

Shots fired at Holly Lanes under investigation

■ Suspect apprehended, undergoing mental evaluation

By Sharon Stone

At 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, Michigan State Police (MSP) Metro North troopers were dispatched to Holly Lanes bowling alley on Grange Hall Road in Holly Township on a reported

shooting. Reports came in that a man had just fired three or four shots into the air.

The Detroit Regional Communications Center (DRCC) was able to ping the suspect's phone, which showed the suspect's location to be several hundred feet into the woods. Troopers responded to the area and were able to successfully locate and take the suspect into custody

without incident.

The suspect's firearm also was recovered and seized. He was transported by EMS to Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc Township for an involuntary commitment by troopers.

The state police remind residents that they are never alone. There is always someone to talk to by calling 988, which

will connect you with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

On Monday, Jan. 2, F/Lt. Michael A. Shaw, Second District Headquarters public information officer said the suspect was committed for mental health evaluation. The trooper in charge of the case will submit the case to the prosecutor at a later date.



A look back
at tri-county
sports in 2022

see page 12

Midweek Times

VOL. 30 NO. 1

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

\$1.00

Linden water rates to increase

■ Council approves 2023 fee schedule

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden residents can expect their water rates to increase this year.

At the Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, Linden City Council meeting, the council approved two rate increases. The total increase for the year per unit is \$1.98 split between usage and base fee. Usage fees will increase \$1.60 per 100 CF and the base fee will increase \$.38. After years of discussing the aging water infrastructure and poor water pressure, the council voted in October 2022 to join the See **RATES** on 8



Last Sears in Michigan preparing to close

After opening in 2009, the Sears Hometown Store in Fenton Township was one of 115 independently owned stores told to liquidate its inventory. Sears Hometown Stores, Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection in federal court Dec. 12, 2022. In response, on Dec. 20, 2022, Sears Authorized Hometown Stores, LLC filed its own complaint against Transform KM LLC. See story on page 10. Photo: Sharon Stone

January is School Board Recognition Month

■ Fenton Area Public Schools honors its board members

Fenton Area Public Schools is joining 537 local and 56 intermediate school districts across Michigan to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month.

"In another year full of challenges for public education, our school board members persevered through the adversity of 2022 to provide the best possible education for our students," said Superintendent Heidi Ciesielski. "Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one of the very small ways to express appreciation for all they do."

School board members represent See **SCHOOL BOARD** on 9



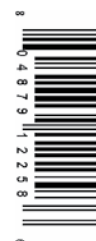
“Thank you to the companies such as Coldwell Banker and First Choice Heating who had gingerbread competitions. I loved seeing all the creative designs and candy. I really enjoyed that part of the holiday.”



“What a great idea to have a social mixer in Fenton for younger people. We used to do it back in my day, too.”



“Grilling steaks outside on New Year's Day is a first for me. I'm not complaining at all.”



#

MOST PREFERRED CANCER TREATMENT PROVIDER IN MICHIGAN.

At Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint, your best chance at beating cancer is close to home. In fact, in a recent poll conducted by NRC Health, Michiganders named Karmanos Cancer Institute and McLaren as their number one preferred Michigan cancer treatment provider. The Karmanos network stretches across 14 hospitals making it the largest cancer network in Michigan. This network includes the McLaren Proton Therapy Center in Flint.

Learn more about the comprehensive cancer services offered at Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint at karmanos.org/flintcancer.



[KARMANOS.ORG/FLINTCANCER](https://karmanos.org/flintcancer)

New Year's resolution ideas

■ Healthy ideas could also save you money

It's not too late to think about New Year's resolutions. More than four in 10 U.S. adults make at least one, surveys say. Health resolutions are popular and so are resolutions about saving money. What if you combined your desire to get healthier with your determination to stretch your dollars in 2023?

Here are some ideas for resolutions from AARP:

Resolution #1: Walk more, drive less

If you are lucky enough to live within walking distance of your favorite stores and gathering places, resolve to walk to them more often. You'll save money on gas and reap the health benefits of walking, like lowering the risks of high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes, stronger muscles and bones, easier weight maintenance and a better mood, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Resolution #2: Lower your thermostat for better sleep

You can take a bite out of your winter heating bills and sleep better by setting your nighttime temperature lower than most people do, research suggests. The Sleep Foundation suggests a range of 60 to 67 degrees, with a sweet spot around 65 degrees.



Resolution #3: Drink more tap water

Water is the perfect health drink, but bottled water is much more expensive than tap water, with no health advantages where tap water is safe, as it is in most of the United States. If you don't like the taste of tap water or are worried about its quality, put a filter on your faucet or under your sink, or use a filtered pitcher to remove chlorine, lead and other substances that might affect taste or safety. According to Consumer Reports, a filtered pitcher is the most affordable option and can be purchased for less than \$40.

Resolution #4: Rediscover the library

Reading is good for your brain. Stud-



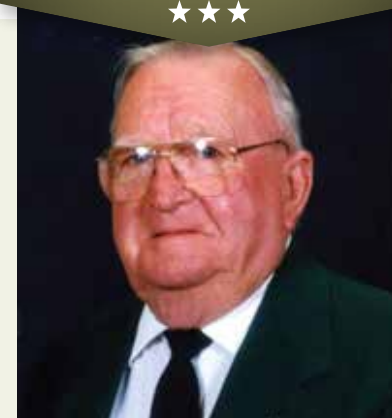
ies suggest it can slow memory decline and even increase your sense of empathy. In most U.S. towns and cities, there's a place where the books are free and plentiful: the library. If you haven't been to one lately, give it a try, in person or online.

Resolution #5: Cook with less meat and more beans

"Extend meat dishes by replacing a portion of the meat with canned beans, like black beans, kidney beans or pinto beans," suggests Christine Rosenbloom, a registered dietitian nutritionist who is the coauthor of Food & Fitness After 50 and a nutrition professor emerita at

See **RESOLUTIONS** on 9

HONORING OUR VETERANS



LEE E. "RED" GORDON JR.
FENTON, BYRON AND HOWELL,
MICHIGAN
U.S NAVY
WORLD WAR II

Past Master of the Byron Lodge #80
F. & A.M. and Past Exalted Ruler of
the Howell Elks Lodge #2168 B.P.O.E.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



sharpfuneralhomes.com

810-629-9321

To submit a veteran, email information and photo to news@tctimes.com

Who will take us
HOME?

Adopt-A-Pet
A Friend for Life!

13575 Fenton Rd • Fenton
www.adoptapetfenton.com
810-629-0723
Hours by Appointment Only



Cheddar

is an all-around great, social and loving fella who would prefer to be the only pet in the home so he can get all of the attention he craves.

SPONSORED BY:



256 N Fenway Dr. | Fenton
810.629.8282
tctimes.com



Chestnut

This adorable 2-month-old boy and his 5 siblings are a fun loving bunch ready for their new homes!

SPONSORED BY:

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE!



Painting & Wall Coverings

www.accentdd.com
810-232-3530

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

The Tri-County Times (USPS 018-092) is published weekly (with exceptions) by JAMS Media, LLC, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Periodical postage paid at Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699 and other post offices. Subscription Rate: 55.00 per year. No non-member subscribers. Postmaster: Send address changes to Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any content and/or advertising submissions.



