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City considers amending ordinance Planning commission better define "kennel" and husband moved from Remus officially certified as an ani-

Planning commission postpones kennel, animal shelter topic

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden Planning Commission is considering amending the city ordinances to

better define "kennel" and other animal control and protection operations.

On Monday, Feb. 6, the commission postponed the topic after hearing from a few residents.

Monica Larner and her

husband moved from Remus to Linden and live on eight acres zoned residential-2 on west Rolston Road. She has been rescuing dogs for more than 40 years. Their nonprofit, AuCaDo: Australian Cattle Dog Rescue, has been officially certified as an animal protection shelter since 2014. In September 2022, she applied for a variance to operate the animal rescue operations at her property. The Zoning Board of Ap-See **ORDINANCE** on 10

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Committee starts relocation discussions

Holly Village seeks new administrative office space

By Sharon Stone

The committee that was formed to put forth a recommendation of where to relocate Holly Village offices held its first

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Randy Wise Automotive Team contributes to pathway

■ Donates \$25,000 to Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, LAFF Pathway

The Randy Wise Automotive Team has donated \$25,000 to the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) LAFF Silver Lake Trail fund.

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On Thursday, Feb. 9, one-way traffic goes south as work continues on the new water main being constructed along Fenton Road, which is part of phase one of the Thompson Road Corridor Project.

Board approves water connection fees

■Two-year fee schedule will be more affordable to encourage connections

By Hannah Ball

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved connection fees for the property owners who will connect to the municipal water system.

Construction is ongoing for the extension of the Genesee County water system into sections of

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Fire department seeks to replace 18-year-old ladder truck

■ Hefty price tag, lengthy delivery time pose challenges to budget

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Fire Department is working on plans to replace its ladder truck with a new model.

During the Fenton City Council's work session Monday, Feb. 6, members discussed Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff's request.

Cairnduff met with Treasurer Jon Satkowiak during the summer of 2022 to discuss the possibility and to determine if the fire department had the funds to move forward with the project. It was determined then that the fire department did and that Cairnduff should research what was needed.

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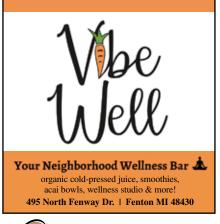


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Owned by sisters Kris O'Neil and Robin Wolf, My Sister & Me Upscale Consignment opened in 2014 in a 5,000-square-foot building. In 2018, they grew into a second building, with the third following in 2021. In 2022, the "Smitten Mitten Confectionery" ice cream and specialty shop opened, co-owned with their neighbors/family "Optimum Balance Counseling/Back To Basics." MS&M is now over 15,000 square feet of upscale shopping for furniture, decor, designer clothes and accessories, fine and costume jewelry, designer bags and much more. Many call it a true "one-stop shopping" experience. They currently have more than 4,500 consignors with new friends arriving daily. Kris said everyone at MS&M is humbled and appreciative of the continued support from our community, customers, consignors and team members. They



Owners Kris O'Neil, Robin Wolf, Karl Gill and Jamie Sweet are shown here in April 2022 for the opening of Smitten Mitten, which is attached to the consignment store.

were recently awarded the "Outstanding Customer Service" award from the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, and are recognized on the "Top 10 best consignment shops in Michigan" list. MS&M proudly donates any unsold items to the "Fenton World of Wonder" program supporting local families. Kris and Robin ask that you please keep them in your heart when disposing of unwanted items they are not able to accept. "Fenton has always been our home and we are proud to be a part of it," Kris said.













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It's nearly Expo time

■Chamber prepares for one of area's largest events

By Hannah Ball

An exhibit by the AGS Middle School Fenton Robotics team. A Veterans Memorial Display by the city of Fenton.

These are just a sampling of the new attractions to be featured at the 38th annual Fenton Community Expo on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Fenton High School. The event is put on by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"I am looking forward to seeing the community and businesses connect. Expo is one of my favorite events because we reach such a wide audience," said Meghan Grimshaw, membership director and event coordinator with the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Expo is the largest gathering in the area of businesses, nonprofits, civic organizations, schools and more to give the public an opportunity to learn more about their community. Thousands of people attend every year. The chamber





is expecting more booths and vendors compared to last year's. Attendees can expect more than 100 exhibitors.

"We have more booths than last year already, but we are still selling everyday so it is hard to put a number on it right now," Grimshaw said.

Games and giveaways are staple features of the event. Many booths have candy, games and prizes. The Fenton & Linden Chamber booth will have a raffle giveaway of items donated from various exhibitors participating in the show this year.

The Expo is also bringing back the crowd favorites Kids Zone and petting zoo. The Tri-County Times will have the large Connect Four game at its booth.

Not only does the Expo offer valuable opportunities to see what this community offers in regards to retail, business, non-profit and government organizations, it

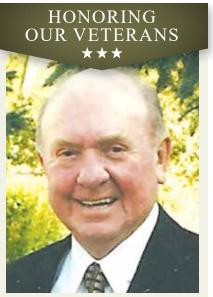
also gives the public a chance to learn more about the educational opportunities for youth in the area and enjoy performances from local performers.

Instructor Heidi Ritchie said the middle school Fenton Robotics team will exhibit their robot on Saturday around noon. The high school team is currently at a competition.

"We really like to do the Expo. We like to be there and show the community what the robotics team is all about. It's a great way for us to connect with sponsors and recruit new members. A lot of people don't know about the opportunities through Fenton Robotics," she said.

This is the first year that the middle school has qualified for the FIRST Championship international youth robotics competition that will take place April 19-22 in Houston, Texas.

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Words with Hannah

recently watched all three Cloverfield movies, "Cloverfield," "10 Cloverfield Lane" and "The Cloverfield Paradox" and enjoyed them immensely. This franchise, even the third movie with a 22% on Rotten Tomatoes, reminded me why I love sci-fi so much.

My favorite Cloverfield movie is the first, followed by the second and then the third.

I think the second is better in terms of storyline and quality, but I favor the first slightly just because the giant monster is very cool.

The conflict in the second is the best. Was there actually some kind of disaster that contaminated the air or is Howard just keeping these people prisoner for nefarious reasons?

The tension in the movie was golden. When they have dinner for the first time, when they play games, when the woman bangs on the door and you see what's happening to her face, every time Howard walks down the stairs when Michelle is working on the escape plan.

The third movie, "The Cloverfield Paradox," went a bit off the rails but it wasn't bad. Certain aspects could have been improved. The characters should have been developed more. The strange happenings could have been stranger,



Hannah Ball Staff Reporter

The Cloverfield Column

more unique and more consistent.

But this movie did not deserve a 22% on Rotten Tomatoes. It deserved at least 30%.

It deserves some extra credit for answering the mystery of why creatures were attacking Earth.

Producer J.J. Abrams and his marketing team did an excellent job fanning the mystery and letting theories fly after the

first movie came out. Originally, it was deduced that the creature in "Cloverfield" was awakened by submarines in the Atlantic Ocean and it was believed that it was on Earth the whole time.

(Spoiler: in the third movie, scientists tried to fix an energy crisis on Earth and in doing so, accidentally get transported into a different dimension and open doorways to other universes)

Despite knowing it's a Cloverfield movie, I think people approached this film as a typical sci-fi story about scientists in space trying to save the Earth. The people who didn't like the appearance of the creatures at the end forgot what kind of movie they were watching. There's no Cloverfield movie without giant monsters.

I love the endless possibilities with this franchise. If each movie takes place in a different dimension, imagine all the different kinds of stories you could tell. I would love a movie about scientists exploring the deep sea when they encounter an alien.

Why do these monsters and aliens have to immediately attack people? What if they just chilled and took a nap in some cornfields or something? I suppose one rule with using giant monsters as a literary device is that they must pose an imminent threat, but Cloverfield writers can get more creative with that. Consider "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" and "Pacific Rim."

How about a movie decades after the dimensions collided and monsters have taken over Earth? I would love a movie about small villages of humans trying to survive. Do some of these creatures become friends with humans? Do they want to get back to their home planet?

There needs to be some technological aspect. All three movies are affected by technology in different ways. The first movie itself is a "found footage" film. In the second movie, the characters are cut off from most technology and the outside world as they try to survive with each other in a doomsday bunker. The third movie centers on the technology that created the creature problem in the first place.

Ultimately, I'm very happy this franchise exists. I love theorizing, I love giant monsters, and I'm so happy they're making a fourth Cloverfield movie.

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JUST WANT TO give a shout out to the Lake Fenton High School Unified Club and those who did the Polar Plunge. Thank you, Ms. Huelskamp, for bringing Unified to our schools. I can't wait to see all the amazing things our kids can do when they work together.

GLAD TO SEE the LAFF Pathway coming to Silver Lake Road between Fenton and Linden. Not glad the speed limit of Silver Lake Road remains at 55, with no curbs or guardrail to protect those using the pathway. Why isn't the Silver Lake Road speed limit 45 like Owen Road?

THE FIFTH AMENDMENT to the U.S. Constitution states 'nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.' Eminent domain is enshrined in the Constitution and is nothing new.

