

# City council names new police chief

■ With department for nearly 23 years, Jeffrey Cross sworn in as chief

At the recommendation of Fenton City Manager Lynn Mark-

land, Fenton City Council unanimously appointed Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Cross as the new chief of police during the council meeting Monday, Feb. 27. Mayor Sue Osborn

swore Cross in as chief before a crowded room of his supporters.

The police chief position had been open since former police chief, Jason Slater, retired in June 2022. Lt. Cross had been

sworn in as interim police chief since that time. Slater attended Monday's meeting to lend his support to Cross.

Cross is a 1995 graduate of See **POLICE CHIEF** on 8



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**Special! Section!**

## Midweek Times

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### Carjacking in Holly Village

■ 78-year-old victim not injured

Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers received a carjacking complaint Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:55 a.m. at Grange Hall and N. Holly roads in Holly Village. Troopers were then dispatched to an address on E. Holly Road in Groveland Township to investigate the complaint.

See **CARJACKING** on 7

### Fire department to start purchase process of new ladder truck

■ Council approves \$1,479,830 cost to replace 18-year-old truck

To prevent paying a 4% price hike effective March 1, Fenton City Council authorized Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff to

See **LADDER TRUCK** on 12



**Holly domination** — The Holly varsity boys basketball team avenged two previous losses to the Fenton Tigers by earning a 69-52 Flint Metro League championship tournament victory on Friday at Fenton High School. The Bronchos trailed 18-15 after one quarter, but outscored Fenton 54-34 in the final three quarters to cruise to the victory.

See story in Sports on page 15. Photo: Mark Bolen

### Fenton schools food program wins gold

■ Only program in state to win gold

By Hannah Ball

It's a golden food program.

Fenton Food Service, which provides meals to Fenton Area Public Schools students, won a gold award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Turnip the Beet! Program.

See **GOLD** on 10

### Fenton City okays \$5,000 signing bonus

■ Anticipates incentive would result in hiring of more police officers

In an effort to hire more qualified police officers, Fenton City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM). This agreement

See **BONUS** on 7



“Our writers/read group meets at the Fenton Library on Tuesdays, 3

to 4:30 p.m. If you like writing, join us. It's a good way to share your thoughts. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday each month.”



“This is so cool. Just saw for the second time in less than two weeks an

eagle on Lake Shannon. It was in the area of Ledgewood and Ore Knob Drive. Beautiful bird.”



“Does anybody know what's going on with all the military

helicopters flying over this area lately?”





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# Calling all craft show enthusiasts

Next two Winter and Spring Craft Shows in Fenton are March 25 and April 15

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — More than 100 people attended the first ever Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Winter and Spring Craft Show on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Twenty-five vendors came from the Fenton area and beyond to set up their booths, sell products and interact with the public.

Pat Allen, SLPR market manager, said, “We had over 120 visitors, which I thought was great for it being the first time we’ve done it. I was happy with it.”

Multiple vendors signed up for the

next show after seeing how well they did, Allen said.

T&B Custom Gifts, owned by Fenton area residents Teri and Bill Edgar, set up their booth with gaming-themed custom creations. Teri Ed-gar makes euchre kits, tumblers, yard dice, decals and scoreboards for ladder ball and cornhole.

“I’ve always been into graphic design and I like making stuff,” she said. “I really like games. It’s kind of who I am. We can pretty much do anything customizable.”

They’ve brought their booth to the

summer farmers market for almost three years and they wanted to attend the winter craft show as well.

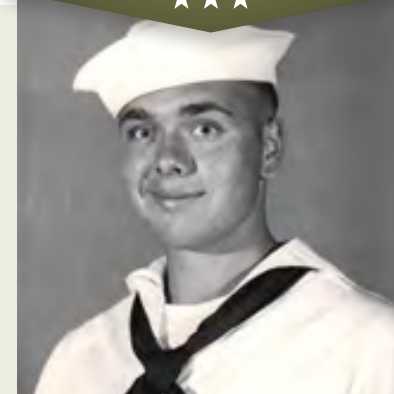
**“It’s fun to interact with the other people and customers, see people you haven’t seen in a long time, meeting people.”**

**Teri Edgar**  
Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation  
Winter and Spring Craft Show vendor

“I really like the summer ones. They’re usually pretty busy,” she said. “It’s fun to interact with the other people and customers, see people you haven’t seen in a long time, meeting people.”

The next two shows are Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, April 15. Shows will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Allen said there are vendor openings for the next two shows.

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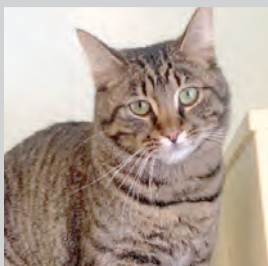
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## Building Brands

## Why the word 'yes' is good for your brand

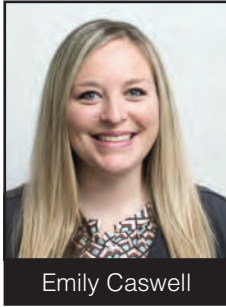
**M**y best friend has found love with another one of my friends. While they aren't engaged yet, the relationship is nearing the one-year mark. So, being the eternal optimist (and romantic) I am, I was writing my maid of honor speech in my head the other day. That got me thinking about the power of "yes." If she hadn't said "yes" to my invite to the event where they connected or if he hadn't had said "yes" to my text about asking her on a date, they may never have gotten together.

There are books written about the power of yes and seeing it play out in real life is even better. Anyone in the sales world can attest to the power of "yes," and the amazing feeling of a client trusting you with their brand and budget.

Unfortunately, the other side of the coin — a "no" — can sometimes feel more common. We professionals like to call these "noes" objections. Overcoming objections is something our team talks about often and happened to be a topic in our latest sales team meeting.

Even if your career doesn't include

sales directly, chances are you encounter objections. Maybe even just in your personal life. (My husband's



Emily Caswell

first response to anything is "no." I tell him he makes me a better salesperson just by being himself).

At the meeting last week, Advertising Director Pete Clinton asked our team to share the most common objections they are hearing. Among them were:

- "We're using digital advertising, so we don't need

print."

- "Your ads are too expensive."
- "We can't take on any more customers."

One of our team's favorite experts to turn to is Ryan Dohrn, a well-known sales professional and speaker who tackles topics like objections. Overcoming them, he says, is one part courage and one part knowledge. I say it's also one part curiosity.

If you work in sales, you already have courage. We all have the knowledge too. The skill is having that knowledge at the ready when faced with an objection. And curiosity should be easy. Don't you want to know what digital advertising a client is doing anyway?

You also must have your client's best interest at heart. When our team objects to a client's objection, we aren't doing it because we're aiming to get rich off their hard-earned dollar. We do it because we want to see our clients succeed. We know that print advertising is a proven way to make that happen. Also, our team walks the walk. We say "yes" to our clients and our team members every day. We know how powerful "yes" can be for our brand.

If you're facing objections, here are examples of how we tackle some common ones listed above. If you're a client of ours reading this, this is a sneak peek of how we'll turn you into a "yes" person.

- Our first response to a client doing any form of marketing, including digital, is to applaud them. They've already said "yes." They understand the importance of marketing, and they have dollars set aside for it. Our print products are the perfect complement to any form of advertising, including digital. We can use print to drive digital interaction by using QR codes, for example.

- When someone tells us our advertising space is too expensive, we remind them of the value they

See **'YES'** on 14

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

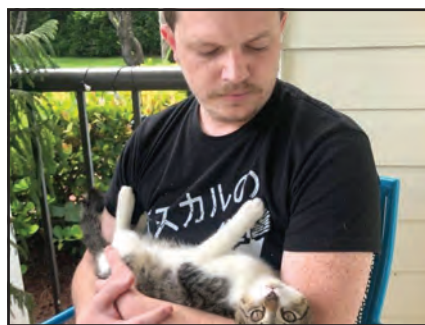
## What's your favorite thing about the Expo?

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"Seeing all the different business and finding out about their upcoming events."

**Sloane Seven**  
Flint



"I like seeing all of the small and large businesses I'm not familiar with in the area. Plus the great organizations and the adoptable pets!"

**David Devor**  
Fenton



"Absolutely love seeing our entire community come together under one roof. There is a lot to do for all age groups and lots of great giveaways! Not to mention I love to see a lot of my friends having fun!"