VIEW Newspaper Group

HOURS:

Monday-Friday:
Open by appointment
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

news@tctimes.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

General Office810-629-8282
Advertising810-433-6778
Classifieds810-433-6787
Circulation810-433-6797
Editorial.....810-433-6786
Fax.....810-629-9227
Hot Line tctimes.com
Sports810-433-6789

The opinions and/or views expressed in the Tri-County Times print editions and the Tri-County Times' social media platforms — including but not limited to: blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and YouTube — represent the thoughts of individual bloggers and online communities, and not necessarily those of Tri-County Times or any of its corporate affiliates, officers, employees or members of its respective board of directors. The opinions and views expressed on these pages and platforms do not in any way reflect the views of the site they are posted on, other sites affiliated with the site or any members of the site. While Tri-County Times' makes reasonable efforts to monitor and/or moderate content posted on its social media platforms, we do not moderate all comments. Recognition of members of our communities serving on active duty in the Armed Forces will be published at no charge.

Building Brands

If the last few weeks have felt like a blur to you, you're not alone. The holiday season was a whirlwind this year.

While I enjoy a busy schedule, it's important to prevent the fun from becoming a "fun"amental pain the butt. One way I do that is by finding something each day to be thankful for. That was easy during the last month since one of the reasons I was so busy was that I personally attended seven chamber of commerce holiday functions. All of that chamber fun made it easy for me to remember why I'm thankful for our chamber partners.

Thanks to our growing footprint, View Newspaper Group is now a member of 19 chambers of commerce across the state of Michigan. Many of our team members are involved in their local chamber serving not only as members, but as board members or ambassadors. I know of at least two team members who are even the president of their area chambers.

In case you aren't exactly sure what a chamber of commerce is, here's a definition I liked from Wikipedia: "A chamber of commerce is a form

of business network. For example, a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interests of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local societies to advocate on behalf of the business community. Local businesses are members, and they elect a board of directors or executive council to set policy for the chamber. The board or council then hires a president, CEO, or executive director, plus staffing appropriate to size, to run the organization."

When View Newspaper Group acquired our newest publications in North Oakland County, I was tasked with meeting the area chamber of commerce directors, presidents or CEOs to share a bit about our company and our philosophy when it comes to working with chambers of commerce. That philosophy is simple. We work together in any way possible. Chambers connect people, and so do we. It's right in our tagline: "Your Community Connection." Working together makes sense for our clients, their members and the overall community.

When our team meets with a new business owner, we ask them to tell us

about their business and their goals, and then we ask: Have you joined the local chamber? and what is your marketing budget? Yes, we ask the chamber question first, that's how important we believe it is for a business to be involved in their chamber of commerce. In turn, we're fortunate that our chamber partners — who understand the importance and value of local newspapers — ask new businesses if they've met with us.

From hosting ribbon cuttings to community events and networking opportunities, a chamber of commerce is there to help businesses in many ways. They advocate for businesses and serve as a resource.

Of course, a business can't simply join the chamber and expect the customers roll in. It's important to be an active chamber member. Even if you can't get involved on the board or ambassador level, take time to attend events, shake hands and ask questions. Over time you'll find your fellow chamber members to be a wealth of knowledge and connections. I know this, but attending seven chamber events in a month was a great reminder.

Each chamber holiday function was a bit different. Some fancy,
See **BRANDS** on 9



Emily Caswell

Newspapers and chambers of commerce make a great team

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at tctimes.com or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

A WISE MAN never takes advice from someone that can't be seen for fear of a scam. The internet denies all from observing one's body language, which is best defense of all scams.

■■■■
CHINA, THE COUNTRY with the most extreme lockdowns, mask mandates, and immunization requirements, is averaging over one million COVID infections per day. Are any of you hysterics ready to admit you were wrong about Michigan COVID policies yet?

■■■■
IN 2008, RUSSIA invades Georgia. In 2014, Russia invades Ukraine and seizes Crimea and Donbas regions. In 2017 to 2021, no Russian military incursions. In 2022, Russia initiates full-scale war with Ukraine. Can you see the pattern?

■■■■
FOR THE RECORD, not a single American who died of COVID died due to a lack of a ventilators.

■■■■
SLEEPY JOE'S NEXT foreign policy failure will be war in Kosovo.

■■■■

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

What New Year's resolution have you been successful at keeping? | streettalk



"Keeping my kids in one piece (adults now)."

Susan Wetzel Korman
Hartland



"Last year for the New Year, I resolved to wear only matching socks. Still got it! 365+ days in a row!"

Julie Moore
Fenton



"Gave up cigs (years ago)."

Cheryl Bee
Tyrone Township



"Don't announce your New Year's resolutions. The last thing you need is someone asking how your marathon training is going two months from now when you're elbows deep in a bag of Cheetos."

Anna LeBlanc, Linden

Two unrelated garage fires within one hour

■ Five local fire departments quickly respond, no injuries reported

By Sharon Stone

Fenton Twp. — Two structure fires involving attached garages at homes in Fenton Township kept firefighters busy Thursday night, Dec. 29.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the first 911 call came in at 6:55 p.m. The owner of a home in the 3400 block of Rolston Road, just east of Jennings Road, reported that something had caught fire in his garage, which was attached to the front of the home. When he opened the garage door, the burst of oxygen into the garage fueled the flames.

Volz said a common propane tank also was in the garage. The fire spread quickly and ignited two vehicles that were parked in the driveway.

The fire chief said the first tanker was on scene in seven minutes. Assisting the Fenton Township Fire Department were fire departments from Argentine Township, Mundy Township, Linden City and



Fenton City.

The entire home sustained smoke damage and there was extensive fire damage done to the garage and front of home.

Volz said firefighters protected the homes on either side of this home to ensure they didn't catch fire and the occupants of all homes safely got out.

As firefighters were finishing the fire on Rolston Road, another 911 call came in at 7:51 p.m., less than hour later. A



This home on Rolston Road in Fenton Township was damaged by fire and smoke when the attached garage caught fire Thursday night, Dec. 29.

Photo: Sharon Stone

resident called to say that something inside their home's attached garage on North Road, near Torrey Beach, had caught fire. Volz sent a tanker to the Exit 80 gas station hydrant to fill the tanker back up with water. Crews quickly got to the North Road fire and extinguished the flames.

Volz said the North Road garage fire was mostly damage to the inside of the garage and its contents.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FENTON WOMAN ARRESTED FOR VALID ARREST WARRANT, HAVING BRASS KNUCKLES

At 11:42 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop on a 2013 Buick Regal on a civil infraction on Shiawassee Avenue near West Street. The officer made contact with the driver and passenger. A computer check on the passenger, a 23-year-old Fenton woman, showed she had a felony warrant. She was arrested on the warrant. A consent search of the vehicle resulted in the officer finding a syringe and brass knuckles in a bag near where she was sitting. She admitted that they belonged to her. She was transported to the Genesee County Jail and police are seeking an arrest warrant for the brass knuckles, which are classified as a dangerous weapon (five-year felony). The driver's record came back clear.

**JANUARY 6TH
7:00 PM**



VS



**5 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS = 1 FREE TICKET**

**JANUARY 7TH
7:00 PM**



VS



#5 BLAKE SMITH

SPONSORED BY: Dort **Financial**
CREDIT UNION

BENEFITING:

FOOD BANK
of Eastern Michigan

Chrome & Ice returns

■ Eighth annual event set for Feb. 10-12

The eighth annual Chrome & Ice is set for Feb. 10-12 and will feature a collection of exotic cars, displays, demonstrations, live music and chance to attend a VIP Experience on Friday Night.

