Linden identifies priority redevelopment areas

■City undergoes master plan review process

By Hannah Ball

As Linden staff work on updating the city's master plan, officials have identified four areas of land as priority redevelopment sites.

Officials have targeted these sites for

their proximity to downtown, current conditions and potential future land use opportunities. They include the Evan's Building, which fronts the Shiawassee River along with Oak Street and Main Street; the Department of Public Works (DPW) yard; an area next to Eagle's Wooden Park; and the old theater on S. Broad Street.

The Evan's Building, 1035 N Bridge St

This site, on the corner of Oak Street and Main Street near the VFW Hall, fronts the Shiawassee River and is approximately 1.2 acres in size. It consists of two separate privately owned properties. The larger contains a large warehouse building, locally known as "Evan's" building, while the smaller

of the two properties contains a single-family dwelling.

"Existing challenges at this site include the presence of an adjacent electric substation, the cost of needed warehouse building improvements, lack of parking, and the potential for environmental contamination from prior uses," ac-

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City honors first responders

■ Public Service Awards given to numerous workers

By Sharon Stone

Numerous police, fire and EMS personnel with the city of Fenton were honored during a Public Service

See **AWARDS** on 12

Does the tri-county area have adequate housing?

Local Realtor says housing market is becoming more balanced

By Hannah Ball

Is there enough available housing in the tri-county area?

See **HOUSING** on 16



Sheriff expects more victims to come forward

■ Genesee County man jailed on human trafficking, criminal sexual conduct charges

By Sharon Stone

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said the sheriff's office expects more victims to come forward after a suspect was arraigned Nov. 27 on multiple felonies involving



Joseph Mitchell

first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC), accosting children for immoral purposes and human trafficking.

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Fenton church reaches milestone

■Will celebrate its 90th anniversary this Sunday

By Sharon Stone

Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary today Sunday, Dec. 4. The church in Fenton opened its doors Dec. 4, 1932. The original wooden church was at 806 Main Street (where Faith City Church is now).

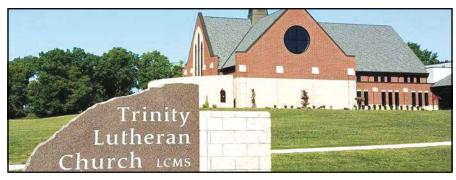
Lynn Ferguson, the music director at Trinity Lutheran, said the earliest services were spoken in German and

one of their members is 98 years old.

Trinity began its life as a mission congregation of 14 attending services spoken in German and held in private homes in September 1931. Within months, they had grown to an average attendance of 25. The congregation was officially organized April 7, 1932. Soon after,

they purchased property at 806 Main St. Construction of a house of worship began and the congregation dedicated their newly completed wooden structure Dec. 4.

Today, all that remains from the original wooden structure is its bell, which is currently in storage awaiting



restoration and placement at Trinity's current location.

> Nate Woodward, 98, has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1941. Witnessing the many years of growth and change, he said that when he first joined, there was still a service conducted in German once a month. He also remembers that during the earliest years, men sat on one side of the sanctuary and women sat on the other.

In 1958, the congregation replaced the sanctuary with a larger one, and in 1990, an addition was built, providing an administrative wing and classrooms. A decade later and the congregation was again bursting at the seams, severely limited in both structure and parking, adding services over the

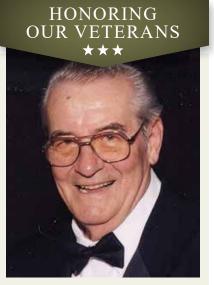


Trinity Lutheran Church opened its doors in Fenton in 1932 at 806 Main St. All that remains from the original wooden structure is its bell. This site is now home to Faith City Church.

weekend to accommodate attendance.

When research indicated that expansion of the current facility was not a vi-

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Words with Hannah

'm late to watching "House of the Dragon," but thankfully, coming back to Westeros was extremely exciting nonetheless.

My biggest takeaways are remembering how much I love dragons and how I don't agree with a lot of negative reviews.

It's slower than "Game of Thrones," sure, and I imagine

if you watched it weekly when each episode was released, it would feel a bit boring. I binged it and I do not have that complaint.

While "GOT" is filled with a half dozen powerful families fighting for power, the first season of "Dragon" is about one family having succession issues. It's actually very comparable to the first season of "GOT" in terms of action. Pacing in "GOT" is definitely better, but the formats of the shows are slightly different considering the time jumps in "Dragon."

There are a lot more players involved in "GOT" as the show goes on. "GOT" is about multiple families fighting for a throne while "Dragon" is about the fall of one house. Of course, there are going to be fewer major players.

It seems like people are comparing one season of "Dragon" to the entire

In defense of 'Dragon'



Hannah Ball Staff Reporter

GOT show, and that's a mistake. I'm sure the following seasons of "Dragon" will be more action packed (we're going to see a lot more fighting in the next season considering how the last episode ended) with faster pacing, which is what it needs.

"GOT" was better at writing characters more succinctly. In the later episodes

of "Dragon," writers gave the characters longing moments that lasted a bit too long and certain plot points could have been wrapped up a bit faster.

While "Dragon" is about bloodlines and succession, it's also about a father's undying love for his daughter. One of the best things about it is Viserys' willingness to believe anything Rhaenyra says. It was actually hilarious at times. I even felt a little bad for Alicent.

Matt Smith is so good in his role as Daemon. He has the presence, attitude and gaze to be an intimidating Targaryen, along with the devotion to be a good husband and ruler.

(I find it funny and unsettling that George R. R. Martin wrote this family to be this incestuous. It's funny because when my dad asked me who Daemon was in relation to Rhaenyra, I said, "that's her husband. Also her uncle." It's unsettling in the fact that someone wrote an article inspired by this series about how incest is attractive, and wow, let's learn the difference between nonfiction and fantasy. The effects of incest are well documented (courtesy of European royal dynasties) and should never be overlooked.)

One of my favorite things about "Dragon" (and the entire Song of Ice and Fire world) is that it's not afraid to get gory. The birthing scenes were unflinching takes on the reality of delivering babies. The scene where Rhaenrya gives birth and then immediately walks across the castle when she can barely stand? Queen behavior.

One of the best, most distressing scenes in the first season is in episode seven and the kids fight after Aemond claims Laena's dragon, Vhagar. An eye for a dragon, right? It's massively uncomfortable watching kids fight, however, there's so much power in that scene.

It reminded me of season one episode two in "GOT" when Arya's direwolf bites Joffrey and she releases the animal into the wild so she isn't killed. In this world, parents have children and use them to keep their claims to power, but kids eventually become uncontrollable as they grow.

Now we enter the "Dragon" hiatus See **DRAGON** on 22

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WE ALL NEED a laugh. What did Robin Hood say when Forrest Gump asked if he would care to come over? Sure would Forrest. No applause please.

A HUGE THANK you to the students from Fenton marching band who entertained us and supported the Griffins hockey game. Loved your choice of music and your singing was great. You left the fans wanting more. What a fun night. Well done Tigers.

SAW AN ARTICLE stating that conservatives and Republicans are leaving states, such as Michigan, to move to states that align more with their values. It's true, we are definitely planning a move to Florida. As soon as we finalize things here, we're outta here. If you're liberal or Democrat, don't follow us.

DON'T BE SO eager to be offended.

DETROIT PAPER HAD an article that rural Democrats are complaining they have no voice. Since state elections reflect and are controlled by a few blue counties, I fail to see their issue or desire for complete control.

WHAT HAPPENED TO monkey pox?

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

What's the best Christmas movie?



"I love 'Prancer' from the '80s. I love 'Home Alone' 1 and 2 and 'Santa Clause' 1 and 2. 'Elf' and of course 'Christmas Vacation.' I watch them yearly with 'Christmas Carol,' 'Grinch' with Jim Carrey. I have 5 boys and they all love watching them as a family." Carrie Bard, Fenton

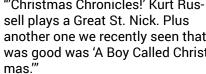


"No question it's 'Die Hard.' Fun festive theme and great quotes."



"Christmas Chronicles!' Kurt Russell plays a Great St. Nick. Plus another one we recently seen that was good was 'A Boy Called Christ-

Chris Hogan



Jason Irwin Saginaw

streettalk



"Charlie Brown Christmas."

Bridget Omara-Nicole Fenton

Holly

December is Elvis month at Loose Center

Senior center will show 'Elvis' movie, impersonator will perform at Christmas lunch

By Hannah Ball

Christmastime at the Loose Center is more rock and roll this year.

The senior center is celebrating Christmas and the holiday season with multiple Elvis Presley themed events, including a movie night and lunch.

"In August at the senior day Genesee County Fair, Elvis performed. He was a great success while interacting with the crowd. Our director talked to him about doing a performance at our center. He thought Christmas with Elvis would be a fun time. Liven up the Christmas lunch," said Dotti Tynes, program director.

Loose Center movie days are the first Wednesday of the month. An employee from Tanglewood Assisted Living handles Loose's monthly movie selection, and he happened to get "Elvis," the 2022 biographical movie drama about the singer's life. It's directed by Baz Luhrmann and stars Austin Butler as Elvis and Tom Hanks as his manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

> Loose Center will show the movie on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m.