**Will Stiverson,** Fenton



"I've always loved taking the kids to the Kid's Zone. They are a bit old for that now, but they can help with some work this year!"

**Bridget Koleda**  
Linden



## ‘Ninja’ business approved for liquor license

■ Township officials speak of saving liquor licenses for Thompson Road Corridor

By Hannah Ball

On Tuesday, Feb. 21 after a lengthy discussion, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 4-2 to approve a tavern license with Sunday sales to Tri-County Ninja & Collectibles.

Trustees Robert Kesler, Mark Goupil, Christine Reid and Kade Katrak voted yes. Supervisor Vince Lorraine and Clerk Robert Krug voted no. Treasurer John Tucker was absent.

Multiple township officials favored saving the township’s quota liquor licenses for businesses on the Thompson Road Corridor.

Ed McNulty, owner of Tri-County Ninja & Collectibles at 14283 Fenton Road, said they offer ninja warrior training for kids and adults, which is similar to obstacle course training. They do family classes. They also have a collectible store

that sells Pokemon cards, board games, trading cards and more. Tri-County Ninja also offers scholarships to help people afford classes. The company also hosts adaptive ninja, which is for people with special needs.

They opened Tri-County Ninja in 2018. McNulty is a recently retired police officer after working 16 years in Oakland County.

McNulty said they offer an alternative means of physical activity, as well as gaming opportunities that can no longer be found in the area.

“We’re the number one searched and booked birthday party destination in Genesee County. We bring a lot of people from all sorts of zip codes into town,” he said.

McNulty said they could acquire the 8,000-foot Sear’s Hometown Store space, which is a part of the same building. With that space, they plan to add bowling, corn hole, shuffleboard tables,

See **NINJA** on 14

## Lenten Fish Fry season has returned

■ Knights of Columbus at St. John in Fenton expands menu, offers dine-in again

The 2023 version of the Fenton Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish features an expanded menu and a return to “dine-in.”

Alongside one of the best fried and baked fish dinners in Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties are the return of their cajun fish, courtesy of “chef” Bill Bradburn and shrimp dinners, courtesy of “chef” Joe Pontello.

All dinners include a number of sides and homemade dessert (courtesy of Ladies Auxiliary) at no extra charge. All dinners are \$14. They also offer a “Kids’ Meal” option, which includes mac and cheese, fries and applesauce for \$6.

This year the Knight’s and Ladies volunteers will be joined by parents and students of St John School, providing dining room assistance.

Ray Barth, Knights of Columbus member and council treasurer, said they are inviting the community to come out any Friday of March and experience their 100% volunteer, team effort.

For those interested, there are several options for food purchases:

- Online, advance orders — Sunday, 12 p.m. until Friday, 10 a.m.
- Phone-in carryout orders — Friday 1 to 6:30 p.m.
- Walk-ins — Friday 4 to 7 p.m.

Whether dining in or carrying out, stop by the Fr. Harvey Activity Center at 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, to receive orders. This annual event has been a cornerstone of parish Lenten activities for over 40 years.

Barth said they have customers returning year-after-year from all over Genesee, Livingston, Oakland and Wayne counties and a few parts beyond.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**TO 'MY CHALLENGE** stands' person. What website supports your claim that no subsidies go to oil industry?



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**judge**

**Homicide, murder and other crimes resulting in death**

When I was a freshman in law school, a required class was Criminal Law where I learned all about crimes and their parts or elements. One thing that I especially remember, and certainly didn't know at the time, was that a homicide isn't always a murder as it all depends on the particular circumstances. Clearly watching TV crime shows didn't help my understanding.

That was many years ago and some things have changed about the law of homicide and related crimes and

some remain the same.

Accordingly, I present the following homicide primer. The word "homicide" comes to us from Latin and means "killing a man."

When a homicide has occurred there are three possibilities to consider: Was it justifiable, excusable or criminal? An example of a justifiable homicide is killing in self-defense. An excusable homicide is when it is due to accident or inadvertence.

A criminal homicide is any unjustified, unexcused killing of one human being by another human being.

The most serious type of homicide is murder.

Every state has its own murder and homicide laws. In Michigan, murder is either first degree or second degree.

There are three types of first-degree murder:

- A killing perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, or any other willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing;
- "Felony murder" when a killing occurs during the commission of one or more of 14 specified felonies;
- Killing a peace officer when they

are on duty.

Second degree murder is defined as all other types of murder.

There are other crimes less than murder with the closest being manslaughter.

Again, there are two types.

"Voluntary manslaughter" is a killing without premeditation, and with sufficient provocation by the victim, to cause an ordinary person to lose control and commit the crime in passion.

"Involuntary manslaughter" is when the killing is due to gross negligence.

As society has changed, new criminal statutes have been enacted in death cases with self-defining names.

These include operating while intoxicated causing death; reckless driving causing death; delivery of a controlled substance causing death; and committing a moving traffic violation causing death.

The law has always had a profound respect for life with criminal laws and suitable punishments for those who don't.

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## BONUS

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would allow the city to provide a one-time \$5,000 signing bonus to new hires upon the successful completion of field training.

In a memo from City Manager Lynn Markland to council members and the mayor, Markland wrote that over the last couple of years, the city has had difficulty with hiring police officers. He added that the shortage of applicants is attributed to several factors that include the current labor shortage, the pause of police academies during the recent pandemic and a number of police officers throughout the region becoming eligible for retirement.

Markland said the city administration has been working with POAM, which represents the city's officers in their collective bargaining agreement.

The new officer would be required to sign a promissory note to assure the obligation is fulfilled or to reimburse the city for all or a portion of the signing bonus. The agreement between the parties is indefinite and the city could terminate the agreement at the city's discretion. The amount is a one-time payment of \$5,000 less applicable withholdings and deductions.

The effective date has been set to include the city's two new hires who were sworn in Jan. 23. The termination of the agreement can be decided when the city indicates the necessity to do so.

## CARJACKING

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The victim, a 78-year-old man, advised troopers that he was initially at the Mobil gas station in the village of Holly and walked inside the convenience store. Upon coming out of the gas station and back into his vehicle, he was met by the suspect who was hidden in his back seat claiming to have a gun.

The suspect advised the victim to drive. The victim drove to his residence. At that point, the suspect took the keys to the vehicle and took the vehicle after the victim got out.

After the vehicle was identified, dispatch was able to have the vehicle disabled. The vehicle became disabled near 4130 1st St., in Brown City in Sanilac County, approximately one hour northeast of Holly Village. Troopers and local officers approached the vehicle and observed the suspect walking toward the vehicle.

The juvenile suspect resisted arrest. The Sanilac County sheriff's deputy deployed his Taser on the suspect and ultimately took him into custody without further incident. No pistol has been located.

The case remains under investigation, pending the identification of the

suspect. The case will be submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Following the carjacking in broad daylight Monday morning, village of Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh offered safety tips to motorists who may find themselves in a similar situation.

1. Never leave a vehicle unlocked or with the keys inside when stopping at businesses or for gas. Keep your keys with you and always lock your doors.

2. Pay attention to your surroundings. Carjackings happen at a greater rate at gas stations and quick stop convenience stores. Look for people loitering outside a business before you exit or enter your vehicle. If you feel you are being watched or unsafe, enter the business and call the police.

3. Never leave a child alone inside a vehicle. While you are outside the vehicle pumping fuel, be alert to persons in the vicinity of your vehicle. Cease fueling and leave the area if you feel unsafe.

4. Keep your cell phone on your person when you exit your vehicle. If your vehicle is stolen, you will be able to call 911 immediately.

5. Although this incident did not happen at night, try to refuel during the day and at a known location as much as possible.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PAVING PROJECT FOR LAKE FOREST DRIVE, OAK TREE TRAIL, SPRINGWOOD COURT, OAK TREE COURT, REDWOOD COURT, SLEEPY HOLLOW DRIVE, FOUNTAIN VIEW COURT & STEPPING STONE LANE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to repave Lake Forest Drive, Oak Tree Trail, Springwood Court, Oak Tree Court, Redwood Court, Sleepy Hollow Drive, Fountain View Court and Stepping Stone Lane, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$800,000, including financing costs has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 7, 2023.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

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

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## POLICE CHIEF

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Linden High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saginaw Valley State University in 1999. He then graduated from Delta College Police Academy in January 2000. In 1998, Cross joined the U.S. Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 2004. In 1998, he was a student intern with the Michigan State Police Brighton Post.

