

Meet the new Linden councilor

■ Newly elected official plans to host Coffee with a Councilwoman

By Hannah Ball

Linden — When Elizabeth Armstrong was sworn in as the newest Linden City councilor on Monday, Dec. 12, her daughter



Elizabeth Armstrong

ter was Facetimeing Armstrong's mother to share the moment.

Armstrong was a write-in candidate who was elected for a two-year term during the Nov. 8 elections.

The Armstrong family, consisting of Elizabeth, her husband Paul, and kids Andrew, 21, Megan, 19, Grace, 15, twins David and Lauren,

14, and Aaron, 10, have lived in Linden since 2017. They moved to the city from Lapeer after a house fire.

"I love Linden. It's the first place that I have found in Michigan that I actually was like, 'this feels like home,'" she said. They were brought to Linden because of the Linden

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Holly Elementary donates more than 1,400 items to food pantry

■ Pantry in Holly Police Department lobby, open 24/7 to anyone in need

By Hannah Ball

Students, faculty and parents at Holly Elementary School donated more than 1,400 items to the Holly Community Pantry at the Holly Police Department on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Heather Melton, who runs the pantry, posted about the donation on Facebook and said that the school chose the pantry for their community service project.

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Students meet exotic animals

Brent Barrick, owner of Supe's Exotic Jungle, introduces Allie the Alligator to students at Hyatt Elementary on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Second grade teacher Kayla Tousley organized the event to give her students a Christmas surprise and teach them about animals. The students loved the snake and alligator and Tousley was surprised so many chose to hold both. "Surprisingly, I loved the skunks. They were so friendly and soft. They cuddled up and just wanted to be held. I also loved Wesley the wallaby," she said. See story on page 20. Photo: Hannah Ball

Groundwork begins for new restaurant

■ Texas Roadhouse to be built on Silver Parkway

By Sharon Stone

A new Texas Roadhouse restaurant on Silver Parkway is laying groundwork after the Fenton City Planning See **ROADHOUSE** on 30

Truck driver injured in U.S. 23 crash

■ Vehicle collides with box truck on U.S. 23 north of Torrey Road

By Hannah Ball

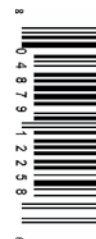
Fenton — One person was taken to a hospital Monday, Dec. 19 after a crash on northbound U.S. 23 just See **CRASH** on 8

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. 28.

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Shop With A Cop provides Christmas joy

■ 17 Fenton students treated to shopping spree, pizza party

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Police Department's fifth annual Shop With A Cop was deemed a success.

Officer Julie Bemus said this event at Target in Fenton would not be possible without the generous love and support from the community, businesses and residents alike.

The police department asked for donations from the community in November and they were able to provide funding for 17 kids from Fenton Area Public Schools to shop alongside a police officer. The children were chosen by each of the Fenton schools staff to participate

Bemus said they received generous offers for assistance and donations from various organizations in this community, as well as residents. Children were selected by each of the Fenton area schools again this year with the assistance of school resource officer (SRO) Tom Cole.

Through the program, the kids were able to purchase gifts for themselves and



for others if they wished. They each were given \$250 on a Target gift card to spend.

"We also gave them a pizza party and a gift bag to take home at the end of the night that included gift cards to Uncle Ray's for ice cream and putt putt. Uncle Ray's donated the putt putt cards for all the kids," she said. "VG's donated cookies and beverages for the event, Target provided the space and wrapping supplies and Hungry Howie's gave us a great deal on the pizza for the event."

Bemus added that the families also received gift cards for gas and groceries that were provided by Trinity Lutheran Church.

"All of the kids and officers had a fun time, and it was really nice to enjoy some happy experiences building bonds with kids and families in our community," she said.



Volunteers help wrap gifts that children bought at Target.

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David's Dabblings

Merry Christmas everyone. Anyone reading this column right now is probably doing it on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. It would make sense that this would be one of those let's remember the reason for the season and wish for world peace type of stories knowing it is Christmas.

Eh, but then again, maybe it won't. Let's talk about the subject everyone thought about when they were kids — what am I going to get for Christmas. That thought drove my four siblings and me when we were growing up.

Once we got to a certain age (maybe 9), we were masters of finding all of our Christmas gifts and knowing what they were. I never really understood why our parents were so horrible at finding good hiding spots. Come on. Most of our toys were in the basement. We lived down there and we knew where the keys were to the half of the basement that was the designated workroom. When there suddenly was more stuff underneath the stairwell to the basement, we knew what that meant. We knew our dad's tie rack cabinet was about the only item in the



David Troppens
Sports Editor

While growing up, Christmas meant figuring out our gifts ahead of time

entire home that had a lock. Of course, they were going to be in there. We had two cars. It only made sense some would be in the truck of the other car we rarely drove. And some of the places they "hid" them just told us they were flat out giving up. For example, we had a room that was a "kids out room" except during Christmas Eve when

we opened presents. For a few years, it had a love seat placed diagonally in a corner. That was a key place they hid larger gifts. Usually they were wrapped, but so what? We'd just make tears in the wrapping paper and then retape them.

My favorite story involves the first year we received Atari video games for Christmas. They kept them in the tie rack cabinet, and when we went to bed they'd pull them out and play them. I've been a night owl my entire life and I knew what they were doing. So when they weren't around, we'd get the games out and play them. By the time Christmas came along, we had already mastered the games, so we made a rule. The first couple of times we played any of the games, we had to screw up so our parents were none the wiser.

Another year our parents under-

stood we knew all of our gifts (maybe we talked about it too loud or something) and after we received our gifts, my mom asked (probably more to prove a point than anything) if they got everything. Shocking them, I told them they did forget something — a game called Tank Battle. It ended up being a pretty fun game.

Best place to hide gifts

Growing up with four brothers and sisters that I knew would look for gifts gave me the challenge of finding a good hiding spot. I found the perfect spot — inside their own bedrooms. Almost every kid has a spot in his or her bedroom they never go to — at least for the couple of weeks they won't. That's the spot you need to hide the gift. As far as I know, the method never failed. And, believe me, if it did fail, my brothers and sisters would've mentioned it by now while we repeat our Christmas stories.

Now that we're older, my mindset has done a complete 180-degree turn. In fact, Anna and I tell each other where we hide our gifts to each other so we don't accidentally run into them. I can't figure out why our mindset was so purely evil as kid, but it was. Why lie about it now? Are kids as evil now as we were? I would be interested to know.

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■■■■
I WOULD LOVE to get a shout out to Silver Spray Sports. I work in Linden and when I come home at night, the Christmas tree they have is awesome. It always brightens my night. I love to see what color it will be. Thank you. Happy Holiday.

■■■■
THANK YOU SO much for turning in my wife's wallet at VG's. It is wonderful to know there are still good and honest people. May God bless you. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

■■■■
THANKS TRI-COUNTY for letting us know about the GasBuddy app. I put it on my phone. I check prices before I head out to get gas in Fenton and I use it while traveling. Sometimes just going a quarter mile off the highway will save you 20 cents a gallon.

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

Do you remember your dreams? What's the weirdest dream you've had? | **streettalk**



"My husband coming to me in a dream with papers and telling me I made a mistake. In almost 56 years of marriage he never did any paper work of any kind."

Lillian Kateman, Fenton



"I remember I dreamed I was awake all night and woke up tired."

Pat Danger
Deerfield Township



"I dreamed one time when I was younger that I owned and lived in a mall and found something to make a slide and mattress surfed the whole night."

Jackie Elise, Vassar



"When I was younger I dreamed that I was the Michigan Wolverines football coach."

Hannah Meriel Hajciar
Fenton

'It's about believing in yourself'

■ Principals hand out golden tickets

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Hyatt Elementary School Principal John Strickert and Linden Elementary School Principal Vicki Markaravage dressed up as the Conductor and Hero Girl from the movie "The Polar Express" to hand out golden tickets to students in every classroom at their two schools on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Their goal was to spread the message and themes of the Christmas movie and mark the beginning of the holiday break.

"It's about believing in yourself, expressing kindness, love, compassion and all the things we try to develop and encourage here at Linden," Strickert said.

He asked the children to think about what belief means to them.

"Belief in us means believing in yourself. If you believe in yourself, I want you to believe that you can be respectful, kind, caring, show com-



Photos: Hannah Ball

passion and love. If you can do those things, then that's the kind of person that we want to have here in school. It's the kind of person we want in our communities and our families," Strickert said.

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Merry Christmas

Local church leaders share messages of love, hope, salvation

By Sharon Stone

Today, Sunday, Dec. 25 is Christmas. People around the world have been observing the special day with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Pastors from the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and The Rock Church share their messages for Christmas 2022.

Pastor Wes Morris of The Rock Church said, “The Christmas message is the promise of the good news of salvation. Luke 2 tells us it is for ‘all the people.’ No matter someone’s background, upbringing or darkness of sin, there has been born for them a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

“Just as His star appeared to the wise men and they fell down and worshipped Him, the glory of His grace and mercy

still appears to the hearts of people today.

“The Word of God declares to every sad heart, hurting soul, and desperate life the good news of great joy that all who call upon the Name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Rock Church is prepared for two large gatherings on Christmas Eve. The services also are live streamed. People can hear that message on Christmas morning on WNEM Channel 5 at 8 a.m., Dec. 25.

Morris said 2022 was a watershed year for The Rock. After an eight-year wait, they were able to celebrate their move into a new facility on June 19.

“Since that time, we have loved meeting more and more people from the Fenton area and beyond in search of

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42 Strong Hockey Classic set for Dec. 29

Inaugural event to benefit ‘42 Strong – the Tate Myre Foundation’

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard will drop the ceremonial first puck and several members of the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association are expected to participate in the inaugural 42 Strong Hockey Classic.

The hockey game is set for Dec. 29 at the Detroit Skating Club and benefits “42 Strong – the Tate Myre Foundation.” Doors open at 6 p.m. and puck drop is 7:30 p.m. The club is located at 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Township. Admission to the game is \$5.

The foundation was created in memory of Tate Myre, one of four Oxford High School students who died in a Nov. 30, 2021 shooting. Tate loved to mentor younger people and the goal of



the foundation is to prevent young people from falling through the cracks. A peer-to-peer mentoring program connects students to create a better future and develop a greater sense of purpose, community, and resilience, according to 42strongtate.org.

“It is always inspiring to watch individuals impacted by a horrific tragedy turn that pain into helping

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CRASH

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north of Torrey Road in Fenton City.