> "That made it an Elvis month," Tynes said. They will have popcorn, water and pizza from Little Caesars donated by Provision Living.

For their Christmas lunch on Thursday, Dec. 15, an

Elvis impersonator will come and perform the famous musician's hits as well as Christmas songs. The meal, which will be made at the center, will include ham, potatoes, green bean casserole, coleslaw, roll and a dessert donated by Promedica.

Lunch is from 12 to 1 p.m. and Elvis will perform from 1 to 2:30 p.m. It's \$15 per person.

"The seniors love Elvis. This gives people time to get together and enjoy a fun time. A comfortable place to talk, laugh and sing. They don't have to decide on a restaurant to go to. A place to see other people they haven't seen in a while. It is important for everyone to get out and do something fun." Tynes said. "Very important for seniors to keep active in something. Many seniors come to the center to play cards or do an exercise class. Keeps them in a routine of sorts and interacting with other people."

They're expecting around 125-150 people for the lunch and show.

"We appreciate the many volunteers here at the center that help us put these events on and the sponsors that donate items for our event. It takes everyone coming together and willing to give what they can to put on our events," she said.

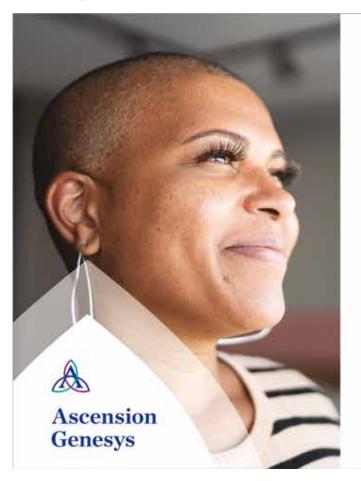
The Loose Chorus will perform at the center on Dec. 21.

"Another opportunity to get together with friends before the holiday, especially those who have lost friends and family. We try to make this a place of comfort and peace. Remembering the ones that have left us and finding new friendships to enjoy," Tynes said.



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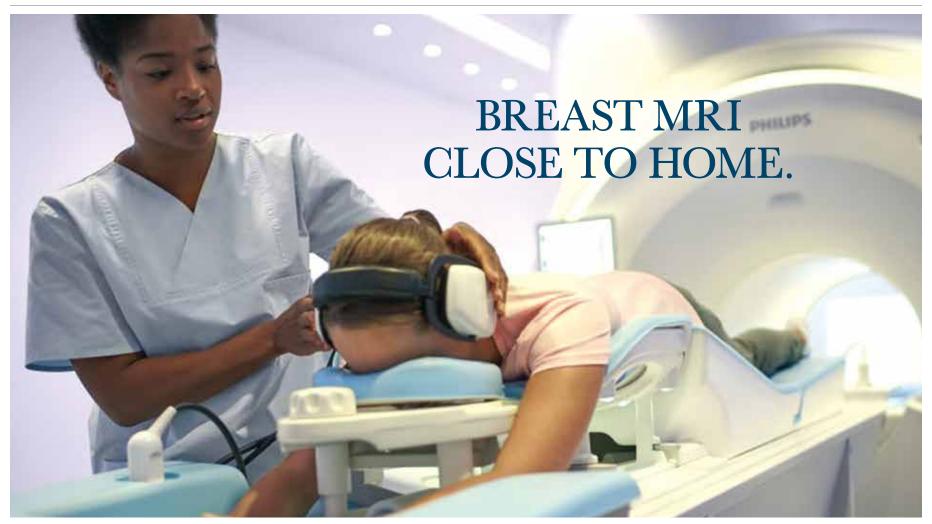


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Follies raise more than \$3,600



Event helps buy food for families and those in need, and gifts for children

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Even though they only held one show instead of two, the Linden Follies came back strong this year on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Linden teachers and staff performed humorous skits for a packed auditorium at Linden High School. Tickets sold out and many people stood in the back to watch.

The Linden Education Association hadn't held the event since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The annual event is the main fundraiser for Christmas Express, which provides families in need with food for the holidays, and Angel Tree, which allows the public to buy Christmas gifts for children in households that need a little extra help this holiday season.

The Thursday event raised \$3,618.





BRIEFS

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Holiday Sing Along

The Holly Township Library presents the Holiday Sing Along on

Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is at 1116 N. Saginaw St., Holly. The library staff invites everyone of all ages to come and enjoy the songs of the holi-



days. They will have cookies, coffee, hot cocoa and music by Beverly Meyer. Stop by at 5:30 p.m. to decorate your cookie before the show — the library will provide the cookies, frosting and toppings. Register for the sing along at hollylibrary.org in advance so that they have enough cookies and refreshments for everyone.

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LOOKING BACK

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HISTORY

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DEC. 4

2009: 22-year-old American exchange student Amanda Knox is convicted of murdering her British roommate, Meredith Kercher, in 2007 in Perugia, Italy. Knox received a 26-year prison sentence, while her 25-year-old Italian ex-boyfriend, Raffaelle Sollecito, who also was convicted in the slaying, was sentenced to 25 years behind bars. The sensational, high-profile case raised questions in the United States about whether Knox, who always maintained her innocence, received a fair trial. Then, in October 2011, in a decision that made international headlines, an Italian court reversed the murder convictions of both Knox and Sollecito and they were freed from prison. Both were fully exonerated in 2015.

DEC. 5

1945: At 2:10 p.m., five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission. After having completed their objective, Flight 19 was scheduled to take them due east for an additional 67 miles, then turn north for 73 miles, and back to the air station after that, totaling a distance of 120 miles. They never returned. The Bermuda Triangle is said to stretch from the southern U.S. coast across to Bermuda and down to the Atlantic coast of Cuba and Santo Domingo.

DEC. 6

1884: In Washington, D.C., workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid inscribed with "Laus Deo," meaning praise (be) to God, atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington. As early as 1783, the infant U.S. Congress decided that a statue of George Washington, the great Revolutionary

War general, should be placed near the site of the new Congressional building, wherever it might be.

DEC. 7

1941: At around 1:30 p.m., President Franklin Roosevelt is conferring with advisor Harry Hopkins in his study when Navy Secretary Frank Knox bursts in and announces that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor. The attack killed more than 2,400 naval and military personnel. The next day, Roosevelt addressed Congress and the nation with a somber yet stirring speech in which he swore that America would never forget December 7, 1941, as a "date that would live in infamy."

DEC. 8

1980: John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City. The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota, Lennon's apartment building, and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world. Chapman remains behind bars.

DEC. 9

2016: The World Anti-Doping Agency details a vast "institutional conspiracy" involving Russian officials and more than 1,000 athletes in systematic doping at major athletic competitions, including the Olympics. A second WADA report says the conspiracy involves the Russian Sports Ministry, national anti-doping agency and the FSB intelligence service and that the cheating and cover-ups were on an "unprecedented scale" from 2011-15.

DEC. 10

1974: Representative Wilbur D. Mills, a Democrat from Arkansas, resigns as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the aftermath of the first

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POLICE & FIRE **REPORT**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DRUNK WOMAN GETS HER VEHICLE STUCK ON RAILROAD TRACKS

On Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1:53 a.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a report of a vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks near the dead end of Lakeview Drive. The arriving officers saw tire tracks in the snow continue past the dead end, through the grass and stuck on the tracks. The vehicle's back tire was still spinning and in gear as they approached and found the driver outside of the vehicle on her phone. The 32-year-old Burton woman appeared intoxicated and insisted she was not drunk. She failed sobriety tests and was determined to be almost three times over the legal limit. She was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with high blood alcohol content (BAC), CN Railroad was contacted and advised of the incident. They inspected the tracks for damage later that morning.

SCRAP METAL STOLEN FROM HOLLY BUSINESS

On Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 9:14 a.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a business that has a scrap metal container on their property. The company employee reported a large amount of scrap metal was missing. Officers responded and discovered video that identified a suspect. The investigating officer also located some of the stolen material and identified two other suspects during the investigation. The case has been presented to the prosecutor's office for charges.

MAN AND WOMAN INJURED IN DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9:37 a.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a domestic assault in progress. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male and female that appeared to have been in a struggle. The male had an injury to the back of his head and the female reported an injury from being kicked in the stomach. Both subjects sought medical treatment. Officers are reviewing medical reports and other evidence to determine charges.



REDEVELOPMENT

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cording to a draft of the master plan.

Officials prepared concept drawings to illustrate how the area could be redeveloped. One concept shows how the existing warehouse could be repurposed while the second shows the potential for redevelopment if the warehouse was demolished.

"Both concepts envision mixed-use development capitalizing on the site's waterfront setting," according to the plan. DPW Yard

The yard, located on the north side of the Shiawassee River, west of N. Bridge Street, sits across the river from downtown Linden and Eagle's Wooden Park. The city-owned site is approximately 9.1 acres and has a small vacant dwelling near Bridge Street and one DPW building. Several water wells at this location currently supply the city's municipal water system.

"Two key challenges exist at this location: 1) the need to relocate the city DPW facility; and, 2) having to work around the existing municipal water wells. However, the City Council's recent decision to connect to the Genesee County water system means that the water wells at this property would no longer be a significant barrier to site redevelopment," according to the plan.