I SEE SQUAW Lake riparians are working to change the government forced name change. I hope you fight to retain the original name. The beauty of the lake is a tribute to the name Squaw.

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

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?



"The Bengals!!! They should be playing in the Super Bowl this year... they got robbed!"



"The Philadelphia Eagles because we think they have a better scheme and plan to win."



"Eagles."

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"Whoever has the most points when the time is up."

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'Blanket Beavers' to the rescue

■Group of friends make blankets for organizations that care for pets

By Sharon Stone

A group of 20 women from across Genesee County have completed another 90 pet blankets.

Affectionately named, "Blanket Beavers," the founder of the group, Barbara Harris of Fenton Township, said she started the group 13 years ago and her group has been making the blankets ever since. She and her daughter, Suzette Barley, bring the friends together once a year, typically in January or February to make the blankets.

The volunteers bring their own material and supplies and they sit down for one day and make the blankets in two sizes, small and large.

The group then distributes the pet blankets to organizations that care for pets. In the past, they've given blankets to Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, the Devoted Barn in Rose Township, Bennington



(above) Blanket Beavers founder Barbara Harris (fourth from left) and her daughter Suzette Barley (second from right) stand with their group of volunteers that made 90 pet blankets last weekend.

Kennels in Fenton Township, the Cheboygan Humane Society, Pets in Peril and more.

Amember of the Lake Fenton Methodist Church, Harris said they were able to use the church facilities this year rather than her home. She said they had more space to spread out and it worked out perfectly.

If any group is in need of pet blankets, contact Harris at (810) 629-5020. If you'd like to lend a hand and make blankets with the group in the future, call Harris for details.



A group of friends volunteer their time and supplies to make and distribute pet blankets to organizations that care for pets. This pile of blankets was what they made in 2020.



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Board approves tax abatement

■ Miller Industries \$20-million expansion expected to add 115 new jobs

Bv Hannah Ball

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a 12-year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Miller Industries.

The vote was 4-2. Clerk Robert Krug and Trustee Kade Katrak voted no. Trustee Robert Kesler was absent.

The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate reduces how much property taxes Miller Industries will pay by almost 50% for the 12-year period. The board approved this tax abatement due to the company's plant expansion on Thompson Road. The Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act, known as the Industrial Facilities Exemption, PA 198 of 1974, provides this one- to 12-year tax incentive to manufacturers to enable renovation and expansion of aging facilities, assist in the building of new facilities, and to promote the establishment of high tech facilities, according to the Michigan

Department of Treasury.

These certificates are determined by the local unit of government and are also subject to review by the Property Services Division and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The State Tax Commission (STC) is ultimately responsible for final approval and issuance of certificates.

The expansion of Miller Industries is expected to cost \$20 million and provide 115 new jobs, according to the meeting minutes.

Katrak, who voted against approving the abatement, said, "From the perspective of local governments, the tax abatement process is often a necessary evil. Corporations implicitly threaten to pick a different location and take away jobs if state and local governments won't enable them to legally avoid paying their share of taxes.

"In this specific case, Miller Industries had already committed to the expansion and the creation of 155 jobs in return for a \$450,000 state grant through the See TAX on 15



Good Citizen Award given to two local students

By Sharon Stone

The Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the National Society of the American

Revolution presented the Society's Good Citizen Award to Abby Logan of Fenton High School and Colleen Blackwood of Linden High School.

The Good Citizen Award has been presented to high school students across the United States since 1934.

The characteristics for the award are dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. To qualify, students write an essay of 550 words in a two-hour timeline. The essay title this year was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving it."

Logan is daughter of Chad and Jamey Logan, serves as president of her E.C.O. Club, a senior member of the National Honor Society and Captain's Club. She is also a captain of the girls' varsity basketball and soccer teams. Logan plans to attend Michigan Technology University to study environmental engineering with a minor in geology.

"I find it very interesting to dive into American patriotism and the work of Americans, especially when story at tetimes.com.

looking at the challenges Americans are facing. Every American's life is different and yet we are still united

under the title of being a citizen. I liked being able to have my own voice on the topic where I was free to evaluate the actions of good Americans that make America what it is today," Logan said.

Blackwood, daughter of Michael and Jennifer Blackwood, is the team captain of the cross country team and the drum major in the marching band. She also participates on the track team, the school's wind ensemble, LINK Leaders, National Honor Society and the Instructional Leadership



Abby Logan

Colleen Blackwood

program. She is not yet committed to a college but is looking at five different in-state institutions. She plans to major in education.

Blackwood said, "I took on the challenge (of writing the essay) with confidence in the knowledge that people are complicated and writing about only one attribute to a person would not be beneficial to addressing the reality of a whole person."

Read their essays online with this

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At their meeting of February 7, 2023, the Fenton Township Board Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone parcel 06-01-200-015, (1220 Thompson Road) from R-3 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.

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First reading held for doggy daycare plans

Future land use map identifies area as community commercial zoning

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the first public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 7 for the proposed doggy daycare expected to be built at the northwest corner of Thompson and Fenton roads.

Fenton Township resident Allore Sharp is planning to build the Ruffy Ranch Retreat, a doggy daycare with a 24-hour boarding facility, canine massage, spa services and obedience training, on 3.85-acres of land on the northwest corner of the intersection. The design plans show a 3,600 square-foot building.

The Thompson Road Dog Park is about 0.16 miles west of the property.

Treasurer and Planning Commissioner John Tucker said that this is the fourth time Sharp submitted plans to build the Ruffy Ranch Retreat, and it was

the third time in the township.

"Itold her at the planning commission that sometimes, things don't work out for a reason. In my mind, I can't think of a much better spot for that kind of use given...the Thompson Road Corridor and its proximity to the dog park. If she'd been given those four options at the beginning, I think she'd be here at this site," he said. "This is consistent with the master plan, which is music to my ears."

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended approval to conditionally rezone the land from single family residential R-3 to general commercial C-2, limited to a commercial kennel with a doggie daycare and a caretaker's quarters.

Sharp's letter of intent states, "RRR will offer doggy daycare, boarding with 24-hour care, canine massage, spa services and obedience training. Our mission is to love and care for each fur baby as our own, to provide a fun-filled

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A Fenton Township resident plans to build a doggy daycare at this location on the northwest corner of Fenton and Thompson roads.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Rose Township appoints trustee to seat on planning commission During its Feb. 8 meeting, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted 4-0 to appoint its newest trustee, Agnes Miesch, to fill a partial term with the planning commission. Clerk Debbie Miller was absent. Miesch was sworn in as a trustee Jan. 18 during a special meeting. The action was necessary after Rose Township Trustee Glen Noble resigned from the Rose Township Board of Trustees and the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors on Dec. 15, 2022. He also served on the planning commission. When she was interviewed by the board Jan. 18, Miesch indicated she would be willing to serve on the planning commission to fill the

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Donor Registry awareness bill introduced

■ Would increase awareness. provide education on organ and tissue donation

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"This bill can save lives and that's the ultimate goal," Stone said. "The bill recognizes the important role trusted medical experts fulfill as a conduit to provide resources, educate and answer questions. This information can help increase the number of donors on Michigan Organ Donor Registry. It is crucial to find innovative ways to get Michiganders informative resources on organ and tissue donations."

"This is common sense legislation for a successful future of donor advocacy,"

Tsernoglou said. "Finding a match truly does save lives."

Gift of Life Michigan is finding new and different ways to reach and educate residents due to changes at Michigan Secretary of State branch offices. Expanded online services have reduced the need for residents to visit their local branch offices, where people are most likely to join the Organ Donor Registry. As a result, fewer people have added their names to it in recent years.

Dorrie Dils, president and CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, said the legislation, which also was introduced in the Michigan Senate last year, shows a continuing trend of collaboration with legislators to help save lives.

"It's encouraging to see continued support for organ and tissue donation among our elected leaders. I hope this bill swiftly moves through the process to become law," Dils said. "We stand ready to provide family doctors in

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You might be eligible for the Senior Nutrition Program

By Hillary Hatch

Are you eligible for Social Security retirement benefits or already receiving them? Did you know that you also can receive healthy meals and other nutrition services through the National Senior Nutrition Program? Local meal programs in communities across the country are waiting to serve you.

As we age, we have different needs, different ways we take care of our health, and different nutrients we need to get from our food. But we don't always have enough healthy food or the desire to prepare or eat a meal.

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Every day, senior nutrition programs serve almost one million meals to people age 60 and older. With home-delivered and group meal options, you can get the food you need in a way that works best for you. It can help you avoid missed meals — and save you time and money with less shopping and cooking.

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The Senior Nutrition Program is administered by the Administration for Community Living, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Hillary Hatch is a Social Security public affairs specialist.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ANY PERSON MAKING a threat of violence against a school needs to spend years in prison, in solitary confinement. The trauma brought upon children will last a lifetime. It's not a joke. It's not funny. It is a

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provide breakfast and lunch for all public school children. I thought that was a parent's responsibility; to care for their children not just produce them.

