

'Ultimately, this property is going to sell'

■ Residents, trustees discuss application for boat facility potentially relocating to Silver Lake Road

By Hannah Ball

Could the former Silver Lake Stables

property be turned into a marine services and boat storage facility?

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the first reading on a request to rezone the former Silver Lake Stables property off Silver Lake Road from agricultural to C-2, general commercial with limitations. The

near 24-acre parcel is currently owned by SL Farms LLC, which is owned by Phil Hagerman.

He wishes to sell the land at 15135 Pinewood Trail to Fenton native Jeff Nichols, owner of Aqua Sports Marine, who plans to move his Thompson Road business to Silver Lake Road due to lack

of space. The rezoning request includes limiting the use to marine sales and services with outdoor storage.

The township's master plan has identified the future land use for this property as medium density residential. Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said See **PROPERTY** on 9



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Man shoots self in leg while cleaning handgun

■ State police respond to home on Grange Hall Road in Holly Township

By Sharon Stone

Michigan State Police Metro North troopers were dispatched to a home in the 6200 block of Grange Hall Road in Holly Township at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4 for a possible suicidal individual.

While heading to the scene, further updates indicated a man had shot himself in the leg while cleaning a firearm. Upon arrival, troopers located the family on the premises who were all indicating the injured man was downstairs.

See **HANDGUN** on 10



Township water project expands

The Genesee County Drain Commission continues work on N. Fenton Road on Thursday, Jan. 5 to install a water main as part of phase one of the Thompson Road Corridor Water Project. In this phase, 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. See story on page 8. Photo: Hannah Ball

Township applies to use Price's Airport land for pathway

■ Most easements secured by SLPR to build pathway along Silver Lake Road

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township is taking steps to secure final easements and land agreements for the development of the State Bank Trail, a section of the LAFF Pathway.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved applying for an airport license agreement in order for the State Bank Trail to be partially constructed on Price's Airport at 618 Silver Lake Rd.

Ed Koledo, executive director at Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, said, "I'm happy to report tonight that of the 18 initial easements that See **PATHWAY** on 25



Will Raleigh (Holly HS students) selected to play for the 2023 MI All State Band. Thanking the three of you for the skills you share and your commitment. Our communities are blessed by you."

“I so enjoyed

Wednesdays TCT articles about Dawn Yankley (special ed teacher at Linden) and Makenzie Barber and

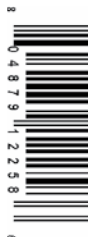
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inflation adjusted gas tax. Michigan's gas tax increased from 27.2 cents/gallon to 28.6 cents/gallon Jan. 1. State law signed by Gov. Rick Snyder automatically increases the gas tax each year, starting in 2022. It goes up by either 5% or the inflation rate, whichever is lower.”



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What to keep in your car emergency kit

■ Items to keep in vehicle during winter

By Hannah Ball

What should you keep in your vehicle's emergency kit?

Winter is an especially dangerous time on the roads with icy and cold conditions that can lead to accidents.

There are multiple reasons to maintain a car emergency kit. Your vehicle breaks down. You run out of gas. You see someone else stranded and want to help. Your vehicle is stuck on an icy patch. There's a crash on the highway and you get stuck behind it while emergency personnel cleans up the scene.

Last winter, hundreds of drivers were stranded for more than 24 hours on I-95 in Virginia after a snowstorm caused multiple crashes. Many people abandoned their cars and others spent the night on the backed up highway.

What to keep in your car emergency kit:

Kitty litter

When the roads are icy and wheels are having trouble gaining traction, pour kitty litter on the ice or snow.

Windshield scraper

To ensure drivers have as much visibility as they can on the road, they should scrape off all the ice they can



Traffic was stopped for hours as the Fenton fire and police departments handled a fatal, multi-vehicle crash on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 on northbound U.S. 23, near South Long Lake Road.

from their front and back windshields and other windows.

Flashlight

The sun sets early in winter. Keeping a flashlight in your vehicle will help you see when it's dark if you have to leave your vehicle.

Snacks and water

Make sure to keep protein-enriched snacks and a few water bottles in your vehicle in case you get stranded.

Blanket

Frostbite can lead to permanent damage to your body. It commonly affects the nose, ears, fingers, toes, cheeks, chin and other exposed body parts. Keep a blanket in your backseat or truck in case you're

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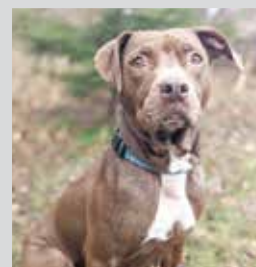
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David's Dabblings

To this moment, I have yet to see a replay of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin going to the ground and being administered CPR on the football field during the Monday Night Football broadcast. Apparently, we just missed it. I was turning on the TV to watch the Pistons' game and the TV just happened to be on a station saying the game was being suspended. I found that a weird, so I turned the game on to see what happened and figured it out pretty quickly.

As Lions' fans, we know what tragedy like this feels like on the football field. Twice, I've attended games that had horrible incidents similar to this. The first was Mike Utley in November 1991. Utley, an offensive lineman, fell to the ground finishing a block during a passing play early in the fourth quarter. He remains paralyzed to this day.

However, at least during that injury, Utley gave all those in the Silverdome a 'thumbs up' as he was carted off the field. At least it seemed at that time his life wasn't in jeopardy when he left.

The other was in 1997 during the final regular season game against the New York Jets. Lions' linebacker Reggie Brown went down on the field and remained there for about 17 minutes,



David Troppens
Sports Editor

Don't believe the NFL, history suggests they wanted to finish Monday Night's game

seemingly lifeless at times. He was administered CPR on the field with those on the field obviously distraught.

This wasn't any typical regular season game. The winner qualified for the playoffs and the loser went home. Barry Sanders was gunning for 2,000 rushing yards and during the plays prior to the injury, the Silverdome was

the loudest I ever heard it. The moment the injury happened, it was complete silence.

Another incident happened in 1971 that many grizzled veteran Lions' fans probably remember. Lions' wide receiver Chuck Hughes died of a heart attack on the field at Tiger Stadium during a contest with the Bears. The game was continued until its conclusion just slightly more than a minute of game time later.

Knowing these instances (and actually witnessing two myself) I found it odd that we heard constant discussions from the broadcast, from news reports, from players and from others that they had never witnessed something like this or ever heard of this happening before. For certain, Lions' fans who are in their 30s and older immediately had visions pop up in our heads of Hughes, Utley and Brown. For me, the Brown

images still remain. We had no clue of his physical welfare, but less than 20 minutes later, the teams were playing again.

Second, when I heard that ESPN announcer said the NFL said players had five minutes to warm up in order to continue the game, I completely believed them. Why wouldn't that have been what the NFL instructed the teams to do? That's what happened during the three other scenarios.

To this day, the Reggie Brown injury game is a huge bag of twisted emotions for me. It's one of the greatest Lions' games I've ever attended. It was also one of the loudest. But, for more than 15 minutes it was one of the most horrifying games as well. It's amazing that game was completed.

I actually recorded that game. I've seen the ups and the downs of that game many times. When the Brown injury happens, I watch the whole situation. For me that DVD of the game is a constant reminder of what makes football so awesome, yet so horrifying at the same time. It's a brutal sport that takes a horrible toll on each player's bodies during a career. It's Brown's injury that made me realize when Sanders shockingly retired why I didn't say a word against him — as many idiot Lions' fans did. This

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WE HAVE HAD problems with those kids throwing our trash can into the street and other issues. Between them and those teenage girls in the area, no one can be safe putting their trash out until after they all have made it to school.

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IS NO ONE standing up against the overreach of the federal government renaming a lake?

SO NOW GM has gone over to the woke side. Saw on news they are sending schools books on LGBTQ. Our kids don't need those kinds of books in school libraries. Messing with their heads GM should stick to making cars not trash books. No more GM cars for me.

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

What exotic animal would you keep as a pet if you could? | streettalk



"I grew up with two coyotes, two foxes and a raccoon! When I was 10, I wanted a penguin....I had it all figured out, he could live in our bathtub filled with ice."

Cherie Smith
Fenton



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"I wouldn't want to keep him but would love to live by the gulf and befriend a dolphin that would come visit and talk to me often...maybe bring his family and entertain me with their antics...I guess like Flipper!"

Debra Christman, Fenton

Hit-and-run vehicle seized

■ Oakland County Sheriff's investigators identify person of interest

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, Jan. 5, Oakland County Sheriff's Office Investigators seized a late model white BMW sedan, which they believe struck and killed a Shelby Township man early Sunday morning, Jan. 1, in Oakland Township.

The BMW 3-Series sedan was found at a residence not far from the crash scene at Rochester Road and Whims Lane in Oakland Township. Investigators also identified an Oakland Township resident as person of interest in the crash. No arrests have been made as the case remains under investigation.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard credited a concerned citizen with providing important information which led to the seizure of the vehicle.

"I knew the community would do everything they could to help us locate the driver involved in this tragic death," Bouchard said. "We greatly appreciate

when people step up and I am optimistic that we are headed down the right path."

The crash happened at approximately 5:49 a.m. Sunday and took the life of 22-year-old Benjamin Kable. Investigators believed a woman of Asian descent and in her mid-30s was operating a light-colored BMW 3-Series sedan from model years 2016 to 2018 when it struck Kable, who was a pedestrian in the south-bound lane of Rochester Road. Kable was pronounced dead at the scene. It was not known if he was standing or walking in the roadway when he was hit. The speed limit where the crash occurred is 50 mph.

Kable was attending Michigan State University working toward his electrical engineering degree. He was home from school for the holidays when he was struck by the car.