Other challenges are demolishing the existing dwellings and the lack of connections to downtown due to the river separating the site.

A concept drawing illustrates the potential for this site to be used for commercial, residential and/or public purposes, including along the riverfront.

Parkside

This site is located at the corner of

Walmar Street and W. Broad Street. It consists of two small privately owned properties along W. Broad Street and a larger city-owned property with frontage on the Shiawassee River.

"One existing and occupied commercial building is located on the property, which is anticipated to remain. One challenge to redevelopment is potential contamination at the property along W. Broad Street, which was formerly occupied by a gas station," according to the plan.

Old Theater

This approximately 2-acre site fronts the west side of S. Bridge Street and the driveway to Symphony of Linden. It consists of two private properties owned by Symphony. The northeast corner of the site is occupied by a two-story, former theater building. The remainder of the site is undeveloped. The master plan states that a portion of the site has previously been designated as a possible future phase of the Symphony of Linden senior care facility.

"Challenges for the redevelopment of the site include the poor condition of the existing theater building and potential contamination from prior uses," according to the plan. "Following its historic use as a theater, the concept suggests that the site be re-established as a theater for the performing arts."

This would require rehabilitation or demolition and new construction. Concept drawings show space for a mixed-use development along S. Bridge Street and the expansion of the senior care facility.

Additional redevelopment sites identified in the draft of the master plan include the city hall site, 495 W. Broad St., 112 S. Bridge St. and the north end business district.

Read the entire draft at lindenmi.us.



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Pain or Numbness in Your Hands or Feet?

By Erica Rainer

ain and Numbness in your hands or feet, a feeling of burning, extreme cold, tingling, electrical shock like pain, even the feeling of walking on bubble wrap or like there is a sock balled up under your foot... these are all symptoms experienced by those suffering with Peripheral Neuropathy. Unfortunately drugs and injections only mask the pain and there is no surgery, other than amputation, that will heal/stop neuropathy from progressing.

Neuropathy is a term used to describe damaged nerves, primarily in the hands and/or feet, that are progressively breaking down due to a lack of blood supply, nutrients and oxygen reaching the nerves along with a lack of communication from the brain. Since the nerves are what the brain uses to communicate with the area and they are breaking down, the brains ability to communicate with the area lessens over time, allowing for the progression of more breakdown and worse symptoms. It can be caused by Diabetes, Poor Circulation, Poor Nutrition, Chemotherapy, Agent Orange, Misaligned Spinal Bones Placing Pressure on the Nerves, along with over 100 other causes. "Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling, even No Feelings in their Hands and/or Feet along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning and may have a very hard time with director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center.

This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage, causing complete loss of legs or arms leading to amputation, death or brain injury due to falls, burns or other injuries that will not heal, along with organ failure in some cases.

Are you or someone you love suffering with loss of balance, numbness or pain in your hands and/or feet that just won't heal?

You are not alone.

More than 20 Million people in the U.S. are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands or feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling pain and debilitating balance problems, often frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. "By the time they come to see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their MD put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy meds like Gabapentin, Neurotin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain." said Dr. Ide.

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or feet to stop the pain and start living life again! "Our Neuropathy Protocol is a multifaceted approach to heal neuropathy by nurturing the nervous system, increasing circulation, blood & oxygen, working to rebuild, strengthen & balance the body, all while stimulating the damaged nerves. Revitalizing and healing the damaged areas

reakthrough Neuropathy

The development and success of the new Neuropathy Protocols by Dr. Ide and his team at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center have been the talk of the town in recent months. "This new technology paired with our multifaceted approach, has been life altering for our patients and our clinic. There has been an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting is truly amazing, we have 95% or higher Success Rate" said, the Patient Coordinator at the clinic. There are some things people can do at home to aide in the healing process of their neuropathy however, healing neuropathy is an all-encompassing process that will balance" says Dr. James Ide, clinic require lifestyle changes, home care and -may or may not include chiropractic, (varying from patient to patient) along with guidance from a medical professional that is experienced, skilled and board certified in neuropathy.

> Dr. James Ide and his skilled care team, board certified in the treatment of Neuropathy, have been treating patients for almost a decade now and judging by their reviews, they have been doing a very good job providing excellent patient care.

"I started noticing improvements very quickly! Now the pain in my feet is gone and my balance is much better already!" ~Jon P. Linden MI

But hurry, due to the number of patients the office can see, this is a limited time offer, with only 25 Appointments available at this exclusively discounted rate. These will be on a first come, first serve basis, messages left will count.

My advice, don't suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse... If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps and burning in your feet, or hands, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition plagues people with, take action because it will progress. Find out if their Painless Neuropathy Protocols can help you regain the feeling in your hands and

enabling them to reactivate and function at an increasingly higher rate over time, all while increasing the patients quality of life dramatically". said Dr. Ide

The clinic has a large care team of 3 doctors and a large supportive staff. Over the years they have treated thousands of patients with chronic conditions of Neuropathy, Sciatic Nerve Pain, Back & Neck problems, Whiplash along with Migraines and much more. The office is well known and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered and tried other treatment options with no luck, only to have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have credited the care team at Dr. Ides office for giving them their lives back!

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AWARDS

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Awards ceremony during the Fenton City Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 28. A total of 36 awards were handed out. Seven of the recipients received multiple awards.

Acting Police Chief Jeff Cross said, "Last night's award ceremony was fantastic. It's not very often that we give out awards, especially the Life Saving Award. I'm very proud of our dispatchers and officers for their heroic actions.

"I'd also like to congratulate the Fenton firefighters, Medstar paramedics, and the Genesee County paramedics. Working as a team saves people's lives, and we have one hell of a team here in Fenton."

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff was equally proud of the first responders. "I was very excited to once again have an in-person awards ceremony," he said. "We had a few years off due to COVID.

"These award nights are my favorite part of my job because I basically get to brag about our personnel. I get to tell everyone about the great work that they do day in and day out. They are wonderful people who do amazing work for our residents."

Mayor Sue Osborn said, "I would like to say how much we appreciate our first responders and their service to our community. We are so fortunate to have these people serving Fenton as they are second to none. They do everything humanly possible to care and protect our citizens and I highly commend them for their service."

One recipient received four awards. Travis Whitman works for both the police and fire department in the city and he received three while working for the police department and one while working for the fire department. Each recipient received an award certificate, a commendation bar for their uniform, and a small gift.

Osborn and Cairnduff posed in the photos with the award recipients.

On the evening of May 22, 2021, Fenton police, fire, and EMS units were dispatched to an incident involving two adult males that were not breathing. Police, fire, and EMS units were all on location within five minutes of the initial 911 call. The responders found

two male subjects in the driveway of the home and both suffering from an overdose. Both patients were in cardiac arrest. The crews from the police and fire departments performed patient care, including administering multiple doses of Narcan to both patients. One of the patients did not survive, but one patient was able to be revived and was transported by EMS to the hospital and made a full recovery.

For their quick and professional actions when faced with two patients that were overdosing, several individuals were presented with unit citation awards and commendation bars.



Unit Citation Awards
Incident date – May 22, 2021

- Ed Hadfield, deputy fire chief
- Paul Bond, firefighter
- David Siburt, firefighter
- Travis Whitman, police officer

In the early morning hours (1 a.m.) of Jan. 31, 2022, Fenton police, fire and EMS units were dispatched to a residence in Fenton for a 44-year-old female in possible cardiac arrest. Firefighter Sean Caldwell recognized the address as being just a few houses down from his, so he responded directly to the scene. Caldwell and Fenton police officer Josh Jones arrived on scene and realized the patient was in fact in cardiac arrest. They initiated CPR efforts on the patient. Soon after, other responders arrived including STAT EMS, the fire department rescue truck, and a Genesee County Sherriff paramedic unit. The responders continued resuscitation efforts on the patient, including the use of their automated CPR machine (the LUCAS device). Advanced life support was provided by the paramedic. The patient's heart was restarted and was transported to the hospital.

This happened Monday at 1 a.m. On Friday, Feb. 4, the patient was discharged from the hospital and stopped by the station to thank the responders. Cairnduff said this was a perfect ex-

ample of all the needed components of the chain of survival — early detection and appropriate handling of the 911 call, early and fast CPR, early ALS intervention, and quick transportation to a hospital.

The fire chief said this resident is alive thanks to the system they have in place and due to the trained actions of their responders.



CPR Save Awards

Incident date – Jan. 31, 2022

- Sean Caldwell, firefighter
- Josh Jones, police officer
- Kevin Murray, 911 dispatcher
- Gary Pope, EMT
- Mackenzie Thrower, paramedic with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office

On the morning of April 1, 2022, Fenton 911 received a call from an individual who was on the second floor of his home. He had been sleeping and he was woken by his dog barking. He was now reporting his house was on fire and filling with smoke and he couldn't get out. Fenton's 911 dispatcher was able to stay on the phone with the caller, to keep him calm and to give him instructions on what to do, while

also dispatching fire units to the home.