Cross began his employment with the Fenton Police Department in June 2000. He was promoted to sergeant in May 2015 and to lieutenant in September 2017.

In a memo to city council, Markland wrote, "Because of his dedication, training and experience, I have decided to appoint Lt. Cross to the position of chief of police. I am confident that he will do an outstanding job for the city and that he will provide continued leadership, professionalism and integrity for the city of Fenton Police Department. These are the attributes that previous individuals have brought to the position and I am sure that Chief Cross will continue that proud tradition."



Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn swears Jeffrey Cross in as the new chief of police for the city of Fenton Police Department on Monday, Feb. 27. He has been with the department since June 2000.

From one chief to another, Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "Jeff has been an excellent police officer and lieutenant. He is an obvious choice to lead the department."

"We have never had any issues working with our police department and I am confident that will continue under Chief Cross' leadership. Jeff always does what is right and will serve the city and the residents well."

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn said, "Jeff Cross has been a long time valued employee for the city of Fenton. He has made our citizens' and businesses' safety his primary concern. I'm pleased the council accepted the city manager's recommendation and voted unanimously to appoint him as our police chief. I think he'll do a great job protecting and serving our community."

Following the meeting, Cross said, "I'm very grateful for the opportunity and I'm very honored to be chosen." He said he appreciated so many supporters at the meeting, including police chiefs from other municipalities.

Looking forward, Cross said he wants the Fenton Police Department to be at the forefront of technology and to stay ahead of the crime wave. He'd like to get as many people into the department as possible.

**“I'm very grateful for the opportunity and I'm very honored to be chosen.”**

**Jeffrey Cross**  
Fenton police chief

He also would like to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community as a whole. He said he'd like to see a citizens police academy in Fenton, which would essentially be an eight-week course where anyone in the community could learn what the fire department, police

department, EMS and 911 dispatch do and to get everyone involved.

Hiring part-time cadets who are actively involved with criminal justice programs could be a positive investment in the city.

Although the city swore in two new police officers in February, Cross said the department is still short two officers as the city becomes busier. He said there are potential hires in the near future and the newly approved \$5,000 signing bonus should be of assistance.



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# Meet AIMEE BUSH

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Aimee Bush, 44, is in her 19th year of teaching at Linden Community Schools. She is currently at Central, Hyatt and Linden elementary schools teaching STEM for young 5s through fifth grade.



### How do you connect with students?

I connect with students by creating relationships with them and their families. I love to make learning fun. If a student is engaged in their learning, they will likely be more successful.

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

Teaching and raising our children in the district also allows me to have other relationships with my students and families, such as seeing them at Alpine Marketplace or at a football game for Friday Night Lights. I love seeing the students outside of the classroom and doing activities with their families. Again, it's all about building relationships.

### Anything else that you would like to add?

I have been so fortunate to teach in a variety of roles. Prior to this year, I taught third, fourth and fifth grade students. A highlight was being able to loop with third grade students to fourth grade. These were two amazing groups of students. Now that I am Mrs. STEM, as I'm referred to by the lower elementary students, this role allows me to make connections with almost 1,000 students weekly, which is so incredible. Being a STEM teacher lets me encourage creativity, communication, and teach collaboration among the students.



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# 127<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon held

■ Country's oldest George Washington Club in Holly serves traditional meal, awards scholarship

The oldest George Washington Club in the United States held its annual luncheon Thursday, Feb. 16 in Holly. It was the club's 127<sup>th</sup> luncheon and it was held at First Baptist Church of Holly.

The luncheon was founded in 1893 by the Reverend R.K. Devine in honor of the first president of the United States. It was held at the Hirst Hotel, now known as the Historic Holly Hotel. In the early days, the luncheon was by invitation only and required formal attire.

The luncheon has been held every year since its inception except for three years: 1918 because of World War I, 1920 with the flu pandemic, and 2021

due to COVID.

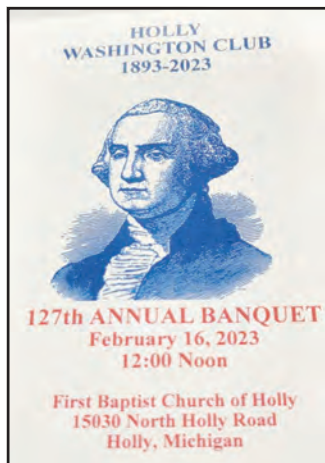
Through the years, the club has met in different locations around Holly. It typically attracts approximately 130-150 people.

The lunch consists of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, carrot medallion salad, and, of course, cherry pie. After lunch, a speech about George Washington was presented, scholarships were announced and music was performed.

In recent years, The Washington Club has offered a \$500 scholarship to a Holly High School senior.

Kendall Stilwell was awarded the \$500 scholarship this year. She read her essay that was part of her application. The essay theme selected by the Washington Club this year was "The Leadership Style of George Washington."

Joe Mishler spoke on the life of George Washington. Michael Beau-



Holly High School senior Kendall Stilwell was this year's recipient of a \$500 scholarship. Her winning essay was about "The Leadership Style of George Washington."

champ led the music. Laura Oldaugh presided as president.

New board members were approved; Janet Stack-Miller will serve as president, Nick Klemp as vice president, Kaye Thorsby as secretary and Pat Walls as treasurer.

The Washington Club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit and is always accepting gifts to the scholarship fund.

# Holly Kiwanis to host 'Backyard' Cornhole Fundraiser

■ Event will raise money for Holly community

The Holly Kiwanis has announced it will be hosting a "Backyard" Cornhole Fundraiser on Saturday, March 11 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center, at 12451 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg.

Brad Stilwell, president of Holly Kiwanis, said they are hosting this event to raise funds for the Holly community. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and games begin at 12 p.m.

Stilwell said this is the first year of doing the Kiwanis cornhole fundraiser. They used to do a Sportsman's Dinner every year, but they are changing it up this year to try something new.

Tickets are \$50 each and they can be purchased at Dryer Funeral Home, Kerton Lumber and Winglemire Furniture. Ticket price includes entry to events, six 50/50 tickets, Besides these

Holly Kiwanis

## "Backyard"

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locations to get tickets people can also get them personally from the Cornhole Committee Members — Wade Stilwell, Kevin Scramlin, Mike Grajcar, Harvey Cornell, Jim Ridgeway, Mark Harris, Sam Harris, Dave, Harris and Don Shaw.

Food being served at the fundraising

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event includes Wade's World famous pulled pork sandwiches on a bun, all beef hot dogs on a bun, a selection of chips type snacks and an ice cream cart.

**GOLD**

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Anna Goss, food service director, said they won the award after submitting meal plans and photos from their high quality meals made at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School in the summer of 2022. They offered free breakfast and lunch to all kids 18 and under.

They are one of 31 gold winners in the nation and the only gold winner in the state of Michigan.

“We were the only gold winner this year in Michigan. It feels fantastic. Our 2022 summer food service team, Kelli Clark, Paulette Fox and Susan Dagenais, did a wonderful job,” she said.

The Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program USDA Turnip the Beet! Award recognizes outstanding summer food service program sponsors across Michigan who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months, according to fns.usda.gov. The three award levels are bronze, silver, and gold.

Nominations are submitted to the Michigan Department of Education Summer Food Service Department, which then submits its winners to the USDA.

The Turnip the Beet! Award Program began in 2016. Fenton has been a recipient of a Turnip the Beet! award in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and now 2022. There were no awards for

summer of 2020 due to the pandemic.

Goss was sent a congratulations email by a school nutrition staff member at Michigan Department of Education along with a list of winners.

Schools must submit a one-month menu to the MDE Summer Food Service Program. Menus need to show that schools are feeding students meals that meet a certain nutrition evaluation. This includes whether the vegetable and fruit are fresh, frozen, canned or diced, the type of milk and bread, if water is available at no cost, etc.

“The meals we serve during the summer are the same high-quality meals we serve throughout the school year. We also have a full salad bar in the summer as well. We had to

submit a menu and supporting documentation, invoices etc. and pictures. Buying and serving local produce is another criteria for the award and each year Fenton is able to purchase more produce locally,” Goss said.

The Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program can positively impact children’s lives by offering nutritious meals and encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age.