Investigators said the vehicle involved likely had damage to its hood and front bumper, was missing the right front grille and a portion of the left front grille. The driver of the BMW fled the scene after the crash.



Benjamin Kable, 22



A white, grey or silver BMW 3-Series, similar to the one shown here, likely has damage to its hood and front bumper, is missing the right front grille and a portion of the left front grille following a hit-and-run crash in Oakland Township at 5:49 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

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JAN. 8

2016: In the early hours, Mexican authorities apprehend the drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán. It was the third time that the law caught up to El Chapo, a figure whose crimes, influence and mystique rival those of Pablo Escobar. Guzmán became involved in the drug trade as a child, dealing in cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and amphetamines. He became the leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, the wealthiest and most powerful cartel in Mexico. After his arrest in Guatemala in 1993, Guzmán was extradited to Mexico and sentenced to over 20 years in prison. Guzmán is currently held at ADX Florence, said to be the most secure prison in the federal penitentiary system, in Colorado.

JAN. 9

1493: Explorer Christopher Columbus, sailing near what is now the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" — in reality manatees — and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted." Six months earlier, Columbus (1451-1506) set off from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean with the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, hoping to find a western trade route to Asia. Instead, his voyage, the first of four he would make, led him to the Americas, or "New World."

JAN. 10

1901: A drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, coating the landscape for hundreds of feet and signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser was discovered at a depth of over 1,000 feet, flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap. Following the discovery, petroleum, which until that time had been used in the U.S. primarily as a lubricant and in kerosene for lamps, would become the main fuel source for new inventions such as cars and airplanes; coal-powered forms of transportation including ships and trains would also convert to the liquid fuel.

JAN. 11

1964: United States Surgeon General Luther Terry knew his report was a bombshell. He intentionally chose to release it Jan. 11, 1964, a Saturday, so as to limit its immediate effects on the stock market. It was on this date that, on behalf of the U.S. Government, Terry announced a definitive link between smoking and cancer. The link had long been suspected. Anecdotal evidence had always pointed to negative health effects from smoking, and by the 1930s, physicians were noticing an increase in lung cancer cases. The first medical studies that raised serious concerns were published in Great Britain in the late 1940s.

JAN. 12:

2010: Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover. Haiti has a history of seismic activity. Devastating earthquakes were recorded there in 1751, 1770, 1842 and 1946. The island of Hispaniola, which Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic, lies mostly between two large tectonic plates, the North American and the Caribbean. The Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince practically straddles this fault line. Despite this knowledge and warnings from seismologists that another earthquake was likely in the near future, the country's poverty meant that infrastructure and emergency services were not prepared to handle the effects of a natural disaster.

JAN. 13

1995: America3, (pronounced America Cubed) an all-female sailing team, wins the first race of the America's Cup defender trials, easily beating Team Dennis Conner by a little more than a minute. The team is the sport's first all-women team to compete in the 144-year history of the America's Cup, the world's oldest continually contested sporting trophy. America3 was the brainchild of Bill Koch, a millionaire businessman and skipper of the 1992 America's Cup-winning vessel. Koch wanted to pique American interest in the sport and field a competitive sailing team. So, he assembled a 23-member team that included female sailors, rowers and professional weightlifters to take on Conner's team in the defender trials.

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ZBA23-001 Signs by Crannie, Flint MI: Requesting a variance to allow a roof sign to match an existing roof sign at 15173 North Road, Parcel# 06-27-200-016.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. IN PERSON and by ZOOM Meeting. The public may participate in the meeting in person or via the following web link:

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Contractors will be responsible for the remodeling of the Mill Building main level bathroom. The contractor will be required to update the existing restroom facility with modern appurtenances and finishes and to bring within compliance of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and Michigan Barrier Free Requirements as contained within bid packet drawings. All work and work processes shall meet or exceed current building codes and standards. The affected area of the building is currently being utilized as a Genesee County Library branch and will remain open during construction. With that, contractors must work with library staff to limit the impact of the project for library visitors.

The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All successful bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback legislation; federal equal opportunity requirements; and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

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A copy of all Project and Contract Documents are on file and are available for inspection on and after Monday, January 9, 2023, at the following location:

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Township water project expands

■ Municipal water will service commercial, industrial and residential properties

By Hannah Ball

The Thompson Road Corridor Water Project is now officially expanded to three phases.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the 2022 Thompson Road Corridor Water Improvements Agreement, a revision for phase two of the project and the agreement for phase three.

Phases two and three are called the Southern Lakes Extension.

Each vote was 5-1. Trustee Robert Kesler was absent. The dissenting vote was Trustee Mark Goupil, who has spoken previously about opposing municipal water in the township in order to maintain the rural character.

“Everyone knows where I stand on water. I’m not for Linden connecting. I think 10, 20 years down the road we’re going to regret this,” Goupil said.

In October 2022, Linden City Council voted to join the Genesee County water system as Fenton Township expands its Thompson Road Water Corridor Project. Linden joining the project reduces the township costs by \$848,489.

In phase one, a 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.

Genesee County began work on phase one in late November 2022. For

phase one, there are 30 commercial properties, five industrial properties and 81 residences along the water line route, Broecker said. There are also multiple subdivisions along the route that could petition for a special assessment to connect to municipal water.

Phase One

The total estimated cost of the project is \$11,273,224. With \$6.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Genesee County, the projected cost of phase 1 is \$4,773,224.

Before Linden joined:

Fenton Township: \$3,508,319

Mundy Township: \$1,264,904

Linden: 0

After Linden joined:

Fenton Township: \$2,746,739

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Linden: \$1,145,573

Phase Two

The projected cost of phase 2 before Linden joined was \$4,744,425. With Linden joining, the cost is estimated to be \$5,036,736. This section of the project involves installing a water main extension from Torrey Road to Lahring Road to Jennings Road and back to Thompson Road to create a loop.

Before Linden joined

Fenton Township: \$4,773,224

Linden: \$0

After Linden joined

Phase Two

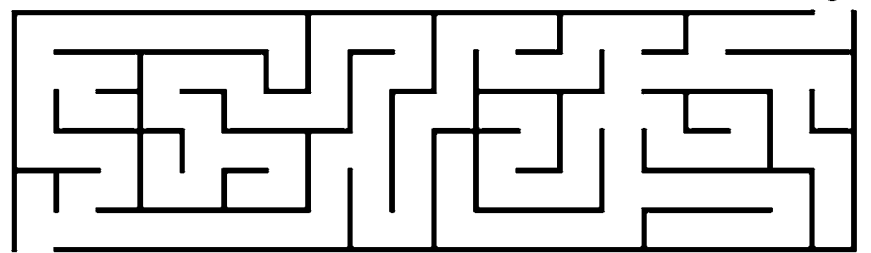
Fenton Township: \$3,547,803

Linden: \$1,488,932

Phase Three

The proposed cost of phase 3 is \$2,277,022. Fenton Township and Linden will each pay \$1,138,511. For this section of the project, they will install a water main along Lahring Road, south along Ripley Road and then west along Rolston Road.

Kids' Maze



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there are a few commercial uses allowed in AG, which typically fall under tourism. However, boat sales do not match with AG zoning.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended denial of the application. A few residents spoke out against the rezoning, citing concerns about property values, noise, traffic and the potential for a more disruptive commercial use in that area in the future.

Treasurer John Tucker, who's also a planning commissioner, said the rezoning request is not consistent with the master plan.

"I don't think the application is irrational in the sense of location and possible development of commercial areas in the township but that's not where we're at right now," he said. "Right now, the master plan says medium density residential. The question in my mind is 'is it consistent with that?'"

His opinion is aligned with the planning commission's recommendation and said the suggested use is not consistent.

Nichols recognized residents' concerns and reiterated that they plan to store all boats inside.

"The thought is we're going to be storing a lot of boats outside, and we are not," he said. He does not anticipate a noticeable increase in traffic and causing noise issues.

Nichols said he was born and raised on Silver Lake and used to ride his bike where Heritage Lane is now and before the houses were built.

"Progress is coming," he said. "At some point, that property's going to get sold and if we don't get approved to move the boat dealership there, it's going to break my heart to see a bunch of not as nice homes on that area or whatever else might show up there...I think some of the residents might be sorry if we don't get it."

Trustee Christine Reid asked if they planned to build additional indoor storage. Nichols said no.

"We want to keep the property exactly as it is. We want it to stay quiet. That's part of the feel that we're going for is to keep those barns exactly how they are," he said.

Wendy Domke, who spoke against the rezoning at the planning commission

meeting, said during the Jan. 3 meeting that she and the other neighbors bought property in this area for the "quaint, country" feel and proximity to the expressway.

She said the rezoning request was a more serious issue than when Hagerman applied for a special use permit to turn the barn into an event venue.

"Going from residential or agriculture to commercial scares me," she said, adding that Nichols has great ideas, but she has huge concerns with that future use of the property if it's zoned commercial.

Ken Ardle, whose property backs up to the barn, said his concerns are about allowing a commercial property in the middle of land used for residential property. He appreciates Nichols clarifying that boats will be kept inside.

Hagerman said while he recognizes that the township doesn't want to create any zoning holes, he truly believes in his heart that it is a "significantly different" and unique situation.

"This property has always been a commercial property," he said, adding that the previous owners had much more commercial use compared to them. "This barn has always always been a commercial facility."

Hagerman said there's far less traffic with the marina compared to a horse facility and that the land has never been used for agriculture in a traditional sense. He's had interested buyers and said the property will sell.

"There has been no interest in the property in a traditional horse sense. I've had lots of interest in the property in other uses that meet the special use permit. Ultimately, this property is going to sell. I believe in all my heart that the existing use that Jeff wants to use for this is a very high facility...he calls it the 'Apple store of boats,'" he said.

