

Township considers boat storage facility

■ Could Silver Lake Road become more commercial in the future?

By Hannah Ball

The former Silver Lake Stables property could be used as a marine sales and boat storage facility.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, after a discussion that lasted more than one hour and 45 minutes, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended denial of an application to rezone land off Silver Lake Road from agricultural to commercial. Commissioners also talked about potential future zoning changes along Silver Lake Road.

Residents spoke out against the rezoning, citing concerns about traffic and the potential for a more disruptive commercial use in that area in the future.

Fenton native Jeff Nichols, owner of Aqua Sports Marine, requested to rezone property at 15135 Pinewood Trail, which can be accessed by Silver Lake Road, from Agriculture to C-2, general commercial

limited to marine sales and services with outdoor storage. This land contains a vacant horse stable and arena, currently owned by SL Farms LLC. The LLC is owned by Phil Hagerman.

Nichols intends to purchase SL Farms and move the boat dealership to 15135 Pinewood Trail. Currently, Aqua Sports See **SILVER LAKE ROAD** on 20

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Linden seeks grant to make improvements

■ Funds would help build new parking lot and more at gazebo, park

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Monday, Dec. 12, the Linden City Council approved applying for a Department of Natural Resources Spark Grant to make improvements at See **GRANT** on 10

Man with filed-down teeth arrested

■ Charges include kidnapping, sexual assault

By Hannah Ball

During the week of Thanksgiving, a 36-year-old man took a 20-year-old woman to his house in Flint, allegedly tied her to a bed with rope, locked the See **ARREST** on 13



Christmas Express helps local families

Volunteers with Christmas Express and the Linden Presbyterian Church carry boxes of food to a car on Tuesday, Dec. 13. They packaged and donated more than 84 boxes of food for about 340 people for the program this year. See story on page 15. Photo: Hannah Ball



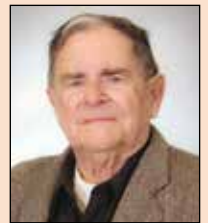
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included with this edition

Rose Township seeks new trustee

■ Glen Noble, 90, resigns effective Dec. 15

By Sharon Stone

Rose Township Trustee Glen Noble submitted his resignation to the Rose Township Board of Trustees effective Dec. 15. In his letter, he stated that he completed the sale of his property in October and he will reside at the home on Ranch Road as a renter until Dec. 31.



Glen Noble

He did not attend the meeting.

He wrote, “I appreciated the opportunity to observe the management and operation of township government since 2010. Township government is

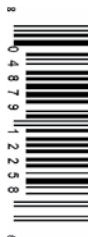
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In order for our team to spend quality time with their friends and family this holiday season, the Times will not publish a Midweek paper on Dec. 21 or Dec. 28.



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WoW event helps kids receive toys for Christmas

Community donates toys, items for Holiday Share

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — One hundred and sixteen kids will have at least one new toy to unwrap under the tree this Christmas, thanks to the Ellen St. Campus/World of Wonder (WoW) Community Holiday Share on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Local families could get one new toy per child. Volunteers wrapped gifts at the event.

They also took home items from the Community Share Room, which is open to the whole community. This room offers gently used toys for infants to late elementary students, decorations, clothes for children, women and men, bikes and more.

“Families are allowed to go to the community share and they can take as much as they need,” said Ann Majchrowski, assistant director at WoW. “The community actually helps donate all the new toys. There was a box in all the elementary schools.”

Kids enjoyed the arts and crafts room at the event.

WoW has been putting on the Community Holiday Share event for about nine years. It’s open to families outside



Approximately 50 families and 116 kids enjoy the Ellen St. Campus/World of Wonder Holiday Community Share event on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Photos: Hannah Ball

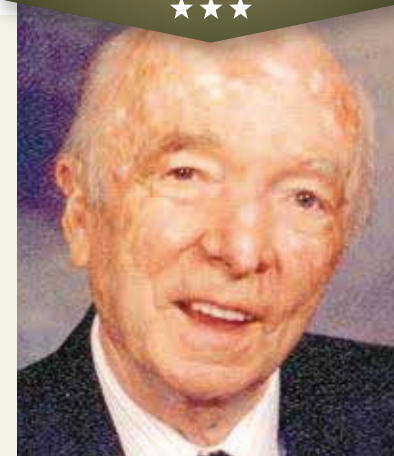
the Fenton school district as well.

Community Threads helped spread the word about the Community Holiday Share. My Sister & Me Upscale Consignment is one of their main supporters

as well as the Fenton United Methodist Church. They raffled off two family fun game night baskets and a turkey dinner.

“It’s really the community that comes together,” Majchrowski said.

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Words with Hannah

My mind likes to create apocalyptic dreams.

In one dream, I remember being in a tall skyscraper, standing around a table and making plans with a group of people about how to survive this. (What was *this*? I didn't know at the time. Dreams are fun because sometimes you know you have to run, but you don't know what you're running from, and also moving your legs feels like running through molasses.)

A dam broke. I was watching people trying to survive a massive flood in New York while buildings were collapsing to dramatic cinematic music.

We were standing around the table and talking, and we were all wearing what you'd expect to wear in an apocalypse. Black pants, boots, utility jackets. Then dream Hannah had the sudden urge to turn around and look out the window to watch a tsunami overtake the city.

We get up to the roof and wait for a helicopter but I knew the helicopter was never coming.

In the next scene, I was in an SUV and we were trying to get some-



Hannah Ball
Staff Reporter

My apocalyptic dreams

where else to escape the water. The SUV was carried away. It felt like a roller coaster.

In another dream, I'm in a city again (why am I always dreaming about disasters happening in the city? I live in Argentina, why can't disasters happen here?) when a nuclear bomb hits.

There's a massive explosion and fire. It made me think of Chernobyl and the HBO show, one of the best shows of all time.

Dream Hannah walked toward the explosion (bad decision) and then a tree was struck by lightning and it lit

up every root in the ground, which was very cool. In the distance, a volcano erupted. (Where is this volcano? Why is everything happening at once?) Also, there was another flood, and I have no idea why.

I woke up from this dream wishing I could fall back asleep so I could see what would happen next. It felt like a video game.

These dreams are so entertaining. After I have one, I immediately try to stay awake and jot down notes. (I love falling back asleep so most of these dreams go unrecorded) I searched my phone today and found a note from this past June with the

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Sally Rummel
Fenton



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Jody Lynne Jackson, Linden



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Lily Kildow
Fenton

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THANK YOU TO all the businesses that decorated our little downtown Fenton. It looks so beautiful, especially the buildings totally covered in lights. Fantastic! Always proud to bring our family and friends here.

MY NOMINATION FOR person of the year? The American Patriot 2022 U.S. election worker, who, in spite of great public pressure, threats and intimidation, did her/his job expertly, faithfully and with passion only for the truth. Well done. The USA is truly blessed.

SURE HOPE THE \$1 million grant for improvements to Bush Park includes the installation of a traffic light on LeRoy Street so that families can finally safely cross over to the park.

EVERYONE I MEET and know in the tri-county area are so nice and friendly. However, behind the wheel, many become different people. They seem ready to run someone off the road just because they are not going fast enough. Please, be kind on the roads.

City approves park design

■ Triangle Park will be trailhead for State Bank Trail

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Triangle Park in Linden will soon be transformed into a trailhead for The State Bank Trail.

On Monday, Dec. 12, the Linden City Council approved the final design plans for the park, which is at the eastern corner of the city. The small park next to Silver Lake Road will serve as a destination point for the soon-to-be-constructed trail along the south side of the road.

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation finalized these park plans during its November meeting.

Plans include 12 parking spaces and two additional handicap accessible spaces that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, tables, bike racks, trash/recycling receptacles, benches, an information kiosk, and other amenities to update the park.

The park is currently utilized for casual picnicking and other activities, according to a draft of the master plan that Linden officials are currently working to update.

Ed Koledo, executive director of SLPR, answered questions during the Monday meeting.

“We start smart, we start small. If it grows, we’ll grow with it,” he said.