WHAT A GREAT, great State of the Union speech, President Biden. We're lucky to have your leadership, compassion and decency at the national helm.

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS ARE becoming prisons. We need more police officers? Homeschooling is such a better solution. Who cares more for your kids, you or the state? Choose money or your kids? Teach your kids practical

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DON'T FALL FOR Whitmer's con. The state overtaxed us last year by \$800 million. The inflation relief checks are just your money coming back to you. That's like a pickpocket returning one buck from the \$100 dollar bill she stole.

AS AN AFGHANISTAN veteran, I will never forgive Biden for his incompetence and personal

responsibility in the unnecessary death of 13 U.S. servicemen and servicewomen.

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at this week in **HISTORY**

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FEB. 12

1999: The five-week impeachment trial of Bill Clinton comes to an end. with the Senate voting to acquit the president on both articles of impeachment: perjury and obstruction of justice. In November 1995, Clinton began an affair with Monica Lewinsky, a 21-year-old unpaid intern. Over the course of a year and a half, the president and Lewinsky had nearly a dozen sexual encounters in the White House. In April 1996, Lewinsky was transferred to the Pentagon. That summer, she first confided in Pentagon co-worker Linda Tripp about her sexual relationship with the president. In 1997, with the relationship over, Tripp began secretly to record conversations with Lewinsky, in which Lewinsky gave Tripp details about the affair.

FEB. 13

1945: On this evening, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing roughly 25,000 people. Despite the horrendous scale of destruction, it arguably accomplished little strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. Among the American POWs who were in Dresden during the raid was novelist Kurt Vonnegut, who conveyed his experience in his classic antiwar novel Slaughterhouse Five.

FEB. 14

3.7 billion miles away from the sun, the Voyager 1 spacecraft takes a photograph of Earth. The picture, known as Pale Blue Dot, depicts our planet as a nearly indiscernible speck roughly the size of a pixel. Launched on Sept. 5, 1977. Voyagers 1 and 2 were charged with exploring the outer reaches of our solar system. It passed by Jupiter in March of 1979 and Saturn the following year. The gaps between the outer planets are so vast that it was another decade before it passed by Neptune and arrived at the spot where it was to take a series of images of the planets, known as the "Family Portrait" of our solar system.

FEB. 15

1898: A massive explosion of unknown origin sinks the battleship USS Maine in Cuba's Havana harbor, killing 260 of the fewer than 400 American crew members aboard. One of the first American battleships, the Maine weighed more than 6,000 tons and was built at a cost of more than \$2 million. Ostensibly on a friendly visit, the Maine had been sent to Cuba to protect the interests of Americans there after a rebellion against Spanish rule broke out in Havana in January. An official U.S. Naval Court of Inquiry ruled in March that the ship was blown up by a mine, without directly placing the blame on Spain. Much of Congress and a majority of the American public expressed little doubt that Spain was responsible and called for a declaration of war.

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1990: On Valentine's Day. 1990.

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NOTICE of 2023 ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 1:30 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2021 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211,29(1)

Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Monday, March 13, 2023 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

The Board of Review will accept written appeals if received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. The 2021 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

> Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor 250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West Pontiac, MI 48341

Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/ or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.

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ORDINANCE

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peals denied the request because the land is not zoned for this use.

Their operations involve rehabilitation, getting the dogs them medical care and a microchip, and ultimately rehoming them. They partner with government organizations and shelters.

They're currently not allowed to oper-

ate as a animal protection shelter. Larner said she's operating as a rescue until the matter is resolved.

Linden's ordinance defines a "kennel" as any place or premise where three or more adult dogs, cats and other domesticated animals are maintained, boarded, bred and are cared for. Larner said they're running an animal protection shelter, not a kennel.

City Planner Adam Young said during

the review process, they realized that the city's zoning ordinance doesn't address animal shelters.

"Based on the very broad, current definition of 'kennel,' we had deemed that animal shelter proposal as essentially a kennel. Kennels currently are allowed in the city as a special land use in the general commercial district," he said.

On Monday, the Linden Planning Commission discussed amending the ordinance with the following changes:

• Add new definitions for "animal control shelter" and "animal protection shelter." The city is using definitions found in the State of Michigan Public Act 287 of 1969 (Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters Act).

"Kennel" is defined as "Any place or premises where three or more adult dogs, cats, or other domestic pets are maintained, boarded, bred, or cared for in return for remuneration, or are kept for the purpose of sale." An "animal control shelter" is defined as "A facility operated by a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any other nonprofit organization for the care of homeless animals."

- Revise the existing definition of "kennel" to clarify that a kennel does not include an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.
- Add animal control shelters and animal protection shelters as special land uses within the general commercial district
- Add animal control shelters, animal protection shelters and kennels as special land uses within the limited industrial district

On their eight acres, the Larners have a designed structure for the dogs that is 200 feet from the road and 100 feet behind their house. On one side is a property with horses and there's a buffer on the other side in between their structures and the next house over. Larner said they bought this property because of the space and the buffer.

"What I'm trying to do is stop the overbreeding and the things that happen with not being regulated. So an animal protection shelter is answerable to the state of Michigan. We have inspections and a checklist. We have somebody overseeing us," she said. "I was trying to do things the right way."

Larner said between the car wash, train and nearby commercial businesses, they don't believe the dogs are an annoy-

ance. A few of their neighbors spoke in support of Larner.

"I don't see a problem with noise with the car wash, the train blowing its horn at two o'clock in the morning. I have one dog and it's probably louder than all of the ones that she might possibly have. I just wanted to come support her as a neighbor," the resident said.

Craig Hatch, who owns horses on the property next to the Larners, also spoke in favor of the couple being allowed to continue their animal protection operations.

"There isn't a problem. There's dogs all over the neighborhood that are a lot worse than hers," he said. "The dogs are very nice. I've even offered to feed them if they're going to go out of town. Her and her husband take very good care of them."

He said he's on 13 acres and has horses and believes the Larners should be able to use their 8-acre property in a similar manner.

Commission discussion

Vice Chairperson Victor Lukasavitz asked if they "missed the boat" by not setting a minimum acreage and setback requirements for kennels in residential areas. He said most residential parcels in the city are half an acre to an acre.

Young said they looked at ordinances from neighboring municipalities and said not many define regulated shelters and that kennels are generally allowed in commercial and industrial districts. Fenton Township allows private kennels, with up to six dogs, as a special use in residential zoning districts. Animal shelters are allowed as a special use in residential zoning districts and as a permitted use in the township's non-residential districts. The city of Fenton also allows kennels in residential zoning.

If the Linden Planning Commission did choose to allow kennels and shelters in residential districts as a special use, Young said they could set minimum lot size and setback requirements.

Commissioner and Councilor Ray Culbert said his preference is to allow these uses in commercial and industrial areas.

Commissioner and Councilor Brad Dick said if they did allow it in residential areas, the use could negatively impact neighboring residential properties.

The commission voted to postpone the vote and discussion to give Young time to look into ordinances from other municipalities that allow kennels in residential zoning areas and find additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA DR. FENTON MI <u>AND</u> ELECTRONICALLY. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA23-002 Allore Share- Ruffy Ranch Retreat: Request for a variance from the 300-foot setback for a kennel, 1220 Thompson Road parcel #06-01-200-015.

ZBA23-003 State Building Company: Requesting a size and height variance to construct a new pole barn at 3420 Lahring Road, parcel #06-10-300-014.

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 February 28, 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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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 Zoning Board members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. 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.

Robert E. Krug Fenton Township Clerk 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430-8817

Phone: (810) 629-1537 x6 Email: info@fentontownship.org

PATHWAY

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For The State Bank Trail, LAFF Pathways and SLPR have received approval for grants totaling just over \$1.8 million and locally raised over \$790,000 toward a project estimate of almost \$2.9 million.

The LAFF Trail initiative is a joint team effort that began in 2009 with a group of dedicated residents in southern Genesee County who shared a desire to have a multi-community, non-motorized trail that extends from Argentine Township through the city of Linden and Fenton Township to the city of Fenton and is now entering Phase 2.

"The \$25,000 donation demonstrates Randy Wise Automotive Team's commitment to our community, making it a better and safer place to live, work and play," said Ed Koledo, SLPR and Fenton Community & Cultural Center executive director.

As a proud community member and partner, Randy Wise Automotive Team continues to demonstrate its commitment to a better environment and the well-being of the citizens of Genesee County and surrounding areas. The



(From left) Shannon Brandt, LAFF board secretary, Patric Parker, LAFF board member, Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation/ LAFF board chair, Chris Wise, vice president of Randy Wise Automotive Team and Patricia Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem/LAFF board municipal liaison, hold up the \$25,000 check the auto dealership donated to the LAFF Pathway.

dealership group places a huge emphasis on community outreach in each of its dealerships from involvement through volunteerism, the local school systems, food banks and local nonprofits and charitable organizations.

