the first in her family to be named superintendent of a school district. Her husband, Russ Ciesielski, is superintendent of Linden Community Schools.

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Argentine	Argentine Dam	Temporary traffic signals in place	May 16 - June 24	none	Repairing gate
Argentine	Lahring Rd. near Bird Rd.	Closed to thru traffic	May 16 - June 22	none	Replacing culvert
Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - August 29	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Davison	Bristol Rd. between Atlas Rd. and Lang Rd.	Detour posted	April 4 - June 24	Bristol to Irish to Atherton to M-15	Rubblization
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. 900 feet west of Holly Rd.	Detour posted	April 18 - early June	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Misty Meadows	Open to local traffic	May 2 - TBD	none	Rehabilitation
Fenton	North Rd. between Fenton city limits and Rolston Rd.	One lane open in each direction	May 13- June 7	none	Resurfacing

HOT LINE

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WHEN HAS ANYONE ever seen a politician strap on a weapon and join the soldiers actually fighting in a war?

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Mark McCabe
67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Electronic monitoring systems

In the criminal justice system, defendants often have bond conditions placed upon them before a trial or plea or after a conviction while on probation.

These conditions can include not having contact with any victims, not consuming alcohol or using drugs, and being required to undergo drug and alcohol testing.

There are other possibilities with one of them being for a judge to order the defendant to have “electronic monitoring.”

Electronic monitoring is a type of “digital incarceration,” which allows a court to remotely supervise a defendant’s location and/or determine if they have consumed alcohol.

The federal government and all 50 states have electronic monitoring in some form.

In Michigan, there are four primary electronic monitoring systems.

The Global Positioning System or GPS uses an electronic ankle tether worn by the defendant to monitor a defendant’s location using satellites and in real time.

The GPS tether can be used as an

alternative to incarceration and in situations when the defendant is not to be near a victim.

When such a violation is detected, it is immediately reported which can result in an arrest.

Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring is a wrist tether worn on the defendant’s bare skin, which detects alcohol use from their skin sweat.

A sample is taken every 30 minutes and the results are sent via a wireless router to the authorities.

A home breathalyzer is an alternative similar to the breathalyzers the police use for drunk driving testing.

Defendants blow into a tube both on a scheduled and random basis. There is a facial recognition camera on the machine to ensure that the defendant is giving the sample. The results are sent wirelessly to the court.

Finally, an ignition interlock system requires a defendant to blow into a tube attached to a breathalyzer before starting their car. If alcohol is detected, the car won’t start. There are also random tests while the car is running.

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SEWER

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The Genesee County Drain Commission will reroute the flow from Thompson Road, which currently goes to Torrey Road, to join the N. Long Lake Road sewer system and ultimately into the Fenton Road sewer main. It's called the N. Long Lake Road Forcemain Project.

Construction is expected to take six to nine months.

"Once completed, these upgrades will improve capacity in the local system to alleviate stress on the three pump stations that service sanitary sewer for area residents. While this project does not allow for capacity to serve additional development, it will allow the township to better maintain sewer service for homes and businesses currently on the system. The upgrades also have the potential to

prevent future back-ups and sanitary sewer overflows, therefore safeguarding the health, safety, and environment of those in and around this section of the system," said Kevin Sylvester, deputy drain commissioner from the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$337,149.

The board approved using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from Genesee County in the amount of \$109,749 for this project, said Clerk Robert Krug. Fenton Township will pay the county its share of the total cost of

design and construction of the improvements, extensions, and facilities.

The project also includes redesign and specification updates to comply with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) requirements and the cost for construction inspection.

According to the contract, the townships of Fenton and Argentine and the cities of Burton, Fenton, and Linden have entered into the Genesee County Sewage Disposal Contract, dated as of Sept. 1, 1964 to provide for the acquisition and construction of the Genesee County Sewage Disposal System.

The township also approved entering into an inter-jurisdictional agreement (IJA) with Genesee County, which they are required to do in order to give the county enforcement authority and control over industrial uses connected to the sewer, and also to adopt a sewer use ordinance that mirrors the county's ordinance.

Lawrence Engineering, the township's engineers, recommend approval for the agreement. The full agreement can be read at fentontownship.org.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine and Trustee Kade Katrak were absent.