Bronze, silver, and gold winners will be featured in the Michigan

Department of Education (MDE) SFSP Newsletter, MDE social media announcements, will receive a certificate from the USDA, and will also be featured on the USDA Turnip the Beet webpage.

**“We were the only gold winner this year in Michigan. It feels fantastic.”**

**Anna Goss**  
*Fenton Area Public Schools food service director*

**2023  
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**MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE**

The 2023 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

**March 7, 2023 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting**

**Appointments will begin on:**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm;  
Monday, March 13 from 1:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm;  
Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm.**

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION, PRIOR TO MARCH 9th, 2023**

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APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES. PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

All agents protesting values on property other than their own **MUST** have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the City of Linden Board of Review will meet for the purposes of hearing protests to Assessed Values, as well as the review of Hardship Exemption Applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions. The meetings will be held within Council Chambers in the lower level of the Mill Building located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451, at the following times:

**Monday, March 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Appeals)**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Appeals)**

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (810) 735-7980, or by visiting Linden City Offices.

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# What's new at the Expo this year?

## Event has 20 first-time exhibitors this year

By Hannah Ball

The longest running exhibitor event in Genesee County always has a few new tricks up its sleeve.

The Fenton Community Expo returns this year on 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. Attendees can walk around for hours to explore more than 100 booths from local businesses, government organizations, school districts, nonprofits and more. Thousands of people attend every year, and organizers expect more booths and vendors compared to 2022.

## What's new this year?

One new feature is an exhibit by the AGS Middle School Fenton Robotics team. Instructor Heidi Ritchie said the middle school Fenton Robotics team will exhibit their robot on Saturday from 2:30 to 3 p.m. This is the first year that the middle school team has qualified for the FIRST Championship international youth robotics competition that will take place April 19-22 in Houston, Texas.

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.

The city of Fenton will have a Veterans Memorial Display at their booth. It will be 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



The Fenton AGS Middle School Robotics team will put on a demonstration at this year's Fenton Community Expo on Saturday, March 4.

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.

Provision Living, a senior living facility, is one of the new vendors at the Expo this year.

Rhonda Hotchkin, director of sales, said they try to be involved in the community in a variety of ways since they opened in the fall of 2022. Last year this time, Provision Living wasn't even open yet.

"When you're in a community, you want to be a part of that community. We give back whenever we can," she said. "I'm just looking forward to it."

Hotchkin is part of the chamber and has been involved with the Ambassadors, which is how she learned about the Expo.

"I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of people that aren't necessarily in the market for senior living. We can

talk with them and in some way challenge what are often misconceptions about what senior living is actually like.

Also, getting to walk around the Expo myself and see the other booths and exhibits and get to network as well," she said.

Other chamber members have acted as mentors through the process and have given her advice on having a booth, which she said has been "fantastic."

"The Expo organization has been very communicative with us and provided guidance and flyers and all sorts of resources to help us be successful," she said.

Hotchkin is looking forward to connecting with familiar faces and connecting with the other senior living facilities.

"We're in this business to help families and their loved ones so we try to collaborate and help people, seeing people in person is a bonus instead of over the phone."

The Provision Living booth will be in the main gym. Hotchkin will also be at the chamber booth.

**“We’re in this business to help families and their loved ones so we try to collaborate and help people, seeing people in person is a bonus instead of over the phone.”**

**RHONDA HOTCHKIN**  
Provision Living director  
of sales

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# Tips for a successful Expo

## Talk to every vendor, bring a bag, don't rush

By Hannah Ball

With more than 100 vendors and thousands and thousands of visitors, the Fenton Community Expo can feel overwhelming at times.

The event is planned for this weekend, 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. Long-time goers will know to wear comfortable shoes, bring a bag for goodies and how to pace themselves when meeting the different businesses, nonprofits, civic organization, churches, schools and more.

How do you make the most out of the Expo? Here are some tips from seasoned veterans.

Mike Wagner, district manager of the

Coldwell Banker Fenton office, said his number one tip to have a successful Expo is to come and talk with the vendors that are available to them.

"To maybe have projects in mind that they're looking for a business to help them with. You get them all in one place so that you can get a better idea, or at least a source, of who might be able to help them," he said.

Bobbie McAndrews, owner of Vic Bond Sales, said one important tip is to interact with the attendees.

"I think the biggest thing that I could say to all of the people that are coming for the first time is don't sit in your booth and wait for people to come and engage in conversation," he said. "The most important thing is if people make eye contact or look confused, then introduce yourself and be proactive and outgoing. Don't sit in a chair and just hope that people are



going to figure it out. The biggest advice I would have is engage in conversation with people who are coming through."

Jennifer Sharp Scully, managing partner and funeral director of Sharp Funeral Homes, said, "To make the best of the Expo, you just have to have fun with the people attending and fellow exhibitors."

Denise Penwell, president of the Fenton Lions Club, said, "Make sure to visit each booth. It takes time but the amount of education you get and all of the contacts you make always makes the experience so much better."

As a nonprofit, they take advantage of the event to share information about how they help the community.

"The Fenton Lions Club works with the visually impaired in our community. We offer four \$500 scholarships to both Fenton and Lake Fenton students each year. We receive applications and pick two students from each school to help them further their education," she said.

They work closely with the chamber to bring more awareness to nonprofit organizations.

"At this time, each nonprofit is struggling due to the lack of members. This next year or two, we will be focusing on adding members so that we can continue to help our community," Penwell said.

## Tips for guests

**Bring a bag.** Some business will have bags, but bringing your own will ensure you can carry all the giveaways, business cards, pens and more from the event.

**Plan out your days.** If you spend five minutes talking with vendors at each booth, you'll need to take your time and not rush through both days.

**Keep track of your map.** This is your key to knowing when certain events are taking place, where certain vendors are, where you can get food and where the bathrooms are located.

**Wear comfortable shoes.**

**Take the time to enjoy the entertainment.**

**Enjoy the activities at each booth.** These businesses and organizations take the time every year to create a fun and interactive experience for the public. Take advantage of that.

**Challenge yourself to talk to five businesses** you've never heard of.

**Challenge yourself to say "thank you"** to five businesses you have used in the past.

**Introduce yourself** to the nonprofits and learn what problems are facing our community.

**Petting the farm animals** is a must.

## Tips for vendors

**Have an eye-catching booth** and participate in the booth decorating contest.

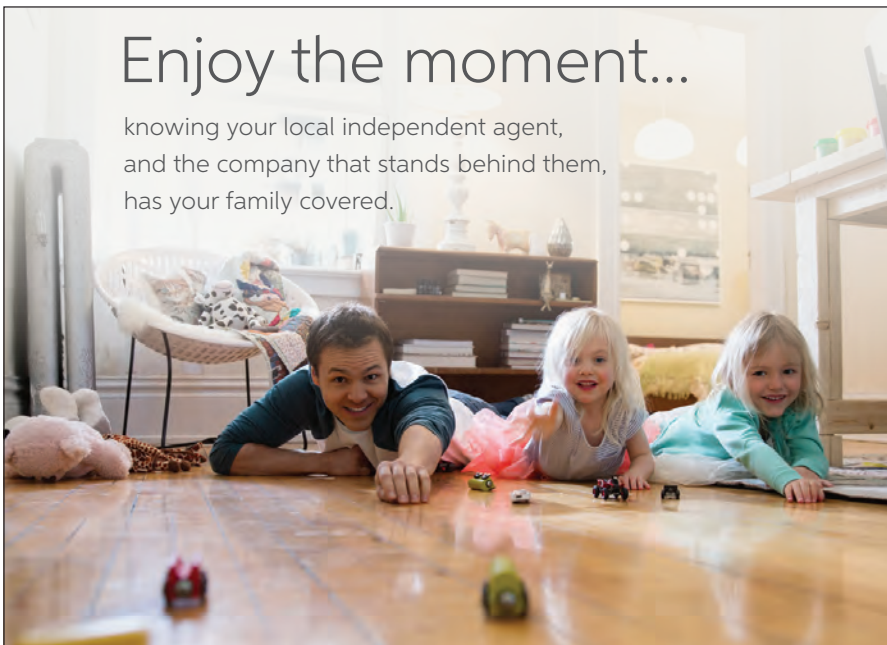
**Bring hand sanitizer.** Many guests are sure to appreciate the cleanliness and consideration for their health.