"We can't wait for this trail to be completed," said Chris Wise, vice president. "It's truly going to be a tremendous addition to our already growing community. We're happy to donate to this wonderful cause and look forward to seeing tons of residents take advantage of this trail in the near future."

Randy Wise Automotive is part of a dealer group with eight locations and 13 brands founded in 1989. The Automotive Team is the largest automotive group donor to a United Way in the state of Michigan.

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Julia Young of Fenton has been named to the fall 2022 dean's list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

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LADDER TRUCK

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A truck committee was formed and comprised of six fire department personnel including Cairnduff to work on the specifications for a new truck. The department's current truck is a 110 Sutphen ladder that was delivered in 2005. The 2005 truck replaced a 30-year-old, 1975 model.

Cairnduff said there are a few reasons why it's necessary now to look for ways to pay for a replacement. The first reason is the number of repairs and money the department has spent on the truck in the last few years. Another reason to initiate a replacement now is the time it takes to replace the truck. He said it will take at least six months to determine the specifications and delivery could be two to three years away depending on the manufacturer. A third reason has to do with how much money the fire department could generate with the sale of its current ladder truck.

After much research, Cairnduff

said the truck committee narrowed its preference down to two companies, Rosenbauer and KME. The fire department currently owns a truck from both companies. Their last engine purchased in 2020 is a KME.

In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, Cairnduff said fire truck companies are seeing price increases at least two to three times a year. This has driven the committee to go through a national cooperative purchasing agency, Sourcewell, out of Minnesota. The city is already a registered user of the agency. Using the service will save them time and lock in competitive pricing.

Cairnduff said they anticipate prices for a new ladder truck to come in between \$1.4 million and \$1.8 million. This is more than the fire department had prepared for with its ladder truck fund budget. "The pricing on fire trucks has skyrocketed in the last three years," he said.

The fire department has approximately \$509,000 in the ladder truck replacement fund, however, he said they







Multiple story apartment buildings and businesses require a ladder truck in the event of a structure fire. The Fenton Fire Department is looking to buy a new one to replace its 18-year-old truck that has had costly repairs in the past few years.

LOOKING BACK

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FEB. 16

1968: The first official "911" call was placed in the United States. Now taken for granted as first course of action in the event of emergency by nearly all of the nation's 327 million people, 911 is a relatively recent invention and was still not standard across the United States for many years after its adoption by Congress.

FEB. 17

1996: In the final game of a six-game match, world chess champion Garry Kasparov triumphs over Deep Blue, IBM's chessplaying computer, and wins the match, 4-2. However, Deep Blue goes on to defeat Kasparov in a heavily publicized rematch the following year. Kasparov, considered one of the greatest players in the history of chess, was born April 13, 1963, in the Russian republic of Azerbaijan. In 1985, at 22. Kasparov became the youngest world champion in history when he defeated Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov

retained his world chess champion title until 2000. In March 2005, he announced his retirement from professional chess.

FEB. 18

1885: Mark Twain publishes his famous — and famously controversial — novel The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawver, hero of his tremendously successful novel The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious. focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South. Aside from its controversial nature and its continuing popularity with voung readers, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn has been hailed by many serious literary critics as a masterpiece. No less a judge than Ernest Hemingway famously declared that the book marked the beginning of American literature: "There was nothing before. There has been nothing as good since."

will not need to put any money down for a deposit for more than a year, so they could potentially have both fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 deposits in the fund by the time they need to make a deposit. This would bring the fund up to \$609,000. Cairnduff said they anticipate the sale price of its current truck to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. That would leave a balance between \$500,000 and \$800,000 to finance on the final price.

Council was in favor of the purchase and the plan of trying to save money by placing an order before more price hikes happen.

The fire chief said most residents don't understand the reasons why the fire department needs a ladder truck. He said life and safety risks with the many apartment buildings are a priority. "We also protect a large industrial and retail area and ladder trucks are one of the main tools we use to limit the spread of large fires," he said. "Just by us having a ladder tuck enables us to lower our

ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating."

They are currently rated an ISO class 3 on a scale of 1 to 10 scale, with 1 being the best rating. Cairnduff said a class 3 rating is very good for a city of Fenton's size. Most insurance companies use this rating system for commercial insurance rates.

Once the committee has pricing back from the two companies, Cairnduff will take a proposal back to city council. "We will have about a year and a half to figure out how we will pay for the balance of the truck," he said. "We will have around \$600,000 in our ladder truck replacement fund at that time. We will also sell our current truck and the money from that will go to offset the cost of the new one. We will be left with about \$600,000 to \$800,000 to finance."

There are other options such as contributions from the city's general fund surplus or the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) toward the balance of the truck.

ANNOUNCEMENT BIRTH



John and Caroline O'Brien of Fenton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Claire O'Brien. She was born Oct. 15, 2022 at 6:19 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20.5 inches long. She was baptized at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton on Sunday Feb. 5, 2023 by Fr. David Harvey. Charlotte's Godparents are Jack Welsh and Brittany Yeoman. Her maternal grandparents are Mary Ann and Timothy Livesay of Fenton Township. Her paternal grandparents are Irma O'Brien and Kelly O'Brien of Fenton.

Correction

In the article, "Oakland County honors Holly grad," published Wednesday, Feb. 8, it incorrectly stated that Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman represented District 47. He represents District 7.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A LITTLE DITTY for Biden naysayers... 'Two jobs available for each unemployed. Job growth that Trump never enjoyed. Unemployment at 3.4 percent. A number that Trump seems to resent. So even if Biden is not your cup of tea, he is so much better than Trump could ever be.'

YOU NAILED IT perfectly when you called electric vehicles as a government plan. That's the problem.

BIDEN'S STATE OF the union speech. What a joke. Please sir, stop lying. You did not create jobs. As far as corrupt corporations, start with your own scandals. You never mentioned the Chinese spy balloon. Anyone with a brain doesn't buy your BS. Can't wait for 2024.

PRESIDENT BIDEN DOES not protect our borders, does not protect our servicemen and now he doesn't protect our airspace. Sorry, Joe.

I WATCHED THE State of the Union last night as I have many, many times in the past. For this speech, I was looking for 'honesty.' I would say that nearly half was pure fabrication and the other half was a great stretch from the truth.

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environment, yet a relaxing and stressfree getaway. In addition, our premise will be pristine and offer a safe canine club to all clientele.

The hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday by appointment. The number of dogs allowed will be determined during the site plan review.

This use is compatible with the township's master plan. The future land use classification for this land is community commercial, according to the report by Zoning Administer Mike Deem.

"This is our updated Thompson Road Corridor. This area has been identified for community commercial and that's intended to provide centers that are intended to provide service to the entire community rather than a single neighborhood. They are located along major road intersections, such as Fenton and Thompson Roads," he said.

If it was rezoned straight C-2, any use under that zoning, such as a grocery store, a strip mall, would be allowed. The conditional rezoning limits the acceptable uses for the land to a commercial kennel with a doggy daycare and caretaker quarters.

Deem said there is one condition Sharp is not able to adhere to. The ordinance requires a 300-foot setback from kennels to residential zoning districts. Sharp would need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. However, the master plan identifies the future land use for the surrounding parcels to be commercial. The proposed building is 271 feet from the house to the west and 245 feet from the house to the north.

Deem said the planning commission discussed inconsistencies in how kennels are treated in the township's ordinances. A veterinarian clinic can have a kennel with a setback of 150-feet compared to 300-feet that a commercial kennel would require.

"Looking through the ordinance, I believe that the intent of that 300-foot is dealing with outdoor kennels and not necessarily a kennel inside a primary building. Zoning ordinances are reactive and not proactive. I think that if for some reason we became kennel city with people wanting to board and do doggy daycare, that's probably something we'd look at in our ordinances and probably would consider reducing that for a primary structure that's not outside of the house," he said. "Ultimately, it's going to be a site plan issue."

Commercial kennels, which have seven or more dogs, are permitted by a special use permit in agriculture, commercial and industrial zoning.

The second reading and vote will take place during the Tuesday, Feb. 21 meeting.

EXPO

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"I think it's really amazing what these kids can do and I think the community is going to be really excited to support their team going to the world competition this year," she said.

The Fenton Robotics club is run by volunteers. Ritchie said they're hoping sponsors will help the team go to the world competition, and they're always looking for people with engineering backgrounds to be mentors.

Be on the lookout for your favorite booth decorations. Along with raffle prizes, the chamber gives out an award for best booth every year.

The Fenton City booth will display a replica of the Veterans Memorial that will

be built this year at Fenton's Freedom Park. Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood, who chairs the Fenton Veterans Memorial Committee, said people can stop in at the Expo and view the model of the park which includes a brick pathway, a granite memorial, an obelisk monument, the Gold Star Mother statue created by sculpture artist Tom White, a newly constructed gazebo, benches and American, state of Michigan and city of Fenton flags. Brick sales and additional donor opportunities will be available at the display.

Lockwood said she is extremely grateful for the work of the committee, the administration, and the city's engineers, OHM.

"This is an honor to recognize our veterans for their sacrifices in protecting and preserving our freedom," she said.