He said under a special use permit, it allows the property to be used for a number of uses that are commercial in nature, including kennels, landscaping, golf driving ranges and event venues. Hagerman believes the marina will be the least disruptive use.

Brad Shea, general manager at Aqua Sports Marine, said they would keep the property exactly as it is. They understand resident concerns and said part of the reason why they want this property is because it's what they're striving to achieve.

"We're willing to bend over backwards to make everybody happy because

Mott's National Society for Leadership and Success inducts 116 members

The Mott Community College Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Phi) inducted 116 new members for the fall semester and awarded two National Engaged Leaders Awards as well as one Advanced and one Executive Leadership Award Dec. 10 in the Ballenger Field House on the main campus in Flint.

The keynote speaker was Kevin Kramer, a graduate of Mott Community College and member of the NSLS Chapter of the Thumb Correctional Facility. Kramer is a health and wellness coordinator at an addiction recovery center in Lansing, as well as a small business owner and entrepreneur.

The induction event is the culmination of a semester of hard work by NSLS members. To qualify for NSLS, students

must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA and be enrolled for the fall and/or winter semesters. Once students complete the induction requirements, they become full-fledged members.

The local fall semester 2022 inductees are:

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Mabel Kiernicki
Nicole Baxter
Sara Sanchez
Shelby Simonds
Tatum LaClear

Linden

Hannah Barrie
John Smigielski
Megan Bishop

Davisburg

Madelyn Gray

LOOKING BACK

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1980: After being released from government control, gold reaches a new record price on this day, exceeding \$800 an ounce. Gold is scattered sparsely throughout the earth's crust and since ancient times has been treasured for both its scarcity and metallurgic properties. Before the 19th century, most nations maintained a bimetallic monetary system, which often

included gold but consisted mainly of silver. Beginning in Great Britain in 1821, units of currency were redeemable for a fixed quantity of gold, a change that Britain hoped would stabilize its rapidly growing economy. As the Industrial Revolution spread, other countries followed suit, and by the late 19th century, most industrialized nations were on the gold standard. In the new global economy, the common standard facilitated international monetary transactions and stabilized foreign exchange rates.

we certainly don't want to move into a turbulent situation where we're already at battle with our neighbors," he said.

Some residents spoke in support of the rezoning.

Sharon McAndrew, a resident of Pinewood Trail said she and her husband support the plans. She said Nichols has been a "long, upstanding citizen of Fenton" and is a man of his word.

"Silver Lake Road is not going to be any busier with that business in there," she said, adding that there are some neighbors who can barely see the barn that are against the rezoning. "I do not get that."

Her husband, Robert McAndrew, asked how many houses they could fit

in that space under the medium density residential zoning. Tucker estimated that number would be in the 30s.

"Twenty households coming in and out of that neighborhood is going to be far more significant and a lot less quaint than 100 boats for a season or whatever we're projecting," McAndrew said. "Every household's got a couple cars so now we're talking 50 or 60 cars."

Tucker explained that if the rezoning was approved and Nichols sold this property in the future, the conditional rezoning limits would prevent the property being used as anything other than marine sales and services with outdoor storage. The next owners would have to apply to change the allowed use.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

JANUARY 26, 2023

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA AND ELECTRONICALLY BY ZOOM. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

R23-001 Allore Sharp- Ruffy Ranch Retreat: Request for a Conditional Rezoning of 1220 Thompson Road from R-3, Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial for a commercial kennel and living quarters, parcel #06-01-200-015.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. by ZOOM video meeting and in person. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:

<http://bit.ly/FentonPC>

Or by telephone by calling into the following number:

Phone Number: (312)626-6799

Meeting ID: 998 2931 8197

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Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Comments received prior to 3:00 p.m. on January 26, 2023 are guaranteed to be received by the Planning Commission. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

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

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Dort Financial Credit Union acquires Flagler Bank in Florida

Transaction marks first bank acquisition for Dort Financial

On Dec. 12, Dort Financial Credit Union entered into an agreement with Flagler Bancshares Corporation to acquire Flagler Bank, which is headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida. The transaction, which would grow Dort Financial Credit Union's assets to nearly \$2 billion, requires approval by applicable bank and credit union regulators and Flagler Bancshares Corporation's stockholders.

Upon completion of the transaction, Flagler will operate as "Flagler Credit Union, a division of Dort Financial Credit Union," according to Dort Financial President and CEO Brian Waldron.

"We are working closely with current Flagler Bank CEO Edward Sterling and regulators on the merger," Waldron said. "This is a big step in Dort Financial's strategy, allowing us to better serve our members who spend winters in Florida. We also are excited about bringing our services to existing Flagler Bank customers and to potential members in the Palm Beach and surrounding counties."

Dort Financial Credit Union will operate Flagler Bank's four current branches and will be retaining Flagler Bank's employees to continue to serve its customers with expanded services.

"We plan to provide our full range of services to people in that region," Waldron added. "We also plan to provide that service with the same friendly people that Flagler Bank's customers are accustomed to seeing when they visit one of the branches."

Sterling, who will be staying on in an executive role, said Flagler Bank is

looking forward to the opportunity to join forces with Dort Financial.

"This is a great opportunity to provide our existing customers with expanded services and our employees with even better benefits as members of the Dort team," Sterling said. "We have been impressed with Dort Financial and we are really looking forward to the future as Flagler Credit Union as a division of Dort Financial. The credit union has a long history of supporting its members and the communities which it serves."

Dort Financial Credit Union Board Chairperson Wayne Natzke said he is also excited about the opportunity to have the credit union serve a new market.

"This is a great new chapter in the over 70-year history of Dort Financial," he added. "We are confident that we can provide great service to even more people in that area. We are looking forward to bringing these two organizations together. Dort Financial's focus has really been on serving consumers and Flagler has been very successful with meeting the needs of businesses in their region in Florida. It's a perfect combination."

"This growth allows us to live up to our mission by making our diverse suite of financial services and innovative technology as accessible as possible to residents and businesses in a new region in Florida," Waldron said.

The transaction is contingent on approval by Flagler shareholders and is expected to be completed in the second or early third quarter of 2023, subject to all required regulatory requirements and approvals and the fulfillment of all customary closing conditions.

HANDGUN

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Troopers made entry and located the injured man on the floor next to his bed. A .380 handgun was observed on the bed next to the subject and secured. The fire department arrived concurrently with troopers and waited for the scene to be secured before making entry.

EMS personnel applied a tourniquet to the subject and administered first aid. The man was transported to Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc Township for further treatment.

Troopers located a spent shell casing and magazine next to the bed. An investigators report will be submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Linden schools could join lawsuit against vaping company

■ Plaintiffs seek to hold company accountable for 'deceptive marketing practices' aimed at youth

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden Community Schools could join a nationwide lawsuit against companies that manufacture vaping products.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, the Linden Board of Education discussed participating in a lawsuit against JUUL Labs Inc. The ongoing litigation is taking place in a California federal court. More than 115 schools in Michigan alone have become litigants in the suit.

"I wouldn't say that (vaping) is not any bigger problem in Linden schools than anywhere else, but without knowing the long term health effects, it should be a concern for everyone," said Shari Luck, president of the school board.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classifies vapes as an electronic nicotine delivery system

(ENDS). They use an "e-liquid" that usually contains nicotine that comes from tobacco, along with flavoring and other ingredients. These devices often resemble USB flash drives, cigarettes or cigars.

The FDA has seen a "drastic increase" in youth use of e-cigarette products in recent years, and it's considered an epidemic. The 2022 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) on youth tobacco use found that more than 1 in 10 middle and high school students (3.08 million) had used a tobacco product during the past 30 days. This included 16.5% of high school and 4.5% of middle school students.

Additionally, more than 27% of youth e-cigarette users report using a device every day. Almost 85% of current users prefer flavored e-cigarettes. Fruit flavors are the most popular, followed by candy, desserts and other sweets.

Risks associated with long-term vaping for young people include nicotine addiction, lung injuries, mood disorders and permanent lowering of impulse

control, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS).

"The part of the brain that's responsible for decision making and impulse control is not yet fully developed during adolescence. Young people are more likely to take risks with their health and safety, including use of nicotine and other drugs. Youth and young adults are also uniquely at risk for long-term, long-lasting effects of exposing their developing brains to nicotine," according to USDHHS. "Nicotine also changes the way synapses are formed, which can harm the parts of the brain that control attention and learning."

The lawsuit seeks to hold JUUL accountable for "deceptive marketing tactics" that lead to a risk of serious health consequences.

California law firm Frantz Law Group is representing schools in the lawsuit.

"Not only has JUUL been accused of intentionally trying to sell its nicotine-laden vape devices to children and teens, but it has also been accused of

knowingly misrepresenting the safety — or lack of safety — of its products. With evidence building against JUUL, legal professionals like ours here at Frantz Law Group, APLC are hearing from people harmed through JUUL and e-cig usage, building claims on their behalves," according to their website.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said Thrun Law Firm, out of East Lansing, is facilitating contact between Frantz Law Group and Michigan schools. Thrun's role is to facilitate information. Linden Community Schools is a retainer client of Thrun Law Firm.

LCS wasn't involved in the original lawsuit. If the resolution is passed, LCS would be eligible for future damages. There's no cost to any community schools to join the lawsuit, which the district's lawyers recommended joining.

Multiple board members spoke in support and said vaping was a serious issue among the youth.

Trustee Steve Murphy said, "This is a serious problem and we need to take

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Snuggle Sacks provides care packages and hope to homeless

Every time you shop at Giving Grace Boutique on South Bridge Street in Linden, you're helping the homeless population.