The 911 call for the two-vehicle crash came in at approximately 12:40 p.m. Both vehicles were found in the ditch alongside the highway.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said a vehicle entering the highway from Torrey Road made contact with the box truck, which caused the crash. The driver is a minor and was determined to be at fault. She was not injured. Their vehicle sustained front end damage.

The box truck was on its side with visible damage to its front end. First responders from the Fenton Fire Department used a ladder to help extricate the man, who lives in Romulus, from the vehicle. He was transported to Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc Township with non-life threatening injuries.

Rose Township Residents BOARD VACANCY

Rose Township Board of Trustees Trustee Position Vacancy

December 20, 2022

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To qualify for consideration, individuals must be 18 years of age, a U.S citizen, and have resided in Rose Township at least 30 days (property ownership is not required.)

Letter of interest with resumes will be accepted up to January 11, 2023 and a meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023 for interviews.

Contact Information

If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Rose Township Board of Trustees
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- Aware of legal matters that could impact the township
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- Aware of financial matters affecting the township, including revenue sources
- Possesses knowledge about land use
- Understands the planning and zoning process
- Possesses knowledge of township services and their policy implication

The Board of Trustees will review applications, letters and resumes and interview. One individual will be appointed at the scheduled Board meeting January 18, 2023.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DEC. 25

1941: "White Christmas," written by the formidable composer and lyricist Irving Berlin, receives its world premiere on Bing Crosby's weekly NBC radio program, The Kraft Music Hall. It went on to become one of the most commercially successful singles of all time, and the top-selling single ever until being surpassed by Elton John's "Candle in the Wind 1997." "White Christmas" took its first steps toward becoming a bedrock standard in the American songbook when Crosby first performed it publicly on Christmas Day, 1941. The song's success couldn't have surprised Berlin, who despite having already written such songs as "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Cheek To Cheek" and "God Bless America," had raced into his Manhattan office in January 1940 and asked his musical secretary to transcribe "The best song I ever wrote...the best song anybody ever wrote." It was nearly two years later, however, that Crosby finally premiered the song on live radio, and a year after that that Crosby's recording of "White Christmas" became a smash pop hit.

DEC. 26

1946: Mobster Bugsy Siegel opens the glitzy Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Well-known singer and comedian Jimmy Durante headlined the night's entertainment, with music by Cuban band leader Xavier Cugat. Some of infamous gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel's Hollywood friends, including actors George Raft, George Sanders, Sonny Tufts and George Jessel were in attendance. The grand opening of the Flamingo Hotel, however, was a flop. Bad weather kept many other Hollywood guests from arriving. And because gamblers had no rooms at the hotel, they took their winnings and gambled elsewhere. The casino lost \$300,000 in the first week of operation. Surviving a series of name and ownership changes,

the hotel is known today as The Flamingo Las Vegas.

DEC. 27

1968: Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, returns safely to Earth after an historic six-day journey. On Dec. 21, Apollo 8 was launched by a three-stage Saturn 5 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, Jr., and William Anders aboard. On Christmas Eve, the astronauts entered into orbit around the moon, the first manned spacecraft ever to do so. During Apollo 8's 10 lunar orbits, television images were sent back home and spectacular photos were taken of the Earth and the moon from the spacecraft. In addition to being the first human beings to view firsthand their home world in its entirety, the three astronauts were also the first to see the far side of the moon. On Christmas morning, Apollo 8 left its lunar orbit and began its journey back to Earth, landing safely in the Pacific Ocean.

DEC. 28

1975: Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach throws a 50-yard touchdown pass to Drew Pearson in the waning seconds to beat the Minnesota Vikings in a playoff game, 17-14. Afterward, Staubach calls the miraculous touchdown a "Hail Mary," thus cementing the term for a desperation pass in the sports lexicon. "It was a play you hit one in a hundred times if you're lucky," Staubach told reporters after the game in Bloomington, Minnesota. "I guess it's a Hail Mary pass. You throw it up and pray he catches it." The play was controversial. Minnesota contended Pearson pushed off against defensive back Nate Wright and should have been called for pass interference. "It was just as clear as day and night," Minnesota coach Bud Grant said.

DEC. 29

1940: On the evening of Dec. 29, 1940, London suffers its most devastating air raid when Germans firebomb the city. Hundreds of fires caused by the exploding bombs engulfed areas of London, but firefighters showed a valiant indifference to the bombs falling around them and saved much of the

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Shovel with safety in mind

By Sharon Stone

It appears many people must have been singing the popular Christmas song, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" by the looks of the several inches of fluffy snow we have covering the tri-county area.

Although the tri-county area received its first small amount of snowfall Nov. 19, this recent snowfall was much more substantial. Some weather forecasters even said some areas experienced an arctic blast and bomb cyclone.

Read these safety snow shoveling tips to help avoid any potential injuries, according to travelers.com.

Snow shoveling can lead to a number of health risks for many people, from back injuries to heart attacks. The mix of cold temperatures and physical exer-

tion increases the workload on the heart, which may increase the risk of a heart attack for some. According to the American Heart Association, even walking through heavy, wet snow can place strain on your heart.

For those not using a powerful snow blower, the following tips can help keep you safer when you set out to shovel:

- Warm up. Warm your muscles before heading out to shovel by doing some light movements, such as bending side to side or walking in place.
- Push rather than lift. Pushing the snow with the shovel instead of lifting can help reduce the strain on your body. When lifting snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.
- Choose your shovel wisely. Ergonomi-

cally designed shovels can help reduce the amount of bending you have to do.

- Lighten your load. Consider using a lighter-weight plastic shovel instead of a metal one to help decrease the weight being lifted.
- Hit the pause button. Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. Consider

taking a break after 20 to 30 minutes of shoveling, especially when the snow is wet.

- Consider multiple trips. Consider shoveling periodically throughout the storm to avoid having to move large amounts of snow at once.

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42 STRONG

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others," Bouchard said. "I am honored to participate in an event that not only honors Tate and his legacy but will assist others going forward."

The evening features Team 42 Strong versus Team Wolverine in a hockey game. Teams are comprised of former professional and college players including current University

of Michigan varsity hockey player Johnny Druskinis as well as recreational players from the community.

The names of the Red Wing Alumni players participating will be announced in the coming days.

A VIP dinner is scheduled before the game. More information is available by contacting Trent Myre at (248) 881-6416 or trent.myre@42strongtate.org or calling Joe Shields at 248-635-7632.

SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2022

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Schmidt, James, Saad, Graves, Hallman

Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting November 28, 2022.

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Issued: Building & zoning permits totaling \$9,849.50.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Approved: Appointments of Michael Highland & Bill Lorey to Board of Review.

Approved: The collection of Linden summer school property taxes.

Approved: Collection of GISD summer property taxes.

Approved: Resolution 2022-19, Whitehead Dr. Deficit Elimination Plan.

Approved: Resolution 2022-20 Haviland Beach Deficit Elimination Plan.

Approved: Resolution 2022-21 Windwood Beach Deficit Elimination Plan.

Approved: Selling of Parcel 01-36-578-041 to Mr. Tercha for \$500.00.

Adjourned: 7:43

Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 20, 2022

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday December 20, 2022 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary chairperson.
4. Approved the agenda as presented.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$806,532.49.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 841, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-21-100-017 (vacant land - intersection of Rolston and Ripley Roads) from AG to R-3.
7. Granted a two-year extension for the tentative approval of the Preliminary Plat of Pinnacle Shores.
8. Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Pete Matta from the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals and appointed Mr. Matta as an alternate member of the same board.
9. Re-appointed Beverly McKenna, John Brancheau and Randy Laue to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2024.
10. Appointed Kade Katrak as the elected representative, Andrew Marko as the citizen representative and Vince Lorraine as the alternate representative on the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for 2023.
11. Approved a motion to continue the optional 80/20 rules for 2023 to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.
12. Approved a 2023 GIS Services Agreement with North Arrow Technologies, Inc.
13. Extended the existing building inspection services agreement with STSA Construction through March 31, 2023.
14. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-56, scheduling a public hearing on a proposed street lighting special assessment district for the Fairways of Spring Meadows development.
15. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-57, authorizing the Township Supervisor and Clerk to authorize changes to the Township street lighting contract with Consumers Energy.
16. Approved a 2023-2026 waste collection agreement with Republic Services.
17. Adopted amendments to the 2022 Fenton Township Budget.
18. Adopted an amendment to the 2023 Fenton Township Budget.
19. Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Township approves GIS agreement

■ 2023 contract is nearly \$1,000 cheaper than 2022

By Hannah Ball

North Arrow Technologies, Inc. will continue to provide geographic information system (GIS) services to Fenton Township in 2023.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a contract with North Arrow Technologies for GIS work at a rate of \$80. The total projected budget is \$43,120 for 2023, which is \$960 less than the 2022 agreement.

A GIS stores data and is used when updating municipal maps for parcels, easements and more.

In a memorandum to the board, Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said that North Arrow Technologies built the township's GIS "from the ground up" and has been their GIS consultant since 2001.

"They have been, and continue to be, a valuable partner and integral part of the Fenton Township team. I recommend approval of the proposed 2023 GIS services agreement with North Arrow Technologies, Inc. as presented," Broecker wrote.

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 14, 2022

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

- Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Walls, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent/Excused: Noble
- Approved: Agenda with addition of item F and I.
- Approved: Consent Agenda minus the HAYA report.
- Presentation: Audit presentation ended June 30, 2022, PSLZ Auditor Rana Emmons, C.P.A.
- Approved: 2023 NoHaz Agreement and Resolution approximate cost \$6,579.00.
- Approved: Board of Review Member Appointments: Agnes Miesch, James Holton Sr., Kaye Thorsby to serve a two-year term ending December 2024.
- Approved: Board of Review Alternate Member Appointment: Chester Koop as an alternate to the Board of Review for a two-year term ending December 2024.
- Approved: Planning Commission Member Appointments: Jason Wayman and Michael Brooks to serve as members for a three-year term ending in December 2025.
- Approved: Zoning Board of Appeals Member Appointments: James Holton Jr. and Michael Brooks to serve as members for a three-year term ending in December 2025.
- Accepted: Mr. Glen Noble resignation letter as Rose Township Trustee effective December 15, 2022.
- Accepted: Mr. Glen Noble, Trustee and Rose Township representative for the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board Member resignation effective December 15, 2022.
- Approved: Debbie Miller, Rose Township Clerk, to serve as replacement on the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board for Mr. Glen Noble, Rose Township Trustee who resigned.
- Approved: Rose Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Plan for the next 5 years.
- Approved: Reaffirm the Rose Township Master Plan for the next 5 years.
- Approved: Interlocal Agreement – Designated Assessor between Oakland County and the Township of Rose with Supervisor Scheib-Snider to sign agreement.
- Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

LOOKING BACK

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city from destruction. The next day, a newspaper photo of St. Paul's Cathedral standing undamaged amid the smoke and flames seemed to symbolize the capital's unconquerable spirit during the Battle of Britain.