Fatal hit-and-run suspect flees country

■ Oakland County sheriff calls for Thailand to extradite her to hold her accountable

The driver of the car that struck and killed a Michigan State University student on New Year's Day in Oakland Township is named in a federal warrant accusing her of fleeing the United States to avoid prosecution.

Tubtim "Sue" Howson, 57, faces local and federal charges in the Jan. 1 crash that killed 22-year-old Benjamin Kable, a Shelby Township resident. A federal warrant charging her with interstate flight to avoid prosecution, a five-year felony, was signed Monday by Magistrate Anthony P. Patti of the U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Michigan.

Oakland County prosecutors charged Howson on Feb. 2 with failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death, also a five-year felony. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is working closely with the FBI to return Howson to Michigan.

"I am proud of the work our team did to identify this individual and learn that she had fled the country right after the accident," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "We immediately engaged our partners at the FBI to keep them in the loop as we sought warrants so that they in turn could seek federal warrants for flight. I call on the Thai government to extradite her so we can hold her accountable for her actions involving this young man's tragic death."

The crash happened Jan. 1 at approximately 5:49 a.m. on Rochester Road south of Whims Lane. Kable was in the roadway when he was struck by a 2016 BMW 320i driven allegedly by Howson. Kable was pronounced dead at the scene. It is not known if Kable 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.

Howson was on her way to work at a Birmingham grocery store at the time of the crash. She fled the scene after the crash. Investigators determined Howson left Detroit on Jan. 3. Her itinerary took her from Detroit to Dallas to Helsinki to Bangkok. She arrived on Jan. 5.

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Michigan Development program. Further, construction has already started on the expansion. Therefore, the exact same number of jobs would have been created in Fenton Township regardless of whether the abatement was passed."

"Miller Industries also benefits from

township spending including the historic recent investment in the Thompson Road Water Project which it plans to tap into for water. Given that, while I am grateful for the jobs they are bringing to the township, I don't think Miller Industries should be exempted from paying its full share of taxes forcing Fenton Township's residents to shoulder that burden." he said.



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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday February 7, 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 \$636,884.15.
- 5. After conducting a duly noticed public hearing, adopted Resolution No. 2023-06, approving the application of Miller Industries, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the expansion of their existing facility to be constructed and new equipment to be installed at 3070 Thompson Road, within Fenton Township Industrial Development District No. 12.
- After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2023-07, confirming the special assessment roll for the Fairways of Spring Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District.
- After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2023-08, confirming the special assessment roll for the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
- After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2023-09, confirming the special assessment roll for the Enid Boulevard Improvement Special Assessment District.
- 9. Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone parcel 06-01-200-015 from R-3 to C-2 for a commercial dog kennel.
- 10. Approved the hiring of Laura Rumble for a clerical position in the Planning/ Zoning and Building Departments.
- 11. Appointed Todd Forsberg to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 30, 2023.
- 12. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-10, adopting the 2023 Property Tax Financial Hardship Exemption Policy.
- 13. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-11, recognizing the Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the community, and recommending that their application to the State of Michigan for a charitable gaming license be considered for approval.
- 14. Approved PEG funding applications from Fenton Area Public Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools and Hartland Consolidated Schools.
- 15. Adopted fee schedules for municipal water connection and user fees and sanitary sewer user fees.
- 16. Adjourned at 7:33 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

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Michigan with resources they need to have meaningful conversations about donation and to encourage their patients to register as donors."

More than 105,000 people are waiting for new organs across the U.S., including nearly 2,400 in Michigan. Studies

have shown that 90% support organ and tissue donation, yet only about 58% are registered in Michigan. Gift of Life hopes to increase that to at least 70% and has set a goal of adding one million new names to the Organ Donor Registry. About 236,000 people added their names last year.

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

RELOCATION

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meeting Wednesday, Feb. 8. The committee is comprised of Ryan Delaney, village president, and council members Richard Kinnamon and Debra Musgrave. Kinnamon was selected to be chair of the committee.

With Holly Area Schools planning to build a new middle school on the Karl Richter campus property by 2025, Holly Village offices need to relocate. The school district's administrative offices will be relocated to Holly Middle School, Sherman campus at 14470 N. Holly Rd.

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker told the committee and audience members that there are a few ideas right now to be considered. He said the first option would be to relocate the village offices to the old middle school building at the Sherman campus. This could be a 10-year lease from 2025-2035, with a 90-day notice to vacate.

The second option is to look at old dilapidated building at Cyclone Park to see if it could be repurposed into village offices. It's been utilized over the years by several entities including the police department and North Oakland County Fire Authority. Walker said the park is under-utilized.

A third option is to combine Holly Township and Holly Village offices with a joint municipal building, to be determined.

A fourth option is building onto the existing police department building, however, Walker said this would be tight with the available space.

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis said this could be an opportunity

to put the township and village offices in the same building. He said there are times when residents need to work with both the township and village, especially when it comes to their water bills. He said he's been looking at some property, but it's premature to discuss since he doesn't have many details.

Kullis suggested that the Holly taxpayers need to take inventory and decisions need to serve the community. He said the township also needs more space for its offices. He said they need to build for the future use, not for today.

Kinnamon said they have many questions right now and more meetings are needed.

Musgrave said she was concerned that if the township and village offices were at one building, she feared the village could eventually be dissolved. She added that the committee needs to decide where the offices should be, whether it's in the village or at the north end of town. "We need to look at every part of the puzzle," she said.

Walker told the committee he could add an agenda item to the Holly Village Council's meeting in March and ask council to authorize a needs assessment study. The committee voted unanimously to ask the council to authorize a needs study, which would lead to the hiring of a company to do that study.

Walker said he would contact the school district to set up a time and date for a site tour of the middle school. The committee also will tour the building at Cyclone Park to determine if either of these two spaces are feasible for village offices.

No new committee meeting dates have been scheduled.

LOCAL NEWS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS









Fenton's Kyle Dunfield (left) battles Lake Fenton's Jack Conley in a team district championship match on Thursday. For more photos of the event go to totimes.com. **Photo: David Troppens**

Blue Devils get scare from Tigers, capture wrestling team district

By David Troppens

Linden — It was a tough match for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

The expected favorites in what was basically a D2 tri-county area team district tournament at Linden High School, the Blue Devils took some serious body blows against the Fenton Tigers in Thursday's championship match.

The Tigers had earned five pinfall wins against the Metro League champions and earned a forfeit victory 13 matches into the two area rivals' title bout and led the Blue Devils 36-35. But it wasn't going to

be enough because the Blue Devils had one more ace up their sleeves. They had 45-win senior Ty Johnson (150) still remaining for the final match.

Johnson dominated his match with Fenton's Gabriel Mulinax, earning a pin-

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Tigers defeat Holly, earn Stripes division title

By David Troppens

Holly — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team can celebrate.

The Tigers are Flint Metro League Stripes Division champions.

In a battle with second-place Holly, the game was decided basically in one two-minute period.

The Tigers led just 41-40 after a driving hoop by Holly's Deshawn Willis late in the third quarter. On its next possession, it looked like the Tigers were on the verge of losing the ball as both teams scrambled for it. Somehow, Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond shuttled the ball to teammate Justin Banura, who quickly took a shot and hit a three-pointer right before the end of the third quarter.

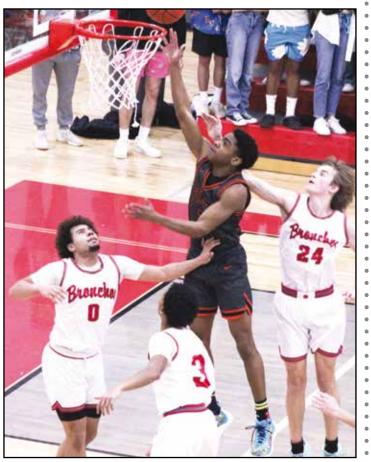
The momentum of the shot seemed to ride the Tigers during the first two minutes of the fourth quarter as Fenton went on to score five more straight points, taking a 49-40 lead. From that point on, the Tigers controlled the contest and earned a 65-54 road victory against the Bronchos (12-4 overall).

"When he hit that three, we knew we were going to win," said Fenton junior Sam Dillard II, who played a mighty big role in the victory with a gamehigh 27 points. "It was over from there. We had big momentum. It was his first three in a minute and we started heating up after that.

"It meant a lot to us and our coaches to win this game. We knew going in we were the better team. We beat them the first time, and we knew it was going to be a close game because this time it was going to be their home-court advantage. We had to come out, play hard and that's what we did, and we got the win."

Leading 44-40 entering the fourth, the Tigers' deadly duo of Dillard and Bond finished the job. Bond began the fourth with a converted free throw, and he also continued it with a steal and assist on a Dillard layup. Bond, who finished with 18 points, had the next layup. The run ended with two converted free throws by Dillard. Fenton led 51-40 with 5:52 remaining.

