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Woman submits plan to build doggy daycare

■ Location is across street from Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

By Hannah Ball

Hopefully, the fourth time is the charm.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, a Fenton Township resident will present her plans in front of the Fenton Township Planning Commission to rezone a parcel of land at 1220 Thompson Road to construct the Ruffy Ranch Retreat, a doggy daycare, kennel, boarding, train-

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Medical examiner attempts to ID body with dental records

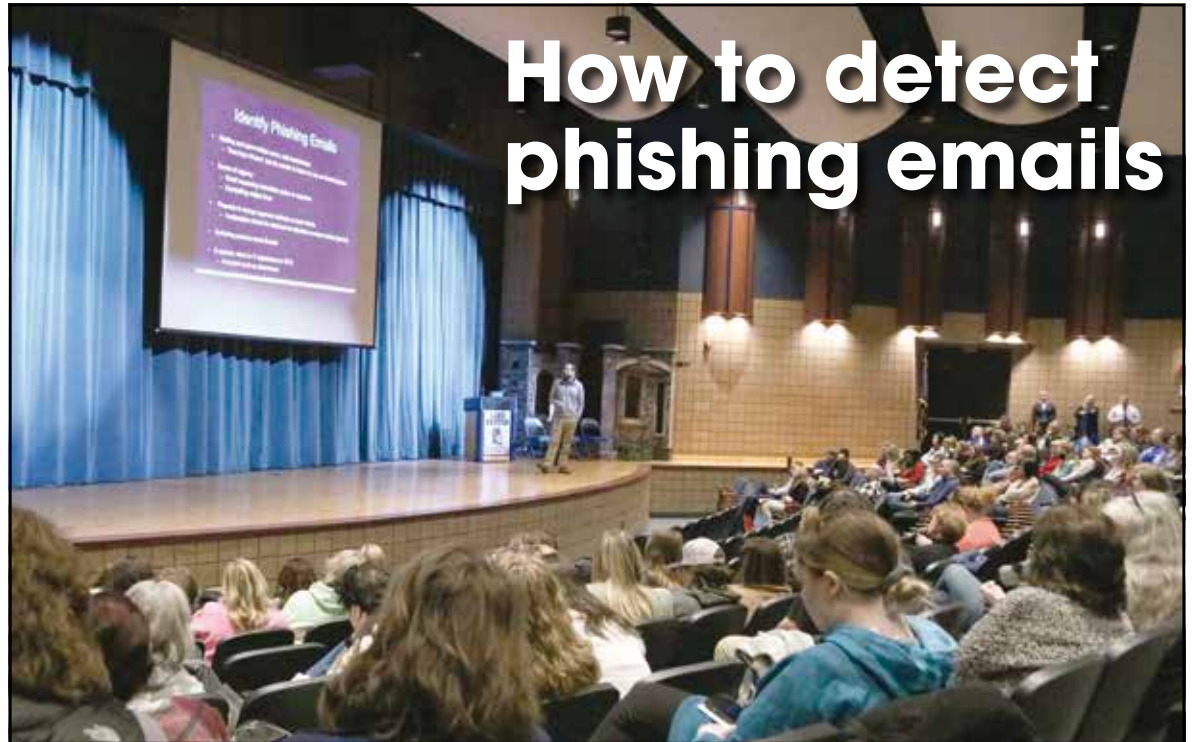
■ Springfield Township firefighters, MSP respond to crash Saturday morning

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office is working to identify the body that was found in a vehicle that caught fire after a crash on northbound I-75 in Springfield Township Saturday, Jan. 14.

According to the Michigan State Police (MSP)

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How to detect phishing emails

Detective Trooper Specialist Kyle Bowen, who works in the Michigan State Police Intelligence Operations Division, gives a presentation Monday, Jan. 16 to Lake Fenton staff in the high school auditorium about cyber security and how to avoid scams. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ MSP helps Lake Fenton Community Schools avoid cyber security threats

By Hannah Ball

Lake Fenton — “If you use the word ‘kindly’ in an email, don’t ever do it again,” said Detective Trooper Specialist Kyle Bowen, who works in the Michigan State Police Intelligence Operations Division. “If you see the word ‘kindly’ in an email, that should be raising every red flag there is because for some reason, they use ‘kindly’ a lot in their emails.”

Probably 80% of...phishing emails have ‘kindly’ in them somewhere.”

On Monday, Jan. 16, he gave a presentation to Lake Fenton staff in the high school auditorium about cyber security, scammers, how to detect phishing emails and more. Scammers often refer to people as “dear” in these emails and they commonly use the word “kindly.” He shared information and tips like this to help Lake Fenton Community Schools avoid cyber security threats.

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“The intersection at Silver Parkway and Owen Road is in desperate need

of repair and needs to be resurfaced. The city and county road commission need to make this a priority before the new Texas Roadhouse opens.”



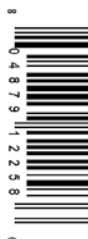
“If you lost a cell phone and don't remember where you

may have lost it, check VG's on Silver Parkway. I turned one in Saturday afternoon, Jan. 14.”



“It has been so nice to see the sun a few times over the past week. Just a few moments

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The tennis courts at Linden County Park off Linden Road in Fenton Township will be resurfaced this summer and include markings for pickleball courts. Genesee County Parks and Recreation will add striping to the tennis courts. Four pickleball courts will fit on a standard tennis court. **Photos: Sharon Stone**

Pickleball courts coming to local county park

Existing tennis courts to also be marked for pickleball at Linden County Park

By Sharon Stone

Pickleball enthusiasts in the Fenton and Linden area can rejoice. Newly marked pickleball courts are expected to be completed by the end of this summer in Fenton Township.

With this project, Genesee County Parks and Recreation intends to resurface the current tennis courts at Linden County Park this summer and mark them for use as either tennis or pickleball.

“We hope to have this completed by the end of this coming summer,” said Barry June, director of Genesee County

Parks and Recreation Commission.

There had been previous talks and a grant to construct new pickleball courts at the park. However, the director said after plans were developed and reviewed by engineers, Genesee County Parks found that to go forward with the design they would have had to invest over \$300,000 in detention ponds, which was over and above the original estimate of around \$500,000 for the entire project.

“We could not afford to fund the extra work, so we returned the grant to the state,” he said.

What is pickleball?

Pickleball is played on a much smaller court than tennis. Whereas tennis courts are 60 feet wide and 120 feet long, pick-

leball courts are 20 feet wide and 44 feet long, about the same size as badminton courts. You can fit four pickleball courts on a standard tennis court.