DEC. 30

1853: James Gadsden, the U.S. minister to Mexico, and General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the president of Mexico, sign the Gadsden Purchase in Mexico City. The treaty settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, and established the final boundaries of the southern United States. For the price of \$15 million, later reduced to \$10 million, the United States acquired approximately 30,000

square miles of land in what is now southern New Mexico and Arizona.

DEC. 31

1988: The Chicago Bears defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 20-12, in a playoff game plagued by a thick fog starting late in the first half. Playing conditions at Soldier Field in Chicago become problematic, and fans in attendance and television viewers struggle to see the game, dubbed the "Fog Bowl" by media. The freak conditions were caused when cold air over Lake Michigan was blown by a breeze toward warm air at Soldier Field on the lakefront, according to the National Weather Service. Meteorologists said the fog was so thick that it was like having clouds on the ground. "It will be remembered as the best game you never saw," Fred Mitchell wrote in the first sentence of his game story in the next day's Chicago Tribune.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 9, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Tyrone Township Hall located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: A request by Nicholas Walsh for a front yard location variance and a 59.2-foot front yard setback variance to build a 40' x 80' pole barn located at 12277 Overlook Dr. Fenton, MI 48430. Parcel ID: 4704-11-100-033. The property is Zoned RE, Rural Estate, Reference Tyrone Township Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01, Schedule of Regulations, 21.02.B.2.c.

APPEAL NO. 2: A request by Philip Glebe for a 22.3-foot setback variance from the waters edge to build a new dwelling located at 7535 Parkwood Ct., Fenton, MI 48430. Parcel ID: 4704-30-201-062. The property is Zoned LK-1 Lakefront Residential, Reference Tyrone Township Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01

For additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps please contact the Planning & Zoning Department at (810) 629-8631 or via email at zoning@tyronetownship.us Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals



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“I heard that one precious Wee One is coming up with ideas for the next project. Gotta love a girl with a mission. This is just a small representation of these incredible Wee Ones, parents and



teachers that supported this project.”

Melton thanked all the families that donated and supported their children’s enthusiasm to help.”

Gas prices drop 24 cents a gallon in a week

■ Interactive app updates 288 times a day at 150,000 stations in U.S.

By Sharon Stone

Average gasoline prices in Flint have fallen 24.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.94/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 212 stations in Flint. Prices in Flint are 90.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 13.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 14.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.77 per gallon.

One month ago in Fenton, gas prices ranged from \$3.77 to \$4.29 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Flint was priced at \$2.74/g Sunday, Dec. 18, while the most expensive was \$3.19/g, a difference of 45.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state was

\$2.50/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.49/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 11.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.09/g today. The national average is down 57.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 20.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“The national average for a gallon of gasoline is down nearly \$2 compared to six months ago, and heading into Christmas travel week, is at its lowest in a year and a half, saving Americans some \$750 million every day,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “While the decline should take the national average under \$3 per gallon in the next week or so, it is soon likely to fade as oil prices

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If there are more applicants to enroll in a specific grade than there are spaces available, students shall be selected using a public lottery process.

The lottery, if necessary, is scheduled to occur on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 9:00am.

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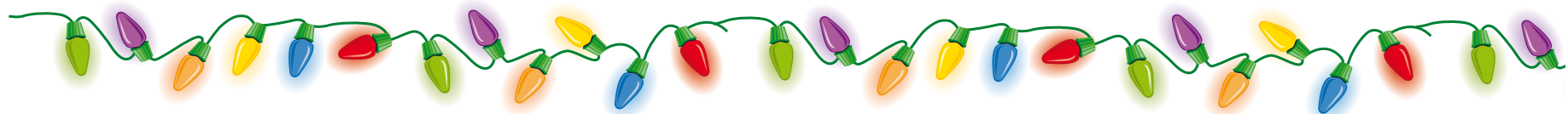
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Photos: Hannah Ball

Students meet exotic animals

Hyatt Elementary students enjoy meeting animals from Supe's Exotic Jungle

By Hannah Ball

Linden — There were gasps, laughs and a few screams at Hyatt Elementary on Tuesday, Dec. 20 when students had the opportunity to meet a few exotic animals.

Second grade teacher Kayla Tousley brought her 23 students and included eight children from a special education classroom to the event.

Brent Barrick, owner of Supe's Exotic Jungle, brought in mammals, amphibians and more. He taught the students facts

about each animal as he brought them around the room.

Mr. Gru, an Amazon parrot from South America who said "hello" and "bye" to the students, was the only animal the kids did not get to pet. Barrick said she doesn't like to be touched.

"But she likes to talk. She says, 'hello, what's up? Oh my god, are you kidding? Bye bye.' She has a great laugh like a super villain. She does an awesome impression of a ringtail lemur because she used to live near a lemur exhibit," he said. "These guys will fly in a group of 300 birds over the South American rainforest. When they find a tree that's rooting, they'll actually eat

up all that fruit and then they head back home to take a nap. As they're passing over, they're dropping seeds and they help plant new trees.

"There's actually trees in the rainforest that rely on these guys to spread their seeds to new areas. So they plant the next generation of the forest for the next generation of birds," he said.

He showed the kids an Atlantic horseshoe giant water spider. These animals, which are related to spiders and scorpions and live in the Atlantic Ocean, have thick shells to protect their bodies, Barrick said. They don't have stingers or teeth. These crabs have 10 eyes and see light with their tails.

He also showed the students a serpent starfish, found in the Indo-Pacific Ocean, and a pencil urchin, which are found in the Atlantic.

Barrick introduced one of his favorite amphibians — an African bullfrog, who the kids were very excited to meet.

"He is the second biggest frog on the planet from Africa. These guys have been seen drowning venomous snakes to protect their tadpoles. He's 5 years old and 2 pounds," he said. "He looks like he's really slimy because of how shiny he is... he feels kind of like a water balloon. He has really special skin that allows him to not lose water when he's buried underground."

Barrick brought out two baby tiger salamanders.

"They actually can get more than a foot long. They're the biggest salamander that lives on land in the entire world," he said. "Just like a frog, they can breathe and drink through their skin... they love earthworms. That's their favorite food."

Kids let out loud "whoas" when he introduced them to the red-footed tortoise from South America. They're found in northern South America right on the edge of the rainforest. This tortoise is around 10 years old.

"We know he's a tortoise by looking at his feet. He has stubby little elephant-like feet," he said. "He's going to grow very slowly for the next 40 to 50 years."

Most of the kids pet and held Ruby the snake, who is 6-and-a-half-feet long and weighs 20 pounds. Barrick said she'll grow to about 8 to 10 feet long and 40 pounds. They also held Allie the American Alligator, who's 4-and-a-half-feet long and weighs about 30 pounds.

"But she is getting bigger. She's still a baby by alligator standards," he said. "We actually got all of our gators from people that bought them as pets that thought it was cool to have a baby gator. It's definitely cool to have a gator but the problem is they can get 14 feet long and 1,000 pounds, and they can live 50 to 80 years."

Alligators also can remember their names and are smart and social, Barrick added.

The children were eager to hold the baby skunks, Tux and Lily, who are 7 months old. Their scent glands were removed when they were 2 weeks old and they keep their nails trimmed.

"If you guys see a skunk in your backyard, it's not a bad thing. They actually like to eat things like bugs, insects, they'll eat ticks," he said.

The last animal was a 4-year-old wallaby named Wesley, who's species is found in Australia. He described wallabies as the kangaroo's smaller cousin.

"This guy can jump 20 feet straight out and go 30 miles an hour even though he's only 3 feet tall and about 40 pounds," he said.

Tousley said, "Instead of giving my students a Christmas gift, I wanted to give them an experience that they can look back on. For the past week, I told my students that I had a Christmas surprise for them. I gave them clues each day but did not tell them what the gift was until just before the event. They were so excited and nervous to hold the animals."

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Linden's Olivia Mawhinney drives to the hoop against Holly's Molly Adams. Photo: Mark Bolen

Linden girls working hard, defeat Holly Bronchos

By David Troppens

Holly — Hard work usually pays off.

Linden senior Kelsey McLennan and the rest of the Linden varsity girls basketball team is finding that out.

After opening the season with a loss, the Eagles have won three straight games by at least 20 points. The most recent of those victories came at Holly High School when the Eagles defeated the Bronchos

53-10.

The Eagles (2-0 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division and 3-1 overall) dominated the contest on both sides of the court from the opening minute, starting the game with a 20-0 run that extended into the first 30 seconds of the second quarter. Defensively, the Eagles had 16 steals and forced 29 Holly turnovers, making it nearly impossible for the Bron-

chos to settle into a halfcourt offense all game long. On offense, Linden constantly looked for the next-best open shot and usually found it. The Eagles assisted at least 14 of their 21 buckets while converting on 21-of-41 shooting.

"We've put in a lot more work this season than in past seasons and it's really paying off," McLennan said. "We're just

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Bronchos proving a point, beat Linden Eagles

By David Troppens

Holly — Last season seemed like one of missed opportunities for the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

This season, senior Mason Clark and the rest of the Bronchos want to make sure that doesn't happen again.

After recording just three Metro League Stripe Division wins a year ago, the Bronchos are just one game behind that number before Christmas this season. Holly improved to 2-0 in league play and 3-1 overall with a 47-41 victory against the Linden Eagles.

"It feels great," Clark said. "We've been working all summer, all year to get to this point. It's our goal to win the championship and that's what we are here to do."

"We did not like our record last year, or felt we could've been better, and that's why we work so hard this summer to get where we are today."

The Bronchos have won three straight

games.

"I'm impressed with their work ethic at practice," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said. "They've come into this year with a better attitude about the season. You know everybody feels like we should've had a better record or won more games than we did last year, and I think they learned a valuable lesson. They learned winning a varsity basketball game is never easy. Case in point (this game). You always have to work for it and that has to be carried in our practices. We've had the most competitive practices since I've been here this year."

The contest was always pretty close, as the teams were tied 19-all at halftime, and Holly enjoyed just a slight 27-26 lead after Bowen Moore hit a baby hook shot at the third-quarter buzzer.