Holly's Tony Simmons cut the gap to 51-44 about 30 seconds later with two converted free throws, but that's as close as the Bronchos would get the rest of the way. Fenton would score the next eight points,



Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond scores two of his 18 points in the Tigers' 65-54 victory against the Holly Bronchos. **Photo: David Troppens**

pretty much icing the victory.

The Tigers (8-0 in Metro Stripes Division play and 12-5 overall) can do no worse than tie Holly (6-2) for the division title with two games remain-

ing. However, because Fenton beat the Bronchos twice, Fenton has earned the No. 1 position in the Stripes Division in the four-team crossover cham-

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Kelsey McLennan scored 13 points in the Eagles' 35-32 win against Ovid-Elsie. Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles win defensive contest versus Ovid-Elsie

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team tipped off against a two-loss Ovid-Elsie squad Wednesday.

Ovid-Elsie left Linden High School with one more loss.

The Eagles broke a 29-29 tie with four straight points and then held on down the stretch to win a 35-32 defensive-minded game against the Marauders.

The victory represents the best win for Linden (12-6) this season in terms of opponent's winning percentage. The Marauders are 15-3 overall.

The Eagles led 27-23 entering the fourth quarter after Kelsey McLennan assisted an Addison Acker three-pointer late in the third quarter. However, Ovid-Elsie quickly tied the game at 29-all, making it that score after an inside hoop

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FLLF ski program captures two Divisional championships

By David Troppens

It was a clean sweep for the FLLF boys and girls varsity ski teams.

Both ended up winning Divisional Championships at Mt. Holly.

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton coop boys squad dominated the season throughout and also won the Divisional meet, earning first overall overwhelmingly with just 30 team points.

The FLLF girls had a thriller. They won the giant slalom (GS) but Holly/ Oxford won the slalom portion. In the

final standings, the FLLF girls scored 64 points, beating Holly/Oxford's second place total of 73 points. The Holly/Oxford boys also finished second overall at the meet.

The FLLF squad also had three individual event champions. Brooks Funke won the boys GS while Nate Hiscock won the boys slalom. Averi Fairbanks won the girls slalom.

Fairbanks won hers in the most dominant fashion, taking first in each of the two runs, earning a total time of 56.39



The FLLF ski programs celebrate their Divisional championships at Mt. Holly.

seconds. Her 27.75 run was the fastest of the day, and the only to break 28 seconds in women's action.

Funke was in second after the first run in the GS, trailing by just .01 second. However, he had the fastest run in men's competition in his second run with a time of 22.16, earning first with a combined time of 45.40 seconds.

Hiscock didn't have the fastest time of either run, but it didn't matter because he had the second-fastest of each round, earning a combined time of 54.10.

The FLLF boys had five athletes within the top 10 of both events. In the GS, Hiscock was third (46.13), Jack Antonishek was fourth (46.14), Cody Dawes was fifth (46.53) and Spencer Dicks was eighth (47.51). In the slalom, Funke was fourth (56.34), Antonishek was fifth (56.70), Dicks was seventh (57.82) and Dawes was ninth (58.44).

In the slalom, the FLLF girls other scorers were Anna Heimberger in third (59.85), Sonia Arnst in 13th (1:05.95)

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The Holly varsity boys swim team won a meet against Avondale on Tuesday.

Holly boys swim squad captures victory versus Avondale, 111-56

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swim team celebrated senior night in style.

The Bronchos earned a victory, defeating Avondale 111-56.

The Bronchos won 10 of the 12 events, including all three relays.

Brandon Strickert enjoyed four firsts. He won the 200 freestyle (2:11.44) and the 100 butterfly (59.39) individually while also taking part in two relay victories. He teamed with Zac Brown, Grant Hoffman and Bradlee Coggins to win the 200 medley relay (1:59.47), and also teamed with Landon Heikka, Ian Smith,

Silas Kivari and Joseph MacDougall to win the 400 freestyle (5:00.11).

Others winning an individual event were Coggins in the 200 individual medley (2:27.59), Heikka in the 100 freestyle (1:00.33), Kivari in the 500 freestyle (7:05.69), Brown in the 100 backstroke (1:14.55) and Grant Hoffman in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.37). The Bronchos also opened the meet with a victory in the 200 medley relay with Coggins, Brown, Kivari and Heikka (1:58.62).

The Bronchos finished 1-2-3 in two of the individual events.

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Blue Devils continue to dominate, crush Clio

By David Troppens

Since the Jan. 20 Goodrich contest, it became evident that Lake Fenton's fifth-ranked team in Division 2 varsity girls basketball squad would probably have to wait awhile before they faced a squad that could push them again.

But, what has happened since the Blue Devils' 50-44 win at Goodrich remains pretty incredible. The Blue Devils simply don't take a quarter off.

In the four games since the Goodrich win, opponents have been outscored a combined 288-64, with no opponent scoring more than 24 points. In fact, two have scored as few as 12 points in that run. Clio did slightly better than that 12 points, but the Mustangs still found it pretty miserable facing the Blue Devils, losing a 73-16 result to

Lake Fenton.

The Blue Devils (18-0) blew the game open pretty quickly. Clio was within a 4-2 margin early, but a putback hoop by Savannah Fellenbaum with 5:46 sparked the start of a 9-0 Lake Fenton. The run ended with an Anna Prevost three-pointer, putting the Blue Devils up 13-3 with 2:03 left in the first quarter

Clio hit a free throw, cutting the gap to 13-4, but the Blue Devils responded with the final 10 points of the first quarter. The final three came on a three-pointer by Kendyl Smith from the middle of the 'L' of the 'LF' logo in the

middle of Lake Fenton's basketball court. Lake Fenton led 23-3 after one



Amaya Smith scored 11 points in a recent game against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

quarter, and continued to dominate • from there.

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and Kallyn Sprague in 17th (1:07.65). In the GS, Fenton's scoring four were Fairbanks in second (47.88), Heimberger in fourth (48.12), Sprague in 12th (51.19) and Emersyn Sprague in 16th (52.27).

Holly/Oxford's girls top four in the GS were Finley DeCubber in third (48.00), Olivia Irvine in seventh (49.58), Sierra Musial in ninth (49.77) and Molly Rees in 11th (50.32). In the slalom they were DeCubber in second (58.00), Musial in fourth (1:00.06), Irvine in 10th (1:05.14) and Nadia Drobnich in 27th (1:21.83).

The Holly/Oxford's scoring boys in the GS were Eric Ranck in seventh (47.43), Benjamin Kittle in 15th (49.54), Nathan Costigan in 19th (50.87), and Ryan Tiell in 20th (51.23). In the slalom they were Ranck in third (55.74), James Ferguson in eighth (58.31), Cody Musial in 13th (59.75) and Costigan in 16th (1:02.19).

Fenton Tigers overcome slow start, defeat Holly Bronchos, 63-43

By David Troppens

Holly had the early lead against area rivals Fenton at Fenton High School on Tuesday night.

However, that lead didn't last long.

Trailing 10-3, the Tigers ended the first quarter on a 10-1 run, and then opened the second quarter on a 16-2 run, eventually earning a 63-43 home Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory.

The win keeps the Tigers (5-3 in the Stripes Division) one game behind the Linden Eagles for second place in the division race.

Holly jumped to an early lead with a putback hoop by Moran Flukey, a three-pointer by Adel Hoglund, a post layup by Alana Simmons and a three-pointer by Makena McGee. The Bronchos led 10-3 at that time. However, a layup by Keegan Weddle began an 11-1 Fenton run. It didn't end until Weddle hit the final two buckets of the first quarter, earning the Tigers a 13-11 lead entering the second quarter.

The Tigers remained hot in the second quarter.

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Eagles lose heartbreaker vs. Flushing

By David Troppens

It was a tight game with neither team ever leading by more than five points.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team had its chance to leave Flushing High School with a road victory, but fell a bit short, losing a 48-47 verdict.

The Eagles took their only lead of the fourth quarter after Jase Becher scored on short jumper. Linden led 47-46 with 1:55 remaining but never scored again. Flushing took the lead with two converted free throws by Brayden Jones

with 1:04 left, and after that neither team could score again. The Eagles had three possessions to try to tie the game or take the lead, but failed in each case. Actually, the Eagles had a fourth possession, but it didn't come until there was .3 seconds left, needing a bucket from an inbound pass from Flushing's baseline, but failed.

The biggest deficit for either team came when Flushing's Braden Slagor hit a layup with 2:08 left in the opening quarter.

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Blue Devils stay in Stars Division hunt, defeat Clio Mustangs, 59-53

By David Troppens

Ashton Hunter started Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball game hot.

He ended it pretty hot as well.

The Lake Fenton junior scored all of Lake Fenton's 15 first-quarter points and scored nine fourth-quarter points, helping lead the Blue Devils to a tight 59-53 Flint Metro League Stars Division victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

The win keeps the Blue Devils (6-2 in the Metro's Stripes Division) a game behind first-place Goodrich (7-1). The Martians defeated Corunna (6-2) Tuesday night.

Lake Fenton needed all of Hunter's game-high 29 points in this contest. He

scored all 15 of his first-quarter points behind the three-point arc. The Blue Devils led 15-11 after one quarter.