While tennis requires an overhand serve, pickleball serves must be underhand. Picklers serve diagonally to the opposite side of the court. The pickleball serve is a simple motion that’s similar to bowling a ball. It’s much easier for beginners than the overhand serve in tennis.

What are the five rules of pickleball?

- The ball must stay inbounds.
- There must be one bounce per side.
- You must serve at the baseline.
- Serves cannot land in the no-volley zone.
- The game ends at 11, 15, or 21 points.

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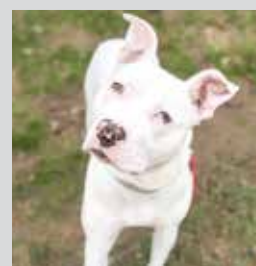
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Building Brands

Earlier this week, I stopped at a local restaurant to grab carry out for dinner. I decided to have a cold one while I waited and asked the bartender to let the kitchen know I was in no rush. She laughed and passed along the message. The bar at this restaurant is right next to the kitchen window so I had a front row seat to the busy atmosphere. As I sat there enjoying my favorite beverage, I noticed something profound.

First it was the bartender. After telling the kitchen team to go slow on my order she asked if anyone in there needed water or pop. One took her up on the offer. The bar was full, and the restaurant was getting busier, so I thought it was nice of the bartender to ask when she herself was busy. A few minutes later a waitress came to the kitchen window to pick up an order and asked the same question to the kitchen crew, "Anyone need anything in there?" Shortly after that, another waitress asked the same thing and thanked her teammates for working so hard. It's clear to me that this was not a



Emily Caswell

It's cool to be kind, and it's good for your brand

coincidence. The kindness between the team members was palpable. Kindness is part of their brand, and it made me smile even more than my cold one.

The next morning, I hit up a local drive thru for a coffee and donuts for our team. When I went to pay, I was told the woman in front of me paid my

bill. I was delighted and was sure to pay for the woman behind me. She in turn waved and made a heart shape with her hands out of her car window. My day was made again.

There's a lot of talk about the divide in our nation and certainly we've all witnessed bad behavior, but if last week is any indication perhaps 2023 is the year we finally focus on kindness. I know I'm inspired.

It seems obvious that kindness is good for your brand — both personal and professional, but I wondered if there was evidence to support that. A forbes.com confirmed there is.

From the article, "kindness can spark two important tenets of good marketing: virality and reach ... Scientists James Fowler

and Nicholas Christakis have scientifically proven that if you do something nice for someone, they will do something nice for four people, and each of them will do something nice for four other people, and so on ... If your organization makes kindness a part of its brand vision, then it's likely that each of the people who respond to your messaging will pass it on to other people, and each of them to more people and so on."

The article also explained how kindness impacts reach, citing a 1960s study that gave us the "six degrees of separation" theory. (The theory is that each of us is only six people away from knowing nearly every person in the world). That experiment would not be possible without kindness.

From the article, "What's important to understand is that the foundation for these connections in this six degrees of separation network is kindness. When you boil it down to the lowest common denominator, it's as simple as this: We do things for people because they do things for us."

If you're looking to add a bit more kindness to your brand, here are three ideas:

See **BRANDS** on 6

Hotlines

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THERE'S A RESTAURANT in town that believes tip sharing among their wait staff is a good idea. Well, my family and friends are not in favor of this practice. We want our server to get the tip they deserve for their good or bad service.

AT A STORE on Owen Rd. on Friday, Jan. 13, at 12:20 p.m., I left my cash back (\$100) at the self-checkout. I returned but it was gone. I am a senior and need that money for bills. Please be kind and turn the money into customer service. They have my contact info. Thank you.

TO THE WOLVERINE Kool-Aid drinker. In between Bo's 5-12 and Harbaugh's dismal 1-6 Bowl record, Michigan was 11-11 in Bowl games. In over 50 years, only one coach has had a winning bowl record, Gary Moeller at 4-1. No hate, just facts.

ENTITLED EV CAR owner demands Fenton install electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown area. Hasn't your car received enough federal subsidies? Enough already. I say no charging stations in Fenton. EV owners the new 'Welfare Queens' of society.

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

Who was your first celebrity crush? Who's your celebrity crush now? | streettalk



"Does the statue in front of Big Boy count as a celebrity? I loved him. Gerard Butler is my current crush. Except it's more than a crush. It's deep deep love."

Cherise Sauv  Everhard, Fenton



"Bret 'The Hit Man' Hart. WWF wrestling. Also the Undertaker from wrestling."

Carrie Bard
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"Jennifer Aniston then and Jennifer Aniston now and most likely always."

Matthew Morgan
Swartz Creek



"Niall Horan was my first big celebrity crush, now it's Bang Chan of Stray Kids."

Taeber Engelhart
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Gift of Life Michigan sets records

■ Significant increase in 2022 of organ and tissue donors

Gift of Life Michigan helped a record 463 people become organ donors and 1,821 give the gift of tissue last year, saving thousands of lives and healing tens of thousands more.

The 2022 figures represent a significant 14% increase in tissue donors over the previous record in 2019 and about an 8% increase in organ donors over 2021.

“This is a testament to the dedication of our hard-working staff, our hospital partners and, of course, our selfless donors and their families — they are the true heroes,” said Dorrie Dils, president and CEO of Gift of Life Michigan. “It is inspiring to see so many people choose this final act to save and help heal the lives of people they never met.”

Dils said Gift of Life is working on several initiatives to further improve the organ and tissue donation and transplantation system, including investing in new technology, advocating for required education about donation in public high schools, encouraging family doctors to



share information about donation and creating more equity in the healthcare.

“Our successes drive us to do even better,” Dils said. “Our ultimate goal is that no one will die while waiting for a life-saving transplant. We have shown that by working with our hospital and transplant partners and focusing on our mission to honor life through donation, we can save even more lives.”

As of Jan. 1, 2,517 patients were waiting for organ transplants in Michigan, with more than 100,000 waiting nationwide. Seventeen people die every day waiting for a life-saving transplant in the U.S., and someone is added to the national list, on average, about every 10 minutes.

For more information or to sign up as a donor, visit gilm.org/register.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MCC to purchase new equipment that will enhance its workforce training programs

U.S. Senator Gary Peters of Michigan and Mott Community College (MCC) President Beverly Walker-Griffiea, Ph.D., highlighted new federal funding secured to strengthen MCC’s workforce development efforts. Peters recently secured \$650,000 through the government funding bill signed into law for MCC to purchase new equipment that will enhance its

workforce training programs. This equipment will be part of a larger project to renovate and upgrade MCC’s Prah College Center, which will host many of the College’s technology programs and technology-related workforce training programs. Renovations are expected to be completed in late 2025. This high-impact local project will support Mott Community College’s ongoing efforts to meet local, regional, and statewide workforce needs by preparing students for current and future jobs in the fields of information technology, computer information systems, data analytics, computer networking, and cybersecurity through hands-on training.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HERE’S A SOLUTION with the cartel and fentanyl. I’m sure DEA has surveillance in those locations where it’s being made, bomb them.