**Ask guests questions** about what services they need, but don't be afraid to ask other questions. How do they like the Fenton area? How long have they lived around here? What are they looking

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# Entertainment at the Expo

## Zumba, karate, music and more

By Hannah Ball

The annual Fenton Community Expo is not only an opportunity to meet more than 100 exhibitors including businesses, civic groups and nonprofits in one spot — it's also an opportunity for entertainment.

Attendees will be able to enjoy karate performances, a Zumba class, a robotics demonstration and more during the weekend of the event, 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.

When you want to take a break from strolling through the booths and talking

with vendors, head to the cafeteria for food and entertainment.

On Saturday, March 4, the Fenton Ambassadors will perform from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Fenton Karate will put on a demonstration from 12:30 to 1 p.m., Zumba Instructor Romina Pena-Sweetman will lead a free Zumba class from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Shirley Priestap, fitness director and accounting coordinator at SLPR, said they began holding a Zumba class at the Expo a few years ago in 2017 after she reached out to the chamber and inquired about highlighting one of their fitness programs.

“Anybody can join in. Our instructors will bring a few people to get it started.”

SHIRLEY PRIESTAP  
Southern Lakes Parks  
& Recreation fitness  
director



Entertainment at the Expo this weekend consists of karate demonstrations, musical performances, a robotics demonstration and more.

“Just to bring awareness to fitness and to SLPR’s variety of fitness options. We wanted to choose one of their more energetic fitness programs,” she said. “They reach out every year now and ask us back.”

A few Zumba instructors with SLPR

will walk around the Expo and invite people to the class, which will take place in the cafeteria.

“Anybody can join in. Our instructors will bring a few people to get it started,” she said.

In years past, they’ve done a kids  
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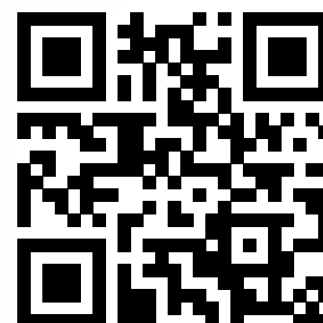
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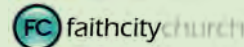
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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

11:00a-12:00p | Fenton Area

12:30p-1:00p | Fenton Area

1:30p-2:00p | SLPP  
with Instructor R

2:30p-3:00p | Fenton Area

3:30p-4:30p | A Joyful Noi  
Performance by: Jam

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

11:30a-12:00p | Anders

1:30p-2:00p | Fenton Area

2:30p-3:30p | A Joyful Noi  
Performance by Owner C





# Meet the presenting sponsors

## Businesses support community engagement at Expo

By Hannah Ball

Putting on the annual Fenton Community Expo would not be possible without generous sponsors.

Supporting the Expo, which is the largest exhibitor event in the area, means supporting connections being made in the community that go beyond a simple transaction between a business and customer. The Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce works tirelessly to help local businesses not only thrive, but make a lasting impact.

Community is a recurring theme of the Expo. Presenting sponsors Sharp Funeral Homes and Coldwell Banker exemplify that theme perfectly.

Sharp Funeral Homes has participated in the Fenton Expo for as long as they've been in business in the city.

Jennifer Sharp Scully, managing partner and funeral director, said, "Sharp Funeral Homes has participated in the Fenton Expo for many many years as well as sponsored the Expo for many years. The Fenton Expo is not just a business expo but an amazing community event. This event brings together the entire community, business members of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, civic organizations,

the schools, non-profits organizations and the citizens of the tri-county area."

Real estate company Coldwell Banker has sponsored the event for more than 10 years.

Michael Wagner, district manager of the Fenton office, who's been with Coldwell for 11 years, said the community engagement and involvement is one of the main reasons why Coldwell Banker continues to support the popular event.

"The community involvement is nice. It's nice to engage with the community. For me, it's nice to walk around and see some of the businesses that have been around and are anchors in the community and those that are new. Getting to know some of the community members," he said.

The value of the Expo extends beyond the Fenton area because people travel to Fenton High School from all over. The names of businesses and nonprofits

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director



travel farther than the Fenton area.

It's a great event to showcase the Fenton community and the business in the clubs and the nonprofits," he said. "It's a great way to expose our community to not only our community, but to others outside the community."

Wagner's favorite thing about the Expo is meeting people and being able to lend a helping hand.

"To me, it's just meeting and greeting people as they come into the Expo, to welcome them to it, and help if they have any questions about where the different exhibits are. That's my favorite part," he said.

## TIPS

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forward to as the weather warms?

**Talk up your philanthropic work.** Are you a regular donor to local nonprofits? Make that known. Customers love when the businesses they support give back to their community.

**Ask about pets.** Everyone loves animals.

**Mention other booths and businesses** you like. Fenton area businesses have a special camaraderie, and putting that on display by supporting each other makes you more attractive as a local business.

**Have a bowl of candy.** Nothing is more attention-grabbing to children than free candy. While the children snack, talk with their parents.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

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yoga demonstration and a pound drumstick program.

“A lot of people enjoyed doing that,” she said. While the class is ongoing, Priestap will pass out information on SLPR programming.

She has worked at their Expo booth for about 15 years. Her favorite part of the event is meeting people. Find more information on SLPR programming at [slpr.net](http://slpr.net).

After Zumba comes a new event — a

demonstration by the AGS Middle School Fenton Robotics team. Instructor Heidi Ritchie said they will exhibit their robot on Saturday from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

To close out entertainment for the day is A Joyful Noise Music Studio. Jamison Jones will perform from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Anderson’s Karate will put on a demonstration on Sunday at 11:30 a.m., followed by Fenton Karate at 1:30 to 2 p.m. A Joyful Noise Music Studio will close out entertainment for the weekend and the event with a performance by owner Corey Kapanka from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

## FULL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 4

11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Fenton Ambassadors

12:30 -1 p.m. | Fenton Karate

1:30-2 p.m. | SLPR Zumba with Instructor Romina

2:30 -3 p.m. | Fenton Robotics

3:30 -4:30 p.m. | A Joyful Noise Music Studio

Performance by: Jamison Jones

### Sunday, March 5th

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | Anderson’s Karate

1:30 -2 p.m. | Fenton Karate

2:30 -3:30 p.m. | A Joyful Noise Music Studio,

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# What have you learned from the Expo?

By Hannah Ball

With every booth that gets built and torn down, every prize won, every new connection made and lasting friendship strengthened, there's always something new to be learned at the annual Fenton Community Expo.

The event takes place 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 structure of the event remains the same every year. Hundreds of vendors, consisting of businesses, nonprofits, churches, schools and civic groups gather in one so the public has the opportunity to see what their community offers.

The consistency of the Expo does not mean it's stagnant. Veterans of the lasting event said they learn something new every year.

Mike Wagner, district manager of the Fenton office of Coldwell Banker, said there's many different aspects of the Expo that he's learned from over the years.

"I personally walk around and get to know some of the businesses that are still anchors in the community and some that are new. Obviously in our business, in real estate as a manager, I'm always looking for those that want to come in and meet our agents and come and expose their business to us," he said.

Coldwell Banker and Sharp Funeral Homes are the presenting sponsors of the event.

Jennifer Sharp Scully, managing partner and funeral director of Sharp Funerals Homes, said, "After many years at the Fenton Expo, I have learned what a wonderful community we live in, work in and raise our families in every day."

Bobbie McAndrews, owner of Vic Bond Sales, said they've been attending the Expo for more than 30 years now.

"I remember setting up for it when I was in middle school and high school and helping the people who were working there at the time," he said. "The biggest change is the companies that come and go. It seems like there are always the constant companies that have been in town and around forever, and then there are the young and new companies, which is a great thing to see."

McAndrews learns something new

every year at the event.

"I feel like you learn something new every year. You can learn a lot about the growing population in Fenton. You learn a lot of things from a lot of different people as far as what ideas people have and what styles and designs are happening and are popular at the moment," he said.

"The people that attend the Expo, just the sheer number of people is incredible. The coolest thing about the Expo is getting to meet new people, getting your face and company in front of the community. That's been huge for us. We've been in the industrial parkway since 1983 and we still meet people at the Expo who didn't know we were here."

His favorite part of the event is talking with the attendees and seeing both the longtime vendors and the new ones.

"There are people we remember talking to 20 years ago that are coming through again," McAndrews said.