Sponsors include General Motors and Dort Financial Credit Union. Chrome & Ice will have all-new surprises for this three-day indoor Winter Classic Car Event that takes place at the Dort Financial Center off Lapeer Road in Flint.

Chrome & Ice is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, with the VIP Experience starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. The event runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 12 the fun goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An awards ceremony starts at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Attendees can check out the exotic cars in the lobby, the cars on display throughout the arena, visit vendors and sponsors and won't want to miss the Rockabilly Row Tunnel downstairs, plus the Rockabilly Show and Concert on Saturday. General admission tickets to Chrome & Ice are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for youth, ages 12-17. Children under 12 are free. Parking at the arena is \$5 at the gates.



VIP Experience: Friday Feb. 10 doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Brought back by popular demand is the VIP Experience Friday Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the VIP Experience are \$45 each and include free parking, general admission to the car show, coat check, and live musical entertainment with Square Lucy, featuring Elvis.

A VIP Ticket also includes complementary adult beverages at any of several bars in the arena, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and dessert on the walkway above the Green Arena from 6:30 to 8 p.m. sponsored by Dort Financial.

New this year is Casino Night. Each VIP Experience participant will be awarded tickets to exchange for chips to play. At the end of the night, guests can cash in their winnings for tickets to win amazing prizes.

Proceeds from Chrome & Ice and the VIP Experience support the Back to the Bricks Youth Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit backtothebricks.org.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

THE CALENDAR

I know I'm late, Happy New Year to everyone!

To confirm that I'm late, I looked at a centuries old measure of time, the calendar. It's an important reference that we all use. Today, I'll present some calendar facts, history, and the background of how our present calendar came to be.

In the United States and almost all other countries, we use the "Gregorian" calendar named after Pope Gregory XIII, who declared it to be the official calendar of the Catholic Church on Feb. 24, 1582.

Before then, most of western civilization was on the "Julian" calendar, which was initially used by the Roman Empire pursuant to the edict of Roman Consul Julius Caesar effective Jan. 1, 45 B.C.

The primary reasons for the pope's calendar change were to make Easter a movable Feast Day and for more accuracy.

The Gregorian calendar is the result of contributions from various sources. Two examples are found in the names of the 12 months and seven days of the week.

As to the months, each derives their name from ancient Rome as follows:

January — "Janis," god of new beginnings;

February — "Februs," god of purification;

March — "Mars," god of war;

April — "Aphrodite," goddess of love and beauty;

May — "Maia," goddess of fertility and growth;

June — "Juno," goddess of love and marriage;

July — the birth month of Julius Caesar;

August — Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar;

September — "Septem," Latin for seven (originally the seventh month in the Roman calendar);

October — "Octo," Latin for eight (see above);

November — "Novem," Latin for nine (see above);

December — "Decem," Latin for ten (see above);

The day's names are a mixture of Rome and the Vikings as follows:

Sunday — Latin "solis," "Sun's Day";
Monday — Latin "lunae," "Moon's Day";

Tuesday — Tiw, Viking god of law;

Wednesday — Woden, Viking god of gods;

Thursday — Thor, Viking god of war;

Friday — Frida, Viking god of love;

Saturday — Saturn, Roman god of agriculture.
In 1752, by an Act of Parliament, Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar for itself, the 13 colonies, and others.

There are no laws in the United States requiring use of the Gregorian calendar but we continue to use it.

In 1968, Judy Collins sang "Who Knows Where The Time Goes?" It's a beautiful song and unquestionably the answer can be found in the calendar.

EZREAD

VIEW FULL COLOR, DIGITAL VERSIONS OF THE PAPER AT TCTIMES.COM



tctimes.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NUMBER IS \$56,000. That is how much Samuel Bankman-Fried of FTX crypto-currency infamy paid to gain influence over Senator Debbie Stabenow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM Harbaugh and the Michigan Wolverines for their sixth straight loss in a bowl game. Great to see them continuing the losing tradition started by Bo back in the 1960s.

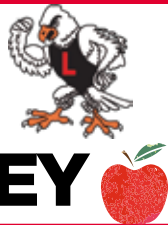
IF YOUR CHILD or children cannot walk home from school without stopping and going through people's stuff, maybe you need to walk your children home.

THE INFLATION-ADJUSTED tax imposed on gasoline beginning Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2023, will be 28.6 cents-per-gallon in the state of Michigan. How is this fair? Don't EVs also cause wear and tear on the state's infrastructure? When EVs become more popular, the tax will switch over to them.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO the days when you could call a business and a real person answered the phone and said how may I help you? You get a robot who lists several options, none of which you are calling about.

Everyday *educators*

Meet DAWN YANKLEY



LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
www.lindenschools.org

- Special Ed teacher at Linden High School

Dawn Yankley has been teaching at Linden Community Schools for 16 years. She is currently a Special Education teacher with the Cognitively Impaired Program.



Rewarding moment(s):

When struggling students come back into my life – in particular, one student had invited me to their graduation ceremony. After having struggled with drugs he remembered my message of “living with purpose.” I believe all my students can be successful in life and because of this being ingrained, he felt he could graduate, and he did! I felt just like a proud parent on this day. Now he has a career in the trades, is married, and just celebrated the birth of his child. Teachers are impactful! I can’t imagine ever being in any other career. When students say they desire to become a teacher, I encourage it!

What inspires me?

Students inspire me and provide me energy. My instructional leaders and Peer 2 Peer group are fabulous leaders. These students have been sincere friends to my students, accepting of my students’ disabilities, and extremely helpful. Students come back from college breaks to visit and take part in the positive energy inside our classroom.

Mentor growing up:

Growing up, I had a great aunt that worked with adults with cognitive impairment. On holidays, we would drive out to the home, or they would come to our holiday celebration. My aunt would ask, “Do you want to go with me and check on my kids?” I would happily respond yes. We would play games, go swimming, and hang out. From my childhood perspective, they were kids too. The acceptance of everyone different than myself became normalized. I am thankful for this message and live it every day inside my classroom. My students bring me great joy!

Holly High School musicians selected

■ Chosen among thousands for 2023 Michigan All State Band

Two Holly High School band students were recently selected for the 2023 Michigan All State Band, a prestigious symphonic band ensemble made up of some of the state’s top-rated student musicians.

Senior Makenzie Barber and sophomore Will Raleigh were selected as members of the 2023 Michigan All State Band from thousands of fellow student musicians from around the state who auditioned for the program. Barber and Raleigh are among nine trombonists from across Michigan who made the final cut.

“I’d like to personally congratulate Makenzie and Will for their exemplary auditions that landed both of them spots on the 2023 Michigan All State Band roster,” said Ben Baldwin, Holly High School director of bands. “Their achievement demonstrates how our music programs help students develop creativity, a strong work ethic and discipline that serve them for a lifetime.”

Barber and Raleigh will perform with the All State Band Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Michigan Music Conference at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The band will rehearse with nationally recognized conductors prior to the performance.

To be accepted to the program, student musicians must prepare a warm-up etude, perform a series of scales and sight-read during a 10-minute recorded audition. An average of about 2,500 students audition each year for the 400 seats in one of the program’s five ensembles.

“Congratulations to Makenzie and Will for this major achievement in the fine arts, which help provide a well-rounded education at Holly Area Schools that develops the leaders of tomorrow,” said Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent. “Their acceptance to the All State Band is just the latest example of the key role the fine arts play in preparing our Bronchos for real world and success.”



