

# Local MSU student shares 'terrifying' story of campus shootings

■ 43-year-old gunman with no ties to school dies from self-inflicted gunshot

By Sharon Stone

Three Michigan State University students were killed, another five were injured and the suspected gunman is dead from a self-inflicted gunshot

to the head. This mass shooting unfolded at approximately 8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. at Berkey Hall on MSU's campus. It ended around midnight.

Students, faculty and visitors on campus were ordered to shelter in place while first responders from numerous police agencies

arrived on scene.

For the next several hours, police chatter on the Greater Lansing Area Public Safety scanner were reporting numerous 911 calls of individuals hearing gun shots across the campus and off-campus neighborhoods. Multiple police agencies responded and rushed

to check on each report.

Tuesday morning, police reported that two students shot at Berkey Hall had died from their injuries. Another student at the Student Union building also was killed. Five other students that had been shot were transported to

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## Warmer weather leads to less salt usage on roads

■ Lack of frost reduces damages to roads

By Hannah Ball

Thanks to the warmer weather, public works and road departments have been able to focus on maintenance and infrastructure projects instead of salting icy roads and plowing snow.

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Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton opened for the first time this season on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14. This is the company's 45<sup>th</sup> year open. Owner Dave Durant said Valentine's Day is the perfect day to open because everyone remembers the date. "Everybody will stop me in the grocery store and they'll know exactly to come back on that day because it's memorable... Uncle Ray and Valentine's Day — the two sweetest things in the world," he said. "Of course, the weather is perfect. We have never seen two people arguing eating an ice cream cone. It's a world of luxury and a want. When you come here, you expect it to be the second happiest place on earth." Photo: Hannah Ball

## City considers short-term rental ordinance

■ Linden would allow up to 20 business short term rentals in the city

By Hannah Ball

Linden — "Welcome to the City of Linden!"

That's the opening line on the Good Neighbor Guidelines pamphlet that could be given to occupants who rent Airbnbs, Vrbo and other short-term rentals in the city.

On Monday, Feb. 11, the Linden City Council reviewed a proposed ordinance to regulate these types of businesses. Along with the ordinance, the council talked about the Good Neighbor Guidelines, which contains information on garbage disposal, required permits for recreational

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## Dog shooting case submitted to prosecutor

■ Fenton Township couple mourn death of one family pet, hopes another recovers

By Sharon Stone

Two dogs belonging to a Fenton Township couple were shot during the night of

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“There are so many local kids attending MSU and we pray that they recover from that awful shooting. Our prayers also go to the families who lost their child at the hands of that shooter who obviously had mental challenges.”



## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### MULTIPLE LARCENIES FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLES REPORTED IN FENTON

Sgt. Dan Forbush with the Fenton Police Department said the police department has seen a rash of larceny from automobile complaints recently. He said at least six individuals reported that their unlocked vehicles in apartment parking lots in the area of Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway were entered on Feb. 11 and 12. The suspect or suspects ransacked the interior. One vehicle had minor damage near the door. Forbush said a few of the residents knew someone had been in their vehicle because the door had been left open slightly. Police issue a reminder to always keep vehicle doors locked at all times and to remove any valuables when unattended.

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# Not very icy ice fishing tournament

Local anglers compete in Linden Ice Fishing Tournament & Chili Cook Off

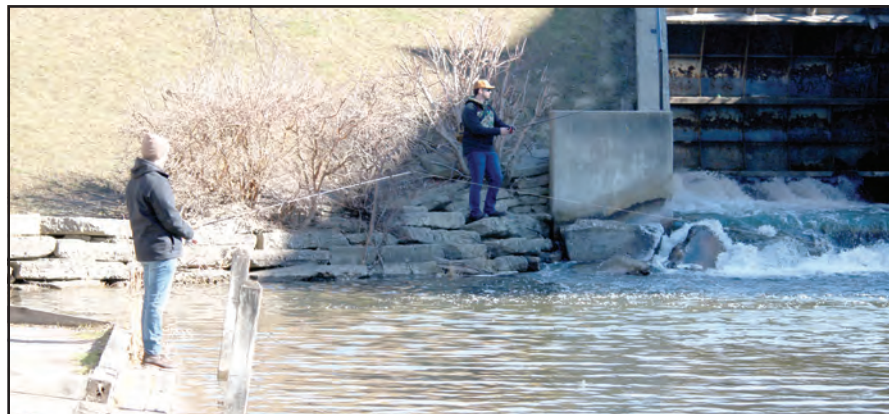
By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Linden's seventh annual Ice Fishing Tournament & Chili Cook Off took place Saturday, Feb. 11.

This event is put on by Happening in Linden. Local anglers came out to fish on area lakes in hopes of winning the contest. Due to the warmer weather and thin ice, the tournament was expanded to include all the lakes in Fenton and in Linden so participants could find a safe place to fish on ice or on open water for pike, crappie, bluegill and perch.

Linden resident Cole Wiknich and his friend started fishing around 11 a.m. when the tournament started. They fished at the Linden Millpond, Lake Ponemah, Lobdell Lake and the Fenton Millpond. Around 1 p.m., Wiknich said he hadn't caught anything yet.

He's been a fisherman his whole life and started getting into the sport more in the last two years. Last year was a good year for ice fishing. Because of



Linden resident Cole Wiknich (left) fishes at the Linden Millpond on Saturday, Feb. 11 during the Ice Fishing Tournament and Chili Cook Off. Photo: Hannah Ball

the warmer weather, he hasn't fished on the ice once this year.

"A really weird year. It's just weird weather. Haven't had enough cold consistently to get good ice that's safe to go out on," he said. "I walked out on Lake Ponemah and there was only about 3 inches. Enough to walk out on, but not enough to safely stay on. Four inches is supposed to be the standard."

More than \$5,000 was awarded in prize money. The grand prize was sponsored by Vic Bond Sales for the adults

and Stadler Real Estate for the kids.

Part of the event is an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast featuring Chris Cakes of Michigan from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Linden High School cafeteria. Chris Cakes of Michigan has been named the fastest pancake maker in the world by the Guinness Book of World Records.

This was a 2023 Project Graduation fundraising event sponsored by ELGA Credit Union.

Linden Pay It Forward won the Chili Cook Off.



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# City could buy new firefighter equipment

## ■ Fire department tested new breathing apparatuses

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Linden City Council is considering buying new breathing equipment for the Linden Fire Department.

On Monday, Feb. 13, Linden Fire Chief Brian Will gave a presentation to Linden City Council and asked for authority to purchase new SCBA air packs for the firefighters. This would include 15 Scott X3 Pro SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus), 30 composite air bottles, 20 face masks and a RIT pack, which are used to rescue trapped firefighters and provide a secondary source of air.

The total estimated cost is \$117,445.

“These new packs will replace our aging ones we received in 2004 with a FEMA grant. We recently applied for another FEMA grant for the same in January of 2022 and received notice that we didn’t score high enough in their system to be given the grant,” Will wrote in a memorandum to the council.

The department tests their SCBA air

packs annually.

“They are starting to cause failure issues on scene,” Will said, and they can no longer afford to risk the safety of their firefighters while they are in a hazardous smoke-filled situation on an average of 40 times a year. “It’s one of our most important tools that protects our safety while performing our jobs in a hazardous atmosphere...I feel it’s important we try to make this purchase as soon as possible.”

He had firefighters research and personally test new equipment for air packs. Will also met with other fire departments that recently made purchases for the same units and got their recommendations.

Will prefers the Scott-made SCBA units for their performance and lifetime warranty.

“We found that the other vendors cannot meet the specifications of these packs and they have chosen not to give us a bid for comparable, so I am asking that we waive the 3-bid process for this size of a purchase and allow me to order this brand and use Municipal Emergency

**“It’s one of our most important tools that protects our safety while performing our jobs in a hazardous atmosphere.”**

**Brian Will**  
Linden fire chief



Photo: Hannah Ball

A Linden firefighter shows the Linden City Council some of their gear during the Monday, Feb. 13 meeting.

Services as the vendor, a dependable company we have used for over 25 years,” Will said.

These packs are also adjustable if someone loses or gains weight.