The two teams exchanged the lead with each other over a short time span. Linden took the lead with a driving bucket from

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Holly's Mason Clark attacks the basket against Linden's Konner Hulett in the Bronchos' Metro League Stripes Division victory. Photo: Mark Bolen



Fenton's Izzy MacCaughan drives to the bucket against Swartz Creek. Photo: Christopher Summers

Lady Tigers earn strong win vs. Dragons

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team was in the middle of a competitive first quarter against Swartz Creek.

The Tigers trailed 7-6 midway through the first quarter, but took the lead on a three-pointer by Adrie Staib. Those three points began a 16-0 run sparking the Tigers to a pretty dominant 69-41 victory.

Fenton still led just 9-7 after Staib's trey, but by the time the quarter was over, the Tigers led 17-7. The trey was followed by a layup, foul and converted a free throw by Gracie Mac-

Caughan. Later, Abby Logan

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Lake Fenton girls remain perfect in league, crush Corunna

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team just keep rolling out the victories.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 in Metro League Stars Division play and 5-0 overall with their fifth straight double-digit margin victory of the season, defeating

Corunna 78-30 at home on Friday.

The opening quarter was a pretty solid one for Lake Fenton and for Kendyl Smith. Smith netted eight first-quarter points, with six coming on two treys. Meanwhile, Emerson Baker netted five points and Makenna Clements hit on 4-of-4 free

throws during the stanza. The Blue Devils led 19-8 after the first eight minutes.

The second quarter was even more effective. Baker scored another five points while Clement and Cola Sisk had four points each in an 18-point period. Lake

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Fenton's Sam Dillard dribbles through traffic during the Tigers' 72-37 victory against Swartz Creek. Photo: Christopher Summers

Tigers celebrate first home game with win vs. Creek

By David Troppens

It was about time.

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team opened its season on Dec. 5 with a road game against Ortonville Brandon, and has played two other games on since then. That's three road contests without a home game.

That streak finally ended on Dec. 16 as the Tigers hosted Flint Metro League Stripes Division opponent Swartz Creek. The Tigers seemingly used that pent up energy inside them that they needed to release in front of a home crowd and cruised to an easy 72-37 victory. Most of that damage was done in the first quarter, as Fenton cooled the Dragons' fire by outscoring them 26-8.

"The environment was fantastic," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. "The kids needed a home game and we got it. The students couldn't wait to see their friends play. It was our home opener, school is out and there were easily 150 kids in the student section. We just rolled the wave tonight."

Sam Dillard and Justin

Banura sparked the strong first quarter with seven points each, but Logan credited something else for the strong first quarter.

"Our defense got the offense going," Logan said. "We had a couple of good stops, some tip ways that led to easy buckets."

The cherry on top of the first quarter came when Rowan Derwin earned a steal and drove for a contested layup for his first career bucket on the varsity squad.

"That really got the crowd going," Logan said.

The Dragons tried to get back into the game, and outscored Fenton 13-10 in the second quarter off of Quandre Wright's nine second-quarter points, all coming on treys. Fenton led 36-21 at halftime.

However, the Tigers made sure the game was over, outscoring the Dragons 16-7 in the third quarter.

Fenton was paced by Colin TerBurgh's 12 points, a career high. Dillard netted 11 points while Gage Graham netted a career-high 10 points.

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Blue Devils have strong showing at Pinckney

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team will hate when the 2022 portion of the season ends. It's been an outstanding start to the season.

The Blue Devils went 4-1 at the Pinckney Seasons Beatings Team Tournament.

The Blue Devils defeated Howell, Lamphere, Trenton and Whitmore Lake, but lost to Greenville by a tight 41-39 margin.

The Blue Devils had six wrestlers finish the night with 5-0 records. No one was more impressive than Drew Corcoran (138) who recorded four pinfall wins among his five victories. Meanwhile, Clay Cook (120), Jorge Marvin (106/113), Ty Johnson (150) and Noah Hall each earned 5-0 marks with three pinfall wins. The final 5-0 wrestler was Karson Crist (190), who earned



Lake Fenton's Clay Cook earned a 4-0 record at the Pinckney Season Beating Tournament. Photo: David Troppens

two pinfall victories.

The Blue Devils also had four wrestlers earn 4-1 marks. Luke Wright (175), Josh Ezell (215) and Kaleb Digiacommo

(132) each accomplished that task with two pinfall wins. Meanwhile, Wyatt DeVasher (106/113) earned a 4-1 record, but had no pinfall wins.

Linden wrestlers place third at Hartland invite

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team had a pretty strong showing at the Hartland Individual Tournament, earning a third-place finish at the event.

The Eagles had two champions — Jase Grundy (190) and Bryce Shingleton (132).

Grundy dominated his first two bouts, earning two first-round pinfall wins. The second was a 1:56 shouldering of Bishop Foley's Ethan Connert. He followed that victory by earning an 8-6 decision win against Grand Blanc's Owen Turnbow in the championship match.

Shingleton earned his title in a pretty similar fashion, earning two second-round pinfall wins in his first two matches. In the final he defeated Hartland's Easton Culver by a 12-3 major decision.

Michael Bush (175) also



Linden's Jason Grundy was one of the Eagles' two champions at the Hartland Invitational. Photo: David Troppens

made it to the championship match, but settled for a second-place finish. He defeated Hartland's Will Darish by a 5-1 decision in the semifinal, but then lost a tight 8-6 decision contest against Plainwell's Luke Lyons in the

championship match.

The Eagles had plenty of other strong performances. Ben Wingblad (126) earned a third-place finish while Luke Haney (144) and Lucus Carr (150) earned fourth-place efforts.

Tigers defeat Holly in boys swimming

Fenton wrestling finished third at weekend tourney

By David Troppens

The Fenton-Holly swim rivalry took center-stage on Dec. 15.

The Tigers ended up dominating the event, earning 10 of the 12 first-place event finishes en route to a 102-64 victory.

The Tigers had two athletes take part in four firsts — Max Haney and Zach Michelson. Michelson won the 200 freestyle (2:04.79) and the 500 freestyle (5:40.34) individually, while Haney won the 100 butterfly (53.40) and the 100 backstroke (53.34). The pair teamed up with Luke DeFina and Isaac Gurnsey to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:47.71) as well. Meanwhile, Haney teamed with Jacob Grifka, Bennett Foster and Gurnsey to win the 200 medley relay (1:54.48). Michelson earned his final first by teaming with DeFina, Foster and Finley Hughes to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.96).

The Tigers had three more individual firsts. Grifka won the 200 individual medley (2:25.50), while DeFina won the 100 freestyle (56.71). The other first was earned by diver Owen Cox (213.55).

Holly had two swimmers earn a first and a second. Brandon Strickert was one of them winning the 50 freestyle (25.23) and taking second in the 100 butterfly (58.88). The other was Joshua Dahlin who won the 100 breaststroke (1:14.22) and took second in the 50 freestyle (25.35). Holly had one more individual second. Grant Hoffman earned runner-up status in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.95).

The Fenton Tigers had six other seconds. Diver Caleb Markley earned one of them (122.20).

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team can go into the winter break feeling pretty good about themselves.

They concluded action by taking third at the 23-team Joe Loren Memorial Invitational.

The Tigers had seven wrestlers advance to the semifinals and place in the top three. One earned a championship. Phillip Lamka (165) defeated his fellow teammate Kyle Dunfield in the semifinals by pinfall and then defeated Kingsley Area's Ryan Fessenden by a 6-4 decision score in the title match. Lamka remains undefeated this season.

Two others earned second-place finishes — Dylan Beverly and Ben Triola. Beverly took second in the 157 weight

class, defeating Benzie Central's Dalton Geetings by pinfall in the semifinal. He then lost to Gladwin's Dakota Leddy in the title round. Beverly went 4-1 with two pinfall wins. Triola (190) won his semifinal match against Lakeview's CJ. Copeland by major decision, but then lost a tight 7-4 decision match against Kingsley Area's Sam Goethals. He was 2-1 overall at the tourney.

Owen Freeman (126), Garrett Clark (132), Dunfield (165) and Carson Krzeszak (285) all earned third-place finishes, Clark and Krzeszak won their third-place matches with pinfall wins.

Jamal Horne (113) earned a fifth-place performance with a 3-1 mark, while Chris Dobek (215) took eighth.

Blue Devils fall to Corunna in Metro Stars Division action

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team's early season three-game win streak was broken against Corunna at home.

The Blue Devils were held to their lowest point total of the season, resulting in a 50-47 loss to the Cavaliers.

The contest was close throughout, but Corunna did enjoy a 28-25 halftime lead, and led 39-35 entering the fourth quarter.

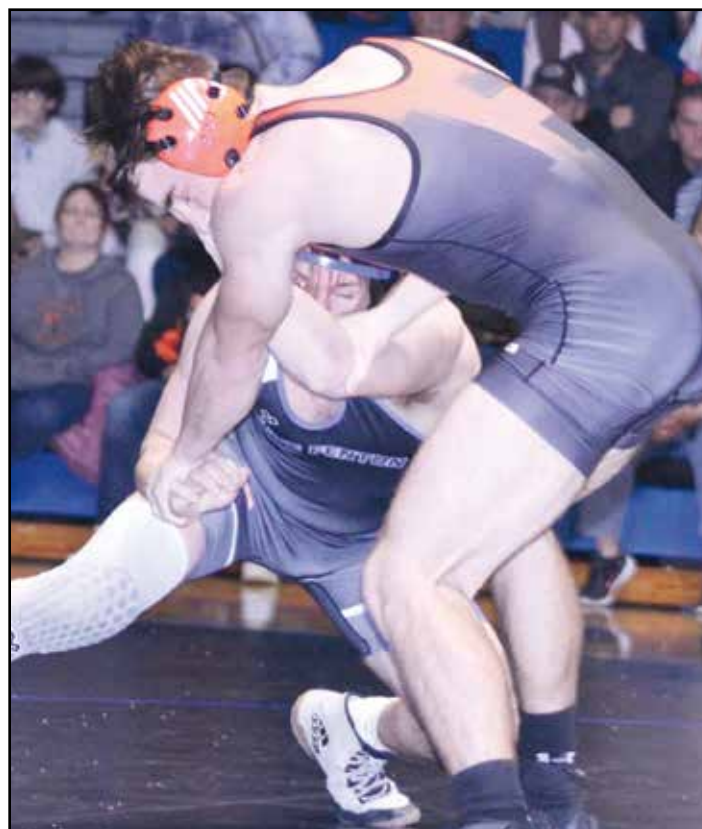
Lake Fenton (1-1 in the Flint Metro League Stars Division and 3-1 overall) was able to tie the contest with a 6-2 run early in the fourth. The run started with a putback hoop from Gavin Teffner and ended with a converted free throw by Coleson Lessner. The contest was tied at 41-all with 4:49 left in regulation.