The event also allows people the opportunity to see others they might not see on a regular basis.

"The event as a whole has really come to a level that we're shooting for. It's a goal to get to. The chamber does an awesome job with organizing it and putting it on. We appreciate the opportunity for getting to be a part of it," McAndrews said.

Denise Penwell, president of the Fenton Lions Club, said, they've been involved with the Expo for more than 20 years. She's learned that education is key.

"The time at the Expo gives us the opportunity to educate not only the other vendors but all of the patrons as well on what the Fenton Lions Club does and how we help our community," she said.

The Fenton Lions Club offers free eye testing on children who stop by their booth. They tested 150 kids last year, found issues with seven children and they were able to refer them to an eye doctor.

"I love seeing and getting to visit with all of the vendors. This time gives us the opportunity to educate the vendors and the community on who the Fenton Lions Club are and who we help in the community. By attending the Expo this past year, we ended up gaining nine new members from the Expo, which is huge for us," she said.

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# Fun for kids at the Expo

## Kids Zone returns, business brings the Easter Bunny

By Hannah Ball

More than half a dozen inflatables and games. Over 50 prizes. Six hundred bags of candy.

All of this and more can be found in the Kids Zone at the annual Fenton Community Expo on 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, put on by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, continues to be a family event year after year in part thanks to the Kids Zone in the auxiliary gym at FHS.

Faith City Church has organized and ran the Kids Zone with the help of volunteers for nine or 10 years. Pastor Andrew Barancik said the room is for kids to have fun and for parents to sit for a while.



“When parents come in, there’s an area for them to come in and relax. They can come in and get off their feet for a few while their kids are playing,” he said.

They’re expecting several hundred kids to come in throughout the weekend. Barancik, who’s on the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said between 400 and 600 children come into the Kids Zone.

“It’s kind of wild,” he said.

Valley City Tent will bring several inflatables for kids to enjoy. When they

enter, kids or their parents fill out a piece of paper with the kid’s name, school and age. Volunteers will draw names for a prize every 15 minutes, which is four per hour. Kids will get to choose from a range of age appropriate gifts for ages 5 to 12.

“It adds value just because sometimes the show can be a lot for kids to walk through. It gives them space to let their kids come in and have fun,” Barancik said. “Kids are kids, they just love to run around and enjoy those opportunities. You don’t always get to have a huge bounce house and inflatables and, of

course, they want those prizes.”

Prizes range from smaller, handheld toys to the grand prizes, which are bikes from CycleFit.

“They’re always excited (to win). We have some kids who hover around and when names are called, it’s ‘was it my name?’ They’re excited. They want a prize,” he said.

Children don’t have to be present to claim their prize. Winners are announced at the main booth of the Expo as well. Vendors and attending businesses will also drop off prizes such as coloring books and balls.

When kids win the grand prize, “They’re stoked. They can’t believe it,” Barancik said. “The parents are usually really excited.”

Occasionally in past years, kids whose families might not be able to afford a new bike have won the grand prize.

“That’s kind of what you hope happens,” he said.

Volunteers draw for the grand prize once each day of the Expo. The Faith City Church congregation and students from the local school district’s National Honor Societies volunteer in the Kids Zone.

Barancik said for him, the Expo is an opportunity to see people he doesn’t see often throughout the year.

“It’s not so much about the products, it’s just seeing faces I haven’t seen in a while. It’s always nice to have new vendors come in,” he said.

Primary Prevention Physiotherapy, which has offices in Fenton and Flushing, will have the Easter Bunny at their booth in the gym.

“We want to meet the community more and have great conversations. We are bringing the Easter Bunny and a backdrop with a professional photographer to offer free photos for people who come to visit. Sometimes the photos are pricey. We figured why not,” said Cody DeLorenzo, marketing director.

This is the first year Primary Prevention Physiotherapy is attending the Expo. DeLorenzo said they’ve been growing in Fenton for a few years.

“We figured what a great year to go and get to know the community a little bit more,” he said.

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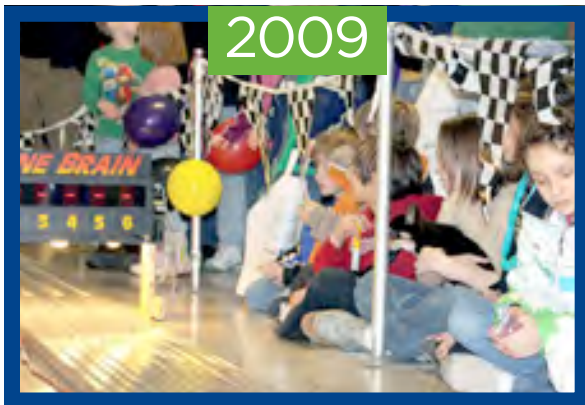
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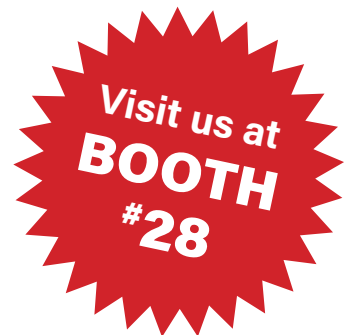
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Horoscopes

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Mar 21/Apr 20

Take a few deep breaths before forging ahead with a plan that you have in mind, Aries. You might need to think things through a little more in the days to come.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, when a new opportunity arises, you may feel like a fish out of water until you get into a routine. After that learning period, things will come more easily.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/June 21

Gemini, do not wait around for change to come. Sometimes you have to get the ball rolling yourself. Put plans in motion and figure out who will join you.

**CANCER**  
June 22/July 22

Cancer, right now is a big waiting game, and that could have you feeling a bit frustrated. If you are ready for action, take on a hobby or something else to stay busy.

**LEO**  
July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may get wind that others are talking about you when you are not around. Remember that all publicity is good publicity. You're on their minds and that's important.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, after a few tumultuous months, you finally get into a groove and forge a new path for yourself. You may be surprised by what comes your way.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23

You may joke about something that someone else takes very seriously, Libra. Be careful with your words to avoid offending someone you care about.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22

You may have a lot of ideas, Scorpio, but it is essential to figure out funding if those plans are to be put in motion. This includes home improvements.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, it's time to embrace your love of culture, as you need to start pushing the creative side rather than the analytical one. Visit a museum when time permits.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20

Opportunity awaits if you know where to look, Capricorn. A new business venture could be right around the corner. Start thinking of ways to get involved.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, big project is finished and you could not be happier. That pressure may have been weighing you down and now you have more free time.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, your own mind could be your only obstacle this week. Clear this mental hurdle and enjoy the challenges ahead.

For the week of  
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Multiple story apartment buildings and businesses require a ladder truck in the event of a structure fire. The Fenton Fire Department will be replacing its 18-year-old ladder truck with a new one. Delivery of the new truck is expected to take 22 months.

## LADDER TRUCK

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move forward with purchasing a new ladder truck for the fire department during its meeting Monday, Feb. 27.

The purchase of the new ladder truck was discussed during city council's Feb. 6 work session.

As reported in the Times on Sunday, Feb. 12, the fire department has sought to replace its 18-year-old ladder truck. 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. During the Feb. 6 work session, Cairnduff informed the council that he was waiting on proposals from the two remaining manufacturers that the truck committee had narrowed their choice down to. Cairnduff said their truck committee has worked diligently for the past seven months on this project. "With the exploding costs, delayed delivery (two to three years depending on the manufacturer), and the current state of the used market for fire trucks, we determined that we needed to do something sooner than later," he said. "We worked diligently to keep the cost down and to still get the truck equipped the way we need it. The cost has nearly doubled since we bought our current truck in 2005. We bought our current truck for \$838,000

and this new truck will cost \$1,479,830. The cost for fire trucks has skyrocketed in the last three years."

The latest proposals included a Rosenbauer Cobra Mid-Mount 100 Aerial, which would cost \$1,479,830 and have a 22-month delivery time-frame, and the KME Severe Service 102 Mid-Mount Aerial, which would cost \$1,746,125 and have a 27-month delivery timeframe.

The fire department currently owns trucks built by both companies and Cairnduff said he had no reservations with either company. The Rosenbauer Cobra truck would be \$266,295 less than the KME truck.

Cairnduff advised council that Rosenbauer would be implementing a March 1 price increase if they decided to go with that truck. A 4% increase would have been an additional \$60,000 to the cost of the truck.