Lake Fenton needed all of those points as the Mustangs stuck close. Clio trailed just 32-28 at halftime, and cut the gap to 40-39 entering the fourth quarter after Jacob Rosell netted nine third-quarter points from behind the arc.

Lake Fenton was able to ice the victory in the fourth. Brady Belcher netted seven fourth-quarter points to go with Hunter's nine points, leading the Blue Devils to the win. Hunter made 6-of-6 free throws in the fourth.

After Hunter's 29, Belcher netted 12 points while Carson Haddad and Brit Antonangeli had four points each.

Lady Eagles fall to Flushing in tight division contest, 35-32

By David Troppens

In a battle for first place in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division, the Linden varsity girls basketball team fell a little short against Flushing Tuesday night.

The Eagles were able to tie the Raiders at 32-all after a driving layup hoop by Olivia Mawhinney with 4:05 left in the fourth quarter, but Linden was unable to score the rest of the contest resulting in a 35-32 loss.

The defeat drops Linden's Stripes Division record to 6-2, while Flushing is 8-0 and is assured the Stripes Division's top seed in the championship tournament. Linden is in second, one game ahead of Fenton. Finishing second will earn a team a spot in the four-team tourney title tourney as well.

Tied at 2-all, the Eagles finished the first quarter on a 7-2 run. Linden took a

5-2 lead on a three-pointer by Meg Widner, but Flushing's Alexis Miller responded with a layup. Linden led just 5-4. However, a layup by Widner and jump shot by Kelsey McLennan gave the Eagles a 9-4 lead entering the second quarter.

The Eagles led by as many as six in the second quarter. Mawhinney hit two free throws giving Linden a 14-8 lead with 3:43 left until halftime. However, Flushing finished the half on a 6-2 run, cutting the Eagles' halftime lead to just 16-14.

In the third quarter, the Eagles led by as many as five, twice. The second time came at 25-20 after a steal of an inbounds pass and a layup by Shaye Barkholz. However, Flushing scored the quarter's final nine points and led 29-25 entering the final eight minutes.

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by Ava Bates with 6:02 left in regulation.

The contest stayed tied at 29-all until with 1:32 remaining, Linden's Olivia Mawhinney was fouled. She made both free throws, giving Linden a 31-29 lead. About 40 seconds later, Meg Widner also hit two free throws. The Eagles led 33-29 with 53.1 seconds left.

Ovid-Elsie tried to fight back. Bates hit a three-pointer, cutting the gap to 33-32 with 30 seconds left. The Marauders fouled Widner, who then made two free throws, raising the gap back to 35-32. Ovid-Elsie had one more chance to tie the game, but a three-pointer failed, and Linden was able to kill off the final 1.5 seconds.

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The Blue Devils actually played better in the second quarter, outscoring Clio 24-2. Prevost scored eight second-quarter points while Amaya Smith netted seven, leading the squad to a 45-5 halftime lead. The entire second half was played under the continuous clock mercy rules.

The Blue Devils finished the game with 25 assists on 31 field goals. Ella Prevost and Kendyl Smith had six assists each while Anna Prevost dished off four assists. The scoring was balanced. Fellenbaum scored a team-high 13 points while Anna Prevost and Amaya Smith had 11 points each. Kendyl Smith netted eight points, while Emerson Baker had six points. Every Lake Fenton player scored.

The Blue Devils had 16 in a vio steals with Gabby Gerald earning four. Ella Prevost had three.

Despite all of their dominance, the Blue Devils still have work to do in order to win a Flint Metro League Stars Division champion-



ayer scored.

Lake Fenton's Anna Prevost scored 11 points in a victory against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

ship. Lake Fenton faced Owosso on Friday. The Blue Devils host Goodrich on Friday in a game that should determine if Lake Fenton wins the division title outright or as a co-champion with the Martians.

PREP REPORT

BOYS SWIMMING

► Grand Blanc 101, Fenton 62:

Max Haney earned a first in the 100 freestyle (49.93) and the 100 backstroke (52.33) to lead the Tigers. He also teamed with Luke DeFina, Zach Michelson and Isaac Gurnsey to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:46.40). Owen Cox won diving (248.80) and Jacob Grifka won the 100 breaststroke (1:13.82).

GIRLS BOWLING

- ▶ Fenton 29.5, Clio .5: Fenton won both Baker games and dominated the overall match. Jenna Fijolek led the Tigers with a 158-180-338 series while Caitlyn Wentz bowled a 192 game.
- ▶ Brandon 28, Linden 2: Mackenzie Miller led the Eagles with a 134-129-263 series.

▶ Swartz Creek 30, Holly 0: Evelyn Wolleson led the Bronchos with a 163 game.

BOYS BOWLING

- ▶ Brandon 17, Linden 13: Linden won both Baker games, giving the Eagles the early lead, but lost in the singles games. Austin Huyck led the Eagles with a 204-177-381 series, while lan Patterson had a 164 game.
- ▶ Clio 22, Fenton 8: Brandon Cairnduff had a 212-217-429 two-game series to pace the Tigers. Brady Mitchell also bowled a 199 while Josh Pierce bowled a 196.
- Swartz Creek 27, Holly 3: Ryan Dalton led the Bronchos with a 238-223-461 series.





Lake Fenton (above) celebrates its Division 2 team district title earned at Linden High School on Thursday. (Left) Lake Fenton's Ty Johnson defeated Fenton's Gabriel Mulanx in this match to earn the Blue Devils the district championship. **Photos: David Troppens**

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fall win. That gave Lake Fenton a 41-36 D2 team district victory at Linden High School.

"I just had to come in and be confident like I always do and just trust my instinct and work my moves," Johnson said. "I felt pretty good because I knew in my heart that I could get the job done, and take home another district championship for us."

"It was pretty much what we expected," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "I had, on paper, a worstcase scenario, which unfortunately was happening. I knew once we got past 113, we looked pretty tough. I made sure that the boys didn't give up, assured them we are still in this and that I had us winning at this score."

Fenton's dual season began with a 48-26 loss against Lake Fenton a little more than two months ago. This time, the match was much closer.

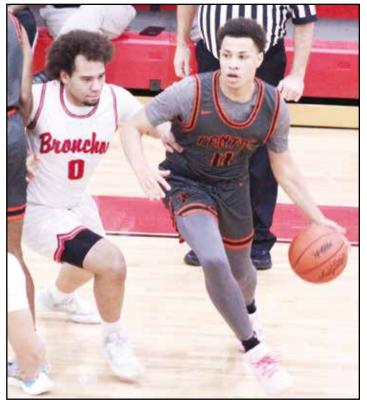
"I'm super proud," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "We came up just a little short. When you wrestle Lake Fenton, everything has got to go your way if you want to beat them, and it came down to the end. For a second I thought we had them, but we had a couple too many forfeits. I love these kids. They are probably the most talented group I've ever had a chance to coach here. I'm super proud."

Lake Fenton defeated Holly 57-13 in the semifinals while Fenton defeated tourney hosts Linden 49-29 in the other semifinal, earning their spots in the championship match.

Lake Fenton opened with two wins. Noah Hall (157) earned a major decision win against Dylan Beverly and Jack Conley (165) earned a major decision win against Kyle Dunfield. However, the Tigers roared back with three straight pinfall wins by Ben Triola (175), Philip Lamka (190) and Evan Firby (215). Carson Krzeszak (285) earned a forfeit win and the Tigers led 24-8.

The teams exchanged pinfall wins after that. Lake Fenton's Wyatt DeVasher (106) earned one as did Fenton's Jamal Horne (113). After that, Lake Fenton's Clay Cook (120) edged Fenton's Owen Freeman by a 5-1 decision and Robby Moore (126) earned a pin. The Blue Devils trailed 30-23 with four matches remaining. However, Fenton's Garrett Clark (132) earned a pin- • ketball coach Chad Logan fall win, and that raised the gap * to 36-23 with three matches left.

much unloaded after that. Lake • Fenton's Drew Corcoran (138) victory.



Fenton's Sam Dillard II tries to get beyond Holly defender Andrew Lewis around a pick in the Tigers' victory against the Bronchos. Photo: David Troppens

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pionship tournament. Holly is still in good shape to get that second spot. If the Bronchos win one of their final two division games they'll lock it up.

"I thought the boys played tough tonight," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said. "Hats off to Dillard and Bond. They had a really good night. Some things don't go your way. The kids played hard. They fought hard all night. They didn't give up. That's all you can ask. Hopefully it's not the last time we see them this year."

Fenton varsity boys basbelieved in his squad at the start of the season, but admits The Tigers' gun was pretty • maybe they are surprising him a little as well.

"I think our kids feel good," and Carter Julian (144) earned Logan said. "We have some forfeit wins, setting up John- • ball skill and I think the last son's match-clinching pinfall month of the season we've demonstrated a little more CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM . composure than we did in a couple of the losses earlier this year. We are getting some toughness. And if we get what we did from Sam and Ja'Hion that we did today, we are going to be okay.