Triangle Park is expected to receive more traffic and public interest with the anticipated construction of The State Bank Trail. This will be a 2-mile, 10-foot-wide non-motorized pathway built along the south side of Silver Lake Road this spring. It will connect Fenton sidewalks to Linden sidewalks and travel through Fenton Township as well.

In March 2022, Linden councilors indicated to SLPR that they would

prefer to develop a minimal design plan for the park.

SLPR received a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant for \$300,000 to make a trailhead that’s ADA compliant. During the March 28

meeting, Jeff Huhta, from Nowak & Fraus Engineers, said making sure the facilities are ADA accessible helped them score high for grant money. Connecting to the anticipated State Bank Trail also increased their score with con-

nectivity.

Koledo said they are in the process of updating an engineering assessment of the construction costs and potential grant monies for The State Bank Trail. They are also working on securing easements for affected properties. He anticipates an update in January or February.

“We start smart, we start small. If it grows, we’ll grow with it.”

Ed Koledo
Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation
executive director



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Davisburg Elementary students travel to Lansing

Present Technology Showcase to lawmakers

Students from Holly Area Schools' Davisburg Elementary School last week were among the few in the state selected to bring cutting edge and innovative technology demonstrations from their classroom to lawmakers at the state capitol building.

The 21st annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase took place Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the state capitol at the new Heritage Hall visitor's center.

Presented by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), and underwritten by AT&T, the 2022 Student Technology Showcase featured demonstrations from students representing nearly 25 different schools.

"The 21st annual Student Technology Showcase brought some of Michigan's most talented students to the Capitol where they showed off the

amazing ways they are using technology to learn," said Mark Smith, MACUL executive director.

Students displayed a wide variety of technology projects that blended science, mathematics, social studies and language arts with the latest digital tools. Their work featured app development, artificial intelligence demonstrations, coding, robotics, web design, and many other technology demonstrations.

State Sen. Aric Nesbitt and State Rep. Joe Tate were recognized with "Excellence in Education" awards at the showcase for their commitment to connecting students with innovative technologies, and their dedication to improving the Michigan educational system.

MACUL is an organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge and concerns regarding educational uses of computers and technology.



Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning Board President Gina Loveless (left) poses with Davisburg Elementary students (from left) Mallory Gamblin, Ruby Shannon, Roland Smith, James Keyes and teacher Tracey Smith. Submitted photo

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DEC. 18

1620: The English ship Mayflower docks at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its passengers prepare to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. The

famous Mayflower story began in 1606, when a group of reform-minded Puritans in Nottinghamshire, England, founded their own church, separate from the state-sanctioned Church of England. Accused of treason, they were forced to leave the country and settle in the more tolerant Netherlands. After 12 years of struggling to adapt and make a decent living, the group sought financial backing from some London merchants to set up a colony in America. On September 6, 1620, 102 passengers, dubbed Pilgrims by William Bradford, a

passenger who would become the first governor of Plymouth Colony, crowded on the Mayflower to begin the long, hard journey to a new life in the New World.

DEC. 19

1998: After nearly 14 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, the second president in

American history to be impeached, vowed to finish his term. In November 1995, Clinton began an affair with Monica Lewinsky, a 21-year-old unpaid intern. Over the course of a year and a half, the president and Lewinsky had nearly a dozen sexual encounters in the White House. In April 1996, Lewinsky was transferred to the Pentagon. That summer, she first confided in Pentagon co-worker Linda Tripp about her sexual relationship with the president. In 1997, with the relationship over, Tripp began secretly to record conversations with Lewinsky, in which Lewinsky gave Tripp details about the affair.

DEC. 20

1986: Three Black men are attacked by a group of white teenagers yelling racial slurs in Howard Beach, a predominately white, middle-class, Italian-American neighborhood in Queens, New York. Earlier that night, the men were driving from Brooklyn to Queens, when their car broke down near Howard Beach. They walked several miles to a pizza parlor in Howard Beach, where they asked to use a phone to call for assistance. After being told there was no phone available, they ordered some pizza. When the men left the pizzeria, they were confronted by the gang of teens. One of the men, Michael Griffith, 23, was chased into traffic on the Belt Parkway and died after being hit by a car. A second man, Cedric Sandiford, was severely beaten, while the third man, Timothy Grimes, outran the assailants and escaped without serious injury. Three teens, Jon Lester, Jason Ladone and Scott Kern, were convicted of manslaughter in the death of Griffith.

DEC. 21

2012: The music video for "Gangnam Style," a song by the Korean rapper Psy, becomes the first YouTube video to garner one billion views. The video's global popularity is a case study in the power and unpredictability of viral internet content. Psy had been well-known in Korea for a decade, earning awards and acclaim as well as a reputation for controversy.

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Social Security cards are safer at home

Submitted by Hillary Hatch

Scams to steal your personal information are at an all-time high. The need to safeguard important personal documents such as your Social Security card continues to be very important.

A Social Security card is not an identification document. In many situations, you only need to know your Social Security Number (SSN).

Your physical card is not necessary for most business needs.

Do you need evidence for work? There are several documents you can use instead of your card. Other acceptable evidence includes the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-94 or Form I-94A

You do not need to show your physical card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply provide your SSN for

benefits like:

- Housing
- Health insurance
- Food assistance

You should also know your physical card is not required as evidence for the Department of Motor Vehicles or Driver License (REAL ID). The only state that requires a physical card is Pennsylvania. For all other states, other acceptable evidence includes:

- W-2 forms
- Form SSA-1099
- Non-SSA-1099 forms
- Pay stubs

Keeping your card at home reduces the risk of loss or theft — and helps you keep your information safe.

Hillary Hatch is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at hillary.hatch@ssa.gov

TRUSTEE

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still the best form of government when though the three operating offices have conflicts and indirect controls. Hopefully, the elected officials can resume a collegial relationship in the future.”

The board of trustees voted 4-0 to accept Noble’s resignation.

His resignation from Rose Township duties also removes him from his duties serving as a board member on the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors. He was appointed to the NOCFA Board during a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

The NOCFA Board is comprised of two Rose Township elected officials, two Holly Township elected officials and one citizen-at-large.

With the NOCFA Board having a scheduled meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller asked to read her letter to the township board expressing her ongoing desire to serve on the NOCFA Board and to represent Rose Township.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder allowed Miller to read her letter and then motioned the board to appoint Miller to serve on the NOCFA Board. Her motion was supported by Treasurer Paul Gambka. Miller was then appointed by a vote of 4-0 to represent Rose Township on the NOCFA Board of Directors.

As for Rose Township needing to fill Noble’s position on the board of trustees, the board voted to seek letters of intent and resumes from qualified Rose Township residents.

Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years of age, have lived in the township for at least 30 days and are qualified electors. They do not need to own property.

By law, the township has to appoint a qualified person to the trustee seat within 45 days.

The township voted to seek and accept letters of intent and resumes until Jan. 11, 2023. A special meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 to review and vote on an appointment.



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the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo and Park, which encompasses a new parking lot and walkway, improved lighting and more.

The city applied for \$576,770 from the Michigan Spark Grant program.

“Michigan Spark Grants are a \$65 million program that represents a milestone moment for outdoor recreation, helping local communities that want to create, renovate or redevelop public outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors – especially those whose economic opportunities and health were hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic,” according to a letter to the council from City Manager Ellen Glass and Bryan Mulanix, community and economic development director.

This money can be used to support projects that provide safe, accessible public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people’s health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure and make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors and more.

City officials wish to use the money

for a new parking lot and walkway, a fishing dock that is compliant with the American with Disabilities Act, shoreline stabilization, improved lighting, additional seating, repairing and replacing safety railings, bike and kayak storage racks, aesthetic improvements to landscaping and paintings and improved directional signage.

The gazebo and park are commonly used for city events and private events.

“This grant opportunity is possible because of the Building Michigan Together Plan, signed in March 2022, which included a historic infusion of federal funding in our state and local parks,” according to the letter.

Mulanix said this is the first time the DNR has done this type of grant program.

“We thought this would be a great opportunity to continue a lot of the renovations that we’ve been doing at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo,” he said.

Roger Sharp, CEO and founder of Sharp Funeral Homes, and Joe Kimble, Emeritus Professor at WMU-Cooley Law School, donated funds to restore the Linden gazebo, which is now called the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo. They also

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title “apocalypse dream.”