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## FISH FRY

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# Grants for downtown events approved

■ Spring Fling, Witches Night Out and Ladies Night Out secure funding from DDA

During its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board unanimously approved grant applications by the Dibbleville merchants for running the 2023 Spring Fling, Witches Night Out and Ladies Night Out for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for each event.

The DDA has worked with the Dibbleville merchants over the years as an event sponsor for such activities as Spring Flint, Witches Night Out and Ladies Night Out.

## FENTON SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at DDA businesses in historic Dibbleville. The Spring Flint promotes DDA businesses and brings in people from various surrounding communities to shop and dine. Past events typically attract more than 300 people.



## FENTON WITCHES NIGHT OUT

Witches Night Out is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13 at DDA businesses and historic downtown Dibbleville from 4

to 9 p.m. The purpose of this event is to promote the local DDA businesses and raise money for the Fenton Firefighters Charities. Organizers said more people attended in 2022 than in 2021 and the retailers and restaurants experienced an increase in sales. The 2022 event raised \$785 for the Fenton Firefighters Charities.



## FENTON LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10, at DDA businesses and historic downtown Dibbleville to promote the DDA businesses. Last year, more than 600 people attended and many of the retailers handed out their provided free shopping bags within the first few hours of the event. The event also runs from 4 to 9 p.m.



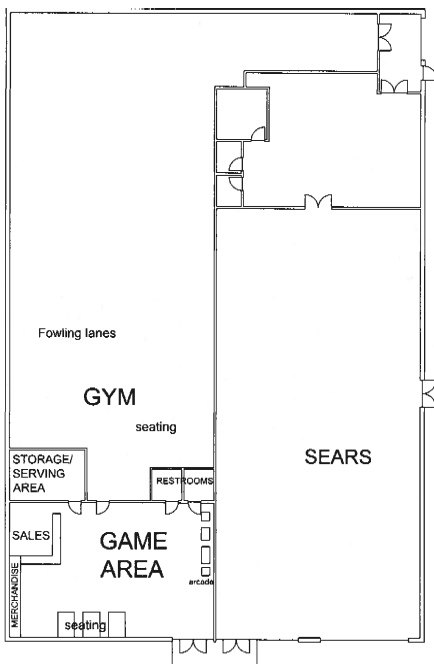
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## NINJA

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bounce houses, and other rotating games. Plans also include installing a bar and retro arcade.

McNulty said even though a tavern license allows beer, wine and mixed drinks, they're not planning on having full bar service. Their goal with the liquor

license is to allow patrons to drink while watching their kids exercise and playing games. McNulty said they would have minimal food that would not require a kitchen. They would encourage patrons to bring their own food.

They have an agreement with Shaffer Distribution to install arcade equipment. They also could purchase the games through financing. Tri-County Ninja also has agreements with board game distributors.

"We really just want to add to Fenton without taking away from the current businesses," he said, adding that there is a need for facilities in the area that offer family activities. McNulty said he currently employs eight people and they are "severely" understaffed for what they do. He anticipates doubling their staff after expanding. They're hoping to implement these changes in mid May.

Lorraine said he doesn't approve of letting parents drink when they're going to be driving their kids. Reid said she likes the opportunity to bring something like this to Fenton

that advertising not only brings in new business, but also drives past customers back. Print advertising is also a great way to thank customers and propel the all-powerful word of mouth referrals. Maybe I had a great experience but forgot to share with my friends until I saw an ad, and it reminded me to do so.

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

## Liquor licenses

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said municipalities are allocated one quota liquor license per every 1,500 residents. Based on numbers from the Census, the township has 11 liquor licenses and nine

are now active with this approval. Two licenses are left.

According to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, quota licenses are "a limited number of specific license types allowed based on the population of a local governmental

unit. Once the quota limit for a license type is met, no new licenses of that type can be issued in that local governmental unit. However, most quota licenses are transferrable by location from one local governmental unit to another."

There are three main licenses included in that number — hotel license, tavern license, and Class C license. A Tavern License would allow a "restaurant or bar to sell and serve beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink products for consumption on the licensed premises."

Deem said in the last few years, the township has invested into planning the future land use of the Thompson Road Corridor. Their goal is to promote economic development in the area.

"Townships are very limited in what economic development tools we have to promote in bringing businesses to the township. A liquor license is one of those few tools that we have," Deem said.

"When considering which locations are best or most appropriate at this time based on the investments into the Thompson Road Corridor, I would have a hard time recommending approval of this quota license. That has nothing to do with the business itself. . . If they were able to bring in a license, I think you guys would find that an appropriate use for that location."

Having liquor licenses available for hotels or sit-down restaurants in the Thompson Road Corridor is an "important economic development tool," Deem added.

Once a license is issued, the municipality cannot control it anymore. A liquor license can be sold or transferred out of the township. If a business were to bring in a liquor license from another municipality, it would not count against the township's

quota licenses. If one of the nine businesses with a Fenton Township quota licenses were to move out of the township, the license would still count against the Township's quota licenses, Deem said.

Two liquor licenses are active on the Thompson Road Corridor. One of them counts as a quota license.

The state also has a 500 foot setback requirement from churches and schools. There is a waiver process. However, Tri-County Ninja is fewer than 250 feet from a church across the street.

Lorraine said other municipalities with corridors, such as Miller Road, that have hotels and other establishments have saved liquor licenses for these corridors.

"I look at the long term for what's best for this township and I truly believe there is going to be a better use for that license. It does not prevent him from getting one," he said.

Goupil spoke in favor of approving the liquor license for Tri-County Ninja.

"The thought of punishing someone that lives locally with a local business that wants to do something because of what potentially might happen — we're favoring the people that aren't even here yet over somebody that is here and trying to make an honest living. And honestly, I'm biased about him because he's a retired deputy," said Goupil, who's a retired deputy, adding that they wouldn't put up with poor drunk behavior.

"A retired cop isn't going to put up with any of this stuff that we see at these other places. I guarantee you, as a 21-year deputy, that a hotel with a liquor license causes a lot more problems than a Magic the Gathering place with a liquor license."

McNulty said if they aren't able to acquire a quota license, they could buy one for \$50,000 plus filing fees. He said chains are most likely the businesses that will come to the Thompson Road area.

"\$50,000 doesn't even move their needle. What I could do with \$50,000 with the charity work that we do and the stuff that we do for kids and how many arcade games or how many more ninja rigs I could put in? I could do all sorts of things with \$50,000 and I don't have \$50,000 in reserve somewhere," he said. "I've lived in this township, we've been here, we are active in the community. It is not fair, and I understand life's not fair, but it's not fair for us to be punished to hold a carrot out for some corporation who's going to pay it anyway. \$50,000 for me is a lot of money."

## 'YES'

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**TO THE PERSON** wondering who picks what restaurants and stores that come to Fenton. I hear it all. The barbers in town, during haircuts they survey their customers to find out what businesses the customers would like to have come to town. It's a really great system.







Linden's Mickel Spencer (left) won his third professional bout of his career with a first-round knock out of Margarito Hernandez on Saturday. Photo @allelbows

## Spencer captures third win in impressive fashion

By David Troppens

Linden's Mickel Spencer didn't waste any time getting his third victory of his professional boxing career on Saturday.

Spencer took just 2:18 into the first round to dispose of Margarito Hernandez at the Armory in Minneapolis.

Spencer said he knew pretty quickly that Hernandez was not going to pose much of a threat.

"When I was in there I was like, 'Well, I'm about to fight somebody, so I should make the most out of it,'" Spencer said less than an hour after his vic-

tory during a phone conversation. "After the first couple of jabs I wanted to see how he responded and see if he threw a punch. He did, I countered it and I knew it was going to be a quick night."

In the little time the fight lasted, it's  
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# Sports Times

## Holly boys, Lake Fenton girls are Metro champions

■ Bronchos avenge previous losses to Fenton, capture league title

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Ka'Vion Smith was getting tired of losing to Fenton.

So Smith and the rest of his Holly varsity boys basketball teammates did something about it Friday night in the Flint Metro League's boys basketball championship game right on Fenton High School's home court.

After a pretty competitive first quarter, the Bronchos dominated the final 24 minutes. Smith led the way with a game-high 28 points as the Bronchos defeated the Tigers 69-52. Holly became the first-ever Metro League boys basketball tournament champion while earning the program's first league crown since 2015.