"I'm surprised maybe a little bit. At times lately we have made some nice plays to stretch a lead or made some nice plays to put somebody away. Maybe we are growing up as a group."

The contest was pretty close until the period in the fourth that decided it, but the Tigers usually led. Holly tied it at 30-all on a conventional threepoint play by Simmons with 5:32 left in the third quarter, but the Tigers answered back with back-to-back treys by Dillard and Nolan Alvord, giving Fenton a 36-30 lead. However, the Simmons driving layup cut the gap back to just 41-40 before the Tigers' wacky trey by Banura.

Simmons led Holly with 15 points while Mason Clark chipped in 11 points.

WATER

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Fenton and Mundy townships. Linden City will connect to the systems during a later phase.

"As construction of Phase 1 of the municipal water system progresses, Fenton Township is now only months away from being able to connect homes and commercial buildings to the new water line," according to a memorandum from Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk of Fenton Township. "One of the goals of the Infrastructure Committee is to create the rate structure for municipal water to establish the connection fees and user fees well in advance of water availability. This will provide

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the information necessary for property owners to decide if they want to connect to the new water line."

Connection fees will be collected from the property owner when a permit is issued to connect to the water line. The connection fee has two components — the "equity buy-in" to the system and the "tap fee." The equity buy-in is an amount that will allow the township to recover the cost of constructing the system and service the debt issued to fund that construction, according to Broecker.

The tap fee pertains to the actual cost to "tap" the water main, construct a lead to the edge of the right-of-way and install a water meter. The township developed these connection fees based on information from Genesee County and Baker

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Tilly Municipal Advisors.

The board has a full cost recovery fee schedule option. However, they adopted an alternate fee schedule that will

be in place for two years to make connection fees more affordable to encourage more connections, Broecker said. This was commenced by Baker Tilly.

The vote was 6-1. Trustee Robert Kesler was absent. Trustee Mark Goupil, who has spoken against expanding the water system into Fenton Township, voted no.

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.

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

Phase One

MUNICIPAL W	ATER CONNEC	TIC	ON FEES				
CONNECTION	FEE SCHEDUL	E					
	1	Connection Fee					
Meter Size	Meter Ratio	Ī	"Equity Buy-In"		Tap Fee		Total
5/8"	1.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	11,000.00
3/4"	1.50		9,000.00		5,000.00		14,000.00
1"	2.50		15,000.00		5,000.00		20,000.00
1 1/4"	4.00		24,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
1 1/2"	5.00		30,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
2"	8.00		48,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
3"	15.00		90,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
4"	25.00		150,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
6"	50.00		300,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
8'	80.00		480,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
ALTERNATE (CONNECTION F	EE	SCHEDULE	_	onnection Fee		
Meter Size	Meter Ratio	۰	"Equity Buy-In"		Tap Fee		Total
5/8"	1.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	5.000.00	\$	7,500.00
3/4"	1.50	Ψ	3.750.00	Ψ	5.000.00	۳	8.750.00
1"	2.50		6.250.00		5.000.00		11.250.00
1 1/4"	4.00		10.000.00		(case by case)		TBD
1 1/2"	5.00		12,500.00		(case by case)		TBD
2"	8.00		20.000.00		(case by case)		TBD
3"	15.00		37.500.00		(case by case)		TBD
4"	25.00		62.500.00		(case by case)		TBD
6"	50.00		125,000.00		(case by case)		TBD
8'	80.00		200.000.00		(case by case)		TBD
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USER FEE SCHEDULE Monthly Ready-to				
Meter Size	Meter Ratio		Serve Charge	
5/8"	1.00	\$	26.00	
3/4"	1.50		39.00	
1"	2.50		65.00	
1 1/4"	4.00		104.00	
1 1/2"	5.00		130.00	
2"	8.00		208.00	
3"	15.00		390.00	
4"	25.00		650.00	
6"	50.00		1,300.00	
8'	80.00		2,080.00	

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.

Fenton Township: \$2,746,739 Mundy Township: \$880,910

Linden: \$1,145,573

Phase Two

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.

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.

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Clan BRITE Box REACT Smear SKATER Guide ETCHEAR "I'm just dying to write my new name ... do you happen to have a blank _____?" © 2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved. • Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

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It's Super Bowl weekend

■Be prepared for pregame fun and 6:30 p.m. kickoff this Sunday

By Sharon Stone

For professional football fans, snack experts, halftime show critics and commercial evaluators, this is your weekend – it's Super Bowl LVII, with the Kansas City Chiefs playing against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The game is Sunday, Feb. 12. Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m., locally. The game is being played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

The game will be aired live on FOX and the FOX Sports App, with coverage ongoing throughout the day leading up to the 6:30 p.m. kickoff. More than 110 million people around the world are expected to tune in to the broadcast. For those without cable, there are a couple of live-streaming services that will carry FOX and the big game including Sling TV, Hulu+ and fuboTV.

For pregame, country singer Chris Stapleton will sing the national anthem,



actress Sheryl Lee Ralph will perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and R & B singer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds will sing "America the Beautiful." Ri-

hanna is headlining the halftime show.

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Like most people, you'll be watching the game at home or at your favorite local bar. It's televised on Fox network. The cost of a 30-second commercial is approximately \$7 million.

Some of the commercials will be from Anheuser-Busch, Michelob Ultra, Bud Light, Doritos, Universal Pictures, Disney, MGM and many more.

Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback

Patrick Mahomes will go up against Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Jalen Hurts. This will be the first Super Bowl to feature two Black starting quarterbacks.

As the designated home team, the Eagles have chosen to wear their green home jerseys with white pants. The Chiefs will wear their white away jerseys with red pants.

Some fans have referred to the game as "The Kelce Bowl," because the Chiefs' tight end, Travis Kelce, will play against his brother, Eagles' center Jason Kelce.

Parade.com put together several trivia questions that you can use to test your friends. Some of their questions include:

What teams have won the most Super Bowls? Pittsburgh Steelers and the New England Patriots at six wins each.

What teams haven't appeared in a single Super Bowl? Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars.

What team has participated in the most Super Bowl games? New England Patriots, playing 11 times.

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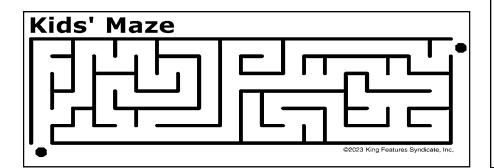
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SUPER BOWL

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How much does the Lombardi Trophy weigh? Seven pounds.

What famous jeweler makes the Lombardi trophy? Tiffany.

Which player has the most Super Bowl rings in history? Tom Brady.

What NFL quarterback legend never got a Super Bowl ring? Dan Marino.

Which two starting quarterbacks won Super Bowls with two different teams? Peyton Manning (Colts and Broncos) and Tom Brady (Patriots and Buccaneers).

How many chicken wings are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday? 1.3 billion.

How much do Americans spend on beer for Super Bowl Sunday? \$1.3 billion.

What artist had the most watched Super Bowl halftime show to date? Katy Perry in 2015.

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Peter "Koby" Kobrehel

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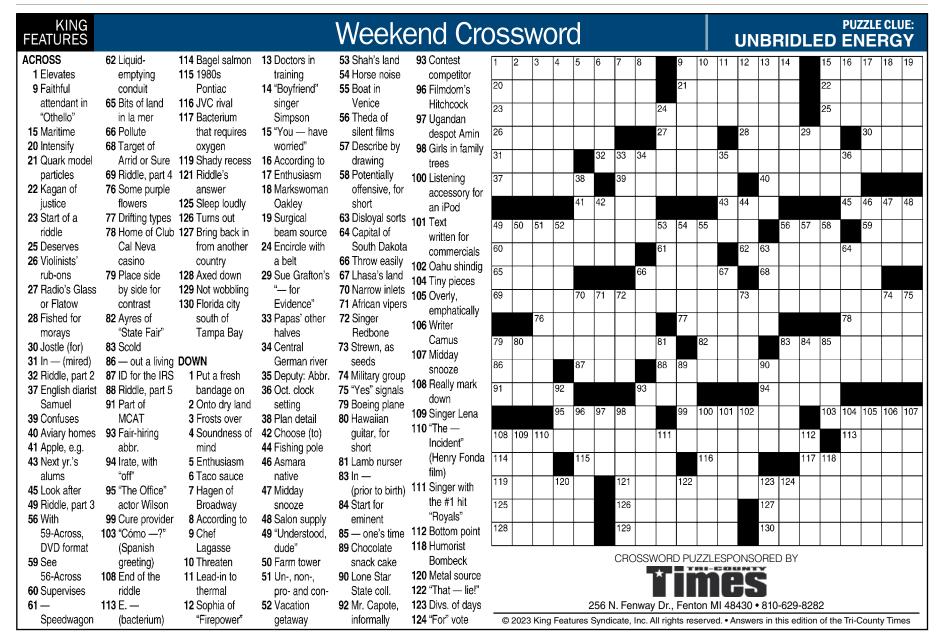


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Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.						
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