The first fire engine (Engine 11) was on scene within seven minutes of the 911 call. One crew of two firefighters went to the front door to make entry into the home to extinguish the fire while the other crew of two firefighters removed the victim from the home via portable ladder out the second story window. The trapped victim was removed from the home within nine minutes of the 911 call. The E11 crews also rescued two dogs from the home, one from the second floor via the ladder and another from the first floor.

Cairnduff said, "This resident was extremely lucky for a few reasons. First, he was fortunate that he was woken by his dog. Second, that we had a trained and professional dispatcher that knew what to do and how to talk to the victim. Third, that we had a full crew



of six people on our first out apparatus. And lastly that we had a professional fire crew that was well trained and acted quickly and efficiently."



Unit Citation Awards

Incident date – April 1, 2022

- Ed Hadfield, deputy fire chief
- **Josh Sturgis**, lieutenant with fire department
- Craig Jensen, chief engineer with fire department
- Matt Hadfield, firefighter
- Joe Hoffman, firefighter
- Travis Whitman, firefighter
- Samantha Sturgis, 911 dispatcher

On the afternoon of May 12, 2022, Fenton police, fire, and EMS units were dispatched for a man down on the side of the road, possibly in cardiac arrest. When Fenton patrol officers Jones and Whitman arrived on location (within two minutes of being dispatched), they immediately performed CPR and updated the other responding units that the patient was in fact in cardiac arrest. Fenton Township firefighter Craig Whitman, who lived a few houses away, also came to the scene to assist with CPR. Fenton City fire units soon arrived on scene, within six minutes of dispatch, and assumed care of the patient. Fire personnel took over CPR and placed the patient on the LUCAS device. Shortly after that, the Medstar Ambulance crew arrived along with a Genesee County Sheriff's paramedic. An airway was established, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was placed on the patient. One shock was delivered via the AED to the patient and a heartbeat was restored.

The patient was transported by Medstar Ambulance with assistance from the Genesee County medic to Ascension Genesys Hospital, where he was admitted to the ER and then later moved to the cardiac floor. The patient was released from the hospital after a few weeks stay.



CPR Save Awards

Incident date – May 12, 2022

- Charles Koan, assistant fire chief
- Sean Caldwell, firefighter
- Frank Carpenter, firefighter
- Ian Oaks, firefighter
- Josh Jones, police officer
- Travis Whitman, police officer
- Jenelle Schkade, 911 dispatcher
- Ashlyn Bell, EMT with Medstar Ambulance
- Robin Jablonski, EMT with Medstar Ambulance
- William Terry, paramedic with Genesee County Sheriff's Office
- Craig Whitman, Good Samaritan with Fenton Township Fire Department

In the late afternoon of Aug. 12, 2022, Fenton police, fire, and EMS units were dispatched to an address in the city for a possible cardiac arrest. A resident was calling about his neighbor that was found unresponsive and they were unsure if he was breathing. Cairnduff said 911 Dispatcher Jenelle Schkade was able to instruct the neighbor what to look for and what to do and was able to obtain information to help determine that the patient was not breathing.

Patrol officers Travis Whitman and Cole Hopkins then arrived on location and they determined the patient was in cardiac arrest and started CPR efforts. They also placed their AED on the patient and were able to shock the patient one time. Soon after, the fire department and Medstar Ambulance arrived. The patient was placed on the automated CPR device and the patient was shocked an additional three times. The responders were able to restart the patient's heart and the patient was transported by Medstar Ambulance, with fire personnel onboard assisting, to Ascension Genesys Hospital. The patient was admitted to the ER and then transferred to the ICU. Cairnduff said the patient was able to have time with his family before eventually passing away. The patient was able to help many other patients with the gift of life organ donations.

Cairnduff said for their quick and highly trained actions that saved a person long enough to have a good-by with their family and to help so many others that were saved by the organ donations, several individuals were presented with CPR save awards and commendation bars.



CPR Save Awards

Incident date – Aug. 12, 2022

- Charlie Koan, assistant fire chief
- Brandon Brown, firefighter
- Julian Gross, firefighter
- Ian Oaks, firefighter
- Cole Hopkins, police officer
- Travis Whitman, police officer
- Jenelle Schkade, 911 dispatcher
- Josh Hollister, paramedic with Medstar Ambulance
- **Dominic Fornari**, EMT with Medstar Ambulance

NEWS

BRIEFS COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

NAMI Genesee County support meetings

NAMI Genesee County is a support, education and advocacy group for people living with a mental illness, and their family and friends. Family Support meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. NAMI Connections meetings are for people who have a mental disorder and meet the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. Meetings are held at Building H. 2346 Stone Bridge Dr., Flint 48532. Family-to-Family and Peer-to-Peer classes are available. There is no charge for support meetings or classes. For information or registration, call (810) 232-6498 or go to name. genesee.org.



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Christmas Express feeds families during the holiday season

ince the
1970s, Christmas Express
has helped feed Linden families in the Linden School
District during the holidays, and those efforts continue this year.
Volunteers are planning to feed approximately 100 families and households, which is about 300 individuals for Christmas.

And, it's not just food for Christmas Day. Lisa Chapin, who's been involved for the last four years, said the food should last about a week.

"They (recipients) always seem very overwhelmed and very thankful. They're very surprised at the amount," she said.

The team at Christmas Express purchases premade food boxes from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with the help of many local organizations and businesses that donate to the program including: Broad Street Rentals, Mueller's Orchard, Starrs Market, Alpine Marketplace, Jiffy Mix, Landaal Packaging Systems, Linden Community Schools staff and families, Linden United Methodist Church, Linden Presbyterian Church and the Shiawassee Shores Staff. Linden schools also collects donations the first week of December. Families benefiting from Christmas Express also receive a gift certificate to Alpine to buy perishables that they can't get through the food bank.

Requests for assistance should be sent into Christmas Express by Dec. 5, but the group will take requests up until pick up day, which is Tuesday, Dec. 13. Christmas Express helps large families, single people, seniors on a fixed income and anyone who needs some extra help this holiday season.

The group expects around 100 households in the Linden area will request help from the program this year. The number of people seeking help during the pandemic wasn't as high as they expected. In past years, they've had 70-80 households or more than 100. Numbers vary year to year.

As with many local nonprofits, Christmas Express could use your help and are seeking volunteers.

"I need volunteers but it doesn't take as many as you think," said Chapin. Approximately 10-15 volunteers is all it takes. They aim to



Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter presented Pastor Dawn Russell and Lisa Chapin from Linden Presbyterian Church with a donation for the Christmas Express Program, generated from No Shave November.

make pick up day as simple and easy as possible. On Tuesday, Dec. 13, people will drive up to the church and volunteers will place the food in their vehicles. Chapin said they don't have to get out

car. This is the third year they're offering delivery services as well.

Debbie Brindle, Linden Community Education and food service director for Linden Community Schools, handles applications from families. The program originated at Linden Community Schools. Anyone can walk in the Linden Community Education office at 7201 W. Silver Lake Rd. and request an application.

Christmas Express operates out of the Linden Presbyterian Church at 119 W. Broad St. Monetary donations can be dropped off or sent to that location. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Linden school's staff members are also helping raise funds for Christmas Express and the Angel Tree program, which gives presents to children for Christmas. Police Chief Scott Sutter said members of the police department, fire department and the department of public works are donating to these programs to participate in No Shave November. Other employees and city staff are donating in order to wear jeans to work.

"Even though it is through the Linden Presbyterian Church, it is definitely a community effort," Chapin said. The schools fundraise and collect donations, and the monetary support from the community is crucial for Christmas Express.

It costs approximately \$6,000 a year to run the program, Chapin said, and groceries are more expensive this year.

The return of the Linden Follies on Thursday, Dec. 1 was critical to the efforts of Christmas Express. Proceeds from the event, in which teachers perform in self-made skits, have historically made up the majority of funding for the program. Chapin said they'll be brainstorming at the beginning of the new year to come up with additional creative ways to fundraise.

Those interested in helping can call Chapin at 810-853-9564.

"If people are in need of food support throughout the year, the Linden Presbyterian Church has the FISH Pantry that's always available," Chapin added.



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HOUSING

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Local municipalities have varying vacant housing rates, ranging from 4.4% to 8%, and some officials are wondering if there's enough housing to meet demand.

Linden City, with a population of 4,286 people, currently has an estimated 1,749 housing units. Approximately 77 are vacant.

"Of these units, 1,672 are occupied, suggesting there may be a need for additional, diverse housing options in the future as the population grows. In terms of age, more than half of city housing units were built in 1980 or more recently — a higher percentage than Fenton Township, Genesee County and the State of Michigan," according to a draft of the master plan. City officials are working on updating the plan.

As of 2021, more than 95% of Linden's available housing is occupied, while only 4.4% is vacant.

"Generally, a healthy housing market will feature a vacancy rate of approximately 5% to ensure there is sufficient available housing stock. Since Linden's vacancy rate is below 5%, it may suggest a tight housing market with insufficient available

housing," according to the master plan.

Local Realtor Andy Alger, of the Andy Alger Team, Keller Williams First, said a healthy vacancy rate is typically around 2%-3% for single family residential areas.