The city discussed paying half the amount this budget year and half the next budget year.

City Manager Ellen Glass said Will does a “really good job” of keeping track of the department’s equipment.

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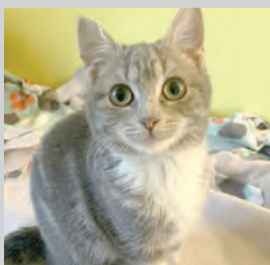
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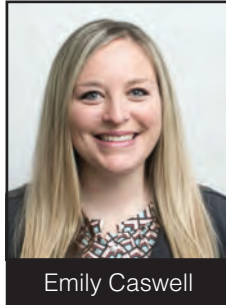
## The antidote to digital clutter is in your hand

**D**o you ever do that thing where you can't find your cell phone and while frantically looking for it realize it's in your hand? I'm certainly guilty of this strange phenomenon. I can't really explain it, but I do think it's a good representation of how focused we've become on our phone and all of the digital clutter it holds.

Social media, emails, text messages, search engines, photos, maps, our phones have it all, including access to every digital marketing message ever created. With so many messages, it's easy for a brand to get lost.

A brand could have a great product, a great team, a great pitch, but if no one sees it because it's lost in a sea of digital creations, it won't work. This digital overload is something we often talk to our clients about. Printed marketing, especially newspaper advertising, is a powerful tool when you need to stand out.

I'm sure the skeptics reading are thinking "of course you'd say that, you work for a newspaper company." If you don't want to take my word for it, how about the word of experts



Emily Caswell

who work at an online trade magazine for online media? Digiday recently published an article about the power of print marketing. It's not their first.

Here's a look at what they've found:

**Print ads cut through the clutter:** "... marketers have been giving more traditional advertising tactics ... a second look as they seek out more tried and true methods amid the economic downturn. At the same time,

the ever-growing digital ad market is getting increasingly cluttered, making it more difficult for marketers to stand out."

The article cites examples like General Electric taking over print ads throughout the news, business and arts sections of The New York Times last month. This takeover resulted in 22 full-page, full-color ads as well as five partial pages.

**Print ads in newspapers are trusted:** Experts cited in the article note something we also relay to clients: A message in a newspaper has more credibility. From the article, "Carlos Ariza, SVP, integrated media, at the ad agency 9thWonder (said) that part of the appeal could be the 'trusted voice' of a

publication." Survey data shared in the article conducted by MarketingProfs in 2020 found "Compared with digital advertisements, consumers found print advertisements to be 34% more trustworthy."

**Print ads are read by all ages and generate a response:** That same survey hammers home the message that no matter the age of consumer, print is powerful and gets results. It found that "92% of 18-to-23-year-olds find it easier to read printed material than digital information. Furthermore, the same study found that direct mail marketing campaigns are 37% more likely to generate a response than email campaigns."

**Print ads have a great shelf life:** While our team believes strongly in newspaper advertising, we don't encourage clients to ignore digital. The beauty of a printed piece is that with a strategy in place, it can last well beyond the publication day. That's certainly the strategy major brands have when doing an ad takeover of The New York Times, for example. From the article, "The (General Electric) newspaper ads were meant to not only get readers' attention in print but also cultivate chatter on social media about the brand."

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**WHAT A NICE** farmers market in Holly today. Loved it and all the reasonably priced vendors. Keep it up, Holly.

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**JUST A FRIENDLY** reminder that the number on a speed limit sign means do not go above this speed as opposed to do not go less than it. Really, it's been that way for years.

■■■  
**THIS IS FOR** all the people that feel the need to take their dog everywhere. Have you ever considered the people that are terrified of dogs or is the whole world supposed to cater to you?

■■■  
**THIS PAST WEEKEND**, when I pulled out of Linden High School at the traffic light, those vehicles parked in someone's yard close to the road were piled high with snow and it was hard to see traffic from the east. It's hazardous for young drivers who can't see east.

■■■

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

## Have you ever seen a UFO?



"When I was a teenage grasshopper I got into my dad's soda drawer. I was on an adventure around Tomek Eastern and I was abducted. I talked to Asparagus and dandelion (real names) all night long."

**Kyle Reynolds, Fenton**



"I was at a football game one time and I saw one.. it said 'Good Year' on the side of it.... it lied because my girlfriend broke up with me and I got a flat tire on the way home."

— **Joe Denver**  
Holly



"There I was standing in downtown Fenton and this UFO was floating right there on Main Street. Thinking back, I think I might have been drunk and it might have been a streetlight."

— **Chris Hogan, Holly**



"Absolutely."

— **Anna LeBlanc**  
Fenton

## street talk

# Genesee Health Plan kicks off eighth annual essay contest

## ■ Partners with Sovita Credit Union to honor Black History Month

Genesee Health Plan (GHP) announced it is accepting entries for its eighth annual Health Heritage Essay Contest. Sovita Credit Union is the contest sponsor, which is open to all Flint and Genesee County students in grades 5-12. Students are encouraged to interview one or more of their family members about their family health history and write an essay about their family health history, their current health and goals for a healthy future.

The contest began in February 2015 to coincide with Black History Month, in partnership with the National Center for African American Health Consciousness to increase awareness of differences in health and health outcomes among African Americans.

Initially, the contest was promoted to Flint Public Schools' grades 3-12 through GHP's Community Health Workers (CHWs) who work in all Flint schools

and selected charter schools to assist students, their parents and community residents access health coverage and connect families with community resources.

"With our team of community health workers in all Flint schools, this has continued to be a wonderful way for our CHWs to mentor and encourage their scholars to explore their family health history and write about it," said Sherika Finklea, GHP community health worker coordinator. "Our number one goal with this contest is to get as many students as possible to begin a conversation with their family about their health so they can set attainable, healthy goals for their future."

Since its start, the contest has evolved to include students' exploration of their family health history from all race/ethnicities, creating an intergenerational conversation about the importance of health and knowing your health heritage.

The contest is held each February in observance of Black History Month while also celebrating family heritage.

The specific essay guidelines are outlined below and can be found at [geneseehealthplan.org](http://geneseehealthplan.org).

### Elementary (grades 5 and 6 only) and Middle/Junior High School

- Elementary: 200-350 words
- Middle/Junior High School: 350-500 words
- Essay must be typed or clearly hand-written
- First place winner will receive a \$200 gift card; second place winner will receive a \$100 gift card

### High School

- 400-600 words
- Essay must be typed
- First place essay contest winner will receive a \$400 gift card; second place winner will receive a \$200 gift card

"Sovita Credit Union is honored to continue our partnership with GHP to sponsor the Health Heritage Essay contest," said Jen Shew, Sovita Credit Union director of marketing. "It is crucial for students to discuss their family health history at an early age and keep the conversation going beyond the contest. We are grateful for the administrators, teachers and school employees who encourage students to participate in the essay



2022 first-place essay contest winner



2022 second-place essay contest winner

contest and hope this year's contest will be the largest one yet."

All essay submissions are due by Monday, April 24. Contest winners will be recognized at a later date. For more information, go to [geneseehealthplan.org](http://geneseehealthplan.org).

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### Michigan's habitual offender statute

"Don't do the crime if you can't do the time" was a 1960s expression and popularized by the theme song of the television detective show "Baretta" in the 1970s.

Unquestionably, it's good advice. Over the years, there have been a variety of criminal statutes enacted to deter crime with one type being for repeat felony offenders called a "Habitual Offender" statute.

Almost all states have them in some form including Michigan.

Our statute was first enacted in 1927 and has been amended from time to time.

The idea is to impose progressively more severe punishments for those who continue to commit felonies.

The current version provides the following:

- For a person with one prior felony, a conviction for a second felony carrying a possible sentence of less than life, the maximum sentence is increased by half;
- For a third felony conviction, the maximum sentence is doubled;
- For a fourth felony conviction, the increased penalty depends on a number of factors including the se-

riousness of the charged crime and the nature of prior offenses and can range from a minimum sentence of 25 years for some felonies and for other felonies up to a maximum of 15 years to life.

In thirty states the Habitual Offender law is called the "Three Strikes" statute (named after baseball's three strikes and you're out) which requires mandatory life in prison for a third felony conviction. A famous Michigan case demonstrates how sentencing under the statute can sometimes be harsh.