Holly High School senior Makenzie Barber and sophomore Will Raleigh have been selected to play for the 2023 Michigan All State Band.

SCHOOL NEWS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

The University of Michigan-Flint names 1,753 students to the fall 2022 dean’s list

In recognition of their academic achievements, 1,753 students have been named to the University of Michigan-Flint dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester. A full-time student must earn a 3.5 grade point average with 12 or more graded hours to achieve this honor and be placed on the dean’s list for their school or college. In computing averages, only courses taken at the University of Michigan-Flint are included, and only complete terms or semesters are counted. Achieving this distinction requires remarkable resilience and dedication. Congratulations to the students who earned this outstanding academic honor. To read the complete list, go to umflint.edu/deans-list/.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



JAN. 13 - JAN. 16
DORT FINANCIAL CENTER

— PRESENTED BY —

Dort Financial
CREDIT UNION

SHOW TIMES:

FRI, JAN 13 • 7 PM
SAT, JAN 14 • 1 PM & 6 PM
SUN, JAN 15 • 1 PM & 6 PM
MON, JAN 16 • 1 PM & 6 PM

Dort Financial
CENTER

3501 Lapeer Rd • Flint
810-744-1080

Purchase tickets at: Dortfinancialcenter.com or Etix.com

RATES

Continued from Page 1

Genesee County water system as Fenton Township expands its Thompson Road Water Corridor Project. Genesee County began work on phase one in late November 2022.

The new water main will service residents in Mundy and Fenton townships, and will be located from the intersection of Baldwin and Fenton roads, heading south along Fenton Road to Thompson Road and west along Thompson Road to Jennings Road. Linden will connect to the system in the Ripley/Rolston Road area in a later phase.

For months during multiple meetings, Linden city councilors debated joining the county water system as opposed to maintaining and upgrading the in-house system. The water rates were going to be raised with either option.

“The various fee rates and water utility rate increase recommendations are based on multiple factors. The recommended increase addresses the past insufficient rate schedule and aligns fully with future capital improvement costs,” according to a memo from City

Manager Ellen Glass and City Treasurer Brooke Card.

At the October 2022 meeting, Glass and Don Grice, public works director, prepared a letter to city council explaining why they recommended joining the county water system.

“This new connection option would replace the need of internal improvements to existing wells and the addition of two new water towers. The projected costs to connect to the County Water System is projected to be approximately \$4.4 million,” according to the letter. “As has been highlighted in previous meetings, there are pros and cons for each option ... However, due to the lack of in-house redundancy, along with the ever-increasing complexities and legacy costs associated with maintaining a community water system, staff recommends connecting to the Genesee County Water System.”

From 2008 to 2016, the city did not implement any water rate changes in quarterly water billing. In 2017, there was a 5.6% increase, which was recommended by a rate study. There were 1% increases in 2019, 2020, 2021 and in 2022, they recommended a 2% increase

On Dec. 12, the council approved the water rate increases along with the rest of the 2023 fee schedule for the city, which includes permit fees, garbage pick-up fees, building permit fees and more. The entire schedule can be found at lindenmi.us. Councilor Elizabeth Armstrong was the only no vote. She cited the effects of inflation and seeing people struggle financially.

Dec. 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

Effective Dec. 1, 2022, the in-city rate for a single unit is \$4.75 per 100 CF. This is an \$0.8 increase from \$3.95. The duplex/multi-family base fee is \$8.38 per unit/meter size.

The current base fee for meters smaller than 1 inch is \$8.38 per unit. This is an increase from \$8.19. The 1-inch meter fee is \$20.83 per unit (an increase from \$20.64), the 2-inch meter fee is \$62.68 per unit (an increase from \$62.49), the 3-inch meter fee is \$142.88 per unit and the 4-inch meter fee is \$205.56 per unit (an increase from \$205.37.)

These fees will increase by \$0.19 twice this year.

The out-of-city use rates are \$6.70 per 100 CF plus 1.5x the base charge, which is an \$.80 increase.

June 1, 2023 to Nov. 31, 2023

Effective June 1, the in-city rate for a single unit will be \$5.55 per 100 CF, an increase of \$0.80. The base fee for meters smaller than 1 inch will increase to \$8.57 per unit. The 1-inch meter rate will increase to \$21.01 per unit, the 2-inch meter rate will increase to \$62.87 per unit, the 3-inch meter rate will increase to \$143.07 and the 4-inch meter rate will increase to \$205.75 per unit.

The duplex/multi-family base fee will increase by \$0.19 to \$8.57 per unit.

The out-of-city use rates will increase by \$0.80 to \$7.50 per 100 CF plus 1.5x the base charge.

The city collects water rate fees quarterly in January, April, July and October. Card said rates for the period of Dec. 1, 2022 to Feb. 28, 2023 will be collected on April 1. The second increase will affect billing dates for June 1 to Aug. 1 and will be reflected on the Oct. 1 bill.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Getting rid of Christmas trees

Linden City residents have two more opportunities to have their Christmas tree picked up. Place the tree outside on Wednesday, Jan. 4 or Wednesday, Jan. 11 with the trash and Republic Services will pick it up. Remove all decorations first.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FLINT WOMAN ARRESTED IN FENTON FOR RETAIL FRAUD

At 3:14 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24, Fenton police were dispatched to Walmart on Owen Road for a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention employee had a 60-year-old Flint woman in custody. She reportedly had changed price tags so that items she was purchasing had a lower price and she was under-scanning items at the self-checkout. As she exited the store, the loss prevention employee confronted her and escorted her to the office. She had exited with \$214 worth of merchandise. A search of her purse resulted in the officer finding a metal container with OxyContin, a schedule II substance. She was released with pending charges of third-degree retail fraud and possession of the schedule II substance.

LINDEN MAN ARRESTED AFTER BEING SPOTTED URINATING IN STORE PARKING LOT

At 3:12 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, Fenton police were dispatched to the Walmart on Owen Road parking lot. A caller said there were two intoxicated people and the male was urinating by their vehicle, a Buick Regal. The officer spotted the vehicle on Jennings Road and initiated a traffic stop. A female was driving and the male passenger was drunk. A computer check on the passenger, a 22-year-old Linden man, showed he had a personal protection order against him by the female driving the car. He was arrested for violating the PPO and taken to the Fenton police station for booking and then the Genesee County Jail.

HONORING OUR VETERANS



Sponsored by Sharp Funeral Homes, the Tri-County Times is honoring a local veteran in every edition of the newspaper. The only criteria is that the veteran be honorably discharged. Let us honor you or the veteran in your life, past or present.

Please provide:

- Full name
- Hometown
- War or war era
- Branch of military
- Rank
- Years of service
- Honors or medals earned

Please email information and military photo to: news@tctimes.com




View all stories online at tctimes.com

Flint Institute of Arts receives grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council

By Sharon Stone

The Flint Institute of Arts has been awarded \$27,500 in grant funding from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC) with partial funding from the national Endowment for the Arts. The grant was awarded through the MACC peer review process of nearly 350 applications competing for fiscal year 2023 funding.

“The operating funds assist the FIA in fulfilling its mission to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions and educational programs, said Tracee Glab, FIA executive director.

The FIA serves a growing regional

audience with an annual attendance exceeding 125,000 visitors each year; educational programs that reach 30,000 annually and an Art School enrollment of more than 2,400. The FIA also has a permanent collection of 9,000 art works and offers a schedule of eight to 10 temporary exhibitions per year.