BRAD STONE

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was playing for the EMHA, school work and academics were stressed and families of hockey players took this seriously. Our heartfelt congratulations go to this year's recipients.

We look forward to the 22nd annual Brad Stone Summer Classic at Fenton Farms Golf Club on June 18. We still have room for a few more teams as well as hole sponsors. This outing has become somewhat of a reunion for our friends — new and old — and family members to come together once a year to celebrate Brad's life and legacy.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S NOT THE guns. We've had the same guns for 50 years now. It's our society. How can we expect our children to respect life when the adults don't? We are not setting a good example.

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consulted since there would be a loss of 18 street-side parking spaces.

Co-Pastor Lindsey Carnes said, "Fenton First Presbyterian Church is delighted to announce that the mortgage of over \$1 million has been paid off. This is an accomplishment that is due to the faithfulness and generosity of its members and the goodness of God."

"Many years ago, FFPC made a decision to remain in the downtown area to honor its roots and to be a strong part of the community. The funds from the mortgage has allowed for space to host Scout groups, community events, non-profits and concerts among many other things."

"We rejoice in the freedom that paying off the mortgage grants us and we look forward to our next stage of ministry and mission in Fenton."



Fenton First Presbyterian Church is led by co-pastors Robbie and Lindsey Carnes, who are husband and wife. The church will conduct a symbolic mortgage burning this Sunday, June 5 after the church paid off its more than \$1 million mortgage.

County clerk's case moved to Howell

■ **Genesee County prosecutor recuses himself, local district judges disqualify themselves**

By Sharon Stone

After Genesee County 67th District Court judges disqualified themselves in the case against Genesee County Clerk John Gleason, the court case has been reassigned to Judge Daniel Bain with the 53rd District Court in Howell. Moving the court case to Howell happened May 12.

Genesee County District Court Judge William Crawford, Judge Vikki Bayeh Haley, Judge Tabitha Marsh, Judge Jessica Hammon, Chief Judge Pro Tem Jennifer Manley and Judge G. David Guinn asked that the case be reassigned to another judge.

The investigation against Gleason began in early 2020 and ran through March of this year, according to Tuscola County Special Prosecuting Attorney Mark Reese.

As previously reported in the Times, Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton recused himself from this investigation. Reese said this situation was the perfect time for the local prosecutor to recuse himself. "This is a professional and non-biased investigation," Reese said.

Reese said their initial investigation followed a "misperformance of a

marriage" by Gleason in Tuscola County in December 2019. He said these two specific charges do not relate to that marriage ceremony Gleason conducted, but actions that allegedly occurred afterward in the Genesee County Clerk's

Office. Two female victims within the clerk's office made the allegations, which resulted in the charges.

Gleason of Flushing was arraigned April 8 on two charges — bribing/intimidating and interfering of witnesses, a four-year felony, and willful neglect of duty as a public officer, a one-year misdemeanor.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office made the arrest of Gleason without incident Friday, April 8 at the clerk's office in downtown Flint. Gleason was taken to the jail where he was processed and photographed. Following his arraignment, he was released on personal bond.

On Thursday, April 28, the Michigan Bureau of Elections directed Gleason to refrain from participating in election activities to ensure public trust in the county's elections. In a letter, Bureau of Elections Director Jonathan Brater informed Gleason of the bureau's decision, and instructed him to refrain from participating in any and all official election duties while charges are pending.

A probable cause conference in Howell is scheduled for June 7 at 9 a.m.



Genesee County Clerk John Gleason

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■ **City of Linden**

Administrator says voters should watch for new ID card

Attention voters: All registered voters in the city of Linden should expect to receive a new voter identification card in the mail in the coming days. As a result of Michigan's recent redistricting process, the district numbers have changed. This updated voter identification card reflects these changes. The district changes do NOT affect your precinct or polling location. Please destroy your old voter identification card and keep this one in your possession.

If you have any questions or you do not receive a voter ID card, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 735-7980.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ **THE GUNMAN IN** Uvalde obtained the weapon and ammunition legally. Let that sink in, and go ahead, tell my why we don't need stricter gun laws.

■ **TO THE PERSON** who asked what's one thing all school shootings have in common — the murderer had a gun. Trust me, a locked door doesn't stop a bullet.

■ **SCHOOL SHOOTING PROBLEM** solved. All that is needed are signs that read 'Gun Free School Zone.' Just like the signs that used to read 'Drug Free School Zone.' It must have worked because I don't see them anymore.