In 1929, 48-year-old Etta Mae Miller (a mother of 10) was convicted of delivering two pints of moonshine whiskey in the Ingham County Circuit Court. This was during Prohibition and liquor offenses were habitual offender felonies.

Since this was her fourth felony liquor conviction, she was sentenced to life in prison, becoming the only woman in the United States to receive such a sentence for a liquor offense.

Justice was done after public outcry, and in 1930 her sentence was reduced by Governor Fred Green, her conviction reversed by the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Legislature removed liquor offenses from the Habitual Offender felony list.

In summary, there is a proverb from 1860 Victorian England, "Crime Doesn't Pay." These words are certainly as true today as they were then.

## RENTALS

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fires, firework laws, noise disturbances and animal ordinances.

"The City Council has enacted this regulatory ordinance to strike a regulatory balance between the interests of community residents, business owners, visitors, and property owners. The city has different expectations for noise, occupant loads, and transient activity in its residential neighborhoods than it does in other zoned districts. The renting of a home on a short-term basis is substantially more like a business than traditional residential use," according to the ordinance.

### The proposed ordinance

A "short-term rental" is defined as "The rental of a dwelling unit for compensation for a term of one to twenty-nine (1-29) interrupted or uninterrupted nights in a calendar year. A residential business unit may be rented for more than 14 interrupted days or less than 30 uninterrupted days in a calendar year. Rentals of 30 or more uninterrupted days are not classified as a business unit. The minimum rental period would be two days.

For a personal residential dwelling unit assessed at 100% (PRE) principal residence exemption could be rented for no more than a total of 14 days per calendar year when the owner is not present or unlimited when the property owner is present and living on the premises, according to the ordinance. The minimum rental period would be two days.

### Location

The ordinance states that business unit short-term rentals shall be separated by at least 250 feet from any other business unit short-term rental. A map available at [lindemi.us](http://lindemi.us) shows where these units would be allowed in the city. The ordinance does not include location restrictions on personal unit short-term rentals.

"The number of licenses available for business unit short-term rentals within the city in locations designated on the Business Unit Short-Term Rental Map shall not exceed twenty (20),"

according to the ordinance.

### Licensing

All short-term rentals, except for personal unit short-term rentals, would be required to be licensed for a fee. These licenses expire in one year and expire when the property is sold. Licenses will be revoked after 12 months of non-activity.

Before the city will issue a license, a building official will inspect the property to assess if the space meets applicable zoning, building, health and safety codes.

### Regulations

Rentals must comply with city codes. The ordinance states that maximum occupancy cannot exceed the lesser of:

- Two occupants per bedroom plus two additional occupants per finished story meeting the applicable egress requirements for occupancy in the Michigan Construction Code, the Michigan Residential Code, and all applicable State of Michigan and local fire codes; or 10 occupants.

Attics and basements cannot be included for purposes of determining occupancy.

"No fireworks shall be used on the premises of any short-term rental when it is occupied by anyone other than the owner," the ordinance states. "The playing of any radio, television, phonograph, or other sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity."

Parking cannot interfere with travel on a street or neighboring property, trash and recycling must be stored in containers with tight-fitting lids and pets must be in the property or on a leash at all times.

Business unit short-term rentals must have a designated local agent and notice in the property must state the agent's name with a 24-hour phone number.

See the full proposed ordinance at [lindenmi.us](http://lindenmi.us). City Manager Ellen Glass said they expect to vote on the ordinance at the next meeting.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**HOW HAVE OTHER** pathways handled car/bike accidents on the path that cross homeowners' property? Who pays for the damages, the property owners? Does LAFF Pathway have an insurance policy for the areas crossing over the private property owner's driveway?

**FIREFIGHTERS PUT THEIR** life on the line to save others. Unfortunately, they cannot save all. If lawsuits against them are granted, expect fewer fire departments, if any.

**IT'S A SCAM.** Replacing a permanent tax cut for a one-time, \$180 check is a big-time rip-off. Thanks for nothing Michigan Democrats.

**MICHIGAN FOOTBALL BULLY,** not sure what you're trying to gain in this. Also, I am a graduate of UofM, not a 'Walmart' fan. Michigan Football is and has always been an elite NCAAF program, before OSU and MSU isn't even ranked as elite.

**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.

**DEMOCRATS ARE AT** their dirtiest once again. Don't be fooled by the \$180 check from Whitmer. She has to lower the coffer balance from \$9 billion or lower the Michigan tax rate. She's opting to look like she is doing us a favor by paying us a mere \$180.

## Everyday educators

# Meet LESLIE GUERRA



## Third grade teacher at State Road Elementary School

### How do you connect with students?

Building relationships and making connections with students is my top priority and also my favorite part of teaching. I love seeing my students in their element, doing what they love. I have been to baseball games, softball games, cheer competitions, dance recitals, plays, etc. Relationships do not have to remain in the classroom, nor do they have to end when the school year does.

### What is your favorite season?

My favorite season is football season! I am a seven-year season ticket holder for the Lions and love attending all of the home games. My students know my love for this team and it's always a talking point in my classroom. I have even met up with several students at games over the years.

### Christmas break or summer break?

Definitely summer break! Michigan summers are the best. I also love to travel and explore new places every opportunity I can.



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## Hurley Medical Center honored

Newsweek magazine names hospital as one of the world's best Smart Hospitals

As we head into this new year, Hurley Medical Center would like to share that Newsweek magazine has named their destination hospital as one of the top Smart Hospitals in the world in 2023.

Newsweek is recognizing the top 250 institutions around the world, ranking Hurley 115th for using new technology to improve care, health goals and quality of life for patients. This is the second time Hurley Medical Center has made this exclusive list, showing how the hospital continues to lead the way into the future of healthcare. Hurley is just one of two destination hospitals in the state to achieve this honor. The University of Michigan Hospitals-Michigan Medicine was also ranked for its use of robotics.

Technology is a priority because Hurley Medical Center and Hurley Children's Hospital know advanced technology leads to the best care and outcomes for families. Hurley is a destination hospital for patients across Mid-Michigan, the Great Lakes Region and the Thumb. When patients need surgeries, complex diagnoses or specialists who can get them to recovery quicker, they don't have to travel downstate anymore. The experts and advanced technology are closer, at Hurley Medical Center and Hurley Children's Hospital.

"It is a great honor to be recognized again by Newsweek as a hospital that has maximized its use of technology to make patient care better," said Dr. Michael Roebuck, chief medical information officer. "Recognition at this level validates the efforts of both the Technology Team and the Clinical End Users."

- Hurley is one of five health systems in the state to be validated as a HIMSS Stage 7 Hospital - maximizing electronic medical records to provide care that is safe, efficient and high quality.

- Our growing technology allows doctors in the NICU to predict symptoms in babies before they experience them.

- With innovative bar codes and IV

pumps, we improve safety, making sure patients get the correct medications and doses.

- Hurley has been able to share 3.5 million patient records with 2000 hospitals spanning 50 states. The digital transformation helps patients if they get sick or hurt on vacation or have moved.

- MyChart allows patients to get test results quicker and make appointments easier.

As an independent hospital, Hurley Medical Center has carefully managed its resources in order to become a cutting edge medical center, providing advanced care to patients in 15 Michigan counties. As technology advances, the hospital has made it a priority to value its investments and make the investments work to their maximum.

In partnership with the global data research company Statista Inc., Newsweek created the World's Best Smart Hospital 2023 rankings based on worldwide recommendations from hospital managers and medical professionals, analyzing thousands of votes in a survey on smart hospitals.

## NEWS

## BRIEFS

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### 'Have a heart. Donate blood.'

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## SHOOTINGS

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Sparrow Hospital in Lansing for medical treatment.

Authorities identified the three MSU students killed as Brian Fraser, a sophomore, Alexandria Verner, a junior, and Arielle Anderson, a sophomore. Five other students are hospitalized for treatment of gun shot wounds, all in critical condition.

Using tips from a 911 caller, police located the gunman in Lansing and confronted him, at which time he reportedly shot himself.