It says, “Zombies, the end battle was in our street. Kaycee was there. A little girl who I was best friends with. The ending celebration was also Morgan’s birthday. Also Star Trek? Enterprise flew over at the end.”

It reads like a really bad movie pitch, but that’s the reality of dreams. A hodgepodge of a zombie apocalypse with the Enterprise coming to save the day. (Did Star Trek ever have a zombie episode? I

should watch it.)

But honestly? My dreams aren’t even that weird, and I wish they were more convoluted. They’re decently coherent and linear most of the time. I want more a puzzle to solve or at the very least, a good idea for an original apocalypse book.

Reading update: I read 50 books! Actually, by the time this column is published, I’ll have finished 51. I did it! Reading 50 books was my goal this year, and I’ll most likely finish reading 52 or 53. Maybe I’ll even try for 55 because it’s more aesthetically pleasing.

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donated to fix the water wheel, which was restored a few months ago.

Some problems they’ve identified are the sidewalks, rusting fences and other deterioration in the park area.

This grant does not require matching funds from applicants.

“We’re hoping we do get it and start construction in September of next year,” he said.

City officials contacted Rowe Professional Services Company to receive an estimate for how much these improvements would cost, which is \$576,770.





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CHRISTMAS VIGIL

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

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ARREST

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doors and threatened to rip her neck out with his filed-down teeth if she tried to escape.

That man, Michael Barajas, is now behind bars and facing multiple felonies relating to kidnapping, sexual assault and more.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced the charges Wednesday, Dec. 14 as he livestreamed walking through the house where the victim was held.

The 20-year-old victim had been kicked out of her house. She hadn't showered for days when Barajas saw her walking outside and offered her a place to stay.

This was the beginning of grooming, Swanson said. He identified someone vulnerable, he knew what she needed, and then he trapped her. Barajas barricaded her

inside the house and allegedly had other people over to assault her. She was sexually assaulted multiple times over the course of these weeks.

The door had multiple locks and the windows were screwed shut.

Police are searching for these suspects. Swanson said it's an open investigation.

The victim attempted to escape three times. The first and second time, she ran outside and they chased her down. The third time, there was a medical emergency and the victim told the nurses at Hurley that she needed help. Swanson said the nurses were able to recognize that something was wrong.

They contacted the Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (G.H.O.S.T.) on Dec. 8

and Barajas was arrested the same day. Swanson said Barajas made the victim write a note in which she called him "daddy."



Michael Barajas

“G.H.O.S.T. is here to find people like this and hold him accountable.”

Chris Swanson
Genesee County sheriff



Michael Barajas' filed down teeth

“That is a complete violation of one's innocence,” he said. “GHOST is here to find people like this and hold him accountable.”

The seven felony charges:

- Human Trafficking-Forced Labor Involving Kidnapping, Criminal sexual conduct
- Kidnapping
- Criminal Sexual Conduct- 1st degree
- Controlled substance Possession
- Assault with Dangerous Weapon
- Felony Firearm
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder

All counts have a \$35,000 cash bond. A probable cause conference is scheduled for Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. with 67th District Court Judge David Goggins.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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FENTON POLICE ARREST FLINT MAN WEARING ONLY PAJAMA BOTTOMS AND SOCKS FOR OWI

At 3:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop on a Chevrolet pickup truck for traveling well below the speed limit and running a red light on Owen Road. Upon contact with the driver, a 40-year-old Flint man, the officer noticed he was distracted, couldn't provide his ID and smelled of intoxicants. He was wearing only pajama bottoms and white socks. He told the officer he had argued with his girlfriend and left without his shoes or wallet. He admitted to drinking. He asked that he just be arrested for drunk driving rather than having to perform field sobriety tests. A breath test revealed his blood alcohol content was approximately twice the legal limit. He was arrested for OWI and taken to the police station where he was lodged until sober.



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FENTON MAN FALLS VICTIM TO LARCENY SCAMMER HE MET ONLINE

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a larceny complaint filed by a Fenton man on Nov. 29. The larceny occurred at a self-storage business in the 11000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township. The man told the deputy that

he had been in communication with a man on Facebook Marketplace who went by the name of Paul Young. The Fenton man said "Paul Young" expressed interest in several items that he had posted for sale. The two men met at approximately 7 p.m. They initially met at the gas station at Torrey and Thompson roads. They spent approximately one hour removing items from the storage locker and into a beige Buick Rendezvous. The Fenton man did not provide the license plate number but surveillance camera footage will be obtained from both the storage facility and gas station in an attempt to identify the vehicle's owner. The buyer didn't have money so he said they could

go back to the gas station ATM so he could pay the Fenton man. When the Fenton man walked into the business, he saw the buyer drive away without paying him first. "Paul Young" then blocked the Fenton man on Facebook. The suspect was described as a white male, 6-feet, 2-inches tall, stocky build with medium length hair. Items stolen include a go-kart motor, four used tires from a four-wheeler, two used dirt bike tires, and an unknown number of used chrome trailer axles.

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NEWS

BRIEFS

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Fenton Arts Council seeks treasurer

The Fenton Arts Council has a board position opening. The board of directors seeks passionate individuals who would like to be involved in their community by lending their time and expertise by serving as their treasurer. The treasurer prepares a monthly financial statement for the board, helps to keep financial details in order and makes payments. All board positions in the Fenton Arts Council are voluntary. There are no paid positions. An ideal applicant will be someone who can attend one meeting a month in Fenton or via Zoom and is comfortable working with others to oversee financial documents. No experience as a treasurer is required — the board can help train you. The Fenton Arts Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit that consists of volunteers from Fenton and surrounding areas. They are a diverse group of community people gathered for the art and cultural enrichment of the community. The Fenton Arts Council is the "heart" of the "Arts Are The Heart" free family art events and is celebrating 25 years of community involvement in the arts. To volunteer, or for more information, email them at info@FentonArtsCouncil.com or leave a message at (810) 354-5659.



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Christmas Eve Service


Christmas Express helps local families

■Volunteers pack, deliver food for families in need this holiday season

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the weather may have been chilly but volunteers with Christmas Express and the Linden Presbyterian Church were in good spirits packing boxes of food for local families.

Volunteers packaged and donated more than 84 boxes of food for about 340 people for Christmas Express this year. People who signed up for the program came Tuesday to pick up the boxes and volunteers also made deliveries.

“It’s been going really well,” said Rev. Dawn Russell. She said the numbers are “pretty similar” to past years. She estimated they packed about 70 boxes last year.

“I think it’s more of a continual need,” she said. “We’re getting new pantry people as well on a consistent basis.”

The church is home to the FISH Community Food Pantry.

Organizer Lisa Chapin said the need is up by about 20%. She said the families feel “so thankful.”

“I’m always amazed at how appreciative and surprised they are that they’re getting so much,” she said.

Each household received a 20-25 pound box of food from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and another box of goodies put together by these local volunteers. They pack in paper products, squash from Starr Lakeview Farms, onions, muffin mix donated by Jiffy and more.

“It’s not necessarily a Christmas meal but it helps them to be able to use their money for a Christmas meal and still have some stuff on the shelf,” Russell said.

This year, it cost nearly \$6,900 to run the program.

Most of the donations for this year’s Christmas Express came from local businesses such as Mueller’s Orchard, Starrs Lakeview Farms and Jiffy. She’s contacted the Linden Ministerial Association to get more turkeys or other specific foods. Linden Community Schools



Photos: Hannah Ball



collected the paper products.

The Linden Follies returned this year and raised more than \$4,300, which will be split between Christmas Express and Angel Tree.

The public can also donate through Venmo. The link can be found on the Linden Presbyterian Church Facebook. “It really is a community experience,”



Russell said.

The Linden Presbyterian Church posted this after the event: “Christmas Express was a success! This is a community project and the community showed up! Thank you Linden schools, city of Linden employees, the Shiawassee Shores crew and all those who contributed their time, talents and treasures.”