“We are grateful to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council for its recognition and support of the Flint Institute of Arts,” Glab said.

A complete list of grant awards around the state can be found at michiganbusiness.org/arts/#council-and-staff.

RESOLUTIONS

Continued from Page 3

Georgia State University. Beans are cheaper protein than meat, and they are full of fiber and other nutrients. To cut the sodium in canned beans, she said to rinse them before use.

Resolution #6: Find free or low-cost exercise classes

With the COVID-19 pandemic, online exercise choices exploded and many are free, including the Staying Fit section on AARP.org, which offers a selection of on-demand exercise videos. Senior Planet from AARP also has free online fitness and wellness sessions on weekdays and AARP’s Virtual Community Center has live exercise and wellness classes. For in-person classes, community recreation centers often provide classes at a bargain. In addition, many people 65 or older qualify for free online and in-person classes through their Medicare Advantage plans while some insurance companies give discounts on gym memberships.

Resolution #7: Volunteer at a theater or concert hall

If the sound of an orchestra tuning up makes you smile, but a glance at ticket prices at your local theater or concert hall gives you pause, consider volunteering as a ticket-taker or usher. You’ll get to enjoy the performances

and a mental health boost, from both the cultural experience and the volunteer work, studies suggest.

Resolution #8: Try pickleball

If you haven’t tried it, consider this wildly popular sport to get your heart beating and have some fun with friends. One reason for the craze is that the game is easy to learn and costs little. All you need is a paddle, a few people to play and a court — increasingly available year-round in gyms and community centers at a cost of \$8 to \$12 for an hour.

Resolution #9: Find your entertainment in nature

Instead of spending a pricey afternoon at the movies or in the mall, go to a park. Soaking up some nature can lower blood pressure and heart rate, reduce stress and improve memory, studies suggest. While out in nature, look and listen for birds. One study found that seeing and hearing birds boosted mental well-being, even in people with depression.

Resolution #10: Plan and grow a garden

Creating a natural oasis by planting flowers or food can provide a boost, physically and mentally. People who garden see reductions in depression, anxiety and body mass index, and increases in life satisfaction, quality of life and sense of community, research shows. Plus, those who grow food save money, too.

BRANDS

Continued from Page 4

some casual, one had a choir performance, one had a magician, one had a motivational speaker, one had vendors selling Christmas gifts. What remained steady was that each event honored its long-standing members, valuable volunteers and its leaders have taken the time to remind those in attendance why

the chamber exists.

Our team is proud to be chamber members and proud to partner with area chambers to keep connections strong in the communities we serve.

Tell me why you love being a chamber member. Email ecaswell@mi-homepaper.com. Happy New Year!

Emily Caswell is the brand manager at VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

SCHOOL BOARD

Continued from Page 1

the views and priorities of their community in the complex system of maintaining and running a district’s public schools, Ciesielski said. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan.

“Too often, the efforts of school board members go unrecognized,” Ciesielski said.

The school board’s main goal is to support student achievement, Ciesielski added. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district’s human and financial resources
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach

- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes

- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining, and revisiting issues related to student achievement

“Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part,” Ciesielski said. “No matter what challenges lie ahead for our district in 2023, our school board members will continue to govern to improve student achievement and provide an exceptional education for all our community’s children.”

The individuals serving Fenton Area Public Schools and their years of service are:

Dana Jones (eight years)

term ends Dec. 31, 2024

Pamela Dickie (six years)

term ends Dec. 31, 2024

Emily Rossmassler (four years)

term ends Dec. 31, 2026

Matthew Welch (two years)

term ends Dec. 31, 2026

Michael Pearce (first year)

term ends Dec. 31, 2028

Ashley Prew (first year)

term ends Dec. 31, 2028

Renee Juhl (first year)

term ends Dec. 31, 2028

The buck stays here!

Spend it here. Keep it here.
Invest In Your Community.



**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**STREET LIGHTING PROJECT - FAIRWAYS OF SPRING MEADOWS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the units in the Fairways of Spring Meadows condominium subdivision, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to install, operate and maintain street lights in the Fairways of Spring Meadows condominium subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

All units in the Fairways of Spring Meadows Condominium Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such improvements in the approximate amount of \$8,190 for street lights and installation and \$2,016 per year for operation and maintenance, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 17, 2023. At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE
FENTON, MI 48430-8817

'This was a complete surprise to us...'

■ Corporate closing all 155 Sears Hometown Stores including one in Fenton Township

By Sharon Stone

More than 100 independently owned and operated Sears Hometown Stores are winding down operations in 36 states, offering approximately \$40 million in inventory. Liquidation sales are underway at 115 Sears Hometown stores across 36 states and Puerto Rico.

The Sears Hometown Store on N. Fenton Road in Fenton Township is the last standing brick-and-mortar store in Michigan. Ala Hasan purchased the store from the previous owners in April 2022.

This comes after Hoffman Estates, Illinois-based Sears Authorized Hometown Stores, LLC, and affiliated debtor Sears Hometown, Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Dec. 12, 2022 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

As a response, on Dec. 20, 2022, Sears Authorized Hometown Stores, LLC and Sears Hometown Stores, Inc. filed suit against Transform KM LLC, Transform SR Acceptance LLC, Transform SR Holdings LLC, Transform SR LLC. The nature of the Dec. 20 complaint demands \$7,330,000, declaratory judgment, recovery of money/property and other actions against the defendants.

On Tuesday, Hasan said, "This was a complete surprise to us and we are truly saddened. We would like to thank all of our loyal customers for the past 13 years.

"We have not decided what direction we may go in the future."

Joint-venture partners Tiger Capital Group, SB360 Capital Partners and B. Riley Retail Solutions (a division of B. Riley Financial) are professionally managing the wind-down sales, working with Sears Hometown dealers.

"Shoppers who acquire higher-ticket

items such as riding lawn mowers or home appliances will still be able to protect those investments by purchasing an additional, third-party warranty," said Billy Nichols, senior vice president and director of merchandising for B. Riley Retail Solutions. "While the joint venture partners are managing the sales, local Sears Hometown dealers and associates will be on hand to provide advice and answer any questions consumers might have."

Gift cards will continue to be honored during the store-closing sales, which will be conducted during regular business hours at all 115 stores.

In a Dec. 15, 2022, article at retailwire.com, Reporter George Anderson outlined what was happening with the Sears Hometown Stores.

Anderson's article stated, "What is happening here is this company is going out of business," Mark Minuti, an attorney for Sears Hometown, said at the first bankruptcy hearing, according to Bloomberg. "Make no mistake about it: this is a sad day for our company."

The article stated, "The ending of Sears Hometown marks another disappointing and demoralizing chapter in the larger story of Sears under the control of Eddie Lampert. Sears Hometown, which was spun off by Sears Holdings in 2012, had around 1,250 stores operating in 2014 under the banners Sears Hometown Stores, Sears Home Appliance Showrooms, Sears Appliance & Hardware Stores and Sears Outlet Stores."

Anderson reported that "A 2020 Wall Street Journal article found Sears Hometown franchisees complaining about being squeezed by Sears. They reported having trouble getting the inventory they needed and then being penalized if they matched prices for products sold on sears.com. Tom Coulter, a franchisee in Vermont, told the Journal that his store went from being profitable to losing money in four years as a result."

LOCAL NEWS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Tri-County Times EZ Read online subscription

Subscribe
for only
\$9/YEAR!