The shooter was identified Tuesday morning as Anthony Dwayne McRae, 43. Local police said during a press conference that there were no known connections between McRae and the university and that the shooter's motive was unknown. The university canceled classes for Tuesday and Wednesday as the shooting remains an active investigation.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered flags to be lowered and flown at half-staff.

On Tuesday, Drew Krueger, a senior at MSU and a Linden High School

graduate shared his personal experience.

Krueger said Monday evening was a typical evening. He was playing basketball at the IM East building. At halftime, they were alerted to an active shooter on campus and were instructed to go into the rooms by the racquetball courts inside the building. They could listen to the police alerts. They heard a report of gunshots near Owen Hall, which is very close by. A supervisor entered their room and told them to keep the lights off and if they hear

anything to open the door and to run away as fast as possible. When they heard another report of shots fired, the group of students ran out a back door. He estimated there were 70-80 students around him. He called a friend who drove over quickly and picked up him, his friends and a few strangers that could fit into her vehicle. He said they went back to her home and waited for more news.

Krueger said there were so many reports of multiple shooters and gunshots heard all over. "It was crazy," he said. "We didn't know what to believe. We were sending out texts that we never

**“We didn't know what to believe. We were sending out texts that we never thought we'd have to send.”**

**Drew Krueger**

*MSU senior, Linden High School graduate*



Brian Fraser, a sophomore, Alexandria Verner, a junior, and Arielle Anderson, a sophomore at Michigan State University were killed Monday, Feb. 13 on the campus of Michigan State University. Five other students remain hospitalized from gun shot wounds.

thought we'd have to send. We are just devastated."

He added, "It was pretty terrifying, but we're Spartan strong. It's just terrible."

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, McRae spent more than a year in state prison for possession of loaded weapon/firearm in a vehicle from a June 7, 2019 incident in Ingham County. On Nov. 26, 2019, through a plea agreement, he was sentenced to a maximum of 18 months in prison. He was discharged May 14, 2021. McRae's profile was deleted from the MDOC website shortly after the press conference.



Surveillance video at Michigan State University captures the shooter walking up stairs in one of the university buildings Monday night.

## SALT

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In February 2022, the average temperatures in Fenton ranged from 16 degrees to the occasional high 40s, with many days in the 20s or below. In 2023, AccuWeather is showing most daily temperatures for February in Fenton in the 30s and 40s.

Southeast Michigan is experiencing a milder winter compared to previous years. Local department of public work directors said they're using less salt on icy roads this winter.

Fenton Director of Public Works Dan Brisson said winter has been kind to southeast Michigan so far.

"Salt usage in Fenton City is significantly down for the season. Winter is not over yet, but it's fair to say the city will spend less this season on salt, fuel, equipment maintenance and overtime

labor costs associated with winter maintenance."

The warmer weather is also less harsh on roads compared to ice and snow, which leads to fewer potholes.

"There has been little frost in the ground so far this season, which reduces the frequency of freeze-thaw cycles that cause pothole concerns. The DPW has been running two patching crews this past week to stay ahead of potholes," Brisson said. "It is too early to determine if material costs for cold mix asphalt will be the same or less than past years for winter pavement maintenance."

The DPW works year round on maintenance on the city's infrastructure. They've been able to spend more time on infrastructure when they don't have to worry about ice and snow.

"The Water Treatment Plant runs 16 hours a day, every day, including weekends and holidays. Water distribution

maintenance and operations, sewer and storm water systems, nine sewer pumping stations, 15 emergency generators, 125 lane miles of city roadway, streetlights, and the city's fleet of vehicles and equipment all require the Public Works Department's efforts on a daily basis.

"When Fenton has a snow event, the work effort shifts from daily operations to all staff assigned to clearing roads and city parking lots of snow and ice. Less winter events equals more time focused on infrastructure maintenance and repair," Brisson said.

Don Grice, Linden public works director, said warmer weather allows them to spend time on building and infrastructure maintenance.

"The lack of a deep, heaving frost reduces damage to roads and parking lots, as well as underground infrastructure such as water mains. As for salt, we have ordered 50 tons so far this year, and

based on the forecast, that will likely be all we will need for this season," he said.

Kylie Dontje, communications coordinator at the Genesee County Road Commission, said currently, the GCRC has used approximately 56% of the salt that was budgeted for this winter.

"GCRC is always prepared to respond to winter weather events whenever they happen. This winter has certainly been unusually warm; however, it's difficult to predict the weather in Michigan," Dontje said.

The GCRC implemented Seasonal Weight Restrictions on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 a.m. to minimize the damage to paved roads as the ground thaws.

"On the days when there is no need for winter maintenance, our equipment operators have been able to spend more time patching potholes, trimming trees, spot grading and other routine maintenance activities," Dontje said.



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# CAR CARE



## Maintenance intervals drivers should know

### *Owner's manual is key for your particular make and model*

Vehicles are among the most costly expenses individuals have. According to data from Kelley Blue Book, the average price paid for a new vehicle in the United States in September 2022 was \$48,094.

Since vehicles are such sizable investments, it behooves motorists to do as much as they can to

keep their cars and trucks running smoothly.

Vehicle owner's manuals typically recommend maintenance intervals and should be drivers' first resource for information regarding how to take care of their cars and trucks. But the following are some standard maintenance intervals drivers can keep in mind.

#### **3,000 MILES**

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer

between oil changes. However, it's still a good idea to check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles. Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low.

It's wise for drivers to perform some additional maintenance checkups every 3,000 miles. Check tire pressure, inspect hoses (which should not be leaking or bulging) and clean the interior of the vehicle every 3,000 miles.

#### **5,000 MILES**

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles. Tire rotations also can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan.

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# Why it's important to wash your car

## *A thorough wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the paint job*

The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good, and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic.

According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though



**Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance, but the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal.**

late model vehicles aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time,

can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Another benefit to routine car washes is they can prevent damage related to seasonal issues. For example, individuals who live in regions where winter snowfall is common may routinely drive on roads that have been salted. Deicing the roads makes driving safer, but salt can accumulate on the undercarriage of the vehicle and contribute to corrosion. Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can

wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

But it's not just the exterior of the car that can benefit from routine washing. When taking their cars to get washed, many motorists pay a little extra to have their vehicle interiors cleaned. Sometimes referred to as "interior detailing," cleaning the cabin of the car helps to maintain the interior so it looks new longer. Routine interior cleaning also can remove dust and other particles that can serve as irritants if allowed to build up over time.

Resale and trade-in value is another factor to consider. The automotive experts at Edmunds note that the average transaction price for a used vehicle in the second quarter of 2021 was \$25,410, which marks a 21 percent increase over the year prior. Much has been made of the microchip issues that have compromised auto manufacturers' ability to produce new automobiles, and that led many motorists to the preowned vehicle market. Dealerships also offered incentives to drivers willing to trade in their late model cars. By taking care of a vehicle's interior, drivers are putting themselves in position to capitalize on the increased reliance on the preowned market. Prospective buyers, whether they're private citizens or dealerships, will see more value in a vehicle with a well-maintained interior than one with a cabin that's seen much better days.

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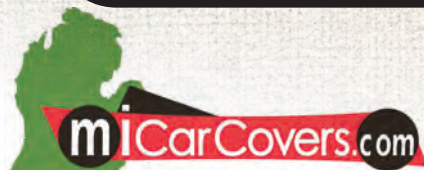
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## MAINTENANCE

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Drivers also can request that cabin air filters are inspected at this point, though they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use. Each of those signs indicates the wipers need to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles before they begin to wear down. In such instances, they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

### 10,000 MILES

Some vehicles may only require oil changes every 10,000 miles.

That's not uncommon in vehicles that use synthetic oil, though drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals.

Brake pads also may need to be replaced around this time, and one telltale sign of that is a squeaking noise whenever the brakes are applied.

Drivers can ask their local mechanics to check the alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well. Though many vehicles won't develop alignment issues, it's best to check for such issues every 10,000 miles or whenever a vehicle feels as though it's pulling in one specific direction.

Maintenance intervals are created to serve as a guideline for drivers. Any issues that arise should still be brought to the attention of a mechanic regardless of how many miles have been added to the odometer since the most recent trip to the garage.