"When the vacancy rates are too low, the price of housing will typically increase which may create a situation where lower income families have almost no chance at homeownership," Alger said. "However, it is hardly ever a good situation that too many homes are vacant. Homes begin to deteriorate inside and out amazingly fast when they are vacant and no longer maintained. This can reduce the value of neighboring properties and sometimes entire neighborhoods. Vacant homes can become breeding grounds for illegal activities such as drugs, alcohol and other crimes and violence."

Fenton

According to the 2020 Census, Fenton has 5,776 housing units and 5,403 are occupied. Approximately 373 units are vacant, which is about 6.4%.

Fenton Township

The township has about 6,997 housing units. Approximately 6,542 are occupied and 455 are unoccupied. About 6.5% are

Holly Township

Holly Township has approximately 5,046 housing units. Of those, 4,771 are occupied and 275 are vacant, which is 5.4%. **Argentine Township**

Out of the 2,976 housing units in Argentine Township, approximately 2,736 are occupied and 240 are vacant, which is 8%.

There's no quick fix to a shortage of available housing, especially when manufacturing and housing materials are in short supply. In 2021, more than 90% of builders reported delays and materials shortages, according to the National Association of Homebuilders. As of November 2022, the number of available homes is approximately 40% lower compared to numbers Census Bureau on residential vacancies and homeownership.

Alger believes there is enough land in the area to build adequate housing. Locally, multiple subdivision and single-family housing projects have been approved to be built off Lahring Road and Linden Road in Fenton Township. Lombardo Homes developers are proposing to build a 95-unit single family housing development behind Mueller's Orchard with access to Linden and Lobdell roads.

cost of building, including the cost for

infrastructure," he said, adding that this includes roads, sewers and curbs. "Materials remain quite expensive and that forces the end product to be priced quite high for the average consumer, especially with higher interest rates on the money they borrow for the home loan. Since we still have many 'entry level' buyers, new-builds won't provide new inventory for most of these buyers due to the high cost."

It's been a seller's market since around 2015, but current trends are changing. Alger said the environment is shifting back to a more balanced market with the increase in interest rates, inflation and other relevant factors. It is, however, still a seller's market.

"It has been such a strong seller's market pre-pandemic, according to data from the for so long that any measurable shift favoring buyers will make it feel like it is closer to a buyer's market than it may actually be. This shift won't happen as quickly as we saw in 2006, nor am I expecting to see any kind of a market 'crash' like some are predicting," he said.

Homes are currently on the market for an average of 23 days, which has been consistent since the beginning of the year. Alger is expecting homes to be on the market a bit longer during the first quarter of 2023. He wouldn't be surprised if homes being "The main obstacle, however, is the on the market for 40 to 50 days becomes the new normal.





Fenton girls swim leads our 2022 Fall Top 10 list

By David Troppens

We are to the top three.

We always like to look at our polls and notice trends. In the past, Fenton squads have dominated. The Tigers continued that dominance, collecting five of our top 10 squads. But another school tried to

break into that dominance, and that was the Linden Eagles. Linden collected four of the other five teams.

That leaves just one team for Holly and Lake Fenton.

Well, that's enough of a preview, let's get to the final three.

No. 3 - Linden football: Anyone expecting a rebuilding season during firstyear varsity football coach Chad Williams's first season at the helm probably was pretty shocked by what the Linden Eagles did this fall.

See **TOP 10** on 19



The Linden varsity football team finished third in our Tri-County 2022 Fall Top 10 list this season. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Sports Times

Lady Bronchos have larger numbers, fall to Byron : Dieck era

■ Defense solid, but more offense needed for Holly, 36-23

By David Troppens

Holly — The first moment anyone walks into a Holly varsity girls basketball game this season, one thing becomes apparent immediately.

Gone are the days of teams with seven or eight players. Enter a new era — the Bronchos' varsity roster included 14 players on it during the team's first game of the 2022-23 season against Byron, Monday at Holly High School.

"It's awesome," Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "We went from seven to eight last year and now I have 13. Practices are so different. We can do so many more things now. It's awesome to have these numbers this year."

The Bronchos' newfound numbers couldn't earn Holly a victory in their first game of the season on Tuesday as they lost a 36-23 verdict against the Eagles.

Holly played strong defensive contest all 32 minutes. The Bronchos kept Byron to just 10-of-40 shooting from the field while forcing 27 turnovers. However, the problem was the Bronchos' offense struggled mightily as well. Holly did attempt 53 shots, but nailed just seven of them. Meanwhile, the Bronchos had 24 turnovers of their own.

The Bronchos trailed early, falling behind 6-0 after a putback hoop by Byron's Jordan Huhn, but Holly worked on cutting into the gap. Ella Azbell converted a free throw (the freshman's first point of her varsity career), and later Makena McGee hit

a hoop, cutting the gap to 7-3 with 17 seconds left in the quarter. However, Byron's Kierra Conlen responded with a threepointer, putting Byron ahead 10-3 lead entering the second quarter.

In the second period, The Bronchos worked hard into cutting the gap. Alana Simmons hit a putback hoop, cutting the gap to 10-5. A few minutes later, Azbell hit another hoop, cutting the Byron lead to 12-7. The lead closed to 12-8 with 3:11 left in the half on a converted free throw by Morgan Fluckey. However, Byron responded, and rose the lead before halftime. A threepointer by Huhn gave Byron a 17-9 lead entering halftime.

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(Top photo) Holly's Annabelle Basham fights between two Byron defenders to keep possession of the ball. (Immediately above) Holly's Alana Simmons dove to the ground League's to save this ball from going out of bounds. Photos: David Troppens

begins with 46-36 win vs. Frankenmuth

By David Troppens

Karlie Dieck has great ties to the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball program.

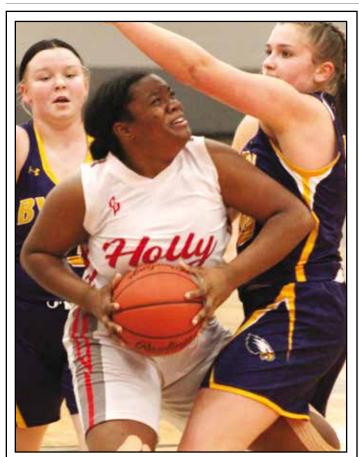
The 2012 Lake Fenton graduate and valedictorian played for the Blue Devils while she was a student. Ten years later, she's back as the program's new varsity head coach.

And it's fair to say her debut as head coach was a smashing success. The Blue Devils opened the 2022-23 season by soundly defeating Frankenmuth 46-36 on Tuesday.

"It was awesome," Dieck said about winning her first game as varsity coach. "The girls played phenomenal defense. They had a ton of energy. I'm a very high energy coach. I try to be optimistic and do bench cheering.

"The girls did what they needed to do."

The Blue Devils were a talented team a vear ago. Winners of the Flint Metro Stripes Division See **DIECK** on 19 18 Sunday, December 4, 2022 **WEEKEND TIMES** tctimes.com



Holly's Alana Simmons (middle) scored a team-high nine points in the Bronchos' 36-23 loss against the Byron Eagles on Tuesday. **Photo: David Troppens**

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Byron began the third quarter on three converted free throws by Haylee Schott, raising the Eagles' lead to 20-10. Holly was able to cut the gap to within singledigits only one more time. That moment happened at 20-12 when Simmons hit another layup with 4:56 left in the third quarter. However, Byron went on a five-point run, capping it with a Schott layup with 56.7 seconds left in the third quarter. Byron led 25-12 entering the fourth quarter. Holly always trailed by double-digits in the fourth quarter.

"I liked the effort," Varner said. "I thought the effort was really good. We continue to keep playing like that. They don't quit when they get down. There were two minutes left in the game and they had only 32 points which is not bad at all, but we only had 16. If you can hold a team down to 32 points, you should be able to win some games."

Simmons led the Bronchos with a team-high nine points and 14 rebounds, while Makena McGee had four points. Huhn led Byron with a gamehigh 10 points while Haylee Schott had eight points and Conlen had seven points.

"We need to score though," Varner said. "It was an issue last year and it's going to be an issue this year. No one wants to be that girl. We took shots but the minute they miss a shot, they get down on themselves too quickly. In basketball, you are going to miss, so you have to be ready to shoot that next one. And once you make it, let's go."

Lady Tigers open season versus tough DeWitt squad, fall 67-19

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has traditionally had a pretty tough non-league schedule.

This season isn't going to be any different than past seasons.

The Tigers opened their campaign with a road contest against a strong DeWitt Panthers' squad, and lost a 67-19 verdict.

The Tigers aren't done with their challenging non-league opponents. In the next week Fenton also has games at Howell and at home against Davison.

"Last night was an eye-opener for us as a team," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchey said. "We saw the level of effort it takes to compete with very good teams. We did schedule non-league opponents to get us ready for the grind of the Stripes Division, and we hope the work now will translate into success down the road."

The Tigers found DeWitt's Tara Kurncz to

be a major thorn in their side, especially in the first half. Kurncz scored 12 first-quarter points on four three-pointers, leading the Panthers to a 23-3 lead after one quarter.

Fenton played much better in the second quarter, scoring 10 points. Abby Logan hit a trey while Grace MacCaughan and Naomi Durant had a two-point field goal each. Meanwhile, Tammy Craven hit two free throws and Adrie Staib had a point. Fenton still trailed 35-13 entering halftime. The Tigers were unable to close the gap in the second half.