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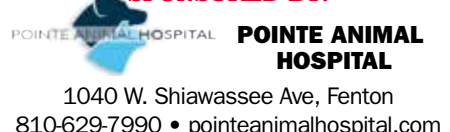
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Holly Dickens Festival

Richard Kinnamon, executive director of the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce and board member for the Holly Dickens Festival, said the festival went very smoothly this year even with pouring rain one day and high winds destroying a tent. They're estimating that 3,000 people attended. Kinnamon said it reminded them of the festival in 2017 and 2018 prior to the pandemic.

"Attendance seemed to be good. We are looking forward to a great event next year as we celebrate 50 years. The weather always plays into who comes out. Warm weather, or a light snow and everyone is in the holiday mood. Rain and freezing cold, not so much," he said. **Photos by: Cheryl Tessens**



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WHY ISN'T BIDEN, administration, Democrats doing something about other pandemics? There are several current pandemics that have been raging for two years. Undocumented illegal immigration, fentanyl drug smuggling, sex trafficking, human trafficking and more. Time for lockdown of southern border, expel undocumented illegally in US. Where's vaccine?

THE PEOPLE ALONG the Mexican border say the sheriff will not come when illegals damage their property. I will bet the sheriff will come if they don't pay the property tax.

SILVER LAKE ROAD

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Marine operates off Thompson Road.

“It’s a small family business, and our intention is to keep it that way,” Nichols said during the Thursday meeting. “We don’t want to become a mega dealer where we’re selling and serving hundreds of boats a year.”

Aqua Sports Marine has been in business since 1987. They sell and service new and used ski boats and sell boat hoists. His letter to the township states that during peak seasons, fall and spring, they currently have 35 to 40 units outside on their lot. The Silver Lake Road facility, which is roughly 28,000 square feet, has indoor storage that can accommodate up to 60 units and they believe these boats would not be seen by neighbors outside.

“Our goals and objectives would be to operate our business without the neighbors knowing we are there. We have found that the majority of our customers make contact with us prior to coming to our dealership and that walk-in traffic is minimal,” he wrote.

They’re not planning to change the existing landscaping or the barn. They do plan to plant trees on both sides of the property.

Nichols said they’d like to get a Silver Lake Road mailing address to make it easier for clients to find them and to decrease any disruption to neighbors on Pinewood and other streets.

“We don’t want to change the character or the ambiance of the property,” he said. “We’re just simply out of room where we’re located.”

He heard concerns over neighboring property values, Nichols said, but he believes the business would help property values because the barn would be maintained as opposed to staying vacant.

“We don’t do pontoons, we don’t do jet skis so we’re not a facility that will be storing boats outdoors. You won’t be looking at blue and white shrink wraps sitting all over the property,” he said. They don’t have any plans to restore boats outside either.

Any outdoor storage would be temporary due to late drop-offs or scheduled pick-ups. Nichols said boats that would be brought in to be winterized would be moved off site after to a different facility. On average, boats are kept on site for five days during this process. Boats would be kept inside until clients pick them up.

LAND USE

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said there are a few commercial uses allowed in AG, which typically fall under tourism, such as venues and orchards. However, boat sales do not match with AG zoning.

The township’s master plan has identified the future land use for this property as medium density residential.

“The intent of this Future Land Use District is to provide denser housing options and closer proximity to essential services. The primary uses are single-family homes (detached and attached) and complementary uses for residential developments such as places of worship, schools, child day care, and recreational facilities. Commercial uses such as marine sales and services or outdoor storage are generally not consistent with this land use classification,” Deem wrote in his zoning administrator’s report.

C-2 general business zoning is meant to permit a wider range of businesses than is permitted in a local business zoning district. Permitted uses would include services typically found in shopping centers. These types of uses generate larger volumes of vehicular traffic, would require more off-street parking and loading, and they require more planning to integrate with adjacent residential areas. Outdoor storage would require a special land use permit in the C-2 and C-3 zoning districts.

RESIDENT INPUT

Wendy Domke, who lives on Pinewood Trail, said she represents several of the neighbors in the area. When Hagerman applied to use the barn as a wedding venue in 2021, neighbors circulated petitions stating they were against it being approved.

“This is a residential community. It’s very quiet. The barn is beautiful,” she said, adding that there are other uses for the barn rather than rezoning it as commercial. “No one here that I’ve spoken with wants a boat yard in their front, back or side yard. I understand Mr. Nichols wants to have a venue where he can sell his boats, but it shouldn’t be in a residential community.”

She said they hired an attorney when Hagerman wanted to use the property as an event barn, and the attorney found research studies showing their properties could be devalued with a commercial venue that close. Residents also have concerns about traffic and boats coming and going.

“If you decide that you’re going to proceed with this, several of the residents will be retaining the same attorney and we will fight this,” she said. “We are totally against anything other than just an agricultural property next to our homes.”

Another resident, whose property backs the south side of the property in question, said he doesn’t want to sit on his deck and look at a boat facility. He expressed worries about this land becoming commercial property and being used for more disruptive services in the future.

Hagerman spoke at the meeting and said during the application process for the event venue, the studies they looked at did not show any devaluation of neighboring properties. He spoke in favor of rezoning and said the boats are beautiful to look at.

One issue the neighbors had with the venue proposal was that it was going to be a nighttime business, Hagerman said. However, this boat facility would only remain open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays until 3 p.m. This property could also be turned into a landscaping yard with more trucks, dirt and other noisy equipment. Hagerman said he’s been contacted by these types of companies, including pig farmers, wanting to buy this property and he has turned them down.

“It looks to me like this is just a case of ‘we like the vacant land next to us, let’s keep it.’ But at some point, this property is going to be utilized either by me or by somebody else,” Hagerman said. “I would suggest to the township that there are a lot of uses including your medium density property, that you could have small homes over there that would significantly devalue the beautiful homes on Pinewood and... on the other roads over there much more than a gorgeous boat facility.”

Hagerman said, “nothing would make (him) more proud” than supporting a business that’s been operating in the area for more than 30 years. “This property is going to get sold to somebody. I would rather have it sold to somebody who’s got 30 years of experience in this community and who’s done a great job in it,” he said.

A few residents spoke in support of the boat facility. Jose Melero, resident of Silver Shore Drive, said, “Silver Lake Road someday, maybe not today, but someday it’s going to be more commercial.”

He said the property would be “out of sight, out of mind” and that he’s only planning to use the back half of the property.

Resident Sharon McAndrew said Hagerman has a right to sell his property and that he raised viable points. “I think that all of us here today better think ‘something is going to come in and it’s not going to be a horse farm anymore,’” she said.

Brad Shea, general manager at Aqua Sports Marine, said their customers have done their research and when they come to their facility, they want to provide an upscale service. They plan to utilize and upkeep the back of the property, to ensure it’s a facility in which people want to spend a quarter of a million dollars on a boat, and to add to the aesthetic in the front of the property near the road.

“We want to enclose the property with an enhanced, natural green barrier that’s already partially there,” he said. They plan on planting more trees around the property and keeping the boats inside.

“Don’t think of a boat dealership, don’t think of a car dealership, think more of the Apple store,” he said.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner David Cypher said he doesn’t want to drive by shrink wrapped boats outside. If they’re inside, then he’s happy. He doesn’t want Hagerman to sell this land to a gravel yard or a landscaping company.

“This might be better than the next thing that shows up. I’m really afraid about the next thing that shows up,” he said.

Commissioner Andy Marko said, “Unfortunately, I’m not sure that as a planning commission, we can make everybody happy... The township, though, is faced with a lot of important questions over the next 10 to 15 years. I hate taking agricultural property and rezoning it. Everybody sitting here knows my position on that. I want to keep the township as rural as we can keep it,” he said. “We have a lot of people that are asking for us to make changes. We have to consider it all... I think everyone sitting in this room has enough concern about what’s happening in the township to understand that changes are going to take place. You cannot stop progress.”

He said Silver Lake Road will be developed more in the future.

“The road between Linden and Fenton is going to have lots of things on it before this is over and done,” he said.

One resident asked if the commission sees Silver Lake Road as becoming commercial in the next few years. Deem pointed to the master plan and zoning

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LOOKING BACK

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Though Korean pop music, or K-pop, was increasingly popular outside of South Korea, Psy was not an international star until “Gangnam Style.”