# What to know about EV batteries

## Understanding how they work could explain common concerns consumers have

Electric cars remain a novelty for millions of people who haven't yet imagined the day when they'll cut ties with combustion engines. That day might be coming sooner rather than later, and if it does it will mark the culmination of a history that's longer than even some ardent auto enthusiasts may realize.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, innovators in Hungary, the Netherlands and the United States considered battery-powered vehicles as far back as the early 1800s. Electric vehicles, or EVs, have gone

through some considerable ups and downs since those early days, but reached a significant turning point in 2000, when the Japanese automaker Toyota released the Prius worldwide. The Prius was the first mass-produced hybrid electric vehicle and it paved the way for many of the modern EVs on the road today.

Despite the release of the Prius more than two decades ago, motorists may still have many questions about EVs. Perhaps the most common question about EVs concerns their batteries.

### HOW LONG DO EV BATTERIES LAST?

Individuals may be hesitant to purchase their own EV out of a fear that the battery will not last as

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Thursday, March 16

#### Corn Beef Dinner

Friday, March 17

#### Red Wings Game

Tuesday, March 28

#### Live Band Entertainment

Wednesday, April 12

#### Soaring Eagle Casino Trip

Thursday, April 27

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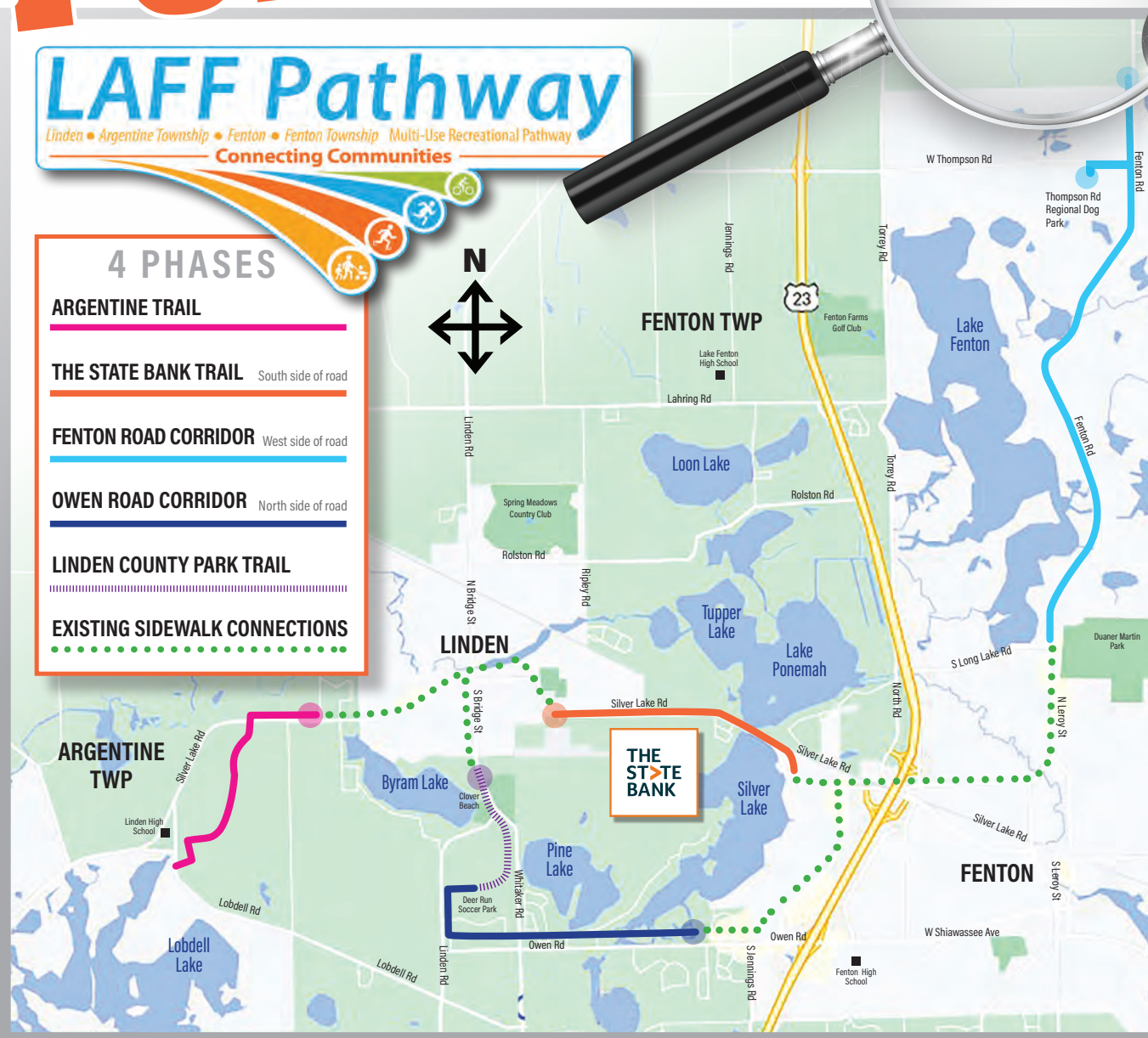
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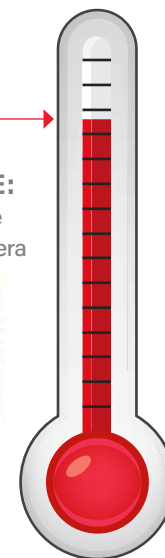
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## EV BATTERIES

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long as the standard combustion engine in more traditional, gas-powered vehicles. But the automotive experts at CarFax note that all EV batteries sold in the United States come with warranties that last for no less

than eight years or up to 100,000 miles.

### WHAT DO THE WARRANTIES COVER?

The automotive resource Car and Driver urges drivers considering EVs to read the manufacturer's battery warranty thoroughly before purchasing

an electric car or truck. That's because some warranties only cover the battery if it completely dies, which is a relatively rare occurrence. However, Car and Driver notes that certain manufacturers, including BMW, Tesla and Nissan, among others, will cover a battery if its capacity drops to 60 to 70 percent. Drivers should still read these manufacturers' warranties carefully to confirm just what is and isn't covered regarding their EV batteries.

### HOW LONG DO EV BATTERIES TYPICALLY LAST?

The online EV resource EVBox notes that charging a battery will affect its lifespan. That might scare some prospective EV buyers off, as various sources indicate the average cost of a new EV battery is around \$5,500, though some

can cost as much as \$15,000. But the loss of charging capacity is perhaps not as big a concern as drivers might think. Plug In America, a nonprofit educational organization that advocates the use of plug-in vehicles, reports that a Tesla Model S loses only around 5 percent of its original capacity over the first 50,000 miles, and the depletion rate slows down after that. Since many individuals prefer to replace their vehicles long before they reach the 100,000 mile marker, it's reasonable to expect EV buyers will never have to replace the batteries on their plug-in cars or trucks.

There's still much for drivers to learn about EVs. Understanding how EV batteries work and how long they should continue to do so may calm some of the more common concerns consumers have about plug-in vehicles.



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Fenton's varsity competitive cheer team placed third at the Flint Metro League's final meet of the season, earning the squad third place in the final standings. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

## Area squads compete in final Metro League cheer meet

By David Troppens

It was a successful night at the Flint Metro League Competitive Cheer Meet for all four tri-county area squads Friday at Lake Fenton High School.

All four squads posted their best team scores in Flint Metro League competition at Friday's event.

The Fenton Tigers finished third at the meet (742.62) and placed third in the final standings, while Lake Fenton finished fourth at the meet (719.36) and fourth in the final standings. Linden took seventh (663.48) and placed seventh in the final standings while Holly took eighth (639.86) at the meet and moved

from 10th to a tie for eighth in the final standings.

Fenton's three-round combined team score on Friday was almost 40 points better than its 712.7 score the Tigers posted in the first Metro event. Fenton was in a tight battle for second place with

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# Sports Times

## Wrestling teams qualify 23 to regional round

By David Troppens

The tri-county area had a pretty successful weekend at the D2 individual district wrestling tournament hosted at Fenton High School.