The store, which sells apparel, jewelry, gift items and more, is owned and run by a local family of six, Sheridan Goss, Addisyn Goss, Jaxson Goss, Jason Goss, Stacy Daul and Andy Daul.

Proceeds from every sale go to their 501c3 nonprofit, Snuggle Sacks, which provides care packages to people experiencing homelessness in the Fenton, Linden, Flint, Lansing and Detroit areas. Visit "@GGBoutique106" on Facebook to learn more.

"We had a great holiday season," said Stacy Daul, who connects with community business and organizations. "We have been able to contribute to Snuggle Sacks with the proceeds of Giving Grace Boutique the last 13 months, which has always been the goal. We have established more relationships with local vendors, too!"

They love being a part of the Linden business community.

"It's where we live and work, and go to school. The community, including Fenton, has always been extremely supportive and we are so thankful for that," she said.

They originally started Snuggle Sacks in 2015 when Sheridan Goss, Jaxson Goss, and Addisyn Goss, just 8, 10 and 12 at the time, discovered their estranged grandfather was homeless. They researched, brainstormed and implemented a way to ease this harsh reality, and in the years that have followed, their idea has touched the lives of various communities.

Homelessness is a real and devastating issue in counties nationwide. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) reported that for every 100,000 residents, about 86 people are experiencing homelessness in Michigan. Medical emergencies, starvation and mental health issues are prevalent amongst many homeless individuals.



The Snuggle Sacks team tries to participate in any events put on through the Michigan Homeless Coalition, including meals in the parks, resource distribution events, job training and more. They also partner with many local shelters for events they host, like Winter Warmups (Carriage Town Ministries), and many others, Daul said.

"We are a big piece of the Point in Time Survey night, where volunteers scour the streets to find and speak to the homeless, in order to improve state programs. We are really at the mercy of donations ourselves, so we participate in many things when we can, and host them ourselves as well. We have our Tiny Pantry Program, Care Closets, etc.," she said.

The family is aware of the stigma associated with homelessness. Providing the homeless with essentials like clean clothes, blankets, toiletries and food, helps them take their lives back and

live a healthy life. Their work, however, cannot be done alone. Snuggle Sacks relies on volunteerism to achieve their goal.

Volunteers make up a majority of the Snuggle Sacks workforce. They assemble and distribute bags of supplies around their community. Call 810-919-9937 or email team@snuggle-sacks.org to get involved.

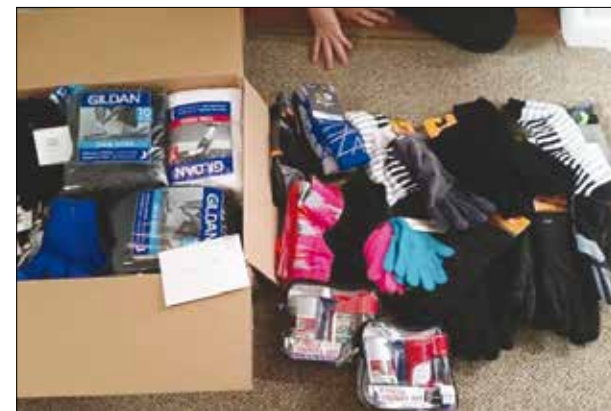
In addition to teams delivering sacks around the county, Snuggle Sacks has wooden structures, known as tiny pantries, around local Linden communities with full size toiletries and nonperishable products. Tiny pantries are unlocked, available 24/7, and refilled weekly — take a little, leave a little.

"Snuggle Sacks has become a part of who we are. Knowing we have been entrusted with the resources to help someone off the streets, or from poverty, and provide them with survival items, and the necessary means and resources to turn things around is something we will never take for granted," Daul said. "We all play our own roles to keep it operating smoothly, and we have become so close as a family because of it."

From its inception seven years ago, Snuggle Sacks now averages donating 700 sacks per month in the spring and summer and upwards of 1,200-1,500 in the fall and winter months. They're nearing 100,000 sacks donated, have offered medical services to 5,193 people and have served 29 communities.

In winter, these supplies are more needed than ever: instant coffee packets, ramen noodle cups, hand warmers, tissue packs, lip balm, gloves and more can be donated at Snuggle Sacks various drop-off locations. Visit snugglesacks.org and click on the "Take Action" tab to find your nearest location.

Want to get involved? Visit Snuggle Sacks Facebook, "@snugglesacksmi," to learn more.



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Fire station/MSP Post in Groveland Township sold

■ Plans set for MSP's new facility

By David Fleet

Groveland Twp. — At its meeting in December, the Groveland Township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the sale of Fire Station One/Michigan State Police Post, 14645 Dixie Highway.

The sale price is \$1.5 million submitted by local business owner Barry Bass. Bass, who attended meeting said he has no immediate plans for the property, however, the traffic flow along with the adjacent Holly Oaks ORV Park will be utilized in the business.

Township Supervisor Bob DePalma said the property was appraised with three methodologies; two of the appraisals came in around \$450,000 to \$500,000. The third appraisal, which recognized the value of the nearby Holly Oaks ORV Park, was about \$1.3 million.

Four or five individuals expressed interest in the property and tours were given, said DePalma.

“We stipulated, (to the buyers) give us your best offer and we can’t sell on a land contract,” he said. “All of the offers were



around \$450,000 to \$500,000. If it were that, we would not have done the deal. Bass is paying what the property is worth, keeps his commitments and his offer allows the township to stay in the building until the new station is done,” DePalma said.

“I feel very confident that Barry’s offer is by far the best,” DePalma said. “It’s good for Barry and good for the township. It represents a fair value on this (property). We gave other people a chance to bid.”

The \$1.5 million in proceeds from selling the building and property will facilitate some of the costs of the new building to be located on currently owned township

property. Groundbreaking is expected in the spring of 2023 and the new fire station/MSP outpost facility will be completed before evacuating the current Dixie Highway building.

Three bids were submitted for the new facility of which Bass was awarded the contract.

At a cost of \$2.9 million, the new township Fire Station One and Michigan State Police detachment plan was approved by Lansing and available at the township hall. The proceeds of the sale along with some of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds and township infrastructure money will be used to cover the balance for the new building. There will be no debt on the new building.

Plans to replace the aging 70-year-old structure have been ongoing for the past few years. The building was the township’s first fire station and was owned by Oakland County during the 1970s. The building was also a doctor’s office and at one time a Kaiser-Frazer car dealership. In 1952, the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation was renamed Kaiser Motors Corporation and continued building passenger cars through 1955.

DePalma said the new building will be more efficient compared to the current structure with several different heating systems.

The final plans for the 14,400 square feet single story building to be located on township property near the MABAS storage warehouse at 7337 Grange Hall Rd. will be on about two acres of township property. According to the plans, 7,610 square feet will house the fire department and 6,720 feet will be for the Michigan State Police.

The MSP section will include holding cells, an armory, and a shared training conference area. The fire department will include a garage for eight vehicles including ladder truck and EMS units, along with office space.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at 10:40 p.m., a Holly police officer saw a vehicle on Grange Hall Road at Saginaw Street sitting at a green light and not moving. The vehicle turned as the light was changing to red and began swerving in the lane. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as a 64-year-old Holly man. The driver had poor dexterity and displayed other signs of intoxication and failed sobriety tests. He was found to be over the legal limit and arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI).

HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at 3:29 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a domestic assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a man and woman who were arguing. The woman was intoxicated and very agitated. The man showed officers marks on his face where he said she punched him several times. Officers determined the 29-year-old woman was the aggressor and arrested her for domestic assault. She was lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending charges and arraignment.

ERRATIC DRIVING LEADS TO OWI ARREST

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, at 2:32 a.m., a Holly police officer observed a vehicle speeding while driving south on Saginaw Street near Airport Road. The officer closed the gap on the vehicle and watched as the driver made an improper U-turn near North Street and head back north on Saginaw. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as a 31-year-old Holly Township man. The driver had several indicators of alcohol intoxication and he failed sobriety testing. He was discovered to be over the legal limit and was arrested for operating a vehicle while Intoxicated.

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CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS is currently an associate professor in the department of economics at the University of Michigan-Flint, where he has been on faculty since 2007. He earned his B.S. in electrical engineering and his B.S. in economics from Michigan Technological University in 2001, and his Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University in 2007. Dr. Douglas teaches Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, International Economics, Public Finance, and Sports Economics. He also teaches a course in quantitative methods and econometrics in the Masters of Public Administration program. Dr. Douglas’s research interests include applied macroeconomics, energy economics, public finance, and sports economics, and has published studies in these areas in several academic journals.

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Additional guest speakers representing the City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Township, Tyrone Township, Holly Township & the Village of Holly have been invited to present their community information forecast for 2023.

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Come Bowl for the Pathway! Flannel & Furs

Bowling event to benefit LAFF Pathway

■ Holly Lanes to host fundraiser for pathway organization

By Hannah Ball

LAFF Pathway invites the public to come bowling to support the development of non-motorized pathways in the area.

The 2023 Flannel & Furs Fundraiser is planned for Friday, Jan. 27 at Holly Lanes at 2430 Grange Hall Rd. in Holly.

From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., teams can

enjoy a night of bowling.

“This amazing event is an annual must for supporters of LAFF Pathways. Attendees can wear casual jeans and a flannel or glam it up with sequins and furs. This is our largest community fundraising event for LAFF Pathways, so you will not want to miss out,” according to the press release.

Mason Jar BBQ will cater the event, which is put on by LAFF Pathway. Buy tickets and become a sponsor of the event at laffpathways.com.