It was the last time the Blue Devils were tied. Corunna re-

took the lead with a converted free throw, starting a 6-0 run. It ended with a three-pointer by Brevin Boilore, giving the Cavaliers a 47-41 lead with 1:40 left.

Lake Fenton fought back to get back. Lessner hit a driving layup and then had a steal and a breaking layup, cutting the Corunna gap to 47-45 with 1:21 remaining. The Blue Devils cut the gap to 48-47 with a layin by Carson Haddad with 53 seconds remaining. However, that's as close as the Blue Devils would get. They did have a chance to either to take the lead or tie the game twice. The first chance ended in an offensive foul with 25 seconds remaining. Then after two converted free throws by Corunna, the Blue Devils trailed 50-47 with possession one more time. However, Teffner missed the game-tying trey attempt.

Teffner led all scorers



Fenton's Kyle Dunfield was one of the Tigers' placers at the Joe Loren Memorial Invitational. Photo: David Troppens



Lake Fenton's Brandon Bossert drives the baseline during a recent Blue Devils' game. Photo: Mark Bolen

with 22 points. He hit four in five points. No one else scored points for Lake Fenton. Meanwhile, Corunna had seven players score points, led by Boilore's 14 points. Brandon Bossert chipped



Bronchos' comeback vs. Lake Orion falls a little short, 53-49

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team was having its worst game of the season three quarters into its home contest against Lake Orion on Monday.

The Bronchos trailed 39-24, seemingly doomed to experience the squad's first blowout of the season against Lake Orion.

That didn't happen.

Holly (3-2) trailed by as many as 20 points in the fourth quarter, but actually cut the margin to just 4 with 23.1 seconds left, before eventually losing a tight 53-49 verdict.

Lake Orion jumped its lead to 46-

Holly's Ka'Vion Smith led the Bronchos with 12 points in a 53-49 loss to Lake Orion. Photo: Mark Bolen

26 with 7:06 left in the contest after a three-pointer by Gabe Scott. The lead was still 48-28 after Lake Orion's Matteo Decio's fastbreak layup with only 5:02 left.

Yet, the Bronchos fought back. Holly went on a 9-0 run to start the comeback. A three-pointer by Ka'Vion Smith cut the margin to 48-35. He then converted two free throws, cutting it to 48-37 with 3:24 still remaining.

It was Holly's fullcourt press that enabled the run. At one time, Lake Orion turned the ball over seven of nine possessions. When that ninth turnover happened, Holly trailed just 50-44 with 1:21 still remaining. The Bronchos actually cut the margin to 51-47 after a three-pointer by Mason Clark with 23.1 seconds left. However, that's about

where the Bronchos' comeback run ended. Holly turned the ball over during its next possession and Lake Orion's Nate Havrilla hit two free throws, effectively ending the comeback chance.

Holly scored more points in the fourth (25) than the first three quarters combined (24). Holly hit 6-of-16 shots in the fourth while also netting 11-of-14 free throws. Meanwhile, Lake Orion made just two field goals and turned the ball over 10 times in the fourth. Tony Simmons had three steals and Bowen Moore had two steals in the fourth quarter alone.

Smith led the Bronchos with 12 points while Clark netted 10 points. Moore had eight points while Simmons chipped in seven points.

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"I think we are pushed a lot more. I think we are getting in better shape, so we are able to move a lot more. And we are more of a family than we have been (in past years). We've been working more on a family bond. Sharing the ball and being more of a team, I think it's paying off."

It has. The Eagles have outscored their last three opponents 169-62, and while the Bronchos would rather forget the game's first quarter, the Eagles probably won't forget it soon. After a flurry of turnovers by both teams in the first two minutes, Linden called a time out and what followed immediately was Linden's efficient offense. Leading just 2-0 before the time out, the Eagles scored on each of their next seven possessions. McLennan collected eight of Linden's 19-first quarter points.

The 20-0 run to start the game ended when Addison Acker hit a free throw with 7:29 left in the opening half. Holly's first hoop came with 6:03 left in the half on a driving layup by Ella Azbell. However, the hoop didn't stop Linden. The Eagles went on a 16-point run. The run started and ended with a Megan Widner layup. Linden led 36-2. Holly scored its second hoop on a driving jumper by Makena McGee but the Eagles responded with a putback hoop and two converted free throws by McLennan, and a three-pointer by Olivia Mawhinney.

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Linden's Addison Acker prepares to attempt a shot. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Linden girls win defensive battle vs. Davison

By David Troppens

Under its first-year head coach Brian Klein, the Linden varsity girls basketball team is learning how to win games no matter what comes the Eagles' way.

Linden won its fourth straight contest, the hard way. The Eagles trailed the overwhelming majority of the game, but won the fourth quarter with its best offensive period, coupled with their best defensive performance of the contest, resulting in a 32-27 victory.

Before the fourth, not much was going the Eagles' way. They trailed 9-4 after one quarter and still trailed 15-12 entering halftime. Linden (4-1) still trailed 23-20 entering the final quarter. However, the Eagles played a much stronger fourth quarter.

The quarter started with an Allison Maienbrook assist on a Shaye Barkholz three-pointer, tying the game at 23-all. Linden took its first lead in the fourth on a converted free throw by Olivia Mawhinney. The Eagles led 24-23 with 6:39 left.

Davison took the lead at 25-24 with a hoop, but Kayla Widner gave the Eagles the lead for good with a putback hoop with 4:15 left in regulation. A Kelsey McLennan assist on a Maienbrook layin upped the gap to 28-25, and the Eagles led the rest of the way.

"It was a grind-it-out kind of game," Klein said. "We were down most of the game and found a way to win on a night when we didn't have our stuff. Davison always has their girls playing hard, so we knew it would be a scrap-it-out type of game."

Mawhinney led the Eagles with 11 points, but only hit one field goal. She nailed 9-of-10 free throws. Barkholz had seven points, including five in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Addison Acker had six points.

Linden returns to action on January 6 when the Eagles host Midland for a 7 p.m. non-league contest.

LF's defense plays tough contest vs. Milford, 65-31

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team recently competed in the opening round in the Phoenix Shootout at Detroit Renaissance High School on Dec. 17.

Lake Fenton faced off against Detroit Mumford, a squad that scored 79 and 80 points, respectively, in their first two victories of the season.

That didn't happen against the Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton held Mumford to just 31

points in the Blue Devils' 65-31 victory.

The contest was close after the first quarter. Kendyl Smith led the Blue Devils with five first-quarter points while Cola Sisk netted four points, resulting in 15 first-quarter points. Samayah Jefferson had eight points in the opening quarter for Mumford. Lake Fenton led 15-10 entering the second quarter.

The Blue Devils blew the game open in the second quarter. Amaya Smith hit three three-pointers in the period while Savannah Fellenbaum netted six points.

Meanwhile, Mumford only scored three points, resulting in the Blue Devils 33-13 halftime lead.

The Blue Devils cruised from that point on. Kendyl Smith led the Blue Devils with 13 points while Ella Prevost netted 11 points. Amaya Smith and Emerson Baker had 10 points while Sisk and Fellenbaum netted eight points each.

Lake Fenton (6-0) return to action at the tournament on Wednesday when they face Novi at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Northville High School.

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Fenton's defense was even better, not allowing even a single field goal, resulting in just a four-point Corunna quarter. The Blue Devils led 37-12 at the half, and the game was basically over before the second half began.

However, the Blue Devils had a memorable fourth quarter as well, scoring a season-high 34 points in the stanza. Almost everyone got into the act as seven players scored, led by Clement's and Savannah Fellenbaum's nine points each.

The Blue Devils had six players

Holly wrestlers compete at County tourney

The Holly varsity wrestling team competed at the Oakland County Championships and came home with four placers.

Kendall Drake performed the best, taking second in the 175-pound class. He defeated Detroit Catholic Central's Collin Payne by pinfall and then beat Brandon's Calvin Solis 5-4 to earn a spot in the finals. He beat St. Mary's DJ White in the title match by an 11-5 score.

The squad also had Jayden Higgins (215) and Hunter Hummel (190) finish in sixth. Both had two pinfall wins during the tourney.

Finally, Sean Murray (126) placed eighth.

score more or as many as what the high-scorer for Corunna did. Clement led all scorers with 17 points while Smith and Baker netted 13 points each. Smith netted 12 points while Fel-

lenbaum scored nine. Amaya Smith scored seven points.

Lake Fenton (5-0) is off until the Blue Devils play Northville on Wednesday.

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hit a free throw and Maddie Selzinski converted a fast break layup. The final Fenton hoop in the first quarter was a Lo-

gan jumper, creating the 17-7 lead.

Fenton ended the 16-0 run with a three-point play by Tammy Craven. Fenton led 22-7 with 6:19 left in the first half.

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A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Holly High School, located at 6161 E Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442 on **Thursday, January 05 at 1:30 PM**. The meeting will be held on-site at the main entrance.