The tri-county area had nine individual champions and 23 individual qualifiers to the regional round.

Linden had the most champions earning four, while Lake Fenton had the most qualifiers, getting 12 wrestlers through to regionals. The Blue Devils had three district champions. Fenton had two district champions and seven regional qualifiers. Holly competed and had no regional qualifiers.

There were three tri-county individual championship matches. The good news for Lake Fenton was the Blue Devils were involved in all three. The bad news for Lake Fenton was its tri-county rival beat them in each instance.

At 113 pounds, Fenton's Jamal Horne defeated Lake Fenton's Wyatt DeVasher by pinfall at 2:21 to earn Horne's title. Horne earned two pinfall wins at the event, while DeVasher earned a pinfall win in his first match.

Fenton's Philip Lamka (157) was the Tigers' other individual champion, beating Lake Fenton's Jack Conley by pinfall in a finals match in 3:22. Lamka went 3-0 with three pinfall wins. Conley went 2-1 with one pinfall win.

Finally, Linden's Bryce Shingleton (126) beat Lake Fenton's Robby Moore by pinfall in a district title match. Shingleton earned a technical fall victory in his semifinal match while Moore had pinfall wins in his first two matches.

All of Linden's placers were champs. The other champions were Adoniah Delgado (138) and Michael Bush (175). Delgado went 3-0 with two pinfall wins. He won his title with a pinfall win in 3:08 against Swartz Creek's Hayden Pletscher. Bush had three challenging decision wins, earning his title with a 6-1 decision victory against Brandon's Calvin Solis.

Lake Fenton's three champions were Jorge Marvin (106), Clay Cook (120) and Noah Hall (150).

Hall earned three victories with



Some of the area district champions at the Fenton Individual Wrestling District were (Top photo) Linden's Bryce Shingleton (front), and (immediately above photo) Fenton's Jamal Horne (top wrestler) and Lake Fenton's Jorge Marvin. **Photos: David Troppens**

two being pinfall wins. He defeated Clio's D'Marion Erlenbeck by a 16-4

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## Holly's Dalton captures title at New Lothrop invite

By David Troppens

Holly's Ryan Dalton was king of the alley at the New Lothrop Singles Challenge.

Dalton averaged a 241 pinfall average during the tournament and won the individual championship with his second-best game of the day. He won it by a 279-224 score. His best game was in the quarterfinal round, when he bowled a 299, only leaving the 9-pin on his 12th throw. His opponent bowled a 276, with both bowlers rolling strikes in the first nine frames.

Many Holly bowlers had great days. Ryan Sparklin took third during the four-game qualifying series with scores of 217, 223, 225 and 228 (893), while Sean Dakert qualified eighth with an 837 series with scores of 213, 222, 200 and 189. Dalton qualified 10th with an 821 series of 191, 255, 173 and 202. Dalton would heat up during individual elimination play. Drew Mascorro earned 30th with a 754 series (213, 218, 184, 193).

In the round of 32, Mascorro and



**Holly's Ryan Dalton**

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## Fenton girls dominate Kearsley, stay in hunt for second in Metro

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has set itself up for a battle for second place in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division.

The Tigers earned a 65-30 road victory against Kearsley on Friday, setting up a Friday night battle against area rival Linden at Fenton.

If Linden (7-2 in the Stripes Division) wins the game the Eagles will finish in second outright and earn the No. 2 seed from the division into the crossover championship series next week. If Fenton (6-3 in the Stripes Division) wins, the two rivals will end up tied for second, meaning the No. 2 seed will be determined by a league tiebreaker.

The contest was tied 8-all when the Tigers ended the first quarter on a 17-3 run.

Back-to-back steals by Grace MacCaughn resulted in breaking layups. The first was a MacCaughn layin, and the second was a MacCaughn assist on an Adrienne Staib layup. Fenton led 12-8.



Grace MacCaughan had seven points and six rebounds against Kearsley. Photo: Mark Bolen

Kearsley cut the gap to 12-11, but the Tigers scored the final 13 points of the quarter with nine coming on treys. Abby Logan hit two of those treys, including the final one, giving Fenton a 25-11 lead after one quarter. The Hornets were unable to seriously contend after that.

Staib led the Tigers (11-8) with 17 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, while Logan had 10 points and four assists.

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## LF's defense key in win vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

When teams play defense, it's amazing how that helps the squad's offense.

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team learned that lesson on the road against Owosso on Friday.

The Blue Devils held Owosso to just five second-half points and to 20 points overall, sparking a 63-20 victory.

The win keeps the Blue Devils in a tie for second place in the Flint Metro League's Stars Division with one game remaining — at home against current first-place Goodrich on Friday.

"We got off to a pretty solid start in the first quarter and that carried through the entire game," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "We were able to play a complete game. It's been awhile since we've done that, but we needed it and, hopefully, it will continue in that upward direction."

"(Defense) was our focus. Our goal was to hold them to under 30 points and the guys took it to another level, trying to keep it at 20 or lower. That focus on defense allowed our offense to work a little better. Funny when you focus on defense, you start sharing the ball really well and the ball sees the bottom of the net easier."

The Blue Devils scored 20 points in the first quarter with five players scoring points. Coleson Lessner netted five points while Ashton Hunter and Carson Haddad had four points each, sparking the strong offensive quarter.



Lake Fenton's Coleson Lessner scored 13 points in the Blue Devils' victory against Owosso. Photo: Mark Bolen

Meanwhile, Owosso netted just six first-quarter points. Lake Fenton led 20-6 after one period. The second quarter was pretty much the same story.

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## Lady Eagles hold on to second in Stripes, beat Creek

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team is one win away from locking up a spot in the four-team Flint Metro League cross over championship series.

The Eagles (7-2 in the Stars Division and 13-6 overall) set that all up with a 50-14 home

victory against Swartz Creek.

The Eagles travel to Fenton for a final Stars Division contest on Friday. With a win, the Eagles will lock up second-place outright. With a loss, the Eagles could still finish as the second seed based on tiebreakers.

The Eagles took some time

to take control. Leading just 10-6 after one quarter, Linden went on a 12-1 run in the second quarter to blow the game open. The run started with a steal by Kayla Widner resulting in an assisted layup by Shaye Barkholz.

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## Tigers struggle early, dominate the rest of the way in 64-53 win vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

It wasn't one of the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's best games in one respect when the Tigers visited against the Kearsley Hornets.

It looked like a horror story for a long time. The Tigers couldn't make a shot and trailed at one time 27-11.

But, then something happened. The Tigers began to look like Flint Metro League Stripes Division champions.

They figured a way to correct their cold-shooting issues and finished the contest with a pretty strong offensive effort, earning a 64-53 victory.

The Tigers are now 9-0 in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play and 13-5 overall. In some ways the Tigers proved why they were champions after proving they could overcome the slow start.

"We couldn't make a shot in the first half," Fenton varsity boys basketball

coach Chad Logan said. "We couldn't make our layups. We couldn't make anything. It was like, 'Oh my gosh, can we make a shot, please.'"

It started happening, but it took awhile. Spencer Luck made 1-of-2 free throws with 4:30 left in the half for the team's first points in the second quarter. The Tigers still trailed 27-12. However, they started to cut into the lead, finishing the half on a 15-5 run. Nolan Alvord

made a three-pointer that cut the gap to 30-21 and before the half was over, the deficit was just 32-27. The Tigers were back in the contest at the break.

Fenton cut the gap to 34-33 on a Gage Graham field goal, and then took the lead at 38-36 on a three-pointer by Alvord with two minutes left in the third. The Tigers led 42-38 after three quarters.

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Max Haney took first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly at the MISC meet on Saturday. Photo: Christopher Summers

## Haney earns two firsts at top-level MISC meet

By David Troppens

Max Haney finally got to compete in a D2 state meet a year ago and earned a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

It looks like his senior season is setting up to be pretty spectacular as well if the MISC meet means anything.

Haney won two individual events — the 200 individual medley (1:51.38) and the 100 butterfly (50.11) at what is basically an All-Star meet for all divisions of swimmers in the state.

Haney won the 200 individual medley pretty easily.