■■■

I’VE MADE A lot of mistakes in my life but the one thing I’m more proud of than anything is that I did my research before getting jabbed. As far as I can tell, there is absolutely no upside. If you think there is, write in and tell us.

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Second District, a passerby called 911 at 5:50 a.m., Jan. 14 to report a brush fire along I-75 in Springfield Township. Springfield Township Fire Department was dispatched and upon arrival firefighters discovered that the brush fire was a burning vehicle. The fire department requested MSP to the scene.

Once the car fire was extinguished, a body was recovered in the vehicle.

The preliminary investigation

indicates that the driver was northbound on I-75, lost control, ran off the roadway and crashed into a tree. The vehicle caught fire.

Throughout the weekend, MSP attempted to identify the driver. Anyone who may have witnessed this crash is asked to call the Metro North Post at (248) 584-5740. The investigation is ongoing and is pending the medical examiner's report and crash reconstructionist report.

The medical examiner is currently awaiting dental records to aid in the identification. Those records were expected to arrive Tuesday.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**How and why Michigan's district courts were created**

It is likely that few people know that January 1, 2023 marked the 54th anniversary of Michigan's District Court system. That's understandable as most people probably know little about district court history.

History is important for all of us and today I will briefly explain how and why the district courts came to be.

Michigan's present court system traces its roots back to 1835 when we were still a territory and our first Constitution was adopted. Statehood was granted in 1837.

Among the Constitution's provisions was the creation of a court system made up of a supreme court, county courts, circuit courts, probate courts and justice of the peace courts.

The jurisdiction of the justice courts was set by law as being comprised of minor civil and criminal cases.

Michigan subsequently had three Constitutions in 1850, 1908 and 1963.

These Constitutions all had provisions for courts, including the justice of the peace courts, which continued to have jurisdiction over minor cases. Other limited jurisdiction courts were

statutorily created including police and municipal courts.

Due to the great number of courts, jurisdictional issues, and for the integrity of the justice system, the 1963 Constitution provided that the limited jurisdiction courts were to be abolished and statutorily replaced with district courts within five years.

The legislature passed the enabling legislation to be effective June 17, 1968, combining the jurisdictional powers of these courts in the district courts, which were to start operations Jan. 1, 1969.

Four municipal courts were allowed to continue.

Today our district courts have jurisdiction in many areas including civil cases when \$25,000 or less is at issue and landlord-tenant, land contract forfeiture, civil infraction, small claims, misdemeanor, and the initial stages of felony cases.

On a local historical note, because of time constraints as to finding a court site, the first Fenton Court was located in an old lumberyard building next to a railroad track.

Unfortunately, every time a train went by, the courtroom shook, and due to the noise including the train whistle, the court proceedings were stopped until the train passed.

Things improved when the court moved to a quieter site.

I believe that time has shown that the district courts have played a valuable role in our justice system and served the public well.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PRINCE HARRY AND his wife said they were leaving the royal family to live a private, quiet life. Since then, they have done numerous mini-series, interviews and now, have written a book. No one is bothering them, but they keep bothering us.



SO, JOE BIDEN has made nearly 60 trips since he became president to his Delaware home where classified documents have been discovered in his garage. Now, they're saying there are no visitor logs for his personal home. Well, ain't that convenient. We'll never know who had access to the classified documents.



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Listen: One of the best ways to be kind in our busy world is to slow down and listen. Everyone wants to be heard. There is no better way to show you care.

Be kind: Lead by example. I'm not the only one who brings in

donuts for our team, pretty much everyone takes a turn because we see another person do it. Kindness is contagious. Be kind to team members, clients and strangers. In case you need an extra incentive the forbes.com article reminds readers that being kind can "make you live longer, make you happier, reduce stress, improve relationships and lower your blood pressure."

How have you infused kindness into your brand? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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

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Why did you want to become a teacher?

Teaching runs in my family as both of my parents were educators in the school district I attended. Some of my favorite childhood memories were helping to grade my mom's social studies homework, going in during the summer to get her classroom set up, and attending school events where everyone seemed to know her. I knew early on that I wanted to make a difference by helping students learn academics while growing as individuals.

What's your favorite thing about working in this area?

Teaching in Fenton is rewarding. I admire the support the staff of teachers, office personnel, administrators, custodians, and paraprofessionals give to one another. I am grateful to work along so many talented and compassionate colleagues who inspire me to do bigger and better things in my classroom.

How do you motivate students?

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The man or woman who can make hard things easy is the educator." I get to figure out how to make a daunting task less scary, help students believe in themselves, persevere, and reach their goals. Using hands-on, interactive materials along with an understanding of my students' learning styles really helps me motivate my students to learn the "hard" things.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE WILL GET charging stations for your electric car in downtown Fenton when you step up and pay for it. The taxpayers of Fenton should not have to pay for that.

I HAVE NOTICED that some people leave small baggies containing dog poop along the side of the road or in people's yards when they walk their dog. If you do this, be sure to retrieve the bag and throw it out yourself. Quit being lazy. We'll start posting our Ring videos.

THE GIFT THAT keeps on giving by the disgusting dog owners of Fenton. **Editor's note:** The Hot-liner also sent another photo of a green plastic bag filled with someone's dog mess left behind next to the sidewalk and in their yard.

I TAKE MY medical advice from doctors and other health experts. The vast majority of physicians and infectious disease experts agree that mRNA COVID-19 vaccinations are safe and effective at reducing the chances of infection, and reducing the severity and length of time if you do get infected.

MICHIGAN BEGAN TO tax pensions in January 2012, under then governor Rick Snyder. One of his many lasting gifts.

MUST DO FOR Congress — empower parents to make education choices for their children; secure America's borders and reduce crime; ensure free and fair elections; reverse the growth of regulations, spending, and inflation; counter the threat of Communist China; hold big tech/media accountable; protect family formation and unborn life. Rescue America.

DAYCARE

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ing facility and spa getaway.

The request is to rezone approximately four acres from R-3, single family resident, to C-2, general commercial. This land is across the street from the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

"This is lucky number four," said Allore Sharp, owner of Ruffy Ranch Retreat. "I've ran into several obstacles."

This is the fourth time in two years she has presented plans and sought approval for the Ruffy Ranch Retreat. She first wanted to build the business on a corner of Lahring and Linden roads, then at 3095 Thompson Road, and then at 3500 W. Hill Road.