DEC. 22

1956: A baby gorilla named Colo enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. Weighing in at approximately 4 pounds, Colo, a western lowland gorilla whose name was a combination of Columbus and Ohio, was the daughter of Millie and Mac, two gorillas captured in French Cameroon, Africa, who were brought to the Columbus Zoo in 1951. Before Colo's birth, gorillas found at zoos were caught in the wild, often by brutal means. In order to capture a gorilla when it was young and therefore still small enough to handle, hunters frequently had to kill the gorilla's parents and other family members. Colo died in 2017.

DEC. 23

1888: Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled Self-Portrait with

Bandaged Ear. Today, Van Gogh is regarded as an artistic genius and his masterpieces sell for record-breaking prices; however, during his lifetime, he was a poster boy for tortured starving artists and sold only one painting. In May 1890, Van Gogh moved to Auvers-sur-Oise, near Paris, where he continued to be plagued by despair and loneliness. On July 27, 1890, he allegedly shot himself and died two days later at age 37.

DEC. 24

1851: A fire sweeps through the Library of Congress and destroys two-thirds of Thomas Jefferson's personal literary collection. Jefferson, who died in 1826, had offered to sell his personal library to Congress after the Congressional library, along with the rest of the Capitol and the White House, was burned by the British in 1814, during the War of 1812. His collection of 6,487 volumes of books and newspapers fetched \$23,950 and, in addition to providing an invaluable archive to the nation, the fee helped pay off some of Jefferson's personal debts. According to the Library of Congress, Jefferson also offered to arrange and number all the books himself. He called his collection, which contained a vast assortment of scientific works, an “interesting treasure” that he hoped would have a “national impact.”

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map and said it's identified as medium density residential. This area is not zoned commercial. However, the township is reviewing the master plan and the long range plan for the township.

“This is one of the areas we're going to focus on,” he said. The master plan is shaped by public interest and comments. He said it's important they follow the master plan.

Chairperson James McGuirk said that by making these spot changes to the master plan and allowing variations of master plans that is in place, they are subject to other applicants on other properties coming and saying, “your master plan

is meaningless” and that it undermines their process of forecasting areas for specific uses.

“As it stands right now, it would be inconsistent for us to try to make it change to the master plan for a specific use,” he said.

A motion to recommend approving rezoning, with certain conditions such as no outside storage and other requirements, failed in a 2-4 vote. Commissioners David Cypher and Philip Lewis voted “yes” while Chairperson James McGuirk and Commissioners Mark Mustola, Kim Pfeiffer, and Andy Marko voted no. Commissioner John Tucker was absent.

A motion to recommend denial passed. The matter now goes to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees, which will hold two public hearings before voting.



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CITY OF LINDEN PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PLAN FOR REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., within Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, MI, 48451. The public hearing is being held to receive comments from citizens and consider the adoption of the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan, 2023-2027.

A Parks and Recreation Plan assists the City in identifying recreation needs. The plan will serve as a guide to document priorities for improvements. When approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the plan qualifies the City for recreation grants, which are administered through the MDNR. The proposed plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the City, an inventory of existing facilities, a recreation needs analysis, goals and objectives, and capital improvement priorities for the next five years.

A copy of the draft Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027 is available for public review at City Hall, located at 132 East Broad Street, Linden, MI, 48451, as well as on the City website at www.lindenmi.us.

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Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Emmalyn Wheaton (right front row) stands with honorees at the chamber's holiday lunch and annual awards.

Hartland Chamber celebrates local businesses

By Emily Caswell

Howell — The Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its holiday lunch and annual awards on Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center. Attendees were treated to lunch and a live performance by the Hartland High School Choir. Guests also were invited to network and play “reindeer” games before the awards ceremony.

Honored at the event were the following:

- Lifetime Achievement: Connie Brinkerhoff, Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Chamber Volunteer of the Year: Jake

Andrews, Hartland Insurance Agency

- New Member of the Year: Eric Glabach, Great State Window Cleaning
- Ambassador of the Year: Michelle Wilson, Mortgage 1
- Innovative Leader: LaFontaine Automotive Group
- Business Investment Award: Two Men and a Truck
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Chamber celebrates award winners at annual dinner

■ Celebration dinner held at Fenton Winery & Brewery

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton & Linden Regional of Chamber of Commerce celebrated businesses, organizations and individuals at its annual Chamber Celebration in November. The event was held at Fenton Winery & Brewery in Fenton Township. Award recipients pre-recorded acceptance speeches for the event.

The 2022 Community Hero Award recipient was Tami Kromer, founder of Clara's Hope. In addition to her own children, she and her husband have fostered 40 other children. She said she was humbled and honored to win this award.

The recipient of 2022 Educator of the Year Award for Fenton Area Public Schools was Amy Bonk. She said she was beyond honored and that her heart led her to teaching.

The 2022 Enterprise Award recipient was Brandon Dress, director of Camp Copneconic-YMCA. He said he was so honored to be recognized by the chamber and the camper families.

The 2022 Ambassador of the Year Award recipient was Debbie McIntyre of First Choice Heating and Cooling. She went to Fenton schools and loves this com-

munity. She wanted to be an ambassador to help support and promote the chamber.

The 2022 Community Service Award recipient was Heather Green of God's Love Foundation. She wanted to give thanks to her husband Keith and their five children. She said, "Show up and do — God will do the rest."

The recipient of the 2022 Educator of the Year Award for Lake Fenton Community Schools was Jennifer Hottinger. She gave thanks to the administration, her students and their families, as well as her husband and their kids. She said she was blessed to be part of the Lake Fenton family.

Special Recognition 2022 was given to Kevin Messing of Edward Jones Investments.

The recipient of the Ambassador Rising Star Award was Nikki Baxter of Lasco Ford. She is the corporate assistant and community specialist for all of Lasco's locations. She gave thanks to the Lasco family for supporting her every step of the way.

The 2022 Educator of the Year Award for Linden Community Schools recipient was Sarah Campbell. She gave thanks to the administration, the board of education, as well as her students for being a source of inspiration.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NUMEROUS FACEBOOK groups 'watching' Tyrone Township are funny. The people/person posting the most obviously know nothing about local government. Follow for the comedy, but don't rely on it for any factual information.

WHO PUT IN intersection curbs for Fenton's first stage of neighborhood road repairs? There's barely room for two cars let alone when snow piles. Why are they starting to dig frozen ground to lay pipes? Probably same people who put S curve over the railroad tracks on Silver Lake Road.

ON THE TOP of global warming, I agree it's a money grab. If it weren't for global warming wouldn't we still be in the ice age?

I'M A DISABLED senior and upset with Walmart. They're taking up handicap parking for grocery pickup and deals. If you have never been handicapped, you don't understand how this affects us especially in the winter. Seems you could come up with a better solution. I will shop elsewhere now.

DOG OWNERS ARE some of the worst people in society. There must be 75-100 pounds of dog crap along the Mill Pond walkway in Fenton. Don't believe it, go look along Grant Street around the curve. When they do pickup after their dog, it's only if someone is looking.

WILL THE HUNTER Biden investigation lead to where all the other Democratic investigations on corruption have led since Hillary? Nowhere. No indictments, just a lot of exposure and validated accusations that they got away with. The Republicans talk but don't act.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

ROAD RAGE?

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, at approximately 9 a.m., a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy received a call regarding a damaged vehicle window. The caller said she and her husband were traveling southbound on U.S. 23 on Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. They passed a blue Jeep Liberty north of Exit 80 in Fenton Township. Soon the Jeep sped up and was next to their vehicle. The caller saw an arm out the front window of the Jeep throw something, which struck their vehicle. When they later stopped, they discovered damage on the driver side window. They were able to take a photo of the Jeep's license plate and provided that to the sheriff's office. The plate is registered to a 21-year-old Ann Arbor woman. The sheriff's office has been attempting to reach the owner of the Jeep.