Zeeland's Owen Stevens finished in second with a time of 1:55.00. In the 100 butterfly, Canton's Ryan Gurgel was second in 50.64.

Diver Owen Cox also competed individually and earned 20th (344.05).

Haney competed in two relays with his Fenton teammates. The 400 freestyle relay team of Haney, Zach Michelson, Luke DeFina and Isaac Gurnsey earned 24th (3:25.51) while the 200 freestyle relay team of Haney, DeFina, Jacob Grifka and Michelson took 27th (1:33.72).

placed third. They were Fenton's Aiden Velzy (106), Owen Freeman (120), Ben Triola (175) and Carson Krzeszak (285); and Lake Fenton's Drew Corcoran (138), Ty Johnson (144) and Caden Tortorice (190).

Four tri-county area wrestlers placed fourth. They were Lake Fenton's Cohen Dangcil (106), Karson Crist (175) and Josh Ezell (215); and Fenton's Garrett Clark (132).

## LF girls win record-breaking 19th straight contest, crush Owosso

By David Troppens

Another record went down on Friday night for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The Blue Devils broke a school record by earning their 19th straight victory during an 82-38 road victory against Owosso.

The old record of 18 straight games was earned by the 1987 squad.

It was a typical Lake Fenton (19-0) victory. Seven players scored in the first quarter and all 10 scored in the first half.

In the opening quarter, Kendyl Smith hit two of her five three-pointers in the contest, netting eight points. Lake Fenton led 23-8 after one quarter. In the second quarter, she netted another two treys and finished with seven more points. The Blue Devils

led 47-19 at halftime.

Owosso had more success in the third quarter, netting 15 points. However, the Blue Devils still won the quarter, netting 19 points. Ella Prevost led the charge with five points, with three of them coming off a three-pointer. Lake Fenton dominated the fourth quarter, 16-4. Smith chipped in another five points during the stanza.

Smith led the Blue Devils (9-0 in the Flint Metro League Stars Division) with a game-high 20 points, while Makenna Clement netted 13 points.

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Makenna Clement attempts a shot in a recent game. She scored 13 against Owosso on Friday.

Photo: Mark Bolen



## Holly locks up second place in Stripes, beats Flushing

The Holly varsity boys basketball team locked its spot in the Flint Metro League's first-ever crossover championship playoff series Friday night.

The Bronchos (7-2 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division and 13-4 overall) earned

their spot by defeating Flushing in a road contest 54-41.

The Bronchos dominated the contest, taking a 20-4 lead after one quarter. Ka'Vion Smith was the biggest reason for the start. Smith scored 13 first-quarter points, including nine

from behind the three-point arc.

In the second quarter Tony Simmons scored five points while Ashton DeHart hit a three-pointer at the halftime buzzer, earning the Bronchos a 34-13 halftime lead.

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## Griffins crush Bay Area Thunder, lose to FNV Griffins

By David Troppens

In recent weeks, the Fenton/Linden area varsity hockey team (a co-op squad with Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton) has been in a win-one, lose-one pattern.

It continued last week.

The Griffins dominated the Bay Area Thunder 8-0 but lost to the FNV Griffins 4-0.

It wasn't surprising the Griffins (10-12) beat the Thunder. What may have been surprising was the score. The Griffins defeated them 5-4

on Jan. 13. But on Feb. 8, it was an 8-0 crushing.

Fenton/Linden jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first period and never trailed.

The Griffins pounded Bay Area's net with 36 shots. Carson Gardner scored on three of them while Mitchel Luck had two goals and a team-high three assists. Nicholas Griggs, Dominic Corso Jr. and Jace Dumeah had a goal each. Caden Crandall had two assists while Parker Harrison, Maximus Wright and Brett Elsey had an assist each. In net, Porter Loboeki earned the shutout in net.

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major decision in the title match. Marvin earned a 6-2 decision win against Flushing's Dylan Labelle in his district final match. He also earned a pinfall win in the semifinals. Cook went 2-0 and earned his championship with a 15-0 technical fall victory against Flushing's Wyatt Martin.

Seven tri-county wrestlers

## Linden boys lose ninth straight, fall to Swartz Creek, 48-29

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys basketball team found itself in an early 10-0 hole against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday.

The Eagles (4-14) would never recover, losing a 48-29 home contest, extending the squad's current losing streak to nine games.

Swartz Creek's Quandre Wright hit consecutive three-pointers in the opening minute to help spark the

early 10-0 run. Linden's first field goal came on a Jase Becher assist on a Joe Miller layup. Linden was able to cut the gap to 12-7 with two converted free throws by Becher, but the Dragons took a 15-7 lead into the second quarter.

The Dragons opened the second quarter on a 6-0 run in what was a defensive-minded stanza. Linden scored its first points of the quarter with 1:56 left in the period on a

three-pointer by Jack Kenney, closing the gap to 21-10. That's about as close as Linden got the rest of the game. The Eagles got within 10 twice in the fourth quarter. The first time at 32-32 and again at 34-34, but never seriously threatened the Dragons' lead.

Linden travels to Fenton for a third game this season against the Eagles' biggest rivals Friday at approximately 7 p.m.

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Sparklin faced off with Sparklin winning 227-195. Dankert (211) and Dalton (245) won their matches. In the round of 16, Sparklin won a tight 182-179 game while Dalton won 280-218. Dankert lost 226-222. The quarterfinal was when Dalton bowled his 299. Sparklin lost his match 286-146.

Dalton advanced to the championship match with a 245-215 win in the semifinal. At one time Dalton had 21 consecutive strikes. He had three games with 11 strikes in 12 throws.

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eventual runner-up Flushing. The Tigers posted a 223.5 round one score, less than a point out of second place. However, Fenton had a 217.72 round two score, putting them just less than two points ahead of Flushing entering round three. The Tigers had a 301.4 during its final round, but Flushing had a 308 to earn second-place by almost five points.

Lake Fenton's final score was its first in the 700s in the three league events. The Blue Devils were in fifth place after earning a 219.8 in round one and a 212.56 (10 point penalty reducing it to 202.56) in round two, but bounced back big time in round three. The Blue Devils had a 297 enabling Lake Fenton to jump into fourth at the meet.

Linden's score was about 16 points better than its score at the second league meet. Linden had a 202.3 in round one, a 185.28 in round two (10-point deduction) and a 285.9 in round three.

Holly's score was about seven points better than its score at the second meet. The Bronchos were the only area team to make a serious placing jump in the final standings compared to where they were entering the meet, going from 10th to tied for eighth. Holly had a 202.8 round one score, a 174.16 in round two and a 262.9 in round three.



Photos by  
Mark Bolen



The third Flint Metro League Competitive Cheer Meet was held at Lake Fenton High School on Friday. Fenton (left photo) placed third at the meet, while event hosts Lake Fenton (direct bottom photo and middle bottom photo) placed fourth in the 12-team event. The Linden Eagles (bottom far left) placed seventh, while the Holly Bronchos (directly below) recorded an eighth-place effort. There are plenty more photos at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

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Stella, a 3-year-old husky and Milo, a 4-year-old golden retriever, were shot late at night on Feb. 4 in Fenton Township. Stella died from her wound and Milo is recovering.

Submitted photo

## DOGS

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Feb. 4. One of them died and the other is recovering.

Det. Sgt. Scott Pritchard of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office said deputies received a call Feb. 5 resulting in a negligent firearm discharge complaint in the 12000 block of Sharp Road in Fenton Township.

Pritchard said that a 51-year-old Fenton Township man requested to speak to an officer regarding an incident where he had shot two dogs. Deputies spoke with him regarding the incident. The man said that he has a coyote problem at his property and that around midnight the previous night, he believed he had shot two coyotes that were walking on his ice-covered pond. The man said he investigated the animals in the morning and discovered that the animals were domestic dogs. One dog was found deceased and one was found wounded, which was in a hole in the ice. The caller said he rescued the dog that was wounded and turned it over to its owner.

While en route to the residence, deputies were flagged down by the owner of the dogs. The owner had recovered her golden retriever named Milo from the caller's property. The owner said that Milo was being treated at Med Vet of Commerce for a gunshot wound to the chest.