The Tigers' offense was led by Mac-Caughan's six points while Logan had five points. Craven chipped in four points and a team-high seven rebounds.

"I was impressed with our ability to change defenses on the fly and the positivity from the bench," Kutchey said.

Fenton traveled to Howell on Friday. The Tigers have a Metro League crossover contest at home against Brandon on Monday at 7 p.m.

Griffins lose tight contest vs. Midland

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden/ Lake Fenton varsity hockey team had its closest contest of the young season on Tuesday against Midland.

The Griffins were tied after one period and within a goal entering the final period. However, the undefeated Chemics outscored the Griffins 2-1 in the third period, resulting in a competitive 4-2 loss at the Hartland Sports Center.

The Griffins' first-period goal was provided by Caden Crandall in an even-strength situation with 1:10 left in the period. Mitchel Luck and Dylan Holloway assisted the goal.

The second goal came with 5:48 left in the contest. This time Dominic Corso scored an evenstrength goal off assists by Easton Lapham and Parker Harrison. The Griffins had

12 shots on net in the contest.

The Chemics had three goal scorers. Ben Haney scored two while Ryder Zastrow and Konnor White had one each. Owen Wendt had four assists.

It was a pretty clean contest as the teams had just 10 penalty minutes combined. The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton co-op had six of those minutes. Neither team scored a power-play goal.

The Griffins fell to 0-4 with the loss. They have yet to score more than two goals in a game and have allowed at least four in each. However, each of their four opponents have been solid competition. Each team currently holds at least a .500 record and two (Midland and Powers) remain undefeated.



The Griffins' Parker Harrison holds the puck behind his team's own net during a recent season. Harrison had an assist in the Griffins 4-2 loss against the Midland Chemics. Photo: David Troppens

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From day one, Williams had an energetic vibe around him and it seemed the players bought into it.

However, the season wasn't all glory. The Eagles opened with a 21-6 victory against Garden City, but then were shutout by the Goodrich Martians during the second week, 6-0.

However, led by a pretty strong defense, the Eagles progressed each week, earning wins against Kearsley, Holly, Flushing and Swartz Creek. Suddenly, the Eagles were 5-1 and assured of a co-Flint Metro League Stripes Division championship regardless what happened in their home battle against Fenton.

Fenton won the game 28-21. However, the Eagles were the team invited to compete in the Flint Metro League Championship Game due to a tiebreaker system that gave them the nod over co-champs Fenton and Swartz Creek. The second game against Goodrich didn't go any better than the first and Linden lost the title game 21-0, and that was followed by a final week loss to Mt. Pleasant. The Eagles were 5-4 at that time, and losers of three straight.

Linden had a strong playoff run. The Eagles (7-5) opened the D3 state playoffs with a dominant 35-14 victory against a six-win Haslett squad. The Eagles followed that game up with a road D3 district title contest against neighborhood rival Fenton, earning a 35-7 district championship victory.

The Eagles hosted a D3 regional championship game against DeWitt the next weekend, and gave the Panthers a reasonable battle before falling 29-16.

No. 2 - Linden boys cross country: The Eagles were one of the elite teams in the Flint Metro League during the 2022 cross country season, battling with the Clio Mustangs for the



The Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team are the No. 1 squad in our Tri-County 2022 Fall Top 10 list this season.

op spot.

Clio won the first meet by two points, but the Eagles bounced back and won the second meet by 17 points. It appeared the Eagles had the edge going into the final race based upon that edge, but the Mustangs battled back and won the final league meet by three points, earning them Clio the top spot and Linden second, but first among the Stripes Division teams.

The Eagles also came within 11 points of winning a county championship, finishing second to Metro foe Flushing in the Greater Flint Cross Country Championship.

The Eagles seemingly always do their damage in the postseason though, and 2022 wasn't any different. The Eagles competed in a D2 regional at Hess Hathaway Park, and qualified for the D2 state meet easily. Pinckney won the regional with 37 points, followed by Linden's 73. The final team qualifying for the state meet, Cranbrook Kingswood, placed a distant third with 117 points.

Now qualified for the state meet as a team, the Eagles finished 15th at the race, actually tied with 14th-place Sparta with 378 team points. Sparta got the nod for 14th based on the sixth-runner performance for each team. The squad's top performer at the state meet, Kyle Eberfeld, earned All-State honors by finishing the race in seventh (15:48.75). In fact, Eberhard had an outstanding

senior season, winning seven races and finishing in the top three in all but the state meet race.

No. 1 - Fenton girls swimming and diving team: Last year's No. 1 team for the fall is the No. 1 team once again this fall. The Tigers have always been one of the area's strongest teams, but in recent years they've really upped their game to another level.

The Tigers have been the dominant squad in the Flint Metro League ever since girls swimming became a recognized league sport back in 2004 with the Tigers earning the championship every season since then. Only once did they even have to share the crown. This season was the same story.

The Tigers dominated the league in head-to-head events, scoring at least 117 points in every competition. Once at the Metro League meet, the Tigers dominated that as well, scoring 532 points, or 136 more points than second-place Owosso.

The Tigers had six swimmers qualify for the D2 state meet, and with that small squad did some pretty big things. Tess Heavner was All-State in two swims, taking second in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 breaststroke, while Sophie Stefanac was All-State with an eighth-place finish in the 100 backstroke.

The squad scored 81 team points and finished in a tie for 12th place. Another outstanding season for the Tigers.

DIECK

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title, they advanced to the regional final before seeing their season end. But, this season's team certainly could be just as good, if not better. A lot of the players that made last season possible, return. Meanwhile, the squad also added senior transfer Makenna Clement and freshman Kendyl Smith. And, in the team's first game, those two played huge roles in the victory.

Clement, who had to sit out the entire season a year ago, scored a game-high 16 points, doing it in a variety of ways. Meanwhile, Smith made her buckets in one way. She scored 12 points, all via three-point hoops during the first half. But, it seemed with each bucket she made, the next one was from about two feet further out than the previous.

"(Makenna) wanted to play for a powerhouse team and was willing to sit out in order to play here her senior year," Dieck said. "She's going to be a big piece toward us reaching our goals. She has a high basketball IQ.

"(Kendyl) just goes. She's a sharp shooter. She definitely got a little pressure from the student section, but being a freshman, she handled it well.

Frankenmuth was not your generic first-game opponent. The squad posted a 22-3 overall record a year ago, advancing to the D2 regional quarterfinals. The Blue Devils didn't let that concern them and led the majority of the game. In fact, Frankenmuth only led once time during the entire contest. It came at 8-5 on a post bucket from Tiffany Keller, late in the first quarter.

That lead didn't last long. Smith responded with a three-pointer, tying the game at 8-all. A possession later, she nailed a 27-foot trey, giving the Blue Devils an 11-8 lead after one quarter. From there, the hosts spent the rest of the game trying to dig out of hole. They did draw even with Lake Fenton one more time at 19-all after a fast break layup by Lexi Boyke, but that didn't last long. A putback hoop by Clement gave Lake Fenton a 21-19 lead, and the lead for good. That was followed by two converted free throws by Clement, upping the gap to 23-19. However, Frankenmuth cut the halftime gap to just 23-21 with a driving layup by Izzy Bernthal.

The Blue Devils opened the second half with an Emerson Baker trey and another putback hoop by Clement. Lake Fenton led 28-21 and pretty much controlled the contest the entire second half.

Leading just 33-30 entering the fourth, the Blue Devils opened the final eight minutes with a a 10-0 run, blowing the game open. The run started with a Clement trey and continued with an Amaya Smith three. The final two buckets of the run came on a layup by Savannah Fellenbaum and a layup by Clement. The Blue Devils led 43-30 and the lead was never seriously threatened from there.

Nine players scored points in the contest. Fellenbaum had four points and a teamhigh eight rebounds. Smith, Baker and Ella Prevost had a three-pointer each. Clement also had six rebounds.

"I'm hoping we have 10 MVPs this year. That's the goal," Dieck said. "My philosophy is not to have a solid five, but a solid 10. We are only as good when we all are together."

TRAFFICKING

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Swanson announced the charges during his press briefing Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Joseph Tyler Mitchell, 38, of Burton, is lodged in the Genesee County Jail on \$110,000 cash bond. His charges include two counts of first-degree CSC during a felony, two counts of accosting children for immoral purposes, two counts of child sexually abusive activity and human trafficking of a minor for commercial sexual activity.

Swanson said a young victim was at Hurley Hospital in Flint. Child Protective Services were called in to investigate and they in turn dispatched the county's Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (G.H.O.S.T.) to investigate. The young victim at Hurley indicated their older 13-year-old sibling was another victim.

The sheriff said Mitchell allegedly trafficked a 13-year-old and the younger sibling. "He paid money for sex," he said during the press briefing.

G.H.O.S.T. investigated and set up time and place to meet Mitchell. When Mitch-

ell arrived, a team effort of G.H.O.S.T., Burton police and Michigan State Police troopers apprehended him and took him into custody.