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly Area Schools Holly High School West Parking Lot Improvements" and "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open." The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

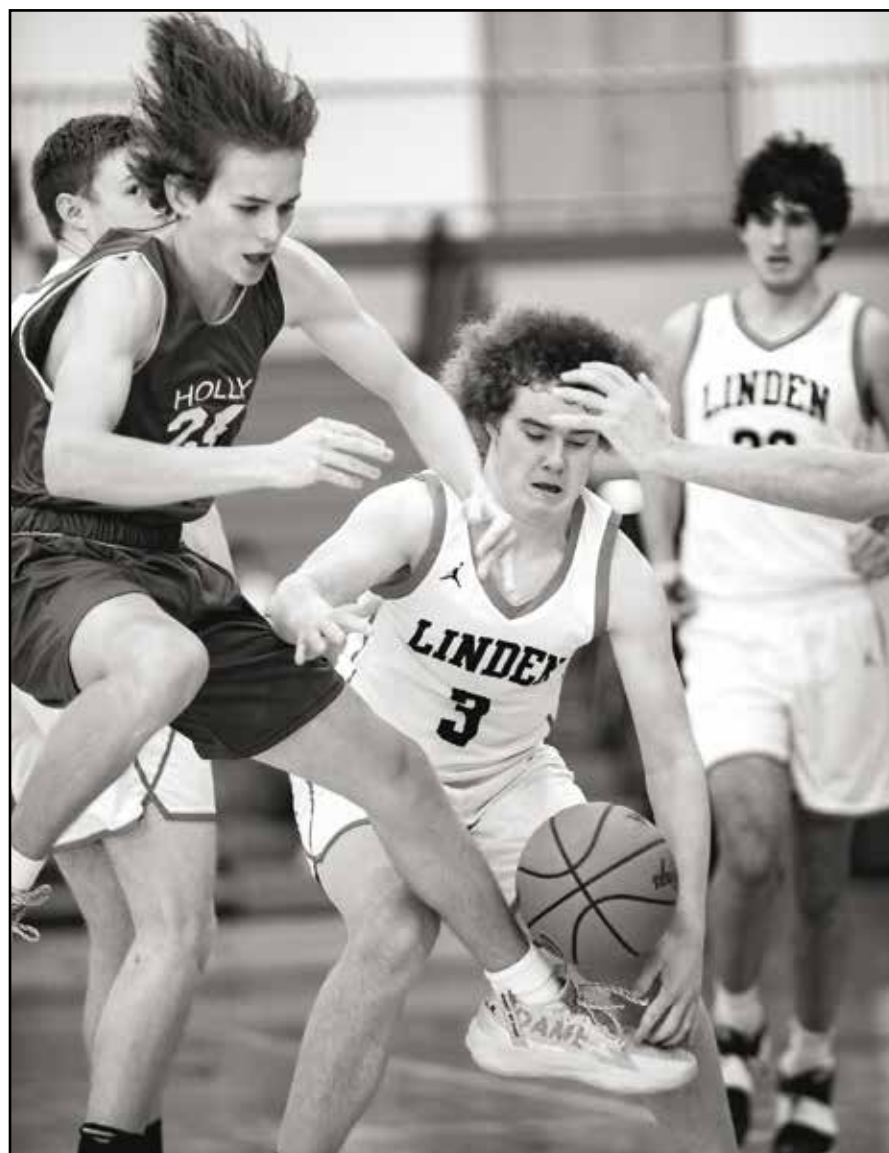
Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday January 12, 2023** to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or AUCH Construction. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to AUCH Construction or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$28,048.00**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on January 12, 2023.

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Jennifer Young
Secretary Board of Education
Holly Area Schools



Linden's Joe Miller tries to dribble by Holly's Mason Clark in the Bronchos' victory against the Eagles. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Jase Becher, but the Bronchos responded with an Andrew Lewis steal and dish to Bowen Moore for a layup. Holly led 29-28 with 6:13 and never trailed again.

Deshawn Willis hit a driving layup, and then Clark answered with three made free throws after being fouled on a three-point shot. Holly led 34-28. The lead grew to 36-28 on a 15-foot jumper by Tony Simmons, and later grew to 39-30 on a Clark trey with just 2:47 remaining.

Linden tried to make a come back effort late. The Eagles had the lead cut to 45-39 after a layup by Becher, and then to 45-41 with possession of the ball with nine seconds left after two converted free throws by Joe Miller, but that's as close as the Eagles would get. Linden turned

the ball over and then Clark iced the game over with two made free throws.

"It means a lot that we have so much trust with all of our teammates," Clark said. "We trust each other to take the shots that are open. We just have to knock them down."

Clark led the Bronchos with 12 points. Ten of those points came in the fourth quarter. He also had three steals. Simmons had nine points while Moore had eight points and eight rebounds. Ka'Vion Smith chipped in eight points.

Holly only hit on 15-of-44 shots from the field and also turned it over 21 times. However, the Eagles struggled worse on offense. They converted on just 13-of-41 shots and also turned the ball over 29 times. Linden also hit on just 12-of-21 free throws while Holly nailed 15-of-20.

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Judge sets Rudy Reindeer's bond at \$3,000

■ Linden Pay It Forward asks for community's help to free him

By Sharon Stone

The saga with Rudy Reindeer continues. As reported in the Times two weeks ago, Rudy Reindeer ran away from Santa's workshop at the North Pole and everyone was asked to be on the look for him.

Rudy was arrested and charged with the following offenses:

- Too much eggnog in public
- Unlawfully driving a sleigh
- Improper landing

His bond was set at \$3,000.

Denise Marks, president of Linden Pay It Forward (LPIF), had hoped people throughout the Linden and Argentine area would help look for Rudy Reindeer in Linden Pay It Forward's (LPIF) latest fundraiser.

"This event was the brain-storm of two very active LPIF members, Marlene Craig and Edgel Turnquist," Marks



said. "They shared their idea with me about a holiday fundraiser that would benefit both local Linden businesses and also raise funds for LPIF."

She said Santa and the other reindeer didn't know why Rudy ran away, but some of the other reindeer and elves in Santa's workshop overheard Rudy talking about Linden, Roman Roundtown and how sometimes reindeer that aren't needed by Santa join the Gnomes in Linden during December.

Many Linden businesses allegedly helped to hide Rudy, but shoppers who found Rudy in the store were gifted cookies and a store gift certificate.

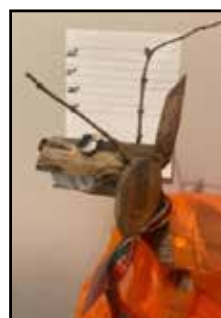
On Dec. 7, Becky Nemecheck, the Argentine Township administrative assistant to Police Chief Dan Allen, said Rudy was roaming around Linden and had been spotted at the Spring Meadows Country Club for the Law Enforcement Officers Regional Training Commission (LEORTC) luncheon that was held there.

On Monday, Dec. 19, Argentine Township police officers spotted Rudy Reindeer

See **RUDY** on 28



Argentine Township police caught Rudy Reindeer who had been listed as a runaway. He was arrested for drinking too much eggnog and more.



While in custody, Rudy Reindeer was processed at the Argentine Township Police Department.



Rudy Reindeer is arraigned on three charges before Judge Mark McCabe. His bond was set at \$3,000.

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CHRISTMAS

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hope, truth and compassion found in the gospel of Jesus," he said.

"As we enter 2023, it is our purpose to be dedicated to the mission of making disciples not only in our local area, but in cities and towns far and wide through technology, mission teams, and gospel partnerships around the world. This coming year a door has opened for us to proclaim salvation in Jesus in both India and Pakistan. We are praying this en-

deavor will only be the beginning of long term relationships across the sea. Merry Christmas."

Lindsey Carnes, co-pastor of the Fenton First Presbyterian Church with her husband Robbie, said their message is going to be about how the love we find out about in the Christmas story is really timeless, but it's not just a story.

"We know that an authentic fire in the fireplace looks, smells and acts like a real fire, and the love that we see at Christ's birth is the real thing that we get to experience."

RUDY

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and caught up with him to make an arrest. This took place in the area of Lobdell Lake Road and Glen Hatt. While he was with Roman Roundtown and Grumpy Gnome, only Rudy was arrested, most likely because Chief Allen still needed to talk to him about a couple reported incidents. The police did not say what the three were doing just before they were detained, but Craig was hoping they were not getting into any mischief.

Rudy was booked at the Argentine Township Police Department. His arrest warrant claimed he had "too much egnog in public" and his nickname was "Rudy Rudy."

Santa arrived at the police station

and attempted to persuade Chief Allen to let Rudy go, however, the police chief had already turned the paper work in to Genesee County District Court Judge Mark McCabe.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, McCabe set Rudy's bond at \$3,000. LPIF has been attempting to get Rudy released on bond and needs the community's help with donations. They have set up a Venmo account with the handle of @lindenpayitforward. LPIF also has a giving platform where you can donate by credit card or check. Marks said to be sure to indicate that your donation is to help FREE RUDY. If giving via Tithely, use the General Fund option.

Everyone with LPIF was hoping that they'd be able to spring Rudy from jail so that he could return to the North Pole Christmas Eve to help Santa.

COUNCILOR

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Community Schools' football program. Her oldest son Andrew used to play.

"I love it. I love the small town feel because I'm from a small town in North Carolina so it resonates with me," she said. "My husband's from Michigan, I'm from North Carolina, so we get a little bit of everything in Linden. Plus the people are wonderful. Very friendly."

Serving is an important tradition in their family. Her husband is retired from the Navy. Armstrong's dad, uncles and grandfathers all served. Her father became a police officer after he retired. When she went to sign up, she was told her feet were "unwaveringly flat."

"How does it end with me? It absolutely cannot end with me," she said. Even though she couldn't serve in the military, she supported service members and veterans.

Running for office became more viable as her children grew up. She saw there was a spot open and she went for it. Armstrong is currently taking classes through the Michigan Municipal League and educating herself on city matters.

"I would love to see downtown more vibrant with more businesses so that people have places to go right in our area and they don't have to necessarily go out for everything. I'd like to see more establishments for food. I'd like to see public safety. We are a very small, safe town. I want to make sure that we stay that way," she said. "As a daughter of former law enforcement, making sure that I back the blue is a big deal to me, but also making sure that we have the coverage and we can keep that safe, small town feeling. That's what draws people into Linden."

Armstrong said their six kids are her "everything."

"They're why I do what I do. Our kids need someone that is transparent. That is going to go to bat, that is willing to say no. If it's not what's best for Linden and for the future, it's okay to say no. I did it on my first meeting," she said.

During that Monday meeting, the council approved the 2023 fee schedule, which includes two future water rate increases for Linden residents.

"If it's not best for the taxpayers in the constituents, then no will be my answer," Armstrong said. She voted against water rate increases and cited

inflation and the cost of gasoline. The councilor originally wanted to abstain from the vote, but procedure did not allow it. Armstrong said she saw people lose their jobs during the pandemic, saw people get sick and lose hours at work and are now having to make difficult financial decisions.

Her goal is to bring more transparency to the city. She plans to hold Coffee with a Councilwoman events to talk with constituents to ensure that they feel heard. Another goal is to videotape council meetings to make them more accessible.

"I serve God and I serve my constituents," she said. "I've got that mindset that if God is behind me, I cannot fail."

Two of her daughters love to sing and participated during the Kiwanis Karaoke events at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo.

"They enjoyed it very much. I would love to see more things like that," she said, adding that she's looking forward to the city making more upgrades to the gazebo area. "I'm looking forward to seeing what else we can do that can draw families out because that is the heart of Linden. Getting everybody together... to me, that's where Linden shines. Linden is like a little Hallmark village. It is still close enough in proximity to everything, but it's picture perfect and most of the people here are too."