"It was rough, knowing things were out of my control and watching unethical business practices take place. However, this has not dampened my drive to provide an exceptional service for this community," she said. "I am in high hopes with number four. It actually is the best location and most convenient for clientele. I think this all has been a blessing. If it wasn't for my struggles, I would have missed this opportunity. I am currently working with Fenton Township on rezoning and becoming the entryway corner parcel into the Thompson Road Corridor."

"The township's master plan and vision is to create the multipurpose community commercial zoning for the intersection properties," Sharp said.

In the Thompson Road Corridor Subarea Master Plan, passed in August 2022, the township identifies the future land use for the Fenton Road/Thompson Road area as high density residential, which allows housing and complemen-

tary uses such as schools, child daycare and recreational facilities. The plan also identifies this area as community commercial that permits uses that "provide service to the entire community rather than a single neighborhood," according to the plan.

The proposed building square footage is approximately 3,400 square feet. Plans also include constructing living quarters. Sharp said this size of building is "capable of comfortably housing 50 canines with plenty of outdoor land to be privacy fenced for outdoor play and

obedience training."

Last year, she told the Fenton Township Planning Commission that she had a wait list of people wanting to use Ruffy Ranch Retreat's services when it opens, showing a high demand for dog kennels and doggy daycare services in the area.

"I receive calls and emails weekly. I have maintained a clientele list from the start of this project, now totaling over 200 families. I will be calling everyone personally as soon as I know my opening date," she said.

She's hoping that date is July 2023.

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PHISHING

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“The threats we see today are ransomware incidents, business email compro-

mises, and there’s other types of malware like payroll scams and the gift card scams,” he said. “The main goal of all this is to basically steal your money and these are coming from fraudsters who

are overseas in countries like Russia, Nigeria, India, countries that don’t have any form of law enforcement agreement with the U.S. so we can’t touch them. That’s why we partner with Homeland Security or the FBI. In some cases, they can go out there and get them.”

Ransomware involves an attack where scammers encrypt an organization’s data and demand payment, usually in cryptocurrency, to restore access. The five most targeted industries are real estate, construction, government, insurance and finance.

Bowen said this extortion is the “biggest threat” they’re dealing with right now.

Phishing emails

Phishing is when scammers use fraudulent solicitation in emails or on a website to illegally gain data or money from people. Bad actors often gain access to a network through company email accounts. If they’re successful in compromising one employee’s email, they will impersonate that identity to fool others. Scammers, for example, could send emails to the company’s human resources department to request that an employee’s direct depository bank account be changed.

“They like to identify upcoming financial transactions and jump in between them to send money to their bank instead of where it’s supposed to go,” he said.

They will often impersonate a company executive and ask their employee to purchase gift cards and send them photos of the gift cards. Bowen showed real life examples of successful phishing emails that scammed people out of thousands of dollars. Bowen recommended limiting employee information published on websites.

One in 20 users click on phishing emails, which is why it’s a common method used by scammers. Approximately 25% of link clicks happen within 10 minutes, 50% happen within the first hour and 90% occur within the first 24 hours. These messages also contain a sense of urgency and request “immediate action.”

When spotting phishing emails, look for spelling and grammatical errors in

names and emails. Also look for odd mannerisms. If their signature looks weird, don’t trust it. Don’t call the phone numbers in these emails. Google the phone number for these institutions instead. Hover the mouse over links to see a preview. If it’s suspicious, don’t click on it. Bowen told LFHS staff to report these emails to the IT department or Michigan Cyber Command Center (MC3).

“It only takes one person to open this document and it could affect the entire school,” he said.

Virustotal.com will tell users if a link or attachments is malicious or clean.

Scammers can also create convincing web-

sites that look identical to the Lake Fenton Community Schools website and send emails to parents requesting donations for a fake school event.

Password security

Bowen said strong passwords have a minimum of 15 characters. The longer, the better. They should contain a mix of random uppercase and lowercase letters, as well as numbers and special characters. Passwords should never be reused or shared and they should be regularly changed.

He recommended always using multi factor authentication and using a password manager, which is a tool he uses.

Scareware email

This technique is when criminals have someone’s email account or password and extort them into sending them money. Bowen said in one case, scammers email someone and say the malware on their device allowed them access to their display scene and camera. They threaten to expose what porn someone was watching and recorded video clips of said person unless they pay.

“They’ve been able to track this wallet and it’s received over 40 million dollars,” he said.

People can contact the Michigan Cyber Command Center (MC3) at mc3@michigan.gov or 1-877-MI-CYBER or report an incident to the FBI’s internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

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*Michigan State Police Intelligence
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Bronchos take care of Flushing, remain in Stripes' hunt

By Dale Smith

Holly — On a wintery Friday night at the Horseshoe, it was one of those games where the home team consistently led most of the night.

The Bronchos were up six to 12 points for

much of the first three quarters, but had to hold off a late Raiders' rally to win it, 54-52.

Keyed by some outstanding defense from sophomore Bowen Moore, Holly led 11-6 after the first eight minutes. Moore had two blocks and that coupled with three

Bronchos' steals made for the fast start.

Holly senior Deshawn Willis picked up his third foul less than two minutes into the second quarter. The Bronchos overcame that problem using some strong defense to maintain a 26-

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Holly's Ryan Dalton had the best three-game series and the best game at the Oakland County Championships.

Holly bowlers take third at county

The Holly varsity boys bowling team keeps on posting impressive tournament performances this winter.

The Bronchos had a school record best on Sunday, placing third at the Oakland County Championships.

"(It was) another great performance by these boys keeping their amazing season going," Holly varsity boys bowling coach Dan Yoder said.

The squad began with team singles a three-game series of 997-1,037-894-2,908 placing Holly with the top three teams. Ryan Dalton had the high game and the high series in the tournament, recording a three-game series of 277-246-212-735. Other Holly bowlers to post a 200 game were Ryan Sparklin (204), Matt Creasey (203) and Matt Allen (202).

The teams then bowled four Baker games, with Holly posting scores of 215, 209, 158 and 173. The Bronchos' overall team pinfall of 3,663 placed them third in top 16 match play.

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Tigers remain atop Stars Division, sting Hornets

By David Troppens

Fenton — Sam Dillard II was pretty happy when he saw Kearsley was going to play a man-to-man defense against him and his fellow Fenton varsity boys basketball teammates.

"When we saw man, our faces lit up," Dillard said. "No one can guard us man, so that's why everybody is playing us in a zone. When I see man, we are going to take advantage of it."

It took a half for the Tigers to take full advantage, but they did just that. Fenton shot a sizzling 20-for-33 in the second half against the Kearsley Hornets, resulting in a 77-58 victory for the Tigers.