SWARTZ CREEK MAN CRASHES WORK TRUCK, ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at approximately 4 p.m., a Genesee County Sheriff's dep-

uty was dispatched to Grove Park Road, near Swanee Beach Road in Fenton Township for an unknown crash. Upon arrival, the deputy found a man, later identified as a 30-year-old Swartz Creek resident, lying on the shoulder of the road, breathing but unresponsive. The deputy called for an ambulance. A white Chevrolet C65 dump truck with a Michigan registration tag had crashed into dense trees approximately 50 feet off the roadway. A witness told the deputy she saw the truck turn west onto Grove Park Road, cross the centerline and other lane of traffic and crashing into the trees. The witness said the driver of the crashed truck climbed out of the truck and crawled to where he was found in the road. The driver became responsive, stating he had a headache and that he could not remember the accident. A preliminary breathalyzer test came back nearly three times the legal limit for blood alcohol content. The driver's boss and owner of the truck was called to the scene. Fenton Express towed the truck from the scene. Medstar Ambulance transported the driver to Hurley Hospital. While at the hospital, the man said he had consumed Fireball whiskey and Popov vodka earlier in the day and didn't expect to be called into work. He was arrested for OWI causing a crash.

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Blue Devils' offense remains on fire, defeats Arbor Prep

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team continues to score points.

The Blue Devils scored 67 more points against Arbor Prep on Monday night, earning the Blue Devils a 67-47 victory.

And how are they doing scoring those

points represent a pattern. They are doing it with a balanced approach.

"That's the word for the season so far," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "The guys responding, playing well together and being okay to have that balance. It can be somebody differ-

ent every night. We are a team with a lot of depth that relies on each other."

Teams have trouble keeping up with the Blue Devils' offensive pace for four quarters. They may do well for a chunks of the game, but can't do it over four quarters. That was
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Sports Times

Linden wrestlers defeat Bronchos, 41-27

■Eagles fall to Goodrich; Holly defeats Owosso in other Metro dual matches

By David Troppens

Linden — Linden and Holly's wrestling rivalry was renewed Wednesday night at Linden High School.

The Linden Eagles got the better end of the deal, defeating the Bronchos 41-27. In other matches Holly defeated Owosso 57-15 while state-power Goodrich defeated Linden 52-18.

During the early portion of the match, the Bronchos jumped to the lead, earning an 18-12 edge. However, Linden won the next six matches, clinching the Eagles the victory.

During that run of six victories, Adoniah Delgado (150) Lucus Carr (157) and Brady Makela (165) earned pinfall victories for Linden. Luke Haney (144) and Jase Grundy (190) earned major decision wins while Michael Bush (175) won a critical 4-3 decision against Holly's Kendall Drake. That match wasn't decided until a reversal by Bush during the final five seconds of the contest.

Other Linden victors

against Holly was Brendan Shingleton (120) and Bryce Shingleton (132) by pinfall.

Holly earned wins in five matches. Pinfall winners for the Bronchos were Gary Wall (285), Jacob Devary (144) and Sean Murray (126). Kevin Dalton (106) also won by forfeit while Jayden Higgins (215) earned a decision win.

Holly dominated its
See **WRESTLERS** on 28



(Top photo) Linden's Luke Haney and Holly's Christian Preston begin a match at 144 pounds. Haney won the match by major decision. (Immediately above) Linden's Adoniah Delgado works on pinning Holly's Logan Carroll during the Eagles' 41-27 team victory against the Bronchos. Photos: David Troppens

: Holly jumps
: to early lead,
: defeats Avondale

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team is finding a nice equation toward winning a game.

It involves the fast start.

For the second straight game, the Bronchos jumped out to an early lead, and for the second time came out victorious. This time they earned a 63-54 road win against Auburn Hills Avondale.

Holly jumped out to an 18-7 lead in the first quarter, and only stretched out the lead as the first half continued. In that first quarter, Andrew Lewis hit a three-pointer, hit another bucket and hit two free throws, recording a seven-point stanza.

In the second quarter, Ka'vion Smith scored six points to pace the Bronchos' second 18-point quarter of the contest. He hit a trey and also made three free throws. Holly made 13-of-15 free throws in the first half, helping create a 36-20 halftime lead.

Holly wasn't as offensively potent in the second half, but really didn't need to be. Ashton DeHart scored four points
See **HOLLY** on 29

LF wrestlers remain perfect in Metro League with sweep vs. Corunna, Flushing

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team remains perfect in Flint Metro League action.

The Blue Devils dominated two Wednesday foes in a dual meet, defeating the Corunna Cavaliers 60-18 and then defeating the Flushing Raiders 49-25.

Eight Blue Devils finished

the day with perfect 2-0 records. One of them — Drew Corcoran (138) — earned two pinfall wins.

Corcoran earned a pinfall win in 45 seconds against Corunna and 2:33 in Flushing.

Noah Hall (157), Jaxon Penrod (132) and Jorge Marvin (113) each went 2-0 with one pinfall victory. Others

who finished with 2-0 records were Josh Ezell (215), Wyatt DeVasher (106), Robby Moore (126) and Clay Cook (120).

Three Lake Fenton wrestlers finished the day with one varsity victory. Karson Crist (190) earned a pinfall victory while Luke Wright (190) and Ty Johnson (150) also had a win.

Lake Fenton (3-0 in Metro action) returns to Metro action with a home meet on Wednesday against Clio and Swartz Creek.

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team run around the mat in preparation for a recent dual meet against the Fenton Tigers. Lake Fenton is undefeated in Flint Metro League action with a 3-0 dual meet record. Photo: David Troppens



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Tigers compete with Mason, but fall in road contest, 73-66

By David Troppens

The game started with a 6-0 run by Mason.

From that point on, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team was reasonably competitive during their road contest with Mason, but never ever led.

The end result was a 73-66 loss to the Bulldogs.

Fenton was always in this contest, but were never able to dig completely out of the hole. After the slow start the Tigers' offense heated up during the final five minutes of the opening quarter. Sam Dillard scored six points and Ja'Hion Bond, including a traditional three-point play, helped pace the offense. Fenton actually tied the game at 11 and 15 before settling for an 18-15 deficit entering the second quarter.

The Tigers were able to tie the game at 21-all on a fastbreak layup by Ben Grob on a dish from Nolan Alvord, but from that point on, Mason took control of the rest of the first half. Mason finished the second quarter with a 17-7 run. Levi Stambaugh led the Bulldogs, scoring nine of the team's 20 second-quarter points in the second period. Collin Page also hit three treys sparking Mason's perimeter game. Fenton trailed 38-28 at halftime.

The Tigers were on the verge of be-

ing blown out in the third quarter. Mason jumped to a 49-33 lead in the third stanza before the Tigers made a 7-1 run, cutting the Tigers' deficit to 58-48 entering the fourth quarter.

The Tigers made a serious run in the fourth. The Mason lead was cut to 58-52 on a Banura bucket with four minutes left, and then was cut to 58-54 on a Sam Dillard steal and layin. However, Mason made two free throws, raising the gap back to 60-54. Fenton was trailing just 62-57 after Bond three-pointer with 2:52 remaining. However, the Tigers (2-1) never came any closer the rest of the game. Mason iced the game by making 12-of-14 free throws in the fourth quarter. Tyler Baker hit 5-of-6 while Luke Marlan hit 4-of-4 free throws.

Dillard led the Tigers with a team-high 18 points. Bond and Jadon Burnau had 14 points each. Burnau scored 10 of his points in the final quarter. Banura had nine points while Colin TerBurgh had seven points, including six of them coming from behind the three-point line. Fenton had just four treys to Mason's seven.

Mason's Stambaugh was pretty much unstoppable, scoring a game-high 23 points, with seven of them coming in the fourth quarter.

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Lake Fenton's Emerson Baker scored 16 points in a victory against Grosse Pointe North.

Photo: David Troppens

LF girls continue impressive start to season

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team has high goals for the 2021-22 season.

To reach those goals, the Blue Devils are playing their share of quality non-league opponents whenever possible.

Wednesday was a perfect example of one of those type of contests.

The Blue Devils faced off against Division 1 Grosse Pointe North and earned a 51-33 victory against the Norsemen.

The Blue Devils trailed just once — at 15-14 after a layup by GPN's Jenna Winowiecki with 3:38 left in the half — and were only tied at 2-all and 13-all. Otherwise it was Lake Fenton domination.