ELGA Credit Union presented a \$20,598.26 check to the Salvation Army to help provide Christmas gifts to area children. The credit union, which hosted its 10th annual toy drive, partnered with the Michigan State Police to raise the funds.

MSP and ELGA Credit Union celebrates Stuff a Blue Goose

■ Proceeds benefit the Salvation Army Toy Shoppe

On Dec. 2, ELGA Credit Union (ELGA) hosted its 10th annual toy drive partnering with the Michigan State Police. Stuff a Blue Goose benefits the Salvation Army Toy Shoppe. Monetary and new toy donations were collected at 13 ELGA branches. Donations to the Salvation Army are given to local families in need during the holiday season.

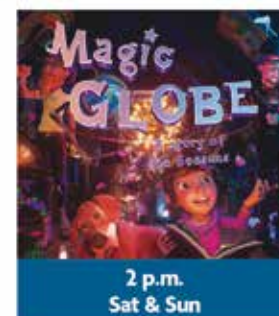
“It is such a joy to work with the

Michigan State Police and ELGA Credit Union for Stuff a Blue Goose,” said Major Randy Hellstrom with The Salvation Army. “The whole community comes together so we can supply local children with a memorable Christmas.”

More than 2,200 toys were collected from the community and associates of ELGA Credit Union. In addition to the toys donated, ELGA was able to raise \$20,598. This donation will help ensure that children across our community have a special Christmas this year.

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— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, December 2.

Senate Bill 783: Replace disabled veteran property tax breaks with state income tax credit

To grant disabled veterans and their widows a state income tax credit equal to 100% of the local property taxes levied on the taxpayer's homestead. This would replace a current law that authorizes local property tax exemptions.

Passed 32 to 3 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

Senate Bill 223: Expand school lessons on sexual assault and harassment

To require state officials to develop written materials for public school students containing specified information on sexual assault and harassment including available resources and contact information, and require schools to give it to every student in sixth through 12th grade. Schools also would be "encouraged" to provide sexual assault and sexual harassment response training to all school personnel who had contact with students.

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
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Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

Senate Bill 226: Criminalize certain invasive medical exams of minors

To require that a medical assistant or a second licensed professional be present when conducting a medical treatment, procedure, or examination of a minor that involves vaginal or anal penetration, and also that a parent or guardian give permission first, with some exceptions for emergencies, forensic exams and more. Violations would be a crime subject to two years in prison, and five years for multiple offenses.

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 6369: Extend law facilitating driverless car use

To extend until 2027 the 2022 expiration of a 2016 law that prohibits local governments from imposing a local fee, registration, franchise, or regulation on an "on-demand automated motor vehicle network" devised for driverless vehicles.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

Senate Bill 1151: Ban bridge or toll road scofflaws from selling car

To authorize the Secretary of State to essentially prohibit a person with unpaid bridge or toll-road tolls from selling their car, by denying the transfer registration to a buyer. This is related to efforts by some legislators and developers to authorize "public/private partnerships" to collect tolls on some bridges and roads.

Passed 34 to 3 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

Senate Bill 1207: Move presidential primary date

To move the state's presidential primary election from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in February.

Passed 34 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	NO
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
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Holly's Ka'Vion Smith made the game-tying bucket, forcing overtime against Lakeland. Photo: Mark Bolen

Bronchos force OT, dominate extra session vs. Lakeland

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team had a thriller Wednesday night.

And junior Ka'Vion Smith made sure the Bronchos were on the positive end of that thriller.

Smith hit a three-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer, forcing

Holly into overtime against Lakeland.

Once in the OT, Smith helped ice the victory with eight points in the extra session, leading the Bronchos to a 67-54 overtime non-league road victory.

The contest was always pretty close. Lakeland led 13-10 after one quarter,

but the Bronchos' defense dominated the second quarter, allowing Holly to take a 22-17 lead at halftime.

The Bronchos usually led during the second half and took a 37-30 lead into the fourth quarter. However, that's when Lake-

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Eastern Michigan University men's assistant basketball coach Bob Simon and Fenton resident and EMU freshman JZ Zaher (right) pose for a photo.

Zaher working hard to get his time at EMU

By David Troppens

JZ Zaher doesn't mind working for what he gets.

The Fenton resident and Powers 2022 graduate has had to earn pretty much any playing time he's collected during his basketball career.

And that mindset is extending into his college basketball career. Zaher wanted to play Division 1 college basketball after his prep career at Powers, and is currently doing just that. He's a freshman at Eastern Michigan University. Right now, he's learning the D1 ropes and is getting most of his collegiate experience in practices with his teammates.

"My time is going to come," Zaher said. "Any way you look at it, not many freshmen are playing and a lot are redshirt-

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LF wrestlers remain perfect in Metro action

Blue Devils crush Clio, Swartz Creek in recent league duos

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The cream is quickly rising to the top in the Flint Metro League wrestling standings.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils improved to 5-0 in Metro League dual action by crushing Clio 70-12 and Swartz Creek 56-18 at Lake Fenton High School on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils, who finished second only to eventual D2 state runner-up Goodrich in the Metro League race a year ago, is expected to be one of the top contenders again. Of course, the Martians, who also are 5-0, are expected to be a solid contender to defend their league championship from a year ago as well.

The Blue Devils had 10 wrestlers finish 2-0 during Wednesday's meet. Luke Wright (165) and Karson Crist (190) earned their 2-0 marks in style with two pinfall wins. Josh Ezell (215/285), Jorge Marvin (9106), Wyatt Devasher (113), Clay Cook (120),

Robby Moore (126), Drew Corcoran (138), Ty Johnson (144) and Noah Hall (150) all went 2-0 with one pinfall victory.

Michael Schultz (157) earned a major decision victory, while Caden Tortorice (175) and Jaxon Penrod (132) each had forfeit victories.

Lake Fenton opened the Flint Metro League season with a 48-26 victory against Fenton on Dec. 7, earning the first of the Blue Devils' league victories. They also defeated Corunna 60-18 and Flushing 49-25 in the team's second night of league duals.

Lake Fenton returns to action at the See **METRO** on 22



(Top) Lake Fenton's Josh Ezell (right) works on taking down his Clio opponent on Wednesday. Ezell won both of his matches on Wednesday. (Immediately above) Luke Wright also won both of his matches. Photo: David Troppens

Holly leads early, earns victory against Waterford Mott, 33-27

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team is definitely an improved product over a year ago.

The Bronchos keep on proving that to be the case during recent contests.

Holly won its second game of the season by defeating Waterford Mott 33-27 at home Tuesday night.

“We played pretty bad against Linden but we’ve bounced back from that game and played pretty well,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. “We are playing a lot better. Last year was kind of rough. We didn’t have many close games. This year, almost every game has been close. The games have been a lot more

fun and their confidence is getting better each game.”

The Bronchos had their best first quarter of the season against Mott. Holly jumped to a 4-0 lead on a 16-foot jumper by Makena McGee and on a post layin by Alana Simmons (off an assist by Audrey Combs) on its first two possessions. Mott tied it up on two converted free throws by Julianna Lemus, but Holly finished off the quarter with a 6-0 run. Morgan Fluckey started the run with a putback layin and McGee assisted a Simmons layin, making it an 8-4 Holly lead. The run ended with a 16-foot jumper by McGee.

“It was our best first quarter of the year for sure,” Varner said. “And we had more

chances to score beyond that, but it was a pretty good quarter for us for sure.”

The lead grew in the second half. Two converted free throws by Simmons with 1:04 left in the half gave Holly its first 10-point lead at 17-7.

“It was nice to have a 10-point lead at halftime. We haven’t had a lead of 10 points at halftime in a really long time,” Varner said.

The Bronchos never lost the lead in the second half. Mott cut the gap to 26-21 at one time, but a Simmons assist on a Combs’s jumper raised the gap back to 28-21 with 4:56 left in regulation. Mott never closed the gap any closer than six points the

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Holly's Audrey Combs scored a team-high 11 points in the Bronchos' recent 33-27 victory against Waterford Mott. She's pictured here in a recent contest against the Linden Eagles.

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Fenton boys battle with Clarkston, but fall 53-49

By David Troppens

Clarkston has a storied varsity boys basketball history.

So any time the Fenton Tigers can compete with them and earn a potential victory is a good night.

The Tigers accomplished half of that goal on Wednesday night. The Tigers were tied with Clarkston at 49-all with 2:41 remaining, but Clarkston won the final two minutes earning a 53-49 victory at Fenton High School.

“It was a really good high school basketball game,” Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. “We battled against a team that has a long reputation of winning.

“It was a pretty evenly matched game. I don’t know if anyone had more than a five-point lead. They were the better team in the final two minutes.”

Fenton enjoyed a 42-39 lead entering the fourth quarter after Colin TerBurgh hit a three-pointer late in

the third quarter. However, Clarkston answered back with a Brayden Wiley three-pointer with 6:57 left in regulation, tying the game at 42-all. The game was tied at 44-all as well after a driving layup by Fenton’s Sam Dillard II, but Clarkston’s Matthew Pflieger nailed a three-pointer with 5:01 left, giving the Wolves the slight three-point lead. That lead eventually evaporated after TerBurgh hit another big trey, tying the game at 49-all with 2:41 left.

However, Clarkston’s Wylie was able to make 4-of-6 free throws down the stretch while the Tigers missed shots on each of their last four possessions. Three were three-point shots that failed.

“This is the type of game we have to play if we want to be where we want to be,” Logan said. “We scored seven points in the fourth quarter. When we play teams with their type of resumes

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Fenton's varsity girls basketball team recently captured a 45-34 road victory against Lapeer. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers return from break, defeat Lapeer, 45-34

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team were 18 days between games, but it didn't seem to impact the Tigers' defense in a road game against Lapeer.