She said there's a "real sense" of community in Linden that she hasn't found anywhere else.

"I want to make Linden the best place to work, live and play and educate children," she said.

Armstrong homeschools their kids because some have food allergies. During the pandemic, she wasn't comfortable with her kids eating in their classrooms with other students. One of them has asthma due to the fire.

"We've learned through the military, you just adapt and overcome. That is our mindset," she said.

When Armstrong has free time, she likes to paint, read, write and further her education. She was two credits shy of her criminal justice degree when she had her son.

"I love digging into the Bible," she said, adding that they're currently looking for a church to join. "I'm not boring by any means. I describe my daughter Grace as a candy-coated chili pepper. I would probably say I'm about the same way."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

At their meeting of December 20, 2022, the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 841, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-21-100-017 (Ripley Road at Rolston Road) from AG (Agricultural) to R-3 (Single Family Residential).

A complete copy of the adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment may be reviewed or obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available for review and download on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: THAT 70'S SHOW

- ACROSS**
- 1 Motion detector, e.g.
 - 7 Portion out
 - 13 Person sleeping next to you, often
 - 20 Like many nuclei
 - 21 Surprise attacker
 - 22 Nero or Napoleon
 - 23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
 - 25 Capital of the country Georgia
 - 26 Doe's dear?
 - 27 Alley- —
 - 28 Sousing sort
 - 29 TV's Cheers, for one
 - 30 Top pilot
 - 31 Ice sheets
 - 33 1960s-'70s talk show host
 - 37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
 - 42 Al Bundy portrayed Ed
 - 43 Nebraska city
 - 44 Jekyll's bad side
 - 45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
 - 49 Football's Joe
 - 51 Country next to Georgia
 - 53 — a soul
 - 54 "Like — not!"
 - 55 Suffix of beliefs
 - 58 Ending for serpent
 - 59 Microscope component
 - 62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
 - 66 Green and Gore
 - 67 — matter of fact
 - 68 Japanese dog
 - 69 Video game pioneer
 - 72 — glance
 - 75 Music genre for brooders
 - 76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"
 - 81 Like low-fat mozzarella
 - 86 Eggs, in labs
 - 87 Pro's vote
 - 88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
 - 89 Actor Baldwin
 - 90 Tunneling rodents
 - 93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
 - 95 "M" star
 - 98 Big snakes
 - 101 — Gras
 - 102 Perfectly
 - 103 "Blue Velvet" singer
 - 105 "The Color Purple" novelist
 - 109 In — (irritated)
 - 110 Habited sister
 - 111 Slip- — (some shoes)
 - 112 Links peg
 - 114 Boatload
 - 115 Pod veggies
 - 119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
 - 122 Sitcom associated with nine featured first names in this puzzle
 - 125 Hand-held filming equipment
 - 126 Soviet statesman
 - 127 Lost lady in "The Raven"
 - 128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller
 - 129 "Already?"
 - 130 Got lippy with
- DOWN**
- 1 Pouches
 - 2 Coup d'—
 - 3 Comic Dunn
 - 4 Air pollution
 - 5 Iraq export
 - 6 32-Down brand since the early 1900s
 - 7 Curtain
 - 8 Actor Holm
 - 9 French wines
 - 10 Linguistic expressions
 - 11 Teeth: Prefix
 - 12 Work unit
 - 13 Process by which an electron is emitted
 - 14 Involve in contention
 - 15 Print resolution abbr.
 - 16 Baseball's Ott
 - 17 Popular font type
 - 18 Puccini opera
 - 19 Iroquois tribe members
 - 24 Liquor, slangily
 - 29 Elton John's — and the Jets"
 - 31 Italian car
 - 32 Soft drink
 - 34 Zen master's question
 - 35 Suffix with form
 - 36 Tony-winning actress Johns
 - 37 Tennis' Seles
 - 38 Very valuable violins
 - 39 "Pest" of kiddie lit
 - 40 Beet variety
 - 41 Letter stroke
 - 45 Scoff
 - 46 — kwon do (martial art)
 - 47 Tolkien brute
 - 48 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 - 50 Frontiersman Wild Bill —
 - 52 L-P linkup
 - 56 — Lankan
 - 57 Tumbler's surface
 - 60 Wildlife-tracking ID
 - 61 Balletic bend
 - 63 Thanksgiving side servings
 - 64 Joking type
 - 65 Water barrier
 - 70 Tot amuser
 - 71 Add up to
 - 72 State as fact
 - 73 City in Ohio
 - 74 Luke and Leia's father
 - 75 "And on and on": Abbr.
 - 77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
 - 78 Eden dweller
 - 79 Actress Greta
 - 80 Jewish month after Adar
 - 81 Baby food
 - 82 Malted quaff
 - 83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
 - 84 1973 Jim Croce hit
 - 85 Gourmet mushrooms
 - 91 Class for tots, for short
 - 92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
 - 94 Fail to put in
 - 96 Caviar source
 - 97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
 - 99 Refrain from imbibing
 - 100 "Holy" council
 - 103 Gives rise to
 - 104 Shiny plastics
 - 105 Jungian inner personality
 - 106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
 - 107 Pointless
 - 108 Prefix meaning "people"
 - 113 Spanish river
 - 115 Bits of wit
 - 116 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 117 Farmland unit
 - 118 Shanty
 - 120 Pick-up-sticks math game
 - 121 Prefix with car
 - 122 Classroom aides: Abbr.
 - 123 Antique Olds
 - 124 Actress Arthur

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Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on December 20, 1983. I began writing and performing my own plays while in college. I rose to Hollywood stardom for roles in funny films, and was nominated for an Academy Award for "Moneyball."

Answer: Jonah Hill

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to colds.

STUESI

Blank boxes for the word scramble answer.

Answer: Tissue

Puzzle Answers

All puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 representing the solution to the weekend sudoku puzzle.

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: LEGEND, SPEAR, IDEA, INSERT Answer: GRANDPA

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Grid of crossword answers with black squares indicating non-letter positions.

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

Grid of words found in the weekend word search puzzle.



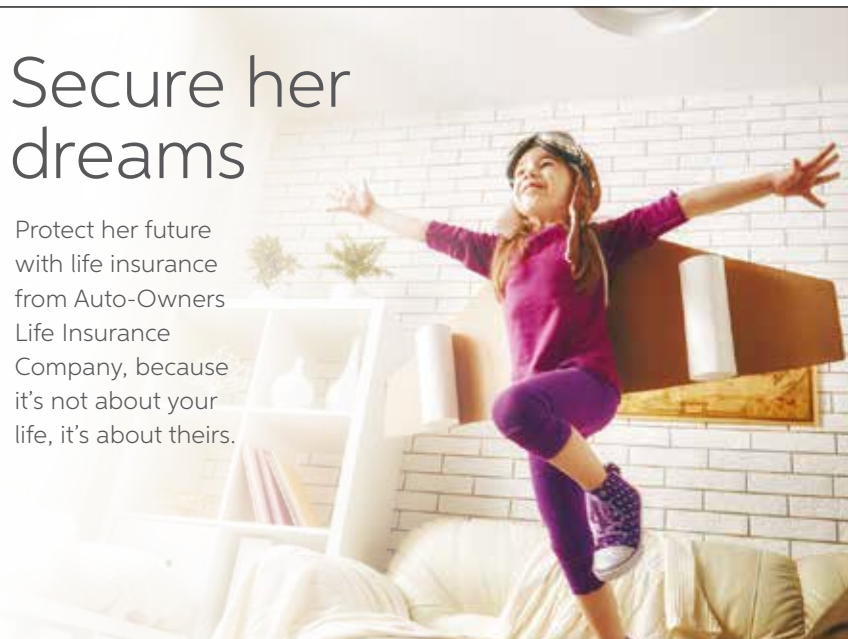
A crew works Wednesday, Dec. 21, on a vacant parcel on Silver Parkway in Fenton to prepare it for construction of a new Texas Roadhouse restaurant. **Photo: Sharon Stone**



Texas Roadhouse is a chain with several restaurants in Michigan. They have begun the early phase of construction on a new restaurant in Fenton similar to this existing restaurant shown here. **Submitted photo**

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ROADHOUSE

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Commission approved a revised site plan Sept. 22. This past week, crews were out moving topsoil off and getting prepared for construction.

The 8,039 square foot building will be constructed on the existing undeveloped parcel in the Silver Lake Village Planned Unit Development (PUD). Proposed with the new building is a pick-up window and associated parking lot improvements.

The building has a one-story, southwestern "roadhouse" design with brick along the lower part of the building, vertical and horizontal cement broad siding and a metal roof system.

The applicant, Emily Bernahl of

Bernahl Development and Services, told the planning commission that she is the consultant for Texas Roadhouse. She said they are leasing the land from the landowner.

The Planning Commission approved the site plan 8-1, with Tyler Rossmassler voting against it saying he was not okay with the business signs being over the recommended square footage, according to meeting minutes.

Jason Payne, the building official/zoning administrator for the city of Fenton, said the applicant indicated it would take approximately four months to construct the new restaurant.

Texas Roadhouse has six locations in Michigan including Flint, Novi, Sterling Heights, Westland, Madison Heights and Ann Arbor.

SHOVEL

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- Keep up with snowfall. Try to shovel snow shortly after it falls, when it is lighter and fluffier. The longer snow stays on the ground, the wetter it can become. Wet snow is heavier and harder to move.
- Wear layers. Dress in layers and remove them as you get warm to help maintain a comfortable body temperature.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling.

According to nationwidechildrens.org, a national study found that the most common shoveling-related injuries were to the lower back. Cardiac-related injuries account for only 7% of all injuries, but they were the most serious in nature. If you do not exercise on a regular basis, are middle-aged or older, or have any health conditions, such as heart disease or high blood pressure, you should check with your doctor before doing any strenuous shoveling.

Consider using a snow blower or snow removal service as an alternative means of snow removal.

Snow and ice removal requirements

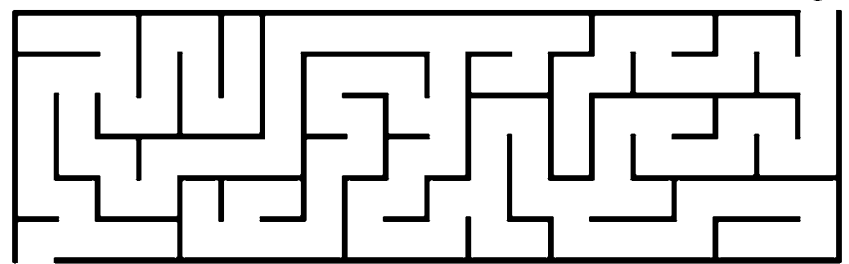
According to travelers.com, snow and ice not only pose a potential risk to you but also to others. As a property owner, you are responsible for making a reasonable effort to keep public walking areas around your property clear of snow and ice. Pre-treating your walkways and other paved surfaces with an anti-icing product can help make snow and ice removal easier.