Fenton remains in first place in the Metro's Stripe Division (4-0, 6-4).

Fenton had 14 assists on those 20 second-half buckets.

"No one on our team is really selfish," Ja'Hion Bond said. "We try to distribute it well and we try to get each other involved. That's what we feed off of — the crowd and getting each other involved."

The Tigers shot 11-for-29 from the field in the first half. Kearsley took an 18-16 lead on a three-pointer by Lucas Groulx early in the second quarter, but the Tigers responded with six straight points. The first two came on a driving layup by Justin Banura and the next two came on a breaking layup on a pass from Bond to Dillard. The final two were

provided on another Bond assist on a layup by Banura. The Tigers led 22-18, and would never trail again. Fenton ended up taking a 29-22 lead into the locker room after a Nolan Alvord assist on a Spencer Luck layup.

The Tigers put on a nice offensive exhibition in the second half.

Each of the Tigers' first three buckets in the third quarter were assisted — one dish by Bond and two by Dillard — pushing the Fenton lead to 36-26 after a breaking layup by Bond. From that point it seemed the Tigers took the sting out of the Hornets' spirit, as Kearsley never seriously got back into the contest. The Hornets were as close as 51-43 early in the fourth quarter, but a layup by Gage Graham, two converted free throws by Dillard and two converted free throws by Graham upped the Fenton lead to 57-43 with just 5:44 left in regulation.

Dillard led the squad with 20 points, nine rebounds and six assists while Bond had 13 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. Banura finished with 18 points and nine rebounds while Collin Terburgh finished with 14 points, nine from behind the three-point arc. Graham recorded eight rebounds.

After losing three straight non-league contests over the holiday break, the Tigers have now won two straight division games.

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Holly's Andrew Lewis prepares to attempt a layup in a recent contest. Photo: Mark Bolen



(Above) Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond attempts to drive the lane during the Tigers' 77-58 victory against Kearsley on Friday night. (Left photo) Fenton's Gage Graham attempts a shot during the same contest. Photos: Mark Bolen



Fenton's Philip Lamka (top) works on getting a pin in a recent match. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton wrestling places third at Adams tournament

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team had nine wrestlers place at the Rochester Adams Wrestling Invitational, earning the squad a third-place team finish.

Fenton had two wrestlers make it to the finals — Philip Lamka and Dylan Beverly.

Lamka (157) earned first-round pinfalls in his first three matches en route to facing Pontiac's Cory Thomas in the finals. He lost to Thomas by a 10-4 decision. Philip earned his 100th varsity win at the meet.

LF competes at Clarkston duals

By David Troppens

One thing is certain, Lake Fenton wrestling doesn't dodge anyone.

The Blue Devils competed in the Clarkston Duals and ended up facing three teams ranked in the top 10 in Division 1. The Blue Devils had a decent showing at the event, but lost all four of their bouts. They lost to the sixth-ranked D1 squad Bedford by a slight 34-33 score. They also lost to No. 5 Romeo 39-22 and No. 9 Clarkston 49-30. They also lost to another strong program, Richmond, 39-31.

The Blue Devils had three grapplers earn 4-0 marks — Jorge Marvin, Noah Hall and Karson Crist. Marvin (106/13) earned two pinfall wins among his four victories, earning first-round falls against Romeo's Sean Williams and Clarkston's Mitchell Murray.

Beverly (150) earned a pinfall win, a major decision victory and a pinfall win in his first three matches. In the finals he faced Midland's undefeated Cole Schelb and lost a tight 3-0 decision.

Three wrestlers finished in third. Ben Triola (190), Garrett Clark (132) and Kyle Dunfield (165) were those wrestlers. Chris Dobek (215) and Carson Krzeszak (285) earned fourth-place efforts. Owen Freeman (120) placed fifth while Aiden Velzy (106) placed sixth.

He also earned a decision win against Bedford's Tristan King.

Hall (150) earned a first-round pinfall win against Bedford's Jacob Bruning and second-round fall against Richmond's Aiden Bergeo. He also had a decision win against Romeo's Jack Zehnder and a forfeit victory against Clarkston.

Crist (175/190) earned a pin versus Clarkston's Ethan Zak and a major decision win against Richmond's Jack Akans. He had decision victories versus Bedford's Robbie Gossard and Romeo's Nathan Miller.

Ty Johnson (144) earned a 3-1 record with two pinfall wins while Clay Cook (120), Kaleb Digiaco-mo (132) and Luke Wright (165) had two wins. Robbie Moore (126), Drew Corcoran (138) and Josh Ezell (215) had a win each.

Lake Fenton girls keep on winning, defeat Stars' foe Owosso 63-28

By David Troppens

How balanced is the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team?

In its game against Owosso on Friday, the Blue Devils had every player on the varsity squad start at least one quarter.

Owosso never had a chance against Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils scored 21 first-quarter points and cruised to a 63-28 Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory.

In the opening quarter, Kendyl Smith netted eight points and Makenna Clement chipped in six. The Blue Devils (12-0 overall and 4-0 in Metro League Stars Division action) led 21-9 after one quarter. Lake Fenton's offense wasn't as effective in the second quarter, suffering through a rare single-digit stanza. Smith netted four more points in the quarter as Lake Fenton scored nine. However, the Blue Devils' defense held Owosso to just six. Lake Fenton led 30-15 at halftime.

Any chance Owosso had of a comeback ended when the Blue Devils scored 21 more third-quarter points. Seven players scored for Lake Fenton, led by Ella Prevost's five points and Savannah Fellenbaum's four points. Lake Fenton led 51-24 entering the final quarter.

Smith led the Blue Devils with 16 points while Prevost and Clement each chipped in 11 points. Fellenbaum netted eight points while Cola Sisk chipped in seven points.



Savannah Fellenbaum drives to the hoop during a recent game. She scored eight points in the Blue Devils' win against Owosso on Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles place sixth at Lapeer Lightning Invitational

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team competed at the Lapeer Lightning Invitational and came home with two finalists while finishing sixth among 23 teams.

The team's only champion was Bryce Shingleton (126). Shingleton won his first match by technical fall and then went on a pinfall streak the rest of

the day, pinning his final four opponents. His championship was earned by beating Utica's Bryson Ealy by pinfall in just 32 seconds, his fastest pin of the tournament. Shingleton is 21-1.

Jase Grundy (190) earned a spot in the finals, but had to settle for second place. He earned pinfall victories in his first two matches, but then lost to Gaylord's Ty Bensinger by pinfall

in the final.