■ **TAKING AWAY LAW**-abiding citizens' right to own guns because some people use them for bad is the same as taking everyone's car away because some people drive drunk.

■ **HERE'S A RECYCLING**/cost saving suggestion. Store all military/ammo unused items we send to foreign countries in a secure area, and then ship them to the next country we have to help. Maybe us.

■ **THE KOREAN 'CONFLICT.'** The last war fought to stop communism. Every war since has been to enrich the 'military/industrial complex.' None of them were 'won,' they just ended. The actual winners were the bankers.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY POLICE INVESTIGATE GRAFITTI

On Monday, May 16, at 4:49 p.m., Holly police learned that an unknown person used spray paint to vandalize the interior of a portable bathroom that is leased by the village and placed at Crapo Park. This damage is different than previous markings being applied to public and private property. The owner of the property has been advised. Anyone with information on the identity of the person(s) involved should call the dispatch center to speak with an officer at (248) 858-4911.

DAY DRINKING LEADS TO ARREST

On Wednesday, May 18, at 1:55 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a local business for a report of a male standing in their parking lot that appeared extremely intoxicated and appeared to have urinated in his pants. The caller reported that the man got into a vehicle and may have left the lot. The officer arrived and found the 66-year-old Holly man behind the wheel of his car, passed out. The driver was discovered to have a blood alcohol content three times the legal limit. The driver was arrested for drunk driving.

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

On Saturday, May 21, at 9:55 p.m. a Holly police officer was traveling behind a vehicle that was swerving in its lane and driving erratically while west bound on Grange Hall Road. The officer stopped the vehicle and found a 39-year-old Highland Township woman to be driving. The driver exhibited several indicators of intoxicated driving. The officer performed road side tests on the driver and found her to be over the legal limit to drive. She was arrested and charged with drunk driving.

HOLLY MAN SHOOTS AT BOTTLES ON RR TRACKS

On Thursday, May 19, at 6:09 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a report of a man on the railroad tracks near Grange Hall Road shooting a BB gun at glass bottles on the tracks. An officer located the 19-year-old Holly man who admitted shooting at bottles. The officer discovered he had a warrant for his arrest for burglary from another police agency. The agency was notified of the detainment.

CHARGES PENDING AGAINST FENTON MAN

On Thursday, May 19, at 8:16 p.m., a Holly homeowner and his girlfriend were at home when a man, who used to date the girlfriend, arrived and confronted the homeowner on his property without permission. The trespassing man punched the homeowner and took him to the ground. The aggressive man began choking the homeowner, who felt that he was going to lose consciousness. The homeowner retrieved a knife from his pocket and stabbed the 32-year-old Fenton man in the leg to stop the assault. The aggressor left the scene but was located by Holly police officers and detained for questioning. Officers recovered the knife used by the homeowner to defend himself. Medical assistance was called to the scene to assess the stab wound but the man refused treatment. Officers completed their investigation and submitted charges against the aggressive male who attacked the homeowner. Charges are pending.

CLARKSTON MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

On Sunday, May 22, at 1:58 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle for speeding while westbound on Grange Hall Road. The vehicle was stopped and the 26-year-old Clarkston man showed signs of alcohol intoxication. After testing, it was determined the man was over the legal limit and was arrested for drunk driving.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY IS 'I was bullied at school' or 'my mom and dad were mean to me' an excuse for going to school and killing 10 to 20 students and teachers? One year more students were killed in school than troops in Afghanistan.

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TO ALL SAYING school officers/guards would prevent shootings. Did they stop the Parkland or Uvalde shootings? How many police stood outside the school or in the hall for over an hour because they were scared of getting shot? Nothing will ever change and your excuses are why.

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Linden summer events

■ Concerts, karaoke, river events and more coming to Linden

By Hannah Ball

Linden Concert Series

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) will host a concert series at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park on Monday, May 30, which is Memorial Day, and on every Wednesday in August. The August events run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Paddle & Pedal

LAFF Pathways is bringing back Paddle & Pedal to Linden on June 3 to 5. It begins at 10 a.m. and is expected to end between 7 and 8 p.m. Residents are encouraged to paddle the Shiawassee River and take their bicycles on the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathways starting at the Linden Mill building.