Consider stocking up on ice melt in advance, as it sometimes sells out during long winters. You can store unused ice melt in an airtight container, out of reach from children and pets. Be aware that rock salt can damage brick, stone, asphalt and concrete walkways.

Be sure to check your local codes and ordinances regarding snow and ice removal requirements.

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Karen Ingram

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Obituaries

Times

Darlene Clifton Williams

1956 – 2022

Darlene Clifton Williams passed away peacefully with her children by her side on Saturday, December 17th, 2022. She was 66 years old. Darlene



Funeral Service & Crematory Greenwood Chapel 481 W. Main Street Greenwood, Indiana on Wednesday, December 21st from 3 - 7 PM with rosary service at

was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who was known for her generous heart, fierce determination, and dedication to her Catholic faith. She enjoyed sharing her gift of singing, participating in the Studebaker club, and caring for her beloved dogs. She is survived by her son, Blair (Aya) Williams; daughter, Morgan (Brandon) Timmone; stepdaughter, Renee Cser and family; grandson, Kai Williams; soon-to-be-born granddaughter, Williams; and siblings, Bill Reardon, Tim Standeford, Kelley Standeford, and Mike Galardo. Visitation will be held at Wilson St. Pierre

6:30 PM. A funeral mass to celebrate her life will take place at Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church on Thursday, December 22nd with viewing beginning at 1 PM and service at 2 PM. For loved ones who cannot attend in person, the mass service can be viewed by online livestream at olgreenwood.org. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation contribution to The Animal Protection League Indiana at inapl.org. You are invited to read Darlene's obituary at www.stpierrefamilyfuneral.com, where you may sign the guest book and leave a personal message for the family.

Robert Weatherwax

Robert Weatherwax - age 34, died December 19, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lonnie Crampton

Lonnie Crampton - age 83, died December 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kevin Michael Messing

1960 – 2022

Kevin Michael Messing - age 62, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022. Visitation will be Monday December 26, 2022, from 3 - 7 PM at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, 2091 E. Main St, Ubly, MI and Tuesday, December 27, 2022 from 4 - 8 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, where a vigil will be held at 7 PM, and Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the



church from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Kevin's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy are encouraged to consider memorial contributions to any of the following: UVA Cancer Clinic for LGL Leukemia, Eva's Place, Adopt-a-Pet Fenton, or Clara's Hope of Fenton. Kevin was born December 2, 1960, in Harbor Beach, the son of Clement Joseph and Donna Belle (Horton) Messing. He was a 1979 graduate of Ubly High School and he received a bachelor's degree from Northwood Institute in Midland. He married Shelly Peruski October 3, 1987, in Argyle. He had resided in Fenton for the past 33 years coming from Ruth/Lexington. He was a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones for the past 15 years. Kevin's kids were the most important thing in his life. He was never too busy to take time with them. Kevin's love of people led him to the perfect career. As a Financial Advisor, he was able to touch many lives. He was always ready to listen and help if needed. He was not only successful in business, but he also was very involved in

the community through the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and the St. John Applefest. He was instrumental in implementing the North Leroy Business District with the Chamber and was a long time Raffle Chair for the St. John Applefest. Kevin worked hard, played hard, and was always adamant about taking vacations and trips with his family. Whether it was

just heading to the Thumb to visit family, or flying south to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He was passionate about spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife, Shelly; son, Connor Messing of Fenton; daughter, Cassidy Messing of Fenton; siblings, Jacqueline Volmering of Ruth, Linda (Roland) Siemen of Harbor Beach, Doreen (Jim) Bukoski of Caro, John (Catherine) Messing of Lexington, Marlene Byrd of Marion, VA and Sandra (Eugene) Wasierski of Ubly; in laws, Jim and Delphine Peruski of Deckerville; sisters-in-law, Darla Peruski of Snover and Denise (Eric) Inbody of Deckerville; brother-in-law, Cliff (Laurie) Peruski of Davison; aunt, Ruth Horton of Grand Haven; former sister-in-law, Patricia Messing of Sandusky; godchildren, Amy (Seidl) Bombard of Lexington, Sara (Inbody) Fritch of Bladwin, Shauna (Salcido) Brinkman of Cass City and Travis Rumptz of Snover; and many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ron Messing; and brothers-in-law, Scott Peruski, Tom Schumacher, Ken Byrd, Ray Volmering and Rick Feury. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A BIG THANK you to St. John Catholic Church. Offering your parking lot for Mass is so thoughtful. Everyone that attends this Mass has their own reasons. The fact that one cannot feel well and still be able to attend and receive Jesus is such a blessing. It's more work for you and incredibly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS, WHOLE BLOOD, double reds, and plasma donors from our Dec. 13 blood drive at Holly Calvary Church. We surpassed our December goal with 48 successful donations. Thanks to the Versiti Blood Center of Michigan staff, our Holly High School student volunteers, and our donors for a job well done.

THANK YOU TO Provision Living of Fenton for inviting all the families of their residents to enjoy a beautiful Christmas luncheon and party, complete with a visit from Santa.

THE LADIES AT Sliver Parkway Huntington Bank are wonderful ladies. I had to withdraw some money. In the meantime, I lost my wedding ring and the ladies helped me look for it. Long story short, I did find it but help and concern of these ladies touched my heart.

PLEASE BE AWARE of the crosswalks and stop signs in front of stores. People are flying through both with no regard of those in the walkways. We are all busy and have somewhere to be. Make this a Merry Christmas a happy one for everybody.

OUR COUNTRY IS not big enough to put another country in it. Stop the border madness.

REGARDING RR CROSSING on Lahring east of Seymour. With the work they did on the roads this summer why didn't they smooth over that crossing? Should've been a no brainer. How many shocks or ball joints have gone bad due to that?

FOR THE HOT-LINER that wants people to be nice while driving. If you notice someone tailgating, you could also be nice and pull over and let them go by. It goes both ways.

LOVELY TO BE back home for the holidays. But I wish there were places to charge electric cars in downtown Linden and Fenton.

I HAVE TO agree with the Hot-liner regarding the Tyrone Township watch group. It has been so very entertaining. The main characters are angry at the world and literally nothing will make them happy.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE PROMISED to restore our Delphi pensions. Hasn't happened. But he just voted to send billions more to Ukraine.

NO OTHER DELIVERING company except USPS can deliver packages to mailboxes. It's against the law even if it fits there.

WHILE I AGREE most election workers deserve praise, there is no question not everything is on the up and up. Election process should be held to highest standards and involve impeccable oversight to assure every vote is counted.

WE WILL SOON know if 'no one is above the law.'

HOW CAN ANYONE say Biden's done a good job? Look at our economy. Look at the border. He's done nothing good. Gave out billions of dollars for COVID and people spent on themselves. Fraud everywhere. Such a corrupt Democratic Party.

SOUNDS LIKE IT'S time for the attorney-retaining neighbors to pony up and buy the horse barn.

DOES ANYONE ELSE think that there are a lot of commercials for electric vehicles on the tube. I don't remember any telling us the replacement cost of the battery though. How would you like to have to pay about \$12,000 for a new one after just a few years? Not me.

COMMUNIST LEADERS AND regimes issue mandates, not free Democratic Republics like our beloved United States. U.S. citizens must recall, remove all politicians issuing mandates for anything by any means necessary. 'We the People' are a free, sovereign nation — the United States of America.

I JUST CAUGHT about one minute of that laughable J6 hearing in DC. How much are we taxpayers paying for this absolute joke of hearing, and shame on anyone for wasting their time watching it. Quit being so brainwashed by the swamp and mainstream media.

MITCH MCCONNELL, OTHER RINO senators are a great threat to conservative U.S. citizens. They don't represent people who elected them. RINOs cave to Democrat demands, omnibus spending bill passed in dead of night further breaking backs of American taxpayers. McConnell must be removed from Republican Senate leadership.

BIDEN, ADMINISTRATION, DEMOCRATS care more about sending U.S. tax dollars to Ukraine, African Nations, do nothing for US tax payers. Tax payers get inflation, bad economy, high gas prices, winter heating shortages, higher crime, overrun by undocumented entering US illegally straining all support systems. Hope Democrat midterm voters are happy.

GAS PRICES

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have held in the \$70 per barrel range. But while the declines for gasoline may fade, diesel prices still have considerable ground to cover, and could fall another 50 cents or more in the weeks ahead. Fuel prices across the board have been plunging back into territory more Americans feel is normal, which could certainly boost economic sentiment going forward.” GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000

stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Historical gasoline prices in Flint and the national average going back 10 years:

- Dec. 19, 2021: \$3.08/g (U.S. average \$3.29/g)
- Dec. 19, 2020: \$2.12/g (U.S. average \$2.22/g)
- Dec. 19, 2019: \$2.49/g (U.S. average \$2.56/g)
- Dec. 19, 2018: \$2.10/g (U.S. average \$2.37/g)
- Dec. 19, 2017: \$2.56/g (U.S. average \$2.42/g)
- Dec. 19, 2016: \$2.28/g (U.S. average \$2.25/g)
- Dec. 19, 2015: \$1.78/g (U.S. average \$2.00/g)
- Dec. 19, 2014: \$2.17/g (U.S. average \$2.44/g)
- Dec. 19, 2013: \$2.96/g (U.S. average \$3.20/g)
- Dec. 19, 2012: \$3.05/g (U.S. average \$3.22/g)

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JUMBLE KIDS

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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.

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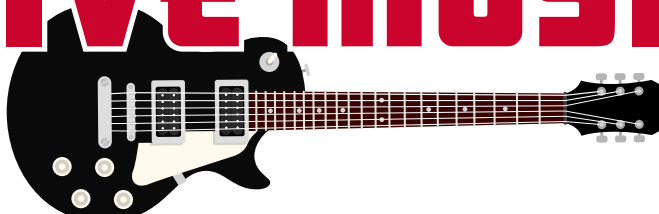


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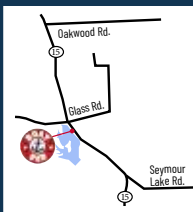


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