Two other Eagles finished in third. Adoniah Delgado (138) and Luke Haney (144) accomplished that task. Delgado had to win a tight 8-7 decision against Carleton Airport's Blake Haliburda to earn third, while Haney defeated Lapeer's Austin Murphy by decision in his final match. Michael Bush (175) placed fourth.

Tigers play balanced game, defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

Fenton — There's no such thing as taking a game off.

Fenton's Adrie Staib is a senior and has been on the Tigers' varsity girls basketball team for her entire high school career, nearly four complete seasons. She's seen it all in her career.

So when a winless team enters the school for a game, is it time to take a break? No — it's time to go to work.

Fenton had six players score points in the opening quarter as the Tigers jumped to a 17-6 first-quarter lead against the visiting Kearsley Hornets. The Tigers were able to gradually grow their lead as the contest continued, earning a 61-23 Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory.

"Going into the game we definitely had to make sure we were going to compete with this team," Staib said. "This is a competitive team and they were going to come out hot. We all just have to get into the mindset that this wasn't going to be easy and that we had to work for this. Everybody bought into that and that's what helped us start strong and finish strong."

The Tigers certainly didn't lower their level of play against the Hornets. If anything they elevated it. Fenton's offense was unselfish and impressive as they steadily increased the lead. The defense made life miserable for Kearsley all night long.

"We had a nice flow tonight," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchev said. "It was nice to see. On Tuesday night (a 48-32 victory against Holly) I didn't think we flowed as well as we could've, but I thought tonight we kind of put it together."

Fenton's offensive balance was impressive in the first half. While scoring 33 first-half points, the Tigers had eight players score, but no one had more than six. Isabella MacCaughan and Allie Michewicz had that many while Madison LaRowe, Keegan Weddle, Staib and Grace MacCaughan had four points each. The Tigers led 33-7 at the half.

"All of my kids have been working really hard in practice, so I was glad I had a chance to get them all in," Kutchev said. "They all deserve to be out there because they are working hard. I



Adrie Staib (right) scored 16 points in the Tigers' 52-12 victory against Kearsley on Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

was proud of the passing tonight. Great passes — one-two passes for a layup. We didn't settle for outside shots. We really did a nice job getting to the basket and getting good shots instead."

In the third quarter, the Ti-

gers found Staib underneath in motion constantly, resulting in nice assists on good looks for layups. Staib had 10 third-quarter points and assisted another bucket herself.

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Blue Devils win third straight game, defeat Owosso 78-33

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is finding its rhythm again.

After losing four straight, the Blue Devils earned their third victory in a row, defeating Owosso 78-33 at home Friday night.

The Blue Devils (3-1 in the Stars Division and 6-4 overall) jumped out to a 15-5 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Lake Fenton led just 7-5 late in the first quarter,

but went on an 8-0 run during the final 1:46 of the quarter to blow the game open a bit. The run started with an Ashton Hunter hoop and continued with a Brit Antanongeli three-pointer. Hunter followed with a steal and a layup and Coleson Lessner followed with a converted free throw, making it a 15-5 lead.

Owosso trailed 26-13 with about three minutes left in the first half but another 8-0 Lake Fenton run enabled the Blue Devils

to stretch the lead. It started with a conventional three-point play by Carson Haddad. It continued with a Jett Husted layin and ended on another conventional three-point play by Haddad. Lake Fenton led 34-13 and went into halftime leading 37-15.

Hunter finished with 14 points while Husted had 13 points and Haddad had 10 points. Antanongeli had nine points while Gavin Teffner chipped in eight.

Lady Bronchos play well in defeat versus Flushing Raiders, 40-21

The Holly varsity girls basketball team faced off against the first-place team in the Metro League Stripes Division Friday.

The Bronchos played well against Flushing, but lost a 40-21 contest.

The Bronchos trailed at one time 8-2 in the first quarter, but Holly's Alana Simmons hit two free throws and Ella Azbell nailed a putback hoop, cutting the Raiders' lead to just 8-6 with 2:29 left in the first quarter.

Flushing upped the gap to 10-6, but Simmons responded with a drive from center court to underneath the hoop for a converted layup. The Bronchos trailed just 10-8 after one quarter.

The second quarter hurt the

Bronchos, as Holly scored just two points. The only bucket came on a breaking layup on a dish from Molly Adams to Azbell, cutting the deficit to just 19-10 with 1:31 left in the half.

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18 lead at the half. In that quarter, Moore had a sensational block to highlight the Broncos' defense effort.

Holly (3-1 in the Stripes Division and 6-3 overall) upped the lead to 33-22 at the 4:45 mark of the third quarter before both teams got a bit sloppy with the ball and made multiple turnovers. A Willis steal and abucket made it 37-25 with 1:30 left. The Raiders battled back late in the quarter with an "and one" from senior Brayden Jones with three seconds left to cut the margin to 37-33.

Willis picked up his fourth foul a little more than a minute into the final quarter. Shortly thereafter, Jones laid in a bucket to make it 41-39. Another Flushing bucket tied the game. The Raiders then went ahead 46-45 with 2:25 left in the game. Things were looking pretty sketchy for the Bronchos — but then, enter Mason Clark.

With less than two minutes left, the Holly senior and captain made consecutive three-pointers to turn the one-point deficit into a five-point lead with 1:28 remaining on the clock. Holly's Ka'Vion Smith then iced it with two late free throws.

Clark led Holly with 14 points, 12 coming on threes.

"We work on it all the time in practice," Clark said. "If you are a shooter keep shooting. One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in. You might as well take them."

Clark also excels on the diamond and will be playing baseball at Kalamazoo College next year.

Moore's shot blocking ability is remarkable. He modestly credited Clark for the win.

"Mason hit a couple of threes and put it away," Moore said.

Another two-sport standout, Tony Simmons, also plays football. He had just six points but was strong on the defensive end while pulling down 11 rebounds and adding a steal.

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Fenton competitive cheer squad places third in first Metro meet

By David Troppens

Last season's Flint Metro League competitive cheer seasons was one of the most balanced in any sport in the history of the league.

It will be interesting to see if that parity remains in 2022. The league is one jamboree into its season, competing the first one at Goodrich on Friday. Based on that the first event, it looks like it could be another battle.

Swartz Creek, one of the teams that was in the thick of last year's race, won the first meet with a three-round combined score of 746.62, about 13 points

ahead of second-place Flushing (733.52). Two-time defending Metro champs Fenton took third (712.70) while Lake Fenton was fourth (691.92), Holly was ninth (627.84) and Linden was 10th (625.65) in the 12-team event.

Swartz Creek had the top Round 1 performance and Round 3 effort, earning its first-place finish. Fenton had the second-best score in the first and third rounds.