The Blue Devils looked poised to put some distance between them and the Lady Norse at the end of the first quarter after Kendyl Smith hit a trey, giving Lake Fen-

ton a 12-8 lead after one quarter. However, GPN made a run, and tied it at 13-all on an inside hoop by Sophia Borowski. Lake Fenton's Smith followed with a converted free throw, giving the Blue Devils a 14-13 lead, but then came Winowiecki's layin, giving the visitors the one-point lead.

It didn't matter much. The Blue Devils finished the second quarter on a 12-2 run. Lake Fenton took the lead for good with two converted free throws by Savannah Fellenbaum, and made it an 18-15 lead on a steal and breaking layup by Baker. GPN cut the gap to just 18-17 with some made free throws, but a three-pointer by Baker was followed by two converted free throws by Ella Prevost, giving Lake Fenton a 23-17 halftime lead.

The closest GPN got in the second

half was at 26-21 after a breaking layup by Borowski, but that was followed by a Baker trey, raising the Lake Fenton edge to 29-21. Still leading just 29-23 after two converted free throws by GPN's Annabel Ayrault, Lake Fenton finished the third quarter with an 11-6 run. The run ended Amaya Smith assist on a Fellenbaum converted jumper, giving Lake Fenton a 40-29 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Whatever chance GPN had entering the fourth was pretty much killed off when Makenna Clement hit a layup, followed by a three-pointer by Anna Prevost. Lake Fenton's defense took over, not allowing a GPN field goal the entire fourth quarter.

"The team played extremely well," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach

See **LF** on 29

Bronchos come close to second straight win, but fall to Avondale

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team came close to earning its second straight victory in a row on Tuesday.

The Bronchos trailed at one time by 15 points, but were able to come back late in the contest before losing 39-36 to Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Bronchos never led in the second half, but cut the gap to 37-36 with 26.7 seconds left when Anneliese Thisse was fouled on a putback hoop attempt and made 1-of-2 free throws. Avondale was able to up the edge to 39-36 with two converted free throws

with 13.7 seconds remaining, giving Holly one more possession to possibly tie the game. The Bronchos missed a driving layup and two free throws during the final 10 seconds, maintaining the Yellow Jackets' three-point lead. However, Holly had one more chance on an inbound attempt with just .6 seconds left. Makena McGee attempted a shot, but it was missed. Also, the shot was waved off because it was just after the final buzzer.

For a long time, it looked like neither team was going to score. The scoreless
See **BRONCHOS** on 29

Holly boys swimmers defeat Ovid-Elsie, 104-62

The Holly varsity boys swim team already has its first victory of the season.

Competing in their first dual of the year, the Bronchos recorded nine of the 12 firsts and defeated Ovid-Elsie, 104-62.

The Bronchos' strongest performer was Brandon Strickert, earning a first in all four of his events.

Strickert was a member of two winning relay teams. He teamed with Zac Brown, Grant Hoffman and Joshua Dahlin to win the 200 medley relay (2:03.27), while he also teamed with Bradlee Coggins, Hoffman and Dahlin to win the 200

freestyle relay (1:49.90). Strickert's other firsts came in individual events. He won the 200 freestyle (2:10.73) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.05).

Four other Holly swimmers earned firsts. They were Dahlin who won the 100 breaststroke (1:17.64), Joe MacDougall in the 50 freestyle (29.63), Brown in the 100 backstroke (1:18.95) and Grant Hoffman in the 100 freestyle (1:08.4). Holly's final first was earned in the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Brown, Ian Smith, MacDougall and Heikka (5:09.0).

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Fenton's Ben Triola competes in a recent match. Triola went 2-0 with two pinfall victories in the Tigers' sweep of Swartz Creek and Brandon in Wednesday's Flint Metro League four-team dual meet event. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton wrestlers sweep Swartz Creek, Brandon in Metro action

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team earned a pretty impressive showing in Metro action on Wednesday, defeating Swartz Creek 54-27 and Brandon 60-21.

The Tigers had seven varsity wrestlers finish with 2-0 marks during the day, and three finished with two pinfall victories. Those wrestlers were Owen Freeman (126), Phillip Lamka (175) and Ben Triola (190). Others who earned two wins with one pinfall victory were Jamal Horne (113/120)

and Kyle Dunnfield (165). The other Tigers to go 2-0 were Aiden Velzey (106) and Garrett Clark (132).

Others that won one match in varsity action were Keaton Sigmund (106), Keagan Crandall (126), Dylan Beverly (157), Gabe Mulinix (165) and Carson Krzeszak (285).

In JV action, Mulinix and Ian Beverly (120) earned victories.

The Tigers (2-1 in Metro action and 3-4 overall) competed in the Chippewa Hills individual tournament on Saturday.

Fenton girls battle with Goodrich for a half, but fall 67-31

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has faced its share of good opponents.

The Tigers faced another one when they traveled to Goodrich and lost a 67-31 verdict.

Fenton is 2-4, but the combined record of the four teams the Tigers have lost to is 14-1. The Tigers did give the Martians a pretty good battle for most of the first half in Goodrich's own home gym. In fact, the Tigers led for a good chunk of the first quarter.

Fenton scored the first four points. The first two came on a Grace MacCaughan assist on an Adrienne Staib layin. The second came after a steal by Madison Slewzinski and a dish to Abby Logan for a breaking layup. The Tigers led 4-0.

Goodrich's Ella Place responded with a three-pointer, but the Tigers upped the lead to 5-3 with a converted free throw by Tammy Craven. The Martians took their first lead after a trey by Riley Place, but Fenton responded right back with a Staib as-

sist on a Logan trey. The three-point battle continued. Riley Place followed with another trey, and Logan assisted a Staib layin. The Tigers led 10-9 at that time, but Goodrich finished the quarter with a 5-0 run, taking a 14-10 lead into the second quarter.

Goodrich began the second quarter with 11-2 run, giving the Martians a 24-12 lead, but the Tigers continued to fight. A Slezinski baseball pass to Logan for a trey was followed by a Logan assist on a Staib layin, cutting the Goodrich lead to just 25-17. However, Goodrich finished the quarter with eight unanswered points and went into halftime with a 22-17 lead. The Tigers never cut the deficit to single-digits in the second half.

Staib had eight points, eight rebounds and at least three assists. Logan had eight points while Slezinski finished with six points.

Riley Place led all scorers with 19 points to pace the victors. Ella Place had 11 points while Kayla Hariston netted 10 points.

WRESTLERS

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match against Owosso, with Chase Couchman (120), Andrew Cross (132), Christian Preston (144), Camerson Fern (157) Noah Mathis (165) and Hunter Hummel (190) earned pinfall wins. Other Holly winners against Owosso were Murray, Devary, Kendall Drake (175) and Higgins.

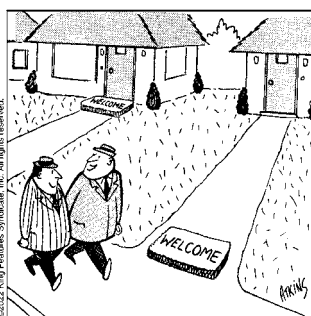
Against the always tough Goodrich Martians, the Eagles earned four victories. Haney won his match by pinfall while Bryce Shingleton and Delgado had decision wins. Brendan Shingleton also earned a win, getting it by forfeit.

Holly's Sean Murray lifts Linden's Ben Wingblad during a match on Wednesday. Murray won the bout by pinfall, but the Linden Eagles won the team event by a 41-27 score. Photo: David Troppens



Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"I understand they're _____ for company."

- Chirp
- BAWLER**
- Mean
- DINES**
- Subtle
- INFAT**
- Assist
- VERSE**

TODAY'S WORD



BRONCHOS

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tie was broken by McGee when she made two free throws. The Bronchos led 2-0, and it would be their only lead of the game. After Holly scored, Avondale's offense opened up. Avondale's Madison Menyweathers hit a layin and a three-pointer giving the Yellow Jackets a 5-2 lead. It grew to 8-2 after a trey by Arielle Dudley. Holly trailed 8-2 after one quarter.

Avondale's lead grew to 11-2 after a three-pointer by Menyweather with 5:28 left in the half. Holly was able to get back-to-back hoops by Kendall Stilwell, closing the gap to 11-6, but a jumper by Dudley raised the Yellow Jackets' lead to 17-7 at halftime.