The Tigers' defense held Lapeer to 10 or fewer points in each quarter, eventually resulting in a 45-34 Fenton victory on Tuesday.

"Lapeer is a tough place to play sometimes, but we managed to keep our composure and battle the entire game," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchev said.

The Tigers trailed 20-18 at halftime, but then took control of the game in the third quarter. Grace MacCaughan scored eight third-quarter points with six coming off of two three-pointers. Abby Logan also chipped in a trey as Fenton jumped to a 35-28 lead entering the fourth quarter.

In the final period, the Tigers held Lapeer to just six points and just one

field goal. Meanwhile, Maddie Slezinski, Logan and Madi LaRowe each hit buckets and the Tigers hit just enough free throws (4-of-9) to ice the road victory.

The Tigers (4-4) seemingly struggled offensively in the opening half, netting just 18 points, but Fenton could've produced plenty of more points with some stronger free-throw shooting. Fenton scored nine points in the opening quarter, but made just 3-of-12 free throws. The Tigers also scored nine points in the second quarter, but made just 5-of-10 free throws in that stanza.

Fenton was paced by Logan's 11 points. She was a solid 4-for-6 from the charity stripe. MacCaughan netted nine points, while Slezinski had seven points and eight rebounds. Keegan Weddle, LaRowe and Craven had five points each. Weddle grabbed a team-high nine rebounds while Adrie Staib had seven rebounds. Craven chipped in six rebounds.

LF falls to Frankenmuth, 56-38

By David Troppens

The season had a positive start for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

The Blue Devils scored at least 67 points in each contest and started 3-0.

Since then, the rebuilding process has started.

The Blue Devils have lost four straight contests, with the last one being Tuesday's road loss at Frankenmuth, 56-38.

During the losing skid the Blue Devils are averaging just 45.5 points a game. Meanwhile, the defense that didn't allow 50 points in the three losses, has allowed an average of 57 points a game during the losing skid. But to Lake Fenton's defense, the caliber of opponent has gone up as well. Each of the four squads the Blue Devils lost to (Corunna, Genesee Chris-

tian, Chesaning and Frankenmuth) have each a combined 21-4 record.

Ashton Hunter scored five points in the opening quarter, but the Blue Devils (3-4) trailed 12-9 after the first eight minutes. Frankenmuth outscored the Blue Devils 15-7 in the second quarter, resulting in a 27-15 deficit. The Blue Devils managed just seven points in the third and trailed 39-23 after three quarters.

Hunter had a big game, netting a game-high 19 points. However, no other Blue Devil had more than seven points. Jett Husted had that many points while Coleson Lessner had five points.

Frankenmuth had three players score double-digits. Carson Knoll had 16 points while Riley Hubbard netted 12 points and Aidan Hoard chipped in 10 points.

Bond had 11 points each. Gage Graham netted 10 points.

The Tigers lost Jadon Burnau to a foot injury during the contest. Wylie led all scorers, with 23 points. Des Stephens II chipped in 12 for Clarkston.

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we have to play a complete game."

Fenton (4-3) led 14-11 after one quarter and 29-27 at halftime.

Dillard led the Tigers with 15 points while TerBurgh and Ja'Hion

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land fought back and began the fourth with an 8-0 run, taking a 38-37 lead with 6:31 left in the fourth quarter. The Bronchos still trailed 46-41 with 3:22 left in regulation, but Holly fought back. Two converted free throws by Tony Simmons with 1:30 tied the game at 48-all, but Lakeland returned to a 51-48 lead late. However, the final bucket in regulation was Smith's trey, tying the contest and forcing overtime.

In the OT the Bronchos scored the first six points. The final three came on an Andrew Lewis three-pointer, giving Holly a 57-51 lead with just 2:51 remaining. Lakeland cut the gap to 57-52, but Ashton DeHart followed with two converted free throws, and then Smith earned a steal and a breaking layup, raising the gap to 61-52 with just 1:51 left in the extra session.

Lakeland showed a tiny bit of life, converting a putback hoop to cut the gap to 61-54 with 1:35 left, but just eight seconds later, Smith hit a layup, raising the gap back to nine at 63-54.

The Bronchos (5-2) are off to a solid start. They also are 2-0 in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play.

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Fenton wrestlers sweep league dual

By David Troppens

A tri-county wrestling rivalry match happened outside of the tri-county area on Wednesday.

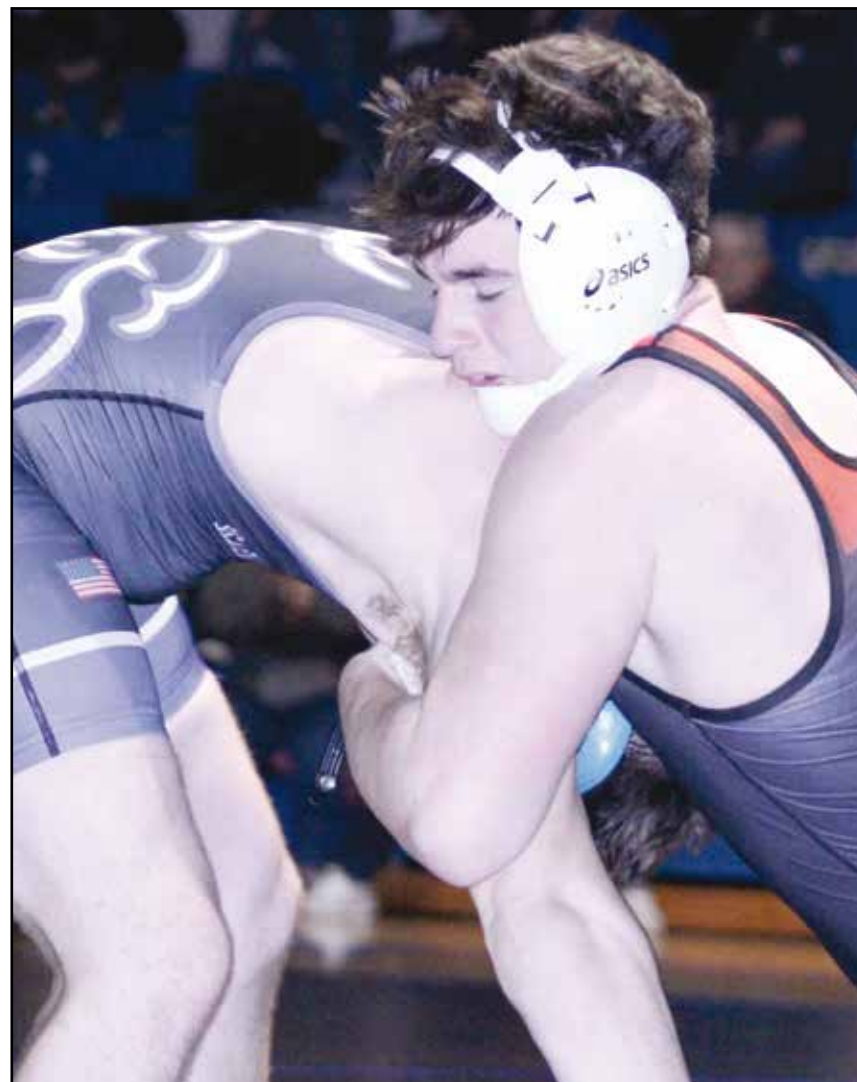
Fenton and Holly wrestled at Owosso High School, and the Tigers came out with a 48-30 victory. Both teams won their second match of the night. Fenton defeated Owosso 57-24 and Holly defeated Brandon 61-15.

The Tigers (4-1 in league duals) recorded wins in nine of the 14 matches against the Bronchos, leading Fenton to the victory. Fenton pinfall winners against Holly were Aiden Velzy (106), Jamal Horne (120), Garrett Clark (138), Dylan Beverly (157) and Kyle Dunfield (165). Other winners in fights on the mat were Ben Triola (190) defeating Kendall Drake by a 3-1 decision, and Carson Krzeszak (285) defeating Gary Wall by a 3-1 decision. Fenton also had Keaton Sigmund (113), and Philip Lamka (175) win by forfeit.

Holly's (2-3) pinfall winners against Fenton were Andrew Cross (132), Christian Preston (144) and Hunter Hummel (215). Holly's (1-2 in league duals) other winners were Sean Murray (126) and Cameron Fern (150) by forfeit.

The Tigers had eight wrestlers go 2-0 overall. They were Velzy, Sigmund, Clark, Beverly, Lamka, Dunfield, Triola and Krzeszak. Horne, Chris Ladd (144) and Chris Dobek (215) each had a win.

Holly's Murray, Cross and Preston finished with two wins for the night. Against Owosso, Kevin Dalton (106), Chase Couchman (120), Jacob Devary (138), Konner Welch (157), Hunter Bishop (165), Drake, Jayden Higgins (215) and Wall each won.



Fenton's Ben Triola (right) went 2-0 in Flint Metro League matches on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

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rest of the way.

"It was nice that we didn't panic in the second half. We just kept on playing," Varner said.

"It was nice to see them finish it off like that. It was a lot better than the Swartz Creek game (Holly's other victory) for sure."

The improvement from last year

is clear. Holly's closet contest a year ago was a 16-point loss against Fenton. This season, the Bronchos are 2-5 overall and also lost a tight three-point contest against Avondale.