The event will utilize the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park and the Linden Mill parking lot. They will have food trucks and stage performers.

Perennial Plant Shop

On Thursday, June 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., the public can come to the VFW Hall to exchange plants. A master gardener will be in attendance.

Learn to Kayak

On Thursday, July 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Millpond Park at the launch, the public is invited to rent a kayak from Sunshine Kayak Rental and learn the activity. The Keepers of the Shiawassee River will host a paddle down the Shiawassee River to Tupper Lake and back at 8 p.m.

Kiwanis Karaoke at the Mill

Kiwanis of Linden will hold karaoke days at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park on June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26. The events will run from 6 to 9 p.m. The application states it will be child friendly.

River Roast

Happening in Linden is hosting River Roast, which will feature a BBQ, pig roast, live music, a beer tent, multiple food vendors and fireworks on Saturday, July 23 at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo and Park. The event starts at noon.

Linden's National Night Out

Hosted by Happening in Linden on Tuesday, Aug. 2, this event honors the area's first responders.

Yoga in the Gazebo

The Linden Parks & Recreation Commission is putting on Yoga in the Gazebo on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. and

Linden Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party

Hosted by SLPR, Back to the Bricks will take place Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Linden. They are approved to use the intersection of Bridge and Broad streets to the Fairview Cemetery and Main Street to the Linden Library. Streets will be closed beginning at noon.

Tai-Chi in the Gazebo

The Linden Parks & Recreation Commission is putting on Yoga on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Farm to Fork

This will be the second annual Farm to Fork event in Linden on Sept. 10.

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Fenton's Justin Miller

Fenton's Miller is top seed entering D1 state meet

By David Troppens

When the state track meets begin on Saturday, there will be plenty of tri-county athletes competing for either personal-best, school-record, all-state and state championship performances.

There will be more than 30 tri-county athletes at either the D1 or the D2 meet competing and a nice portion are entering the event with high seeds. The seeds are

based on the times or distances they accomplished at various regional meets held throughout the state of Michigan. Those were the times, distances and placings that qualified each athlete for a state meet.

No one has a higher seed than Fenton's Justin Miller. Miller will be the Division I meet's top seed in the high jump. Not only is Miller's 6-foot-9 leap at the regional meet the top leap in Division 1 regional

events, his jump was four inches higher than by any other high jumper in D1 regional action.

Plenty of others are knocking on that type of status at the D2 meet to be held at Forest Hills Eastern High School.

Powers returns a defending state champion in the D2 100 meter dash (Austin Hamlin) and the school also has plenty

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Sports Times

Linden softball captures Coleman tourney title

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity softball team has been busy during the final weeks of the prep regular season.

The Eagles also had some success recently.

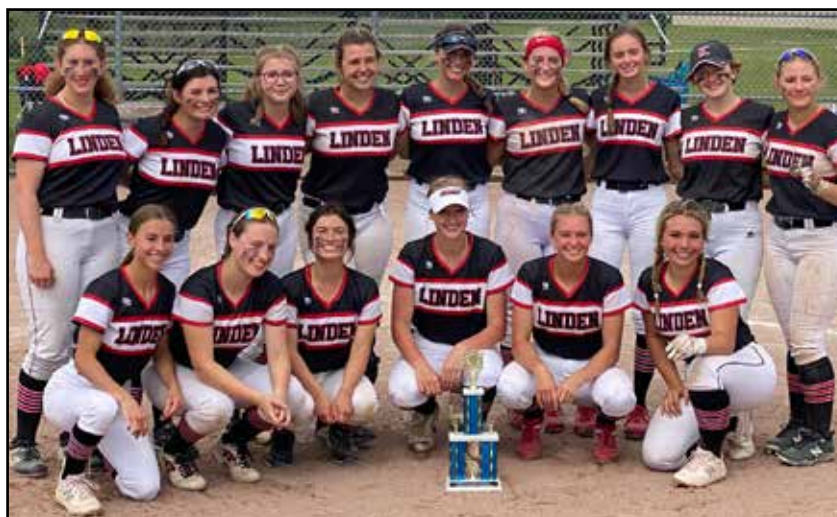
The Eagles won their 30th regular season contest and won the Coleman Tournament on Saturday, defeating eighth-ranked Essexville-Garber in the championship game, 5-4.