Holly's Annabelle Basham looks to throw the ball inside during a past Bronchos' game. Basham scored three points in the Bronchos' loss to Auburn Hills Avondale. Photo: David Troppens

stanza. However, Arbor Prep was able to remain tight, trailing just 16-14.

The second quarter was a different story. The Blue Devils remained balanced. They had seven people score and no one hit more than two field goals during the second quarter. It resulted in a 22-point stanza. Brit Antonangeli had five points while Gavin Teffner and Haddad had four points each. Hunter chipped in the quarter's only trey. Arbor Prep faded, scoring

ing from behind the three-point arc. Clement had nine points while Fellenbaum netted eight points. Ella Prevost and Kendyl Smith had six points each. Fellenbaum also had nine rebounds and three blocks.

The Lady Norse (4-1) finished last season with an 18-6 record, losing in the regional title game a year ago.

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Five players scored for Holly (2-1) in the fourth quarter, as the squad iced the victory with 8-for-9 shooting from the free-throw line. Five different players scored during the stanza.

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The Bronchos' offense looked a lot better in the second half. However, early in the third quarter, back-to-back treys by Dudley gave Avondale a 23-12 lead. That lead grew to as many as 28-14 before the Bronchos cut it down. A 7-0 Holly run ended with a putback hoop by Thisse, cutting the gap to 28-21 at that time. Avondale entered the final quarter leading 30-22.

Holly opened the fourth quarter with an 8-2 run, capping the spurt with a McGee assist on a Thisse layup. Holly trailed just 32-30. The contest remained close the rest of the way with Avondale holding on to earn the road victory.

Simmons led the Bronchos with 11 points while Audrey Combs and Stilwell had six points each. McGee had five points and dished off three fourth-quarter assists, while Thisse also scored five points. Annabelle Basham chipped in three points.

just 10 points. Lake Fenton led 38-24 at halftime.

The third quarter followed the same pattern. Lessner hit a trey and scored five points while Hunter and Gavin Teffner had four points each, leading the Blue Devils to a 16-point quarter. Arbor Prep was only able to score two buckets, allowing Lake Fenton to take a 54-35. The lead was never threatened in the fourth quarter.

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Goodrich def. Linden:** Mackenzie Miller led the Eagles with a two-game series of 151-117-268 in the loss.

► **Kearsley def. Fenton:** Jena Fijolek led the Tigers with a 192-221-413 series while Avary LaClear bowled a 190 game.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Goodrich def. Linden:** The Eagles were led by Ian Patterson's 167-215-382 two-game series while Austin Huyck posted a 176-188-364 series.

► **Kearsley def. Fenton:** Brady Mitchell led the Tigers with a 153-164-317 two-game series while Brandon Cairduff recorded a 173 game.

WRESTLING

► **Linden at the George Hamblin Invitational:** The Eagles' Bryce Shingleton (132) won his individual championship at the meet, defeating Utica's Hunter Thomson by pinfall in the finals. Ben Wingblad (126) also made it to the title match, but settled for second place. Jase Grundy (190) took third while Michael Bush (175) finished fourth. Lucus Carr (157) and Itiel Delgado (215) earned fifth-place finishes.

BLUE DEVILS'

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the case against Arbor Prep. The Blue Devils scored 16 points in the opening quarter with no one hitting more than one field goal. In fact, the leading scorer for the period was Coleson Lessner who went 5-for-6 at the free-throw line. Meanwhile, TJ Payne hit a three-pointer and Ashton Hunter, Carson Haddad and Brandon Bossert hit a field goal each, sparking the 16-point

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Karlie Dieck said. "They contested every shot, crashed the boards and handled the press well.

"Amaya Smith shut down their best player (Ayrault had 10 points). She set the pace for us defensively, and really helped pull off our win."

Baker netted 16 points with 12 com-

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in the third quarter, while four other Holly players also scored during the stanza. Holly held on to its 16-point lead after three quarters, leading 49-33.

Weekend Sudoku

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: ZERO CHECKING

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9x9 grid of numbers for Midweek Sudoku answers.

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Grid of crossword answers for Midweek crossword puzzle.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Grid of crossword answers for Weekend crossword puzzle.

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

Grid of words for Weekend word search puzzle.

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS: ENJOY, AGILE, TARTAR, CASINO Answer: If U.S. automobile owners collectively had a favorite flower, it would be the — "CAR-NATION"

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Crossing guard costumes bring joy to kids, parents

■ Fenton teacher, staff wear costumes during drop off and pick up time

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Drop off time in the morning at State Road Elementary is fun and festive, thanks to crossing guards Kim Weingartz, Beth Bartnik and Erica Suchodolski, who regularly wear costumes.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, Weingartz, dressed as Santa on a reindeer, directed traffic and Bartnik and Suchodolski opened doors for kids and helped them with their bags while they were dressed as reindeer.

“It’s not just for the kids. The parents enjoy it,” Weingartz said. “The little kids are like, ‘Mrs. Kim, what are you guys going to wear tomorrow?’”

Weingartz, who has a child who attends State Road, has dressed as a traffic cone, a stoplight, a tiger for homecoming, and an 8-foot blow up unicorn for Halloween. She was Frosty on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

“The fun part for us is we coordinate. We’ll find some ridiculous things. Erica is a new addition to the team this year

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and she's like, 'what do I have to do?' We're dressing up. She's a good sport," Weingartz said. She's a teacher at Ellen St. Campus/World of Wonder.

For Thanksgiving, Bartnik and Suchodolski, who both work at State Road, dressed as turkeys and Weingartz dressed as a hand-drawn turkey based on the artwork that children make. They were all pumpkins one day.

Sometimes, they only wear Santa hats and costume items that are easier to move around in.

They started wearing costumes about two years ago when Weingartz dressed as a tiger for homecoming.

"Then I saw the traffic cone and it's kind of tongue and cheek, being the crossing guard. Then this year I found the stoplight and I was like, 'this is

perfect,'" she said. "We have a lot of fun. If the kids are having a bad day or if a parent is having a bad day, if we can make them laugh or put a smile on their face and they come in and kind of change their day, then it's worth it. When you work with kids, you have to have fun at your job."

Bartnik said they don't always wear costumes during pickup time because it's more chaotic than drop off time.

A parent bought Weingartz air traffic control light sticks that are used by people on runways to direct planes. Weingartz said she brings these out in the afternoon when things are busier. They've been a big hit. Some kids think they're light sabers.

"We just love what we do. If you don't have fun at your job, then why do it?" she said. "I also think we're lucky because they let us do all these shenanigans."



TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RESOLUTION #221201

ORDINANCE NO. 32.B

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

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THE TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' gas lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and

harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide gas service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to gas service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' gas franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

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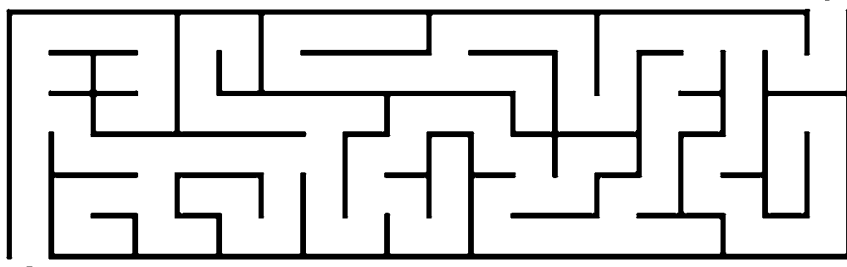
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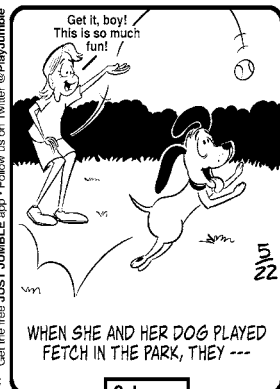
The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.



Print Answer Here

HTA
OLNA
BDNA
LEPH



WHEN SHE AND HER DOG PLAYED FETCH IN THE PARK, THEY ---

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Answer: When she and her dog played fetch in the park, they ---
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. WWW.SEARCHING-FOR-JESUS.COM

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