Genesee County Sheriff Detective Bureau went to the caller's residence and met him in the backyard. It was confirmed from where the shot was taken to where the point of impact on both dogs was approximately 50 yards with a Ruger .17 rifle.

The case was turned over to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

for review.

Friends of the dog owners created a gofundme account, "In memory of Stella, and for the recovery of Milo." According to the gofundme, Shelby and Joe Beach spent hours looking around the area unable to find their dogs. Around midnight that same night, they heard several gunshots in the area. The morning of Feb. 5, Milo was found and had been shot in the chest, in critical condition, but Stella was not with him. After the police investigated, they found Stella had not survived her injuries, which was a gunshot wound to the neck.

On Tuesday, Shelby said, "... We will forever remember our loving, gentle, and loyal Stella. She didn't have a mean bone in her. If you could see how gentle she was with our baby, your heart would melt. And our Milo, he's the sweetest boy and biggest baby around. We can tell he's looking for Stella every time he goes outside. And we can tell he's scared to leave our deck at night without us. We hope that he can make a full recovery quick and return to his normal self. As for us, there will always be a piece of us missing now but we know we will meet our Stella bear again one day."

Shelby added that she and her husband wanted to give a huge thank you to the neighbor who called them at 8:30 a.m. and had Milo. She said if it weren't for him, they don't know if they would have found either of their dogs.

"Thank you to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office for responding quickly to our call, and thank you so much to our community for sharing our posts, searching for our dogs, sending kind and supportive messages, and all the generousities."

# Obituaries

Times

## Michelle Pierce Carter

1960 – 2023

With great sadness the family of Michelle Pierce Carter announces her passing at the age of 62 years after a short battle with cancer. Michelle is survived by her much beloved husband of 40 years, Dr. Glenn B. Carter, and will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Rachel McCubbin (Nicholas) of Northville, and Rebekah Ratza (Kevin) of Fenton. Michelle, known as Gunny by her grandchildren, will be fondly remembered by Mackenzie and Glenn Ratza and Gretchen and Eleanor McCubbin. Michelle was born March 7, 1960, in McKeesport, PA. She grew up in Swartz Creek, MI and graduated from



Central Michigan University. Michelle resided in Fenton for 40 years. She has always been a nurturer. She devoted her life to raising her family, homeschooling her daughters, and caring for family and friends. She thoroughly enjoyed tending to her dahlia garden and maintaining the Carter family farm. As a long-standing committed believer in Jesus Christ, she now resides in her eternal home. A memorial service honoring

the life of Michelle will be held at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church (Fenton, MI) Friday, February 17 at 1 PM. The family will receive friends from 11 AM – 1 PM. In lieu of flowers, Michelle wishes for donations to be made to your church or favorite charity.

## David R. Thornton

1933 – 2023

David R. Thornton – age 90, passed away on Monday, February 6, 2023, in Reinbeck, Iowa, from natural causes. Dave was born in Fenton, on January 4, 1933, to Roy and Helen Thornton. He was the oldest son of eight children. He graduated from Fenton High in 1951 and left home at 19 to explore the west. He lived in Eugene, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, Billings, Montana, and Denver, Colorado, where he met Nadine Conrad. He and Nadine were married in 1958 at St. Mary's in Storm Lake, Iowa. They had three children, Kelly ('59), Scott ('61), and Todd ('62), and lived in several Iowa communities before settling in Waterloo, Iowa. Dave worked in the retail truck and auto business in parts, sales, and



administration. He retired from Witham Auto in 1995, briefly unretired to work for Mudd & Associates before fully retiring in 1997. He is survived by his sons, Scott (Sharon) and Todd (Victoria); grandchildren, Alexander (Malori), Erin (Matt) Hinrichsen, Nathaniel, and Haley Burbridge; great-grandchildren, Wren, Samantha, and Della. Preceding Dave in death were an infant son;

daughter, Kelly, and his wife, Nadine. Funeral service, February 15, 10:30 AM at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Burial immediately following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Please visit [www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com](http://www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com) to leave online condolences to the family.

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*Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.*

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**WHAT THE HELL** is happening in our skies? As Americans we demand and deserve the truth from our government. Something was shot down over the Great Lakes? It had to pass over a lot of American-owned land to get here.

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**THE CHINESE HAVE** a balloon over us at 60,000 feet and we have no plane that can reach it? Maybe we could buy a surplus MIG 15. They could top 52,000 feet and we could use a slingshot for the rest.

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**IS IT TIME** to turn tables on atheists? Should they be persecuted? Are all atheists Godless, hateful, evil people attacking Christianity, other religions of the world? Are atheists worth being saved? I believe God and Jesus would give a resounding YES. Christians, other religions believing in God would agree.

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**I'M A REPUBLICAN** and I believe Trump could get our country back on track again in 2024. However, I don't want him to run because of how divided we are. Biden is dividing us too. Telling lies about the Republicans in your speech does not unite. Democrats, quit protecting Biden.

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| 1 Choir voice<br>5 Right angle<br>8 Dallas team, to fans<br>12 Check<br>13 Sheep call<br>14 Out of the storm<br>15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps<br>17 Speck<br>18 Author Fleming<br>19 T-shirt fabric<br>21 Primitive<br>24 Spartan queen<br>25 Hamilton-Burr showdown<br>26 Criticize again and again<br>30 Nabokov novel<br>31 Two-tone cookies<br>32 Ms. Thurman<br>33 Road marker<br>35 Help a crook<br>36 Temporary calm<br>37 Steinway product<br>38 "With any luck"<br>41 Fragrant tree<br>42 2004 on a cornerstone<br>43 Color akin to turquoise | 48 French river<br>49 Wildebeest<br>50 Cold War initials<br>51 Getz of jazz<br>52 Kenny G's instrument<br>53 Litigates<br>7 Guinevere's lover<br>8 Rum cocktail<br>9 Oodles<br>10 Presidential power<br>11 Penn or Astin<br>16 Calendar box<br>20 Praiseful pieces<br>21 Dutch cheese<br>22 German car name<br>23 Authentic<br>24 "The Sound of Music" teenager<br>26 Drags out<br>27 Hefty horn | 28 Portent<br>29 Peacekeeping org.<br>31 Piece of work<br>34 Football team<br>35 Boeing rival<br>37 Chart format<br>38 Med. plan options<br>39 Skip<br>40 Tower city<br>41 Change<br>44 — pickle<br>45 Baton Rouge sch.<br>46 Exploit<br>47 Hosp. parts |
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## Midweek Sudoku

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**WEEKLY SUDOKU**  
BY LINDA THISTLE

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Midweek Jumble

# JUMBLE

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

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

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

# Horoscopes

### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20  
You might feel caught up in a daze this week, Aries. Your mind continues to wander, but your thoughts will settle down soon enough.

### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21  
Make an effort to bring more people onto your side, Taurus. You can't possibly win everyone over, but others might be receptive to your ideas with the right approach.

### GEMINI

May 22/June 21  
A sit down with a higher-up could be in order soon, Gemini. Explain your attributes and what you have been doing for the company and make an effort to compromise, if necessary.

### CANCER

June 22/July 22  
Cancer, you are still following through with resolutions to be more organized. Start slowly and build up to bigger projects when you gain confidence in your abilities.

### LEO

July 23/Aug 23  
Celestial energy has you temporarily doubting your abilities, Leo. Normally you are quite confident in your creativity. Give things a little time to settle down.

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, excitement could be on the horizon. Caution is needed, but don't hesitate to embrace the renewed vigor this development inspires.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, this week you may start micromanaging other people without even realizing it. You certainly want things to be in order, but sometimes you have to let others be.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22  
Retail therapy has its allure this week, Scorpio. If you must buy, direct your purchasing dollars toward a sweetheart for Valentine's Day or another special occasion.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, ground yourself with the small luxuries in your life that bring you joy. This could be the company of friends or cherished mementos.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20  
Misinformation seems to circulate with ease, but don't believe everything you hear this week, Capricorn. You may need to do some fact-checking of your own.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you could be tempted to indulge in a little gossip as the rumors start flying this week. Take the high road and resist the urge to join in.

### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, if you feel a little off your game this week, find a friend who can offer you a pep talk. That's all you need to bounce back.

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