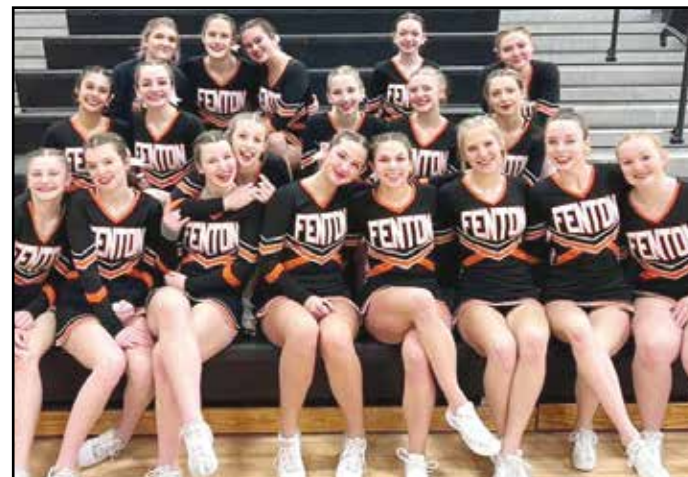
Fenton had a 220.2 score in Round 1, trailing the Dragons by just .6 points. However, a 202.4 Round 2 score with an eight-point penalty dropped the Tigers to third entering the final round.

In it, the Tigers recorded a 298.1.

Lake Fenton opened with a 206.8 Round 1, and a 189.02 in Round 2, putting the Blue Devils in fourth. The Blue Devils retained that status with a 296.1 Round 3 score.

Holly had a 193.5 and a 163.84 in the first two rounds. The Bronchos finished with a 270.5 in Round 3.

The Eagles opened with a 208.8 in its first performance, but had a 166.64 in Round 2 which included an eight-point penalty. The Eagles recorded a 258.2 in Round 3.



The Fenton competitive cheer team takes a break during a recent meet. Fenton placed third at the first Metro meet.

Holly swimmers post strong times vs. Creek, Davison

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swimming and diving team saw its times drop in a meet with Swartz Creek and Davison on Thursday.

Holly saw the squad earn 11 personal bests and six individual top-three efforts.

Brandon Strickert and Ian Smith earned the firsts. Smith won diving with a score of 132.0. Meanwhile, Strickert won the 100 butterfly (59.99). He also earned one of the other individual top-three performances, taking third in the 200 freestyle (2:07.14).

The Bronchos had two individual seconds. Grant Hoffman was the runner-up in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.04) while Josh Dahlin was second in the 50 freestyle (25.66). Coggins also earned a third in the 200 individual medley (2:36.07). Freshman Zac Brown also recorded an eight-second drop in his 200 individual medley time.

Two Holly relays also earned seconds. Coggins, Hoffman, Strickert and Dahlin earned the runner-up spot in the 200 medley relay (2:25.06) while Dahlin, Coggins, Landon Heikka and Strickert were second in the 200 freestyle relay (1:48.67).

Linden's offense heats up in 64-25 victory vs. Dragons

By David Troppens

After suffering through a three-game losing streak, the Linden varsity girls basketball team needed an uplifting contest.

The Eagles got exactly that on Friday. Linden earned a 64-25 road victory at Swartz Creek. Linden scored a season-high 27 points in the first quarter, with six players scoring points during the stanza. Megan Widner led the squad

with 10 first-quarter points, while Addison Acker, Ella Kenyon and Kayla Widner had four points each. Linden led 27-3 after one quarter.

From that point on, the Eagles steadily increased their lead. Addyson Sturgis scored five second-quarter points, as Linden led 38-11 at halftime. The Eagles scored 18 third-quarter points with Kelsey McLennan netting seven points

and Kayla Widner chipping in six.

McLennan netted a team-high 14 points while Kayla Widner, Megan Widner and Acker had 10 points each. Sturgis had five points while Allison Maienbrook, Olivia Mawhinney and Ella Kenyon chipped in four points each.

Megan Widner and Mawhinney had six rebounds each while McLennan and Kenyon had four rebounds.

Eagles jump to early lead, earn victory versus Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Early deficits have been an issue for the Linden varsity boys basketball team in recent weeks.

The Eagles decided to try the strategy of getting a big lead of their own on Friday at Swartz Creek. Linden jumped to a first-half lead and then held on down the stretch earning a 54-49 victory.

Reed Krueger scored four first-quarter points and Jase Becher, Konner Hu-

lett, Monte Keener and Joe Miller had two points each, earning Linden a 12-8 lead after one quarter.

The Eagles (3-5 overall and 2-2 in the Metro League Stripes Division) blew out their lead in the second quarter. Linden got four points from Krueger and three points each from Miller and Hulett, sparking a 16-point quarter. Meanwhile, the defense dominated Creek, holding the Dragons to just five second-

quarter points. The Eagles led 28-13 at halftime.

Swartz Creek started cutting into the gap in the third quarter. Cole Tweeksbury hit two three-pointers for the Dragons, helping the squad to an 18-point third. However, the Eagles got four points each from Hulett and Becher, resulting in Linden scoring 14 points. The Eagles still led 42-31 entering the final quarter.

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Griffins defeat Bay Area, lose to Utica Ford in recent games

By David Troppens

The Fenton-Linden Area Griffins has had some recent good and bad news.

The good news was the Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton co-op team's 5-4 victory against the Bay Area thunder on Friday. The bad news was a 10-4 loss to Utica Ford Unified on Monday.

In the victory against the Bay Area Thunder, the Griffins (5-9-0) scored four first-period goal and needed a final goal

in the third period to edge out the Bay Area Thunder. Carson Gardner recorded two of the Griffins' goals while Dominic Corso, Mitchel Luck and Carter Lukasavits had a goal each. Parker Harrison, Carson Gardner and Triton Wright recorded assists. Henry Wojtaszek earned the win in goal.

Against Utica Ford Unified, the Griffins allowed six second-period goals. The Griffins trailed just 2-1 after one

period before Unified's six-goal second period. Penalties hurt the Griffins, as they had 31 penalty minutes.

Gardner, Caden Crandall, Dylan Holloway and Corso had goals for the Griffins. Wright had two assists while Corso, Crandall and Harrison had an assist each.

Wojtaszek and Vincent Majeske split time in goal with Wojtaszek recording the loss.