Fenton defeated by D3 state power Detroit Loyola

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team faced off against one of Division 3's state contenders Detroit Loyola during the winter break and came back from The Holiday Extravaganza hosted by North Farmington High School with an 81-49 loss.

"They are one of the elite teams in the state. They are a definite contender in D3," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad

Logan said. "But we gave them a game. We were down in the teens most of the game, but then they had a 19-4 run in the last three minutes to pull away.

"It was good for the kids to be able to play in a game like this. There were a lot of good teams and it's fun playing these type of squads."

DeShawn Martin led Detroit Loyola

with 22 points. Jotham Nweke was force with his 6-foot-6 frame, netting 15 points.

The Tigers had their highlights. One was a Justin Banura slam dunk in traffic.

"He made a nice play and the next thing you knew he was dunking the basketball," Logan said.

Ja'Hion Bond led the Tigers with 12 points while Sam Dillard netted 11.



Sam Dillard II had 11 points in the Tigers' loss to Detroit Loyola. Photo: Christopher Summers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 | PAGE 11 | MYFENTON.COM/SPORTS

Sports Times

Blue Devils continue to impress over break

By David Troppens

Winter break was hardly a break for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The squad played two games between the holidays. The Blue Devils opened the holiday break at the Northville Tournament, defeating Novi 71-43 on Dec. 28. They closed it with a 63-47 victory against Cass Tech at the Motor City Roundball Classic on Dec. 30.

"I am very proud of their effort and their play," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said about the holiday games. "We have really stepped into our defensive mentality."

The Blue Devils (8-0) dominated Novi from the start, scoring the game's first nine points. Savannah Fellenbaum started the run with a post layup and Lake Fenton's press pretty much created the rest of the scoring chances. The next two points came on a Fellenbaum pass to Kendyl Smith for a layup and the next three on a Smith trey. The final two were set up by a Smith steal, eventually resulting in a Makenna Clement breaking

layup. Novi called a time out, but trailed 9-0 with 5:19 left in the first quarter. By the end of the first, Lake Fenton led 19-4.

Novi tried to fight back into the contest, trailing 25-12 after a hoop with five minutes left in the first half. However, the Blue Devils finished the half with a 16-0 run. The run started with a Fellenbaum layup and concluded with a Smith three-pointer at the halftime buzzer. Lake Fenton led 41-12 at the break. The competitive phase of the game was effectively over.

Smith finished the contest with a game-high 19 points. Nine of her points came on 3-of-4 shooting from behind the three-point arc. Clement netted 10 points while Emerson Baker and Fellenbaum had nine points each. All of Baker's points came on treys. Baker and Fellenbaum led the team with four assists each while Kendyl Smith and Amaya Smith had three each.

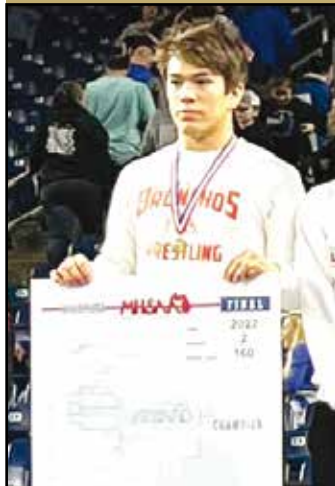
Defensively, Lake Fenton had 21 steals with Ella Prevost, Parker Beardsley, Clement, Baker, Fellenbaum and Kendyl Smith having three



(Above photo) Lake Fenton's Amaya Smith plays defense in the Blue Devils' victory against Cass Tech. (Right) Kendyl Smith finished with 19 points against Cass Tech. Photos: Mark Bolen



each. Fellenbaum also had two blocked shots. The Blue Devils posted those defensive numbers and recorded just 11 See **DEVILS** on 13



Holly's Jacob Gonzales won his third straight individual state wrestling championship in March, creating one of 2022's greatest tri-county athletic highlights.

Gonzales's third state title leads 2022's top area stories

By David Troppens

There have been plenty of outstanding wrestlers that have come through the halls at Holly High School.

In March, arguably the greatest of them all completed his career with his third consecutive individual state championship.

Jacob Gonzales defeated Paw Paw's William Bradley in the D2 160-pound state final to earn his third championship. He won the match by a 7-3 decision.

See **GONZALES** on 12

A look back at tri-county sports in 2022

Life started getting back to normal in the prep athletic world for the first time since COVID in 2022 and there were some nice highlights. The Spencer brothers continued their

climbs in professional boxing. Two area football teams brought in new coaches and led their teams to the state playoffs. A relay team won a second straight state championship,

and a wrestler won his third straight state title. The area also said good bye to a legendary coach from the soccer pitch as well.

Usually the sports staff ranks our

top stories. This year we won't do that. Let's take one last look back at the sports world in the tri-county area during 2022 during the next two pages.

Sullivan resigns Fenton soccer positions

By David Troppens

For the entire 21st century, when one mentioned Fenton's soccer programs one name came to mind — Matt Sullivan.

His tenure came to an end after the 2022 varsity girls season. Quietly, Fenton's legendary soccer coach resigned the varsity boys and girls soccer positions. He had led the Fenton varsity programs to a combined 16 Flint Metro League championships and 19 district titles.

He also earned five regional trophies. His greatest season was mentoring the 2015 girls squad to the D2 state championship game.

Anyone that has followed the Fenton soccer programs understand that the wins and losses aren't what define either varsity program — it's the fun the teams had together. And through that enjoyment, the



Fenton varsity boys and girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan resigned his varsity coaching positions in 2022.

victories and championships happened.

"Obviously, I will miss the kids and my coaches most," Sullivan said. "I will miss all the great Linden-Fenton games and going against (Linden varsity soccer coach) Kevin Fiebernitz. The upsets and long playoff runs were so special, but nothing compares to the relationships that I got to form with the kids."

Fenton softball overcomes adversity, slow start to earn regional championship

By David Troppens

The season began with turmoil, more losses than expected and the loss of a coach.

But before the 2022 spring season was over, the Fenton varsity softball team made a turnaround that was downright memorable.

The Tigers captured a D1 regional championship by beating Midland and Grand Blanc as the season was closing.

First it was Tammy Craven's strong pitching that led the Tigers to a 4-2 victory against Midland in the regional semifinal held at Grand Blanc High School. She tossed a two-hit complete game.

In the nightcap, Craven pitched a second complete game and Lily Turkowski provided the big hit — she plated the go-

ahead run with a fourth-inning home run.

"I was probably the most excited person in the vicinity," Turkowski said. "I was so excited."

"I was feeling it on the mound," Craven said. "But my team had my back every single time, which made me so happy and so proud."

Fenton ended the season with a 26-15 overall record with interim coach Tom Bertschy leading the way.

"We had a lot of bumps in the road with the coaching and everything," senior Madi Best said. "We lost our head coach and our assistants stepped it up and made us stronger. We wanted to fight. We deserved (a regional) title. We knew we needed it."

And they got it.



Joey Spencer (left) and Mickel Spencer (right) remained perfect during their professional boxing careers during 2022. Photo: Stephanie Trapp

Linden's brother boxers continue their progress, remain undefeated

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer and younger brother Mickel Spencer continued their professional boxing careers and remain undefeated.

The end of 2022 sees Joey Spencer's career poised to see some big things happen in 2023 if his fights go according to plan due to his success last year.