The Eagles (30-7-1) were tied at 2-all in the title contest until scoring three runs in the sixth inning. The threat started with a

Hannah Bollinger single and continued when Olivia Burke reached base on a fielder's choice play that got no one out. An out later, Maizy Aeschliman hit an RBI-single, giving the Eagles a 3-2 lead. An out later, Eva Oper and Megan Widner followed with two-out RBI-singles. The Eagles led 5-2.

Those runs were needed because the Dukes (29-7) did put together a rally in the bottom of the seventh. Alexis Linton doubled and scored on a Kortney Kotenko sacri-

See **LINDEN** on 12



The Linden softball team spent part of its weekend winning the Coleman Invitational, defeating eighth-ranked Essexville Garber in the tournament title game.



Linden's Victoria Osmond helped the Eagles' 400 relay team take first at the MITCA meet. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles compete at MITCA meet

By David Troppens

By winning its regional meet title, the Linden varsity girls track and field squad qualified for the D2 MITCA Team State Meet hosted at Fowlerville High School on Friday.

The meet is set up in a format that is expected to create the program state champion within a team format which allows all the athletes on a squad to compete. The Linden girls were one of 14 squads to compete and they came home with a ninth-

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McLain complains about Detroit fans, but '68 team keeps on winning

By David Troppens

Editor's note: As the prep sports reaches a conclusion, hopefully the sports staff will have more time and space to continue our retracing of the 1968 Detroit Tigers' season. We are a few weeks behind today's actual date, but we should catch up pretty quickly. We are now at May 14. Enjoy.



Mayo Smith

The Tigers had just finished a six-game road trip to Baltimore and Washington and held an 18-10 record, one game ahead of the Orioles as Detroit returned home on May 14. Up next was a two-game series against second-place Baltimore, followed by four contests against the Washington Senators.

So what was the talk about as Detroit headed back home? Why it was the press — or the lack of press helping the Tigers.

The Detroit newspaper strike was still in effect and some Tigers thought the lack of the media being around to write negative

stories, was helping the Tigers to their successful start.

Two of the leaders to this mindset were lefty slugging first baseman Norm Cash and starting pitcher Denny McLain. Of course, McLain wasn't helping his case when it came to negative press. He was saying stuff that wasn't making him a fan favorite. After winning his fourth game of the season on May 10 against the Washington Senators,

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Tri-county athletes compete at Linden's Get a PR meet

By David Troppens

When track seasons near their end, many athletes, of course, have the goal of earning their career best times and distances at the state meet.

However, most athletes don't qualify for the state event, so they don't get that opportunity. So to give athletes their chance to earn that one final personal record, there are Post a PR meets that are hosted at the end of each season. Linden High School hosted one of those meets on Thursday.

All four tri-county track programs competed at Thursday's Post a PR meet and each school had athletes earn strong performances. All of the results can't be posted here, so the sports staff will be focusing on area athletes that earned individual

top-four finishes.

No area team had more top-four efforts than the Lake Fenton girls. Lonna Perna had three top-three performances. She won the 100 (13.78) and took thirds in the 200 (28.43) and the long jump (14-feet-10). Three other female Blue Devils won their event. Bella DeBoe won the high jump (4-feet-10) while Lucianna Kamischke won the 300 hurdles (52.95). Claire Hunt earned the final LF girls first, winning the 3,200 (12:18.61).

Lake Fenton's other female top-four efforts were earned by Tori Davidson, second in high jump (4-6); Grace Roy, third in the 800 (2:45.57); Marielle Hatfield, third in the 3,200 (13:43.01); DeBoe, fourth in the 100 hurdles (19.20); and



Lake Fenton's Claire Hunt

Emilie Poirier, fourth in the 300 hurdles (57.02).

The Holly boys had eight top-four efforts with two firsts. Marcus Mitchell won the 300 hurdles (43.69) while Kendall Murdock won the 100 (11.84). Zachary Rockafellow earned two top-four efforts.

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place finish. They also came home with a first-place event performance.

The Eagles, who won the D2 state championship in the 400 meter dash a season ago, took home first place at the MITCA 400 relay event. The team of Lauren Goodman, Hannah Wasilewski, Isabella Sigsby and Victoria Osmond finished in a time of 50.15 seconds, .21 seconds faster than their D2 state championship time at the D2 state meet time of a year ago. Goodman and Osmond made up half of last year's D2 state championship squad.