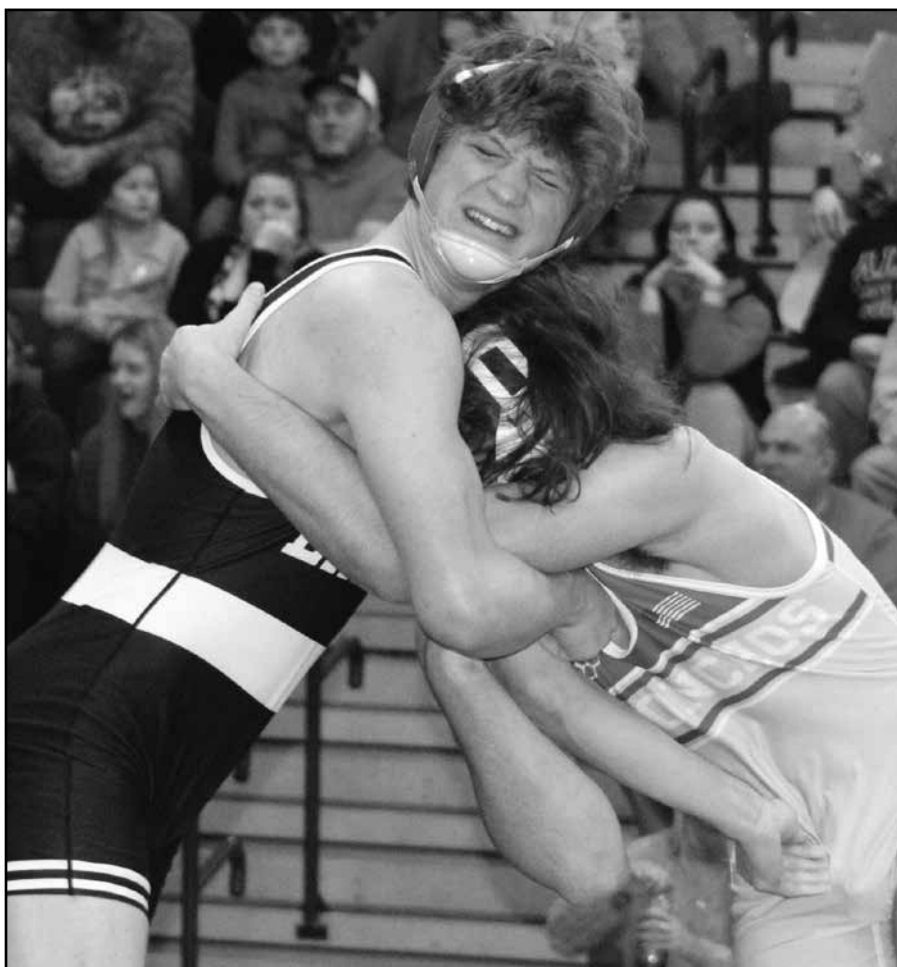
Combs led the Bronchos with 11 points and four rebounds while Simmons netted 10 points and four rebounds. Fluckey had a team-high six rebounds to go with her four points. McGee netted four points with four steals and three assists.

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New Lothrop Hall of Fame Tournament on Saturday. The Blue Devils

return to league action on Wednesday at Swartz Creek when Lake Fenton faces off against Owosso and area foe Linden.



Linden's Michael Bush (left) competes in a recent match. Bush earned a pinfall win against Flushing on Wednesday. The Eagles defeated Corunna but lost to Flushing in Flint Metro League action. Photo: David Troppens

Linden wrestlers split with Corunna, Flushing

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team found itself in a pair of tough Flint Metro League duals at Corunna High School on Wednesday.

The Eagles won a tight one and lost a tight one, defeating Corunna 39-34, but losing to Flushing 40-32.

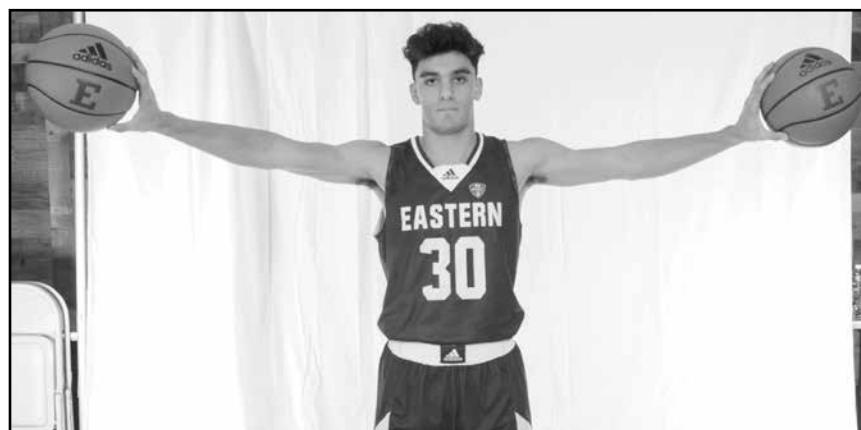
In both matches the Eagles won seven of the 14 matches. However, against Corunna, six of those wins earned them six team points. Against Flushing, only three were six-point team victories. Meanwhile, Flushing earned six pin or forfeit wins against the Eagles.

The Eagles (3-2) had five wrestlers finish the day with 2-0 records. The best showing on the mat was provided

by Jase Grundy (190) who earned a technical fall and a pinfall win. Brendan Shingleton (120) and Bryce Shingleton earned 12 team points with a pinfall and a forfeit win each. Adoniah Delgado (138) went 2-0 with a pinfall win, while Itiel Delgado (285) was 2-0 as well.

Against Flushing, Michael Bush (175) earned a pinfall win while Lucus Carr (157) earned a decision win. Against Corunna, Luke Haney (144) earned a decision win while Ben Wingblad (126) recorded a forfeit victory.

Linden travels to Swartz Creek on Wednesday, facing Swartz Creek and Lake Fenton in duals.



Powers graduate and Fenton resident is a member of Eastern Michigan University's D1 men's basketball team.

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ing. I can redshirt as well, but I want to bust my ass working on my game, and want to try to play at least five minutes a game as a true freshman. That's what separates me from everyone else. I'm willing to work hard for it."

Zaher has seen time in two games, but only for a minute in each contest. He saw action in a game against Wayne State and at Bradley University in November.

"It was nice. It's different than high school," Zaher said. "When you have 5,000 people yelling and screaming, you have to keep your head zoned in. But playing a minute you aren't going to get into the groove. You have to play for about 10 minutes to be in a groove. But it was nice to be in a minute and be able to touch the court."

Basketball wasn't initially Zaher's first love. He wanted to play football. His dad wasn't excited about him playing football, so he decided to give basketball a whirl, focusing most of his time on the sport. He wanted to make the Powers freshman team.

"When the coach told me I couldn't do it, that's what made me do it and made me fall in love with basketball," Zaher said.

His work ethic was starting to pay off. He made varsity his junior season and was part of the regular rotation.

"Coach Greg Burks saw so much potential in me," Zaher said. "He worked with me almost every day during summer workouts for two to three hours of shooting, working on footwork. I made the varsity team and they put me in the rotation as the sixth man."

The program had a new coach his senior year and spent most of his time on the bench. However, he had the occasional big game such as an 18-point performance against Midland Dow. He started the team's first district game, and played well, netting 13 points in a 70-47 victory against Durand. However, he went back to the bench the next contest against Lake Fenton and collected four points, three rebounds and two steals in a 57-52 loss. He still earned the attention of Eastern Michigan University where he's now playing. His biggest strength of his game is his perimeter shooting. He shot 43 percent from behind the arc his junior season at Powers.

"I built a good connection at EMU and with the assistant coaches," Zaher said. "Eastern felt like home."

So now the key is developing his game so he can make a difference during EMU game time. How do you do that? By making a difference during your off-time. Zaher says he practices all the time. The game he had the most playing time was a green vs. white scrimmage. He scored nine points in that game, all from behind the three-point arc.

"I'm improving and the coaches see it," Zaher said. "They say 'Joey (his actual first name) you are improving more than anyone.' My work ethic is insane. I wake up before practice and take 200 shots. After practice I do some ball handling and put up another 1,000 shots."

He'll keep putting up those shots until his time comes, whether that be this year or next season, as a member of the EMU men's basketball team.

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF SITE PLAN REVIEW**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Article 21, Section 2106 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, that the Village of Holly Planning Commission will consider a request for a Site Plan Review on January 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village of Holly Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for site plan review was filed by MFOC Properties, LLC, 1919 S. Dort Hwy, Flint, MI 48503. The proposal is for the site plan for the property located at 3526 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI, IH-01-28-427-043.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review at dbigger@hollyvillage.org.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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THURSDAY, January 26, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, January 26, 2023, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use request to allow a Entertainment Establishment, at 1390 N. Leroy St., Tax ID #53-24-551-002. This property is within the GBD, General Business District, where Entertainment Establishments, are permitted by special use.

The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed of the special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection by appointment only at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted to Jason Payne, Building Official at jpayne@cityoffenton.org prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Jason Payne, at 810-629-2261.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

At their meeting of January 3, 2023, the Fenton Township Board Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone parcels 06-28-200-035 & 06-28-200-043 (15135 Pinewood Trail) from AG to C-2.

A complete copy of the proposed 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.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JANUARY 3, 2023**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 3, 2023 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. Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$139,994.94.
5. Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone parcels 06-28-200-035 & 06-28-200-043 (15135 Pinewood Trail) from AG to C-2.
6. Approved Amendment 1 to the 2022 Thompson Road Corridor Water Improvements Agreement.
7. Approved the revised Water System Agreement Southern Lakes Extension - Phase II.
8. Approved the Water System Agreement Southern Lakes Extension - Phase III.
9. Approved summer property tax collection agreements for the Linden, Fenton and Genesee Intermediate school districts.
10. Failed to pass a motion to approve a revised local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
11. Approved the Linden - Price's Airport License Agreement with the State of Michigan to provide access over state-owned property along the State Bank Trail.
12. Approved the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
13. Adjourned at 8:02 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

DABBLINGS

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sport is too brutal. If your heart isn't in it, then it's time to get out. Barry was smart.