Swanson said they believe there are more victims out there. Victims are advised to contact their local police department or call 911. For more information on what G.H.O.S.T. is and how its team of partners can help, go to gesomichigan. com/ghostcertified.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Mitchell is on probation until Jan. 5, 2024 for a larceny case in Genesee County dating back to October 2019. He's also served time in state prison for auto theft in 2004, attempted larceny in a building in 2005, fleeing a police officer in 2005, and breaking and entering a vehicle in 2005.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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IMPROPER LICENSE PLATE LEADS TO WARRANT ARREST

On Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 10:18 p.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement was traveling behind a vehicle that had an improper license plate affixed that did not belong on this vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was found to have two felony warrants from another police department for fraud. The 59-year-old Tawas City woman was taken into custody and transferred to the warrant holding agency.

Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 28, 2022

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Schmidt, (Joined by phone) James, Saad, Graves, Hallman Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting October 24, 2022.

Approved: Minutes Special Meeting November 1, 2022.

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Approved: Lividotti to secure financing and return to Board with final plan.

Approved: Home plans for 7521 Majestic Woods Dr.

Issued: 8 Building & zoning permits.

Approved: Repairs of Fire Department hose tower.

Approved: Placement on list for purchase of new police vehicle.

Accepted: Bid from Matt Hitt to purchase parcel # 01-14-100-006.

Appointed: Brian Saad and Kyle Kurtz to Genesee County Metropolitan

Alliance.

Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves Argentine Township Clerk

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search for a new location.

truly public sex scandal in American politics. On Oct. 7, 1974, at 2 a.m., Mills was stopped by park police while driving at night with his lights off. The 65-year-old representative, an influential congressman and married man, was visibly intoxicated,

his face was scratched, and his companion, 38-year-old Annabell Battistella, had bruised eyes. Battistella then proceeded to jump into the Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial and had to be pulled out by the police. She was later identified as a popular stripper who went by the names "Fanne Foxe" and the "Argentine Firecracker."

NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS December 13, 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW

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

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM.

PLACE: Argentine Township Hall

9048 Silver Lake Road Linden MI 48451 (810) 735-5050

This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon agricultural, poverty, and veteran exemptions.

Joseph Graves, Clerk Argentine Township Ferguson said that with the goal of remaining as close as possible to the current site, the church investigated numerous parcels of land, never guessing that the answer to their prayers would

able option, Trinity began a prayerful

merous parcels of land, never guessing that the answer to their prayers would come when the current owners of a dilapidated brick "mansion" agreed to sell the property only 1,200 feet east of the Trinity's original location.

The congregation purchased the 13.5-acre parcel in 2006. After another 10 years of planning, waiting, and praying, members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton moved into their new church home on Sunday, June 12, 2016. Their worship began at the old church. Midway through the service, nearly 500 people marched a quarter mile down Main Street in a moving procession from their old church to the new one, at 1025 Main St., where their worship service concluded. Twelve church lead-

ers led the flock representing Jesus' 12 apostles, each carrying a colorful windsock as older adults, families and children followed behind. Main Street was officially closed to through traffic during the procession. Continuing to grow, the new building was expanded when an education wing including six classrooms was completed in 2018.

Over its 90-year history, Trinity has been shepherded by 11 pastors. Pastor Peter Ahlersmeyer was called to Trinity in 2021.

On the celebration of this congregational milestone, he said, "As we celebrate 90 years of Trinity, it's both humbling and inspiring for our congregation to celebrate this great milestone. It's humbling because we are reminded of God's constant faithfulness to this congregation, and inspiring as we look forward to another 90 years of proclaiming Christ crucified to the Fenton and surrounding communities."

Watch for a story next week about Trinity Lutheran Church restoration of its Nativity that is on display. **REAL ESTATE**

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Christmas traditions around the world

From carved radishes, to exchanging books, countries find unique ways to celebrate

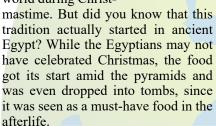
By Sharon Stone

Now that it's December and everyone's moved on from their Thanksgiving dinners and get-togethers, it's time to look at Christmas traditions that happen around the world.

Thepioneerwoman.com has compiled a list of traditions for the month of December.

Fruitcake

Fruitcake, the frequently gifted cake that's filled with dried fruits and nuts, is eaten throughout the world during Christ-



Brooms and mops

Perhaps you've hiddenyourbrooms and mops when you're not in the mood to clean, but in Norway, they do it with a Christmas tradition in mind.



Norwegian folklore advises hiding brooms and mops on Christmas night to prevent evil spirits, who return to earth on Christmas, from taking the cleaning tools and using them to fly through the sky. How's that for a clean sweep?

Shoes by the Fire

In the Netherlands, right before Christmas, Dutch kiddos place their shoes next to the fire so Santa (or "Sinterklaas") will fill them with tiny gifts. Children also leave carrots in their shoes for Sinterklaas' ride: a white horse named Amerigo.



Christmas Orchid

In the United States and in other parts of the world, the Poinsettia is pretty much the official flower of Christmas. But this is not the case in tropical Costa Rica, where the official Christmas flower is the orchid.

Exchanging books

Iceland has a charming Christmas tradition you may want to start in your own family. On Christmas Eve, Icelandic families exchange books, then spend the rest of the evening cozied up by a fire as they read aloud and

eat sweet treats. Sounds like a perfect Christmas Eve.

Eve. Saint Nicholas' Day

In Germany, Saint Nicholas is entirely different from Santa Claus. Over there, Saint Nicholas is a separate gift-giver that nods to the religious version of Santa and leaves small presents, such as coins and fruit, in German children's shoes.

Mince Pies

Maybe you've heard of mince pies in passing, but what are they exactly? They're tiny pies filled with dried fruit, and they're so popular in England during the Christmas season that children leave them out for Santa instead of cookies.



Fried chicken

This is a more recently celebrated tradition that's popular in Japan. While Christmas isn't exactly a huge holiday in Japan, some people do celebrate it, with



Christmas Day feasts consisting of none other than buckets of KFC. The brand even purveys Christmas-themed buckets there to mark this tradition.



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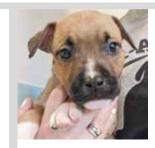
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period. Season two isn't likely to come out until 2024, which is a travesty. Sidenote: A video came out this past week of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson going to a 7-Eleven in Hawaii to buy all the Snickers they had because he used to steal one almost every day when he was 14. It's such a heartwarming video, and I highly recommend watching it.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 2022 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA DR. FENTON MI AND ELECTRONICALLY. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA22-031 Anthony Stephens, Flushing MI: Requesting a 15-foot rear yard setback variance to construct a covered a new home at 12390 Wolfberry Court, Parcel# 06-12-627-043.

ZBA22-032 Andrew and Maria McCarthy, 15246 Restwood Drive, Linden, MI:

Requesting a variance from the minimum lot size to adjust lot lines based on the existing fence line at 15246 and 15266 Restwood Drive, Parcels# 06-30-502-086 and 06-30-502-085.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. IN PERSON and by ZOOM Meeting. The public may participate in the meeting in person or via the following web link:

http://bit.ly/FentonZBA

Or by telephone by calling into the following number:

Phone Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 962 5043 4561 Passcode: 918527

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Zoning Board members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 72-hour advance notice by contacting Robert Krug, Township Clerk, by email, phone, or mail at the below.

Robert E. Krug, Fenton Township Clerk 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430-8817

Phone: (810) 629-1537 x6 Email: info@fentontownship.org

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Czech Santa

Did you know that in the Czech Republic, Santa doesn't drop down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Instead, he delivers his presents on December 5, or St. Nicholas Eve.

St. Lucia Day

In Scandinavian countries like Denmark and Sweden, St. Lucia, or St. Lucy, is a big part of Christmas. On December 13, people celebrate St. Lucia Day, which by



many is viewed as the start of the holiday season. For these festivities, the oldest daughter in each family dresses in a white gown and wears a crown made up of twigs and nine candles.

The Night of the Radishes

Yes, this is a real night that's celebrated in Mexico, and it's consid-



ered to be a Christmas tradition. Every December 23, residents of Oaxaca, Mexico witness a competition like no other, in which participants carve nativity scenes into the skin of sizeable radishes. Then they're put on display at the Christmas market for all to view.

Christmas piñatas

You likely know that piñatas, or papiermâché animals and other figures filled with candy, are tied to Mexico, but did you

know that they frequently make appearances during the holiday season? The only difference is that this time of year, they show off some additional glitz and sparkle to celebrate the holidays.

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly has adopted the following ordinance on:

DATE: November 22, 2022

PLACE: Holly Schools Board of Education Room

920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon publication

The ordinance number 471 amends Sections 150.15(C) and 150.99(C) of Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances. It amends the designee for code enforcement and changes the violations to civil infractions.