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Robert Carl Hamel - age 79, of Fenton, died Thursday, January 12, 2023. Bob passed away too soon in his 80th year due to an almost 20-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. Sounds odd to read that, but he was someone you expected to hear about in the local



beginning of them but often the day-to-day workings of them (including The Laundry, CRUST and White's Landing Marina). I would be remiss in not saying that Bob was a real nice guy all along the way. Collectively his kids and grandkids would agree that is the

newspaper still working six days a week in his 104th year. He was born the second son into a family of nine on Henry Street in River Rouge, Michigan. He worked alongside his father in the trucking business, the gas station business and the liquor business all during his school years and shortly after. He was well liked as a young man and the quarterback for Our Lady of Lourdes football team. He dated Elaine Gignac, a cheerleader. Eventually they got married but didn't really fall into the stereotype of that kind of couple. Elaine fit real nicely into his family and within five years they had four children and bought a house in Allen Park. From there they moved to Dearborn where Bob owned and operated a Baskin Robbins Ice cream store. In 1976, they moved to Fenton to purchase and operate a liquor store with Bob's brother Tom (Locke's Party Shoppe). They had another son and settled into and became known in the Fenton area. Bob later owned a beer and wine distributorship in Flint, as well as building and operating Oliver T's Gourmet Market in Grand Blanc, and other businesses in the Fenton area. He was involved in all of his children's businesses over the years, not only helping in the

one way most people described him. But that is really not enough. Yes, he was a nice guy, but he also was the nice guy you wanted to be with, talk with, see a game with and work with. Despite his battle with Parkinson's, Bob did work six days a week up until about two years ago when the disease prevented him from walking and talking. That was probably the hardest part of the disease for him. Bob and Elaine were married for 58 years and still lived in Fenton. She survives him as well as all of his children, Chris Hamel (Lora), Mark Hamel (Mike), Matt Hamel, Marybeth Brennan (Chad), Jonathan Hamel (Jessica) and nine grandchildren. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 AM Monday, January 16, 2023 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation was held 3 - 6 PM Sunday, January 15 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, where a scripture service was held at 6 PM Sunday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (<https://www.parkinsonsmi.org/>).



Clarence "Dutch" Alton Combs

1929 – 2023

Clarence "Dutch" Alton Combs - age 93, Tequesta, FL, went to be with our Father Sunday, January 8, 2023, with his family around him. Funeral services will be held 12:30 PM Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, with Pastor Michael Perez officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Linden. A visitation will be held from 10 AM - 12 PM Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Mike Rowe Works Foundation (www.mikeroweworks.org). There will also be a memorial service held in Florida in February. Clarence was born June 21, 1929,



in Novi. He spent most of his life in the Fenton/Morrice area before retiring to Florida later in his retirement. Clarence retired from Grand Blanc Metal Center in 1993 after 40 years of service to GM. Surviving are wife, Freda; two children, Barry (Misty) Combs and Connie Abbott; two stepdaughters,

Rebecca (Donald) Wolfe and Cynthia (Michael) Rowsey; many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ilene (Harold) Dode; Carolyn (John) Boren; brother, Reynold "Butch" Combs. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles Joseph Wardlaw Jr.

1953 – 2023



Charles Joseph Wardlaw Jr. Born on September 7, 1953, in Imlay City. He passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Sr., and Hedwig Wardlaw. He leaves behind loved ones, Jeannie; children, Travis (Blythe) Johnson, Vaughn (Lisa) Johnson, Kelsey (Phillip) Maser; and grandchildren, Micah, Olivia, Maya, Veronica, Sloan, Anthony, Sawyer, Lucas, and Juniper. A memorial service will be held 2 PM Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Sharp Funeral Homes,

Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Rev. Dennis Hosang officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 - 2 PM Saturday at the funeral home. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Slightly wet
- 5 Wild canine
- 9 Yoga pad
- 12 Close
- 13 Actress Perlman
- 14 Green prefix
- 15 Requiring low temperatures
- 17 Moo — pork
- 18 Boy, in Barcelona
- 19 Big name in racing
- 21 Antlered animals
- 24 Jubilation
- 25 Billions of years
- 26 German

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- 31 Postpone
- 32 Wildebeest
- 33 Romance-free, as a relationship
- 35 Head, to Henri
- 36 Sweet wine
- 37 King of Judea
- 38 Snapshot
- 40 Graceful bird
- 42 Slithery fish
- 43 Looking good on the tube, say
- 48 Part of TNT
- 49 Lettuce unit
- 50 Turner or Fey
- 51 Billboards
- 52 Evergreens
- 53 Crisp cookie
- 10 Dull pain
- 11 Go sightseeing
- 16 USO patrons
- 20 Ultramodernist
- 21 Leak out slowly
- 22 Work hard
- 23 Maryland's capital
- 24 Avocado dip, for short
- 26 Camp shelter
- 27 Peyton's brother
- 28 Grooving on
- 29 Prompted
- 31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 34 Nanny's charge
- 35 Beliefs
- 37 Crone
- 38 Anti-fur org.
- 39 Cattle group
- 40 Cabbage salad
- 41 Marries
- 44 Shoe width
- 45 Diarist Anais
- 46 — tizzy
- 47 Bottle top

DOWN

- 1 Org. for a major party
- 2 — Lingus
- 3 Spring month
- 4 Plug parts
- 5 Wee songbird
- 6 "It can't be!"
- 7 Floral neckline
- 8 Teaching staff
- 9 Courier

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Midweek Jumble

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Horoscopes

For the week of
January 16, 2023

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20
You may be in a meditative mood this week, Aries. You may think about mundane things or even complex issues. It's an ideal time to stay indoors and relax with your thoughts.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21
Obligations to friends or family could interfere with other things you had intended, such as spending time with your partner. As more people call upon you, step back and consider.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21
You have a strong desire to clean and organize your home this week, Gemini. Spring cleaning certainly comes early. Conquer that clutter.

CANCER

June 22/July 22
All of that extra work on the job will pay off in the days to come, Cancer. Expect an email or personal meeting from a supervisor to discuss.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23
Practical matters, such as the household budget, may need your attention this week, Leo. A big purchase is on the horizon, so get your finances sorted out.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22
Giving back to the community can boost your morale, Virgo. Think about offering to shop for an elderly neighbor or volunteer at a food pantry a few days a week.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23
Careful penny pinching may now result in a nice nest egg you can use any way you desire, Libra. Enjoy the fruits of your labor when you can loosen the pursestrings.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a sense of duty to loved ones may have you taking on tasks that you otherwise may never consider. Your willingness to pitch in won't go unnoticed.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't be surprised if the people you help this week are willing to go to bat for you in the future. Consider any assistance you provide an investment in friendship.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20
Some people know exactly which buttons to push to get a rise out of you, Capricorn. Try to be the bigger person and turn the other cheek.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18
A momentary loss of confidence may catch you off-guard, Aquarius. Brush these feelings aside and take on any task or challenge that comes your way.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20
Nostalgia could hit you hard this week Pisces. Enjoy an unexpected trip down Memory Lane. Contact others who might enjoy it as well.

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