Spencer defeated Ravshan Hudaynazarov (19-5-0) by unanimous decision on March 26 and then defeated Kevin Salgado Zambrano (14-1-1) Zambrano also by unanimous decision on Sept. 4 in what was Spencer's first 10-round fight of his professional career.

Spencer, who usually has his fights

broadcast somewhere on the Fox Sports Network, is now 16-0 with 10 knockouts. The Linden resident that goes by the nickname "The Small Town Soldier" continues to create must-see sports action in the tri-county area any time he fights.

Mickel Spencer is only 18 and spent a good chunk of 2022 nursing a hand injury. However, he experienced his second professional bout of his career, earning a knockout victory of Deljerro Revello, on the same Sept. 22 card Joey was on.

So when we may see them fight again? Don't be shocked if both brothers fight on the same card once again sometime in March.

GONZALES

Continued from Page 11

"It feels amazing to finish my high school career the best I could after a couple of close mistakes my freshman year," said the athlete who now wrestles at Brown University. "I've dreamt of winning the most (state championships) in Holly history since I knew it was possible, and to actually put it all together and have such a career

makes me so thankful to everyone who helped out."

Gonzales finished his senior year with a 49-0 record and a 176-3 record overall. He was a four-time All-State wrestler.

Another to watch out for — Linden resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Heethuis won his second individual state championship, earning his at the D1 level in the 119-pound weight class a year ago.



Linden's defending 400 meter relay state championship team in 2022 consisted of (from left) Hannah Wasilewski, Victoria Osmond, Lauren Goodman and Isabella Sigsby.

Linden girls 400 relay team defends state championship

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls 400-meter relay team did it again during the spring of 2022.

After winning the 2021 D2 state championship, the 2022 repeated the feat.

Two of the girls — Victoria Osmond and Lauren Goodman — knew what the experience felt like before winning it in 2022. They were part of 2021 relay team. In 2022, they teamed with Hannah Wasilewski and Isabella Sigsby to win the final race with a time of 49.41 seconds.

"It felt amazing," Osmond said. "Coming into the season,

I didn't know what to expect, but I am so happy with the outcome. I feel like the program was able to repeat due to all of the support our program had. ... Our support system consisted of coaches, family, other teammate, parents and friends."

A year ago, Lani Manners and Kennedy Hoose were part of the winning relay, helping the squad to a time of 50.36 seconds in the final.

Another huge highlight for the Linden varsity girls track team was capturing the program's first-ever team regional championship.

DEVILS

Continued from Page 11

personal fouls in the contest.

The victory against Cass Tech didn't come as easily. Six-foot-1 post player Kayla Mount presented a problem for the Blue Devils early on as Cass Tech scored the game's first eight points. Mount netted eight first-quarter points. Lake Fenton trailed 16-8 until Kendyl Smith nailed a three-pointer at the first-quarter buzzer. That cut the gap to 16-11 after one period.

Lake Fenton's offense got cooking in the second quarter.

The Blue Devils began the second quarter on a 10-5 run, tying the contest for the first time at 21-all. The game was also tied at 23-all. Lake Fenton's first lead was established on a three-pointer by Smith, making it a 26-23 edge. Lake Fenton went on to take a 31-27 lead at half-time.

The Blue Devils' defense made sure the Blue Devils never lost control of the game from there. Lake Fenton held Cass Tech to just eight third-quarter points while Lake Fenton scored 18, giving Lake Fenton a 49-35. During that quarter, Smith netted seven points while Clement

and Ella Prevost each had three-pointers.

Smith earned MVP honors, finishing with a team-high 19 points. Prevost had 11 points while Clement netted nine points. Fellenbaum chipped in eight points while Amaya Smith had seven.

Lake Fenton has defeated three opponents (Linden, Frankenmuth and Grosse Pointe North) who have won all of their other contests besides their game with the Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton hosts tri-county rival Fenton on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Coaches change culture for two football teams

By David Troppens

The Linden and Holly varsity football programs entered the 2022 school year needing some sort of positive momentum.

Linden lost legendary coach Denny Hopkins and was coming off of losing seasons in three of the last four years. Meanwhile, Holly hadn't experienced more than a three-win season since going 5-4 in 2017.

Both programs got what they needed with new head coaches. Chad Williams was the man for Linden and Billy Keenist Jr. was the mentor for Holly. Both had strong first seasons that included invitations to the D3 state playoffs, the first for Holly since 2015 and the first for Linden since 2017 (not including the 2020 season which every squad qualified for the playoffs).

The Eagles ended up finishing the season with a 7-5 overall record, a co-Flint Metro League Stripes Division title and ended up hosting the Metro League Championship game against Goodrich. The Eagles lost that title game 21-0, and actually entered the playoffs with a 5-4 record, but then earned a D3 district title by beating Haslett 35-14 and Fenton 25-7. Their tourney run ended in the regional championship round, losing to DeWitt 29-16. It was the first time since 2017 the Eagles played in a regional championship game.

Holly's success wasn't at that level, but it was noteworthy as well under Keenist. The Bronchos went 4-5 during the regular season (most wins since 2017) and then faced Fenton in the opening round of the playoffs.

CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM

Linden volleyball wins Metro championship

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team has had some solid squads over the years.

However, the Eagles had never won a Metro League title — at least not until 2022.

The Eagles not only won their first-ever Flint Metro League Stripes Division title with a 10-0 record, but also won the first-ever Flint Metro League championship match against Lake Fenton, earning the league title they've been trying to get since Linden joined the Metro.

Linden defeated Fenton 25-19, 25-23, 25-19 for the Stripes Division crown, earning the squad a spot in the title match against the Blue Devils.

Once there, the Eagles beat the Blue Devils 25-18, 18-25, 25-23, 25-23.

Lake Fenton at one time trailed 13-4 in the fourth set, but the Eagles came back and edged out the final set for the match victory.

"It's definitely exciting. We are super proud of ourselves," senior Hannah Wasilewski said. "This is all we've been

working for. We've been practicing for this moment and for it to finally come true and make that comeback was pretty impressive."

"I am kind of in awe," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said. "And to come from behind like that, it's pretty special. It means a lot for sure. This is our first-ever Metro title and it's the first ever league championship match. To make history like that with this team is pretty special."



Savannah Fellenbaum drives to the bucket in the Blue Devils' 63-47 victory against Cass Tech. Photo: Mark Bolen

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT:
810-433-6787

REAL ESTATE | GARAGE SALES
JOB OPENINGS
SERVICE DIRECTORY | PUZZLES
OBITUARIES

Times

DEADLINES: **SUNDAY PAPER:** Display Ads: Wednesday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Thursday • **WEDNESDAY PAPER:** Display Ads: Monday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Tuesday

Employment

Times

NOW HIRING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS * WELDERS*
BUILDERS* ELECTRICIANS* CONTROL
ENGINEERS* PNEUMATICS TECH*
MACHINISTS* PLC PROGRAMMERS
Medical, Dental, Vision, HSA, 401K, 40+ hours
weekly. Check us out at www.spentechusa.com
email wanda@spentechusa.com

LOCAL LAWN AND SNOW

business looking to
hire dependable
help for lawn
maintenance,
landscaping and
snow removal.
Pay is based on
knowledge of trade,
flexible hours and
seniors welcome.
Call 810-275-4241.

FURNITURE

TWO MATCHING CHINA DISPLAY CABINETS.

Excellent condition,
5 glass shelves,
mirrored back, 2
setting on overhead
light, \$125 each,
(79 1/2" h x 26" w x
10 1/2" d).
Pick up only in Holly
248-701-3529.