The full text of the Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger Clerk/Treasurer Village of Holly

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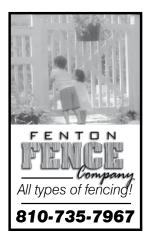
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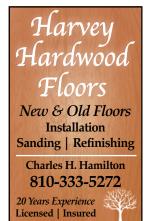
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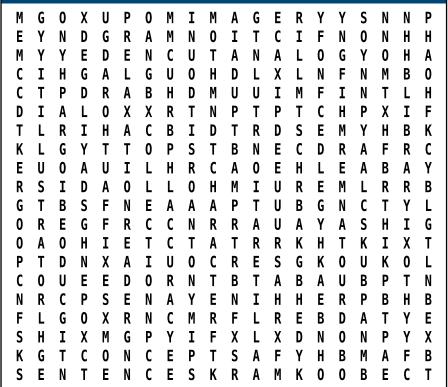








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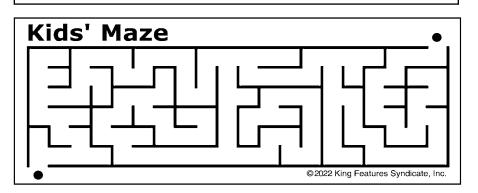
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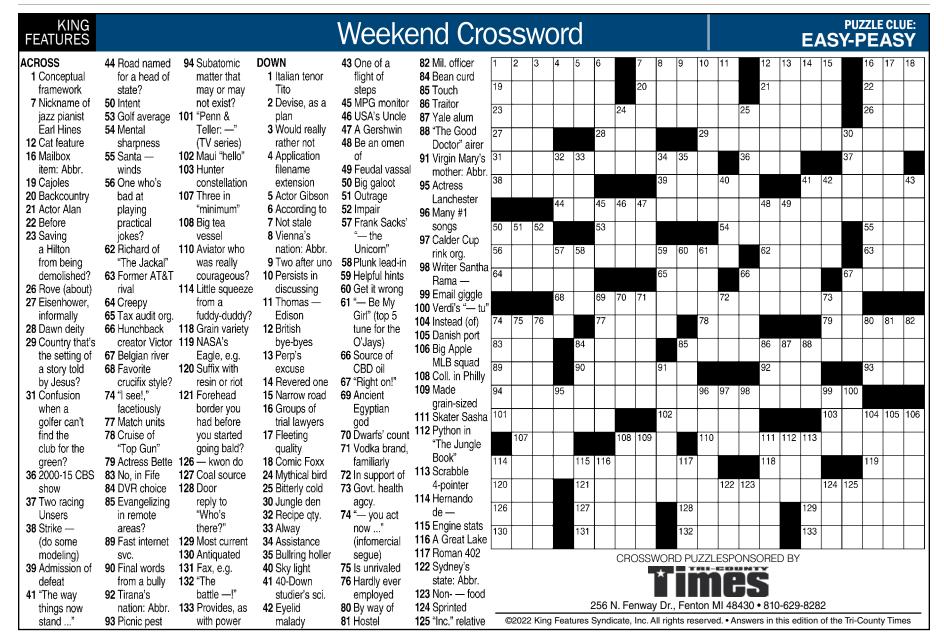
HOLLY TOWNSHIP WOMAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Sunday, Nov. 20 at 12:45 a.m., a Holly police officer on traffic patrol saw a vehicle traveling on N. Holly Road near Grange Hall Road commit several traffic violations including speeding, and it had expired license plates. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified a 22-year-old Holly Township woman as the driver. The officer detected several strong indicators of intoxication and she failed sobriety tests. The driver was determined to be over the legal limit and arrested for driving while intoxicated.

HOLLY POLICE HELP MAN WITH DRUG ADDICTION, ERRATIC BEHAVIOR

On Sunday, Nov. 20 at 8:54 p.m., Holly police received multiple calls to respond to a residential neighborhood for an outof-control male. Reports indicated that a man that lives in the area was running around naked in the street, banging on doors while screaming. Officers located the man at his residence and attempted to calm him and take protective custody. The man was still naked, delusional and made several attempts to fight and escape the officer's custody. Officers deployed a Taser and were able to safely detain him. It was determined the man has a serious drug addiction. Medical responders were called to the scene for transport to a medical facility for drug detox. An officer rode in the back of the ambulance to provide security for medical staff.





Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

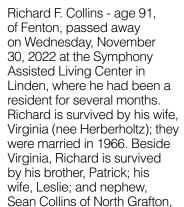


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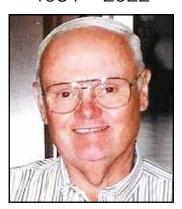
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Richard F. Collins

1931 - 2022



MS; along with three nephews, and numerous grand-nephews and nieces. Also, by Virginia's nephew, Daniel Sielski and his wife, Yvonne of Belleville, along with many of Virginia's nieces, nephews, and cousins. Richard was pre-deceased by his sister, Maureen Williams in 2017. Richard was born on November 5. 1931, in Amsterdam, New York, the first child of Richard and Theresa Collins (nee Greene). He attended St. Mary's Institute graduating in 1949. In 1951, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War. Upon his honorable discharge 1955, Richard matriculated at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, NY, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Relations. At Lemoyne, he was a relief pitcher on their Division I baseball team. In 1961, he moved to Detroit and was the Athletic Director and counselor at an urban center serving dis-advantaged, inner-city youth. In 1964, Richard was hired by the Ford Motor Company as an entry-level management



trainee at their Assembly Plant in Wixom. Over the years he rose through Wixom's management ranks, retiring in 1989 as the manager of the Plant's pre-delivery division. Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, and continuously improving his home's lakeside property. Shortly after his retirement, Richard and Virginia bought a small travel van to experiment with cross county traveling and sight-

seeing. They immediately became "hooked" on this hobby. Over the next 15 years, they made at least one annual, extended cross-country trip to include a 1993 summer trip to Alaska. During those years they continually traded-up in traveling vehicles culminating with a "Class A" motorhome in 1998. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday. December 7 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 Adelaide St., Fenton, Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation will be from 10:30 AM until the time of the Mass on Wednesday. In lieu flowers, the family requests donations be made for research to the Dementia Society of America at their website www. dementiasociety. org. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Daniel McDonald

Daniel McDonald - age 73, died November 30, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Byron Smith

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Harold "Boomer" Brown

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James Myers

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George McLaughlin

George McLaughlin - age 60, died November 26, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Diane Kay Sloan

1941 – 2022

Diane Kay Sloan - age 81, passed away on Tuesday. November 29, 2022. Diane was born in Flint Michigan to Edward E. & Dorothy M (Feddick) Groehsl

on August 5, 1941. Diane attended Mandeville High School in the Carmen-Ainsworth district and Flint Junior College. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1963 with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught 2nd grade in the Carmen Ainsworth district until starting a family. Her first husband was Fenton dentist. Dr. Darrell Boyd. She worked for many years in the library at Patterson Elementary School in Holly. After getting a Masters Degree in Special Education, she taught second grade and special Education for over 20 years at North Road Elementary, Fenton Area Public Schools until she retired in 2008. Diane loved books and sharing them with children. After retirement, she donated the many, many children's books she had collected over the years to



the World of Wonder Early Childhood Center in Fenton where she created and managed a beautifully decorated library, adding books

donated by parents and the community. For this she was nominated for The Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award as someone who goes beyond the call of duty to provide services to children or youth in Genesee County. She is survived by her daughter, Melissa I. Boyd of Fenton; and brother, George E Groehsl of Harrison. She is also survived by her cousin, John Fain; cousin, Amy (Jeffrey) Cooper; cousin, John (Christine) Fain Jr.; Justin & Katie Sue Cooper and by her dear and supportive friend of over 70 years, Ann Walker. Diane was preceded in death by her second husband and companion, Thomas Jefferson Sloan and by her parents. A Celebration of Diane's life is planned for the future. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John "Jack" Walter

John "Jack" Walter - age 77, died November 27, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Phyllis Barton

Phyllis Barton - age 85, died November 28, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Wayne Ronald Smith

1948 - 2022

Wayne Ronald Smith age 74 of Highland, died Sunday, November 27, 2022. Wayne was born September 18, 1948, in Sault Ste. Marie to Virgil and Aurelia (Plankev) Smith. Wavne grew up in Moran with his family. He was a 1966 graduate of Rudyard High School and went on to earn an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Oakland Community College. He worked for the City of Farmington Hills Department of Public Works for 28 years. Wayne enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and most of all golfing with his son. Stacev: grandson, Charlie; and cousin, Steve Moore. Wayne is survived by son, Jeff (Amv) Smith of Commerce Twp. son. Stacey (Katie) Smith of Linden; grandchildren, Ryan Smith of South Korea, Sam, Cooper and Charlie Smith of Linden, Ashlyn, Justin and Jake Smith of Commerce Twp. He is survived by his



brothers, Dale (Dalene) Smith, Terry (Dianna) Smith: sisters. Cindv Rogers, Pam Magee; nieces, nephews, and cousins. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents: one nephew and one niece. Cremation services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. Fenton. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Matherley

James Matherley - age 86, died November 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marian Charles

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Kathleen Tebo

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Braden Chaney

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Alberto Aguilar, Jr.

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Michael Workman

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John Meissner

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Donald Karabacz

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Thomas Zoromski

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Barbara Havens

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Alvin Brainerd, Jr.

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David Butler

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Jeanne Candy

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Anthony Woolard

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Eugene Laudenslager

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Harold Lindsey

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Cheryl Hardy

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William Clark

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Helen Robert

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Vinel "Jay" Chapman

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Patricia Palmer

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Jovce Mavsura

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