There is no way to take all the danger out of the sport. I think we all get that. But what we also need is to get the NFL to understand that even if these players are well compensated,

they are still people. They are husbands, fathers and friends of people in their community. The idea that the NFL wanted to continue that game with the players in the state of mind they were in after watching someone in their fraternity go down like that and fight for his life was incredibly callous.

Thankfully, the players were there to make the right call.

LAWSUIT

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a stance that we believe that no vaping should occur on the property."

He added that this is a step in the right direction.

Vice President Scott Maker supports joining the lawsuit. He said there are devices that can detect vaping smoke and

they could put any money from a settlement toward that technology.

"Just to clarify, this is kind of a one-for-one. It's not... a chance for a windfall to get money for the district. This is very targeted to kind of settle up for expenses relating to vaping in the damage that it does to our youth population and the impact it has on the school, district and public education," he said.

PATHWAY

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we thought we would need, we've got progress on all of them in a positive way."

The situation with land on Price's Airport is different. The municipality is required to obtain a license agreement, rather than a standard easement, in order for the pathway to cross airport property, which is owned by the state of Michigan.

The 2-mile, 10-foot-wide non-motorized pathway is planned to be built along the south side Silver Lake Road this spring. It will connect Linden sidewalks at Triangle Park, which will be the trailhead, to Fenton City sidewalks.

If the license is approved, it will "allow the construction and maintenance of the pathway across the subject property for the next 15 years. The agreement may be extended an additional 15 years upon mutual agreement of the parties. There is no cost to the Township or the project to obtain this license agreement," according to a memo from Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer said SLPR or LAFF Pathway should be the organization that applies for the license, not the township. Jeff Huhta, from Nowak & Fraus Engineers, said it's because the airport is in the township and the easements have been procured under the township's name.

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2022, the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 132-34 Accessory Buildings and Uses.

A true and complete copy of Holly Township's Code of Ordinances can be viewed or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS

Sec. 32-134. Accessory Buildings and Uses.

(a) *Application to single-family residential uses.*

(1) Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a main **principal building or structure**, it shall be subject to, and must conform to, all setback regulations of this chapter and building codes applicable to main **principal buildings or structures**.

(3) Manufactured homes, semi-trailers, storage containers, shipping containers or vehicles shall not be used as accessory buildings.

(45) In no instance shall an accessory **building or structure** be located within a dedicated easement or right-of-way.

(67) The total **area** of all detached accessory roofed buildings **or structures** located on a parcel shall be subject to maximum lot coverage requirements and shall be subject to the restrictions in floor area based upon parcel size listed in the schedule of regulations contained within this chapter. ~~Farms shall be exempt from restrictions on total accessory floor area.~~

(4112) The construction or placement of any accessory building or structure greater than 200 square feet shall require a building permit under the single state construction code.

The applicant, as part of the permit application, shall submit a detailed site sketch, drawn to scale, that provides sufficient information with the building permit application to determine that the construction of the accessory building and the single-family residential dwelling will be in complete compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance especially in regard to setbacks, building size, building location, etc.

(b) Application to all other uses. Accessory buildings or structures and uses for all uses other than single-family residences shall comply with applicable setback and height restrictions specified for the zoning district wherein the accessory use, building or structure is located.

ARTICLE 2 - SEVERABILITY

ARTICLE 3 - REPEALER

ARTICLE 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

ARTICLE 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days following publication in the manner prescribed by law.

ARTICLE 6 - ADOPTION.

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of the Holly Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Section 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-134 Accessory Buildings and Uses Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 21 st of December, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

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WINTER HIKING

Check out these 10 destinations in Michigan

By Sharon Stone

Did you enjoy taking your dog for walks when no coats were required? Did you enjoy finding new trails over the summer to experience with friends? Do you miss those walks or hikes? Do you want to discover some new places in Michigan?

If you answered yes to most of those questions, you've got plenty of time to check out several places across the great state of Michigan known to be great places for winter hiking.

Winter hiking typically involves fewer people so that might be a bonus for some. It can burn more calories and improve your winter mental health, and you most likely won't have to deal with the pesky mosquitoes.

According to an article by Steve Anderson for Step Outside (stepoutside.org), getting outside during winter months in Michigan is an opportunity to get out in the snow and cold air for

some invigorating outdoor recreation. He's put together a list of 10 great winter hikes in Michigan.

• **Marquette's Noquemanon Trail Network** is easily one of the best winter hikes Michigan can offer thanks to one key point: its sheer variety. Not only will you have a short trail to hike in Baby Lake Trail, but you'll have a longer trail — around two miles — in Teal Lake Trail. Trails with lights, trails with rough terrain, and more await those who take on the Noquemanon Trail Network. *Six hour drive (403 miles) from Fenton*

• **Drummond Island's Heritage Trail** is one of the most impressive winter hikes Michigan can offer. Set on an island, it offers two separate trails. You'll be able to catch scenery from the Potagannissing Bay shoreline to an array of caves and limestone outcroppings. With plenty of wildlife to see as well, it's often regarded as a great trail for birdwatching. *Four hour, 54 minute drive (308 miles) from Fenton*

• Not too far from Rapid City, the



Seven Bridges Natural Area



Marquette's Noquemanon Trail Network



Drummond Island's Heritage Trail

Seven Bridges Natural Area is a natural area with some incredible sights. Featuring the ruins of a sawmill, trail and boardwalk going through cedar trees and a host of rivers to see, as well as four of the original seven bridges still active, you'll see things on a winter

hike here you won't see anywhere else. *Two hour, 44 minute drive (186 miles) from Fenton*

• **The Grand Rivers Edge Trail** offers a unique experience because of its location: downtown Grand Rapids. Yes,

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there's an actual trail running through one of Michigan's biggest cities. Running 5.4 miles and completely paved, you'll be able to get what amounts to a complete walking tour of Grand Rapids. *One hour, 48 minute drive (125 miles) from Fenton*

- **White Pine Trail** runs from Grand Rapids all the way up to Cadillac. Moreover, it has stops in a variety of communities in between, so you can make the trail as long or as short as you wish. Since it was formerly a rail line, it's got a bit of history thrown in with it too. *One hour, 52 minute drive (127 miles) from Fenton*

- **The North Country National Scenic Trail** is another thoroughly unique experience. It's the single largest trail the United States can offer, running 4,600 miles from end to end. Michigan's part is heavy on the water features, including lakes, waterfalls, and plenty more.

- Found in Marquette, the **Presque Isle Park**, Presque, translates to English as "almost," so it's "almost an island." It offers 323 acres of land to see. Featuring a two-mile stretch along Lake Superior, you'll have the great natural beauty of the area augmented by the crystalline magnificence of snow to make it about as complete as it can be. *Six hour, 10 minute drive (405 miles) from Fenton*

- **Iron Ore Heritage Trail** is referred to as "the outdoor linear museum." A 47-mile trail, visitors can view large portions of the Upper Peninsula. There are trailheads in Ishpeming, Negaunee, Marquette and Harvey, just to name a few. The trail is comprised of several materials, asphalt, crushed limestone and dirt, involved in paving, you'll be able to start and stop most anywhere you like and carry on accordingly. *Six hour, eight minute drive (406 miles) from Fenton*

- **Kensington Metropark** in Milford covers 4,486 total acres of Michigan forest and hills. The best part about this



is that, while it offers an excellent set of hikes, it's also got more than that going on. If you want a simple, short hike, you can do that, and you can follow it up with a variety of other activities, which is especially welcome if you're hiking with young children. *Thirty-two minute drive (20 miles) from Fenton*

- **Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** is easily one

of Michigan's most picturesque and natural wonder-laden sights the state can offer. With almost 100 miles of trails to consider all told, and some of Michigan's most amazing sights found therein, you'll have just about everything you could ask for right here. *Five hour, seven minute drive (350 miles) from Fenton*

Source: stepoutside.org, Michigan.org

CAR KIT

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unable to run your car for warmth.

Jumper cables

Cold temperatures can cause car batteries to die. Along with having your battery checked, it's also crucial to keep jumper cables in your vehicle in the event that the battery dies or someone else needs help.

Gloves

Frostbite can set in as fast as 10 minutes when skin is exposed to temperatures below minus 10F. With wind, it can happen even faster. Keep multiple sets of gloves in your car in case you need to leave your vehicle for any length of time.

First aid kit

If you or someone else gets hurt in an accident, having a first aid kit on hand will be beneficial.

Winter boots

Even with inches of snow on the ground, not everyone wears winter boots to work. If you don't wear them, bring them in the car.

Portable phone power pack and car charger

Make sure you're able to contact help if anything happens by keeping extra chargers in your vehicle.

Portable tire inflator

When your tires get too low, it'll be helpful to keep a portable tire air compressor in your car at all times.

Shovel

If your car is stuck in snow, you'll be happy to have a shovel in your trunk.

Flares

During nighttime or a heavy storm when there's little visibility, using flares is a good way to let emergency responders know of your location.

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COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

**FLAT ROCK MAN ARRESTED
AFTER KNOCKING ON
DOORS ASKING FOR WEED**

On Jan. 2, at 9:44 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residential area for a complaint of a man knocking on residential doors asking for weed, cigarettes and water. Callers said he seemed to be behaving odd or suspicious. Officers located the man and determined he was a 25-year-old man from Flat Rock who was visiting a family member in the area. The man had several open arrest warrants from several different police jurisdictions. The man was transported and lodged at the Oakland County Jail on behalf of the warrant holding agencies.

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