Each team was allowed to register three athletes to compete in each individual event, creating some large fields. The Eagles had plenty of other strong efforts.

Osmond had two individ-

ual top-five efforts, taking third in the 100 (12.67) and fifth in the 200 (26.58). She finished just .06 seconds out of first in the 100, earned by Zeeland East's Allie DeLost (12.61). The Eagles had three athletes finish within the top 15 of the 100. Goodman was eighth (12.96) and Wasilewski was 14th (27.58).

Other Linden athletes to earn individual top-15 efforts at the MITCA meet were Alyson Kelly, 14th in the 1,600 (5:45.91) and 15th in the 800 (2:38.77); Colleen Blackwood, 14th in the 3,200 (12:43.08) and 14th in the shot put (30-feet-3 3/4); Wasilewski 14th in the 200 (27.58); Chloe Josephson, 13th in the 3,200 (12:39.37); Reygan Acox, 11th in the 100 hurdles (17.91); and Jayden Wilks, 15th in the shot put (29-11 1/2).

Fenton baseball splits doubleheader with Country Day

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity baseball team found a little time to play some games during the three-day weekend, competing in a non-league doubleheader against Detroit Country Day on Saturday.

The Tigers won the first game 10-2, but lost the second 5-2.

In the opening game, a seven-run second inning blew the contest open for the Tigers. The inning started with four straight singles by Colin Lawrence, Spencer Luck, Seth Logan and Peyton Jackson. Jackson's safety drive in two runs, making it a 2-0 Fenton lead at the time. An out later, Brendan Phillips doubled in two more runs. Fenton led 4-0. Con-



Fenton's Brendan Phillips

nor Luck singled and a fielder's choice grounder by Lance Barkholz drove in the fifth run. Kyle Crow and Lawrence followed with RBI-singles making it a 7-0 lead.

The Tigers finished the contest with 16 hits. Phillips had three hits and drove in three runs while Jackson had three hits and drove in two runs. Connor Luck, Barkholz, Lawrence and Spencer Luck had two hits each.

Owen McCuan pitched the first five innings and earned the victory. He allowed three hits and five walks while striking out three. Adam Barcome pitched the final two innings, striking out two while allowing no runs.

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fice fly. With two out, the Eagles led 5-3 and seemed poised to earn the victory.

However, in Garber's seventh, Ella Wagner reached base on an error, Sarah Basket singled and Emma Miller followed with an RBI-single. The Eagles led just 4-3 with the game-tying run on first base. However, Linden starting pitcher Widner got Laney Kokaly to pop out to end the game and earn the win.

Earlier in the contest, the Eagles scored a run in the second. Hannah Bollinger singled and two outs later, Aeschliman hit an RBI-single. The Dukes tied it up with a run in the third. Both teams scored a run in the fourth inning. The Eagles had theirs provided by an Aeschliman home run. Bollinger and Aeschliman had three hits in the contest.

The Eagles opened the tournament with a 10-1 victory against the tourney hosts, Coleman. Linden never trailed in the first contest, scoring one run in the first, two in the second and five in the third. Linden enjoyed 16 hits in the victory with Widner going 4-for-5 with two runs scored.

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of others seeded within the top 10. Meanwhile, Linden does as well.

Hamlin will be a focal point as he'll be competing in four events for Powers. While he's only seeded 13th in the 100 with a time of 11.12 seconds, he'll be a clear factor in that event. He's also seeded third in the state in the 200, posting a time of 22.49 at regionals. He also should be competing for Powers Catholic's 400 and 800 relay teams. The 800 relay may include two other area athletes — Steve Warner and Charles Fritz — and is seeded second in 800 relay (1:31.13), just .14 seconds behind the top seed. The 400 relay may include Luke Fritz as well. Powers holds a seed time of 43.36 seconds, .27 seconds behind the top seeded time.

Linden has plenty of strong seeds at the D2 meet as well, led by Kyle Eberhard. Eberhard is the fourth seed in the 1,600 with a time of 4:23.64. His time is less than three seconds worse than the top seed. Not far behind Eberhard is his teammate River Meckstroth. Meckstroth is the seventh seed with a time of 4:25.11.