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



INVITATION TO BID

MTA Hydrogen Fueling Station Expansion RFP #
2022-13

Location: MTA Grand Blanc Township Alternative
Fuels Facility

5051 S. Dort Highway, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48507.

Trillium is soliciting qualified DBE firms to provide
services in the development of a hydrogen fueling
station expansion at the MTA Grand Blanc Township
Alternative Fuels Facility. Trillium is seeking Electrical
Contractors, Mechanical Contractors with hydrogen
equipment experience, and Civil Contractors for
pavement, demolition, and grading work.

Submission Requirements To be considered,
proposals must be received by Trillium by Thursday,
January 5th, 2023. Proposals must be clearly
marked "MI-MTA Hydrogen Station RFP# 2022-13"
and submitted via email to:
DBSsales@trilliumenergy.com.

The RFP, Contract Documents and Preliminary
plans can be obtained electronically on the Bidnet
Direct website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/>
or requested via email at DBSsales@trilliumenergy.com

Service Directory

Times

VIEW CLASSIFIEDS ONLINE. TCTIMES.COM

FENCING

**FENTON
FENCE
Company**
All types of fencing!
810-735-7967

HANDYMAN

HANDYMAN MIKE
All Types of
HOME IMPROVEMENTS
GIVE US A CALL,
WE DO IT ALL!
Mike Shuert
810-964-9559
Matt Shuert
810-964-9511

STUMP GRINDING

HOME REPAIRS
You Name It, We Can Help.
- No Job Too Small -
DECKS
ROOFING • SIDING
PAINTING • DRYWALL
FLOORING • DOORS
Licensed & Insured 40 Years Experience
- Best Prices -
KITCHEN & BATH
Remodeling
REGIONAL
MAINTENANCE &
IMPROVEMENTS
810-234-3400

BIG or small
WE GRIND
THEM ALL!
FREE
ESTIMATES
SMALL TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL
Small Yard Accessible
**DS STUMP
GRINDING**
810.730.7262 • 810.629.9215
- FULLY INSURED -

KING FEATURES

Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Dallas cager, for short

4 Reindeer herder

8 Persian leader

12 Hit CBS series

13 Vicinity

14 Roof overhang

15 Like some salad dressings

17 Frat letters

18 Duo

19 Sikhs' headwear

21 Enjoy, as fine food

24 Luau bowlful

25 Guitar's kin

26 Yule quaff

28 Desert flora

32 Simple

34 Drench

36 Lunch hour

37 Pesto herb

39 Super Bowl VIP

41 P followers

42 Joke

44 Learned one

46 Sans

50 Lucy of "Elementary"

51 Coup d' —

52 "Deathtrap" playwright

56 Impetuous

57 Toy block name

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13				14				
15			16				17				
		18			19		20				
21	22			23		24					
25			26		27		28		29	30	31
32			33		34		35		36		
37			38		39		40		41		
			42		43		44		45		
46	47	48			49		50				
51					52		53			54	55
56					57				58		
59					60					61	

58 Here, to Henri

59 BPOE members

60 Beloved

61 Fanatic

DOWN

1 Roman 1105

2 "— was saying ..."

3 Wine producers

4 Snorkeling site

5 Altar constellation

6 Impudent

7 Settle a debt

8 Belgrade native

9 "Funny!"

10 Bard's river

11 Big name in oil

16 Farm female

20 Sinbad's bird

21 — luck (accidental success)

22 Furniture brand

23 At once

27 Jewel

29 French chicken dish

30 Undecided

31 "Meet Me — Louis"

33 Pizza slices,

often

35 Sports bar sets

38 Asian language

40 Wan quality

43 Screen Actors —

45 Compete

46 Existed

47 Slanted type (Abbr.)

48 Chore

49 Sloth's home

53 Khan title

54 Post-op area

55 Little louse

CROSSWORD PUZZLES SPONSORED BY

256 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton MI 48430 • 810-629-8282

© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc. • Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

Midweek Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

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

6		9	7					4
		4		9		2		
	3				8		7	
	1				9	6		8
5			8			1		
		2		1			5	
3				5				1
	2		3					4
		6		7	4	3		

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

SUDOKU PUZZLE SPONSORED BY

DORTONLINE.ORG

800.521.3796

© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc. by Linda Thistle • Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

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

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

JUMBLE PUZZLE SPONSORED BY

FREE ESTIMATES INSURED

810-730-7262
810-629-9215

Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

©2019 Tribune Content Agency, LLC. All Rights Reserved.

PORAN

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

SITOH

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

RETVDI

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

CRAEDA

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

You've been pacing out in the hall. What can I do for you? Um, Well, I was thinking something.

HE WANTED TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF A PAY INCREASE BUT WAS AFRAID TO —

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

Horoscopes

For the week of **January 2, 2023**

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20

Sometimes you have to hold some things in to safeguard others from sticky situations. It can be tricky keeping secrets, but this week it is for the best.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21

Gemini, change your schedule or your scenery, especially if you feel like you are in a rut. All it may take is one modification to bring on an entirely new perspective.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23

Prioritize getting your finances or your scenery, especially if you feel like you are in a rut. Make this one New Year's resolution that you maintain; otherwise, you may have financial troubles in the months to come.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there are a lot of people in your corner right now who are willing to pitch in when you need help. If you encounter an obstacle, just ask for assistance.

CANCER
June 22/July 22

If a person comes to you needing a friend in the next few days, resist the urge to offer advice. Simply listen and provide companionship. This is all the person needs at the moment.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22

A few opportunities are coming your way in regard to your career, Virgo. Sort through all of the offers and figure out what works best for your situation.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, there is a lot of momentum around you, but for some reason you cannot find your footing. Sooner than later you'll find your path and will be moving along.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22

Take charge of your priorities, Scorpio. It can be easy to get swept away in other people's drama. Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish and start working.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, people are expecting much of you this week, especially higher-ups at work. You may need to find the motivation to keep going. The end result will be worth it.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20

Family time is a hot commodity for you right now, Capricorn. Even after the holidays, you have a few other events on the calendar that will bring relatives together.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18

It can be difficult to let things go and trust other people. However, the free time that you'll get will enable you to tackle other items on your to-do list, Aquarius.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20

If you are thinking about going back to school or learning a new skill, this is the time to do it, Pisces. Start shopping around for programs.

New Years
**MATTRESS
 BLOWOUT**
 UP TO 50% OFF!

Van Ryan's
Sleep SHOP



Sealy
*Firm or Soft
 Advanced Comfort*

Was \$1499 *Now \$799*

Serta
Blow-Out Deals

Queens Starting At \$399

Serta
Pillow Top Serta

Was \$1299 *50% off* *Now \$699*

TEMPUR-PEDIC
SLEEP HOT?

breeze°
 FEELS UP TO
8° COOLER

BedTech
Adjustable Bases

Save \$2000 On Select Sets

9093

BedTech
KIDS TECH

*WATER-PROOF WASHABLE COVER
 8in HI-Density Foam Twin*

Was \$499 *Now \$199*

Van Ryan's
Sleep SHOP

989-494-0060
 1729 E Main St,
 Owosso Mi 48867
 OWOSSO

810-780-4475
 4357 Miller Rd,
 Flint Mi 48503
 FLINT

810-354-8087
 17175 Silver Pkwy,
 Fenton Mi 48430
 FENTON

*Buy Now For Major
 Discounts*

Stop Counting Sheep