Eberhard holds another high seed. He is the fifth seed in the 800, with a time of 1:58.60. He's also the 14th seed in the 3,200 (9:51.30) while Meckstroth is the 17th seed in the 3,200 (9:53.49). Eberhard and Meckstroth are two of the athletes on Linden's ninth-seeded 3,200 relay along with Ryan Blackwood and Hayden Bradfield (8:15.04).

Linden's final individual top-10 seeding is owned by Victoria Osmond. She's the ninth seed in the 100 (12.72). Meanwhile, Osmond, Lauren Goodman, Hannah Wasilewski and Isabella Sigsby enter the state meet as the sixth seed in the 400 relay (51.05).

Lake Fenton's boys have one athlete tied with the fourth-highest seeding. That's high jumper Francis Senter. He enters the D2 meet with a leap of 6-foot-4, tied with four other regional competitors.



Linden's Kyle Eberhard (right) and River Meckstroth hold Linden's strong seeded times in a couple of events entering Saturday's Division 2 state track meet. Photo: David Troppens

There is one more D2 top-10 seeded competitor at Forest Hills Eastern High School. Connor Owens is the 10th seed in the 400 (51.24).

Finally, Holly has an athlete at the D1 meet who is ranked in the top 10. That athlete is Wilson Tschirhart, who is tied in 10th in the pole vault (13-foot-3). Not too far outside the top 10, is teammate Jaden Simmons. He's the 13th seed in the 10 (10.99).

WINNING

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McLain described Detroit fans as "front runners and the world's worst. He continued to say later "If people go along with us and stay off our backs, we'll win this thing."

Tigers General Manager Jim Campbell and Tigers manager Mayo Smith came to the defense of the fans.

"Sure they are frustrated because they have not won a pennant in 23 years," Smith said. "The fans got on Norm Cash and Al Kaline a little, but there were more cheers than boos."

"When Denny talks, I let it go in one ear and out the other," Campbell said.

The Tigers had a two-game stand with the Orioles, who were in a little bit of a tailspin. After defeating Detroit 4-0 on May 6, Baltimore led in the American League standings by 2 1/2 games. However, Baltimore lost the next two against Detroit and then lost four straight to the Indians. Suddenly, they were on a six-game losing streak. It grew to seven. Earl Wilson pitched a four-hit shutout and Willie Horton hit two home runs, helping

the Tigers to a 4-0 victory. Weak-hitting Ray Oyler also hit his only four-bagger of the season in the victory.

Baltimore broke its losing skid a day later when McLain lost his first game of the season in a 10-8 Tigers' loss. McLain lasted just two innings while allowing four hits, a walk and four runs. Boog Powell and Elrod Hendricks hit home runs off of McLain. On the positive side, Norm Cash finally hit his first home run of the season while Mickey Stanley hit his second. The Tigers led the second-place Indians by just 1 1/2 games.

The first game of the Senators' series was another late-inning come-from-behind victory for the Tigers. Washington slugger Frank Howard hit his then MLB record of home runs in five straight games by hitting his eighth in that five-game span. However, in the ninth inning, Jim Northrup hit a grand slam, completing the Tigers' five-run ninth, eventually earning a 7-3 victory.

A day later, Howard hit two more home runs (giving him 10 in six games), as the Senators won an 8-4 verdict.

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Jamie Patrick Linford

1957 – 2022

Jamie Patrick Linford - age 65, of Fenton, died Thursday, May 26, 2022. Funeral services were held 2 PM Monday May, 30 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jay Coldwell officiating.



He enjoyed collecting Toy Cap Guns. He was always in attendance at his grandchildren's sporting events. Surviving are wife of 42 years, Sharon; two sons, Aaron Michael (Claire) Linford of Saline, Brian Joseph Linford

of Fenton; two grandchildren, Marcus Jamie Linford and Jane Barbara Linford. Siblings, Gary (Mary Ellen) Wasiak, Christopher Wasiak, Kelly (Deb) Linford, Brooke (Linda) Linford; sister-in-law, Jeannie Linford; brother-in-law, Michael McCarville; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ronald Linford; and sister, Terry Ann McCarville. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Visitation was held 11 AM until the time of the funeral at 2 PM on Monday May 30. Services 1 PM Monday June, 6 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Those desiring may make contributions to The Boy's and Girl's Club of America. Jamie was born March 21, 1957 in Garden City, the son of Ronald and Kathleen (Irwin) Linford. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving from 1974 - 1978. Jamie married Sharon Atkins on May 16, 1980. He worked as an Adjuster for Otis Elevator for many years before retirement. Jamie had abundant energy, he always went "a mile a minute." He was there for everyone anytime "at the drop of a hat."

of Fenton; two grandchildren, Marcus Jamie Linford and Jane Barbara Linford. Siblings, Gary (Mary Ellen) Wasiak, Christopher Wasiak, Kelly (Deb) Linford, Brooke (Linda) Linford; sister-in-law, Jeannie Linford; brother-in-law, Michael McCarville; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ronald Linford; and sister, Terry Ann McCarville. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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LAKE FENTON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the special assessment district for Lake Fenton aquatic nuisance and eradication weed control.

Anyone wishing to ask questions or provide comment may attend the hearing or submit written comments. Written comments will be received at the City Hall during business hours up to and including the day of the public hearing, as well as may be sent to the City Clerk at jkienast@cityoffenton.org.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 629-2261 or jkienast@cityoffenton.org at least 3 days in advance of the date of the hearing.

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Ancient Brit

5 Started

8 Fail to see

12 River to the Baltic

13 Spanish gold

14 "Do — others ..."

15 Opera set in Egypt

16 Used a Hoover, say

18 Baseball divisions

20 Diving ducks

21 Leb. neighbor

22 Ostrich's kin

23 Sousa composition

26 Empty, as a stare

30 Commotion

31 Melody

32 "Top Hat" studio

33 Flu forestaller

36 Autocrats

38 Tummy muscles

39 Chatter

40 Skirt style

43 Set of words

47 Work break

49 Nitwit

50 Pedestal occupant

51 In shape

52 Ancient Dead Sea land

53 Taxpayer IDs

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54 NBC week-end show

55 Scarce

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(Abbr.)

29 "Mayday!"

31 Reply (Abbr.)

34 Suez and Erie, e.g.

35 "Yeah, right"

36 Levy

37 Web master?

39 Streisand title role

40 Hertz rival

41 Young fellows

42 PC picture

43 Pork cut

44 Musical finale

45 Bloodhound's clue

46 Alaskan city

48 Conditions

10 Leftovers recipe

11 Lays down the lawn

17 Gomer Pyle's org.

19 Show to a seat, slangily

22 Hearing thing

23 Dallas hooper, briefly

24 Nabokov novel

25 Sinbad's bird

26 Compete

27 Man-mouse link

28 Kiev's land

DOWN

1 Furnace fuel

2 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"

3 Spartan queen

4 Very sad

5 Paramour

6 Historic periods

7 Physician's nickname

8 Hawaiian garment

9 "By the power

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Midweek Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CHITK

UNOWD

MRAYWL

VABHEE

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

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Horoscopes

For the week of
May 30, 2022

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Owning real estate has been a wise investment lately, Aries. Your home may have increased in value. Now could be an opportunity to sell and reap the profits.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

You want to advance your relationship, Taurus,. The best way to do that is to have some serious conversations with your romantic partner. Discuss everything.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Rework your budget, Gemini. You likely have some home renovations that you want to tackle over the next few weeks, and now is as good a time as any to get started.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Your mystique has others interested in emulating your style, Cancer. They can try, but they won't be able to completely replicate your special nature.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may be thinking about starting a new long-term project. Put your vision on paper first so you can map out your plans and see if it is feasible with your current budget.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you will be surrounded by plenty of people interested in social engagement in the days ahead. That is fine news for you, as you enjoy being out on the town.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Efforts at work have not gone unnoticed, Libra. What you have worked toward has impressed those who are in position to move you further along in the company.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, they may not be on the top of your mind, but legal matters must be worked out soon. This is a good week to revisit your long-term plans if it's been awhile.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Projects worked on this week will have a significant impact on your future, Sagittarius. You have a magic touch of sorts, so put it to good use in the days to come.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, relationships in your life are strengthened over the course of this week. It is because you communicate effectively and with honesty and affection.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You are interested in health and nutrition, including certain nutrients, exercise programs or other forms of alternative therapy. Study up on the subject.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, artistic pursuits are piquing your interest, so focus your efforts on practical creative pursuits, like cooking or interior design.

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