"It means everything," Smith said. "We beat a team that is right around the corner from us. They sent us home during football season. They beat us twice during the (basketball) regular season. But we got them in this FML tournament. We got the job done."

"We put in so much work,

the entire team over the summer," Holly senior Andrew Lewis said. "It was like non-stop every day. We were grinding. We were working outside of practice, games, scrimmages and all that. We put in countless hours and it paid off. I'm so happy it paid off."

The Bronchos (17-4) had two hot guards on offense — Lewis and Smith — and played outstanding team defense to earn the victory. Fenton scored 18 points in the first quarter after netting 7-of-14 shots in the opening quarter. The Tigers hit on just 13-of-43 shots over the final three quarters, resulting in the Tigers' demise.

"Recently we played them, we committed (a lot) of fouls

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(Top) Holly's varsity boys basketball team celebrates its 69-52 Flint Metro League championship win against Fenton on Friday. (Immediately above) Lake Fenton's squad celebrates seconds after Kendyl Smith's game-winning three-pointer, earning the Blue Devils a 41-38 championship victory against Goodrich. Photos: Mark Bolen

■ Smith's buzzer-beating shot sparks 41-38 win vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Championship games that conclude a team's 22-0 perfect season isn't supposed to come easy.

And Friday night's against Goodrich didn't for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

But, wow, did the challenge of it all make for a memorable moment.

Facing the Martians for the third time this season, the Blue Devils trailed as late into a game as they have all season, but freshman Kendyl Smith came through. She nailed the game-winning buzzer-beating three-pointer from close to NBA range, earning the Blue Devils a 41-38 Flint Metro League championship victory against the Goodrich Martians at Fenton

High School.

"I'm in shock," Smith said. "We were down the whole game, and it was the most we've been down in a game in our season this year."

"We had a play for Emerson Baker because she just hit two big threes for us. She was open so I got it to her. But then she wasn't open so (she passed it back to me and) I just jumped back and let it fly."

"It's a play we've practiced a few times this season," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said. "We knew we were going to need to do something if we ever were in a tight game, and we needed a quick shot. It was a play we saved for that opportunity. We called time out and  
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# Fenton Tigers extend Metro streak to 12 straight championships

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team had just 11 athletes on its squad.

Entering the season it seemed repeating as Flint Metro League champions for the 12th straight year would be quite the challenge.

Consider it a challenge accomplished.

After finishing the Flint Metro League's regular season with an undefeated dual record, the Tigers completed their outright championship by winning the Metro League meet at Fenton High School Friday and Saturday.

Despite having just 11 athletes, the Tigers won all three relays and won eight of the 12 league event championships. The squad earned 16 individual placings in the finals heats with 11 of those placings being in the top three.

"It's hard to put into words how

proud I am of these guys," Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones said. "With only 11 on the team, everyone had to contribute. ... We talked about the meet before the prelims and said in order to win we had to want to hold on to the title more than everyone else wants to take it, and they did. Everyone did what they needed to do on Friday to put us in position to win on Saturday. Everyone stepped up."

Fenton scored 387 team points at the meet, while second-place Owosso recorded 357.5 points. Brandon/Goodrich was a tight third with 355 points.

There were many key moments to the title. Winning all three relays meant that the Tigers were going to collect 18 points more than any of their opponents could get in those events. Max Haney and Zach Michelson took part in four event firsts, helping spark the team. Another key was divers Owen Cox and Caleb

Markley finishing 1-2 in diving. That gave Fenton 37 points in an event which no other squad scored more than 16 team points.

Haney had a pool record time in the 200 freestyle (1:42.44) and a meet-record time in the 100 butterfly (50.36) en route to two individual league championships. Michelson earned his in the 200 individual medley (2:10.74) and the 500 freestyle (5:12.30). Cox earned the final individual event championship, taking first in diving (426.50).

The relays were key. Haney, Jacob Grifka, Isaac Gurnsey and Finley Hughes won the 200 medley relay (1:46.91), while Haney, DeFina, Grifka and Michelson won the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.27). The 400 freestyle relay team of DeFina, Michelson, Hughes and Gurnsey (3:35.61) concluded the meet with team's final first.

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(Above) The Fenton varsity boys swim team captured the 2023 Flint Metro League championship on Saturday.

# Holly qualifies three bowlers for state

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys bowling team had a pretty successful weekend at regional action at Waterford Township's 300 Bowl.

The Bronchos had three of its bowlers advance to the Division 2 state finals by finishing in the top 10 of the individual bowling regional.

Sean Dankert, Ryan Sparklin and Ryan Dalton earned top-10 finishes. Dalton snuck in at 10th with a six-game series pinfall total of 1,104, just two pins better than Lake Shore's 11th-place Tyler Kiroski's 1,102. Dankert finished fifth (1,131) while Sparklin placed sixth (1,126). The competition was very competitive with third place finishing just 64 pins ahead of 11th place.

Dankert started slow, recording scores of 164 and 143 in his first two games. From that point, he finished with three 200 games in his last four. He finished with scores of 215, 183, 212 and 214.

Sparklin started strong, bowling a 224 in his first game, putting him in third at the time. He followed with a 207 and then posted scores of 174, 186, 163 and 172 in his final four games.

Dalton had to rally to make the top 10. He started with games of 153 and 161 and wasn't close to the top 10 at that point. However, he bowled a 220 in his third game, putting him back in the hunt. He followed with a 176 and 160, but was still short of the top 10 entering his sixth game. He ended up



Holly's state qualifying bowlers are (from left) Sean Dankert, Ryan Sparklin and Ryan Dalton.

posting the best score of anyone in round six with his 234 total.

Four other area bowlers finished in the top 50. Fenton's Brady Mitchell had the best first game of all 102 competitors with a 240, but finished in 21st with a six-game total of 1,061. He followed the 240 with a 150, 139 and 126, but bounced back to bowl a 244 in game five. It was the highest score of that round. However, he finished with a 162.

Teammate Joshua Pierce finished in 23rd with a 1,047 total pinfall, earning a top game of 193.

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### COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at D2 Holly regional:** The Tigers finished 11th at the regional, recording a score of 714.68. Fenton had a 224.0 in round one, a 211.38 in round.

► **Lake Fenton at D3 Novi regional:** The Blue Devils placed 11th at the regional, earning a team score of 707.14. The Blue Devils earned a 216.9 round one score and earned a 206.44 in round two. The Blue Devils concluded with a 291.8 in round three.

### HOCKEY

► **Lakeland 3, Griffins 0 :** After a scoreless first period, Lakeland scored two goals in the second period to help clinch the regional tourney victory.

### INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL BOWLING

► **Fenton, Linden & Holly at D2 regional:** No area bowlers qualified for the state meet. The closest to qualifying was Fenton's Jena Fijolek, who placed 16th with a six-game pinfall total of 869 pins, 31 out of the top 10. The top 10 qualified for the state meet. Fellow teammates Daneille Weaver and Addison McCabe weren't too far behind. Weaver finished 20th (818) while McCabe placed 22nd (807). Other area bowlers finishing in the top 40 of the 69-bowler field were Holly's Tatum Stuemke in 30th (779), Linden's Makenzie Miller in 35th (757), Holly's Marie Halligan in 36th (747), Fenton's Avary LaClear in 38th (738), and Linden's Emma Veach in 40th (733).

In team action, Fenton placed eighth out of 15 teams (2,208) while Holly was 12th (1,942).



### Tri-County Basketball Standings

Here are our standings for our first unofficial "Tri-County Times Conference champion" for boys and girls hoops. We will include a combined standings as well. Winning percentage will determine the winner, not games behind. Here are the current standings. We have decided to include potential district games. Why not?

#### Boys Standings

Team	Rec	Pct.	GB
Fenton	6-2	.750	---
Lake Fenton	2-1	.667	1.5
Holly	3-2	.600	2.0
Linden	0-6	.000	5.0

#### Girls Standings

Team	Rec	Pct.	GB
Lake Fenton	3-0	1.000	---
Linden	5-2	.714	---
Fenton	2-4	.333	2.5
Holly	0-4	.000	3.5

#### Combined Varsity Standings

Team	Rec	Pct.	GB
Lake Fenton	5-1	.833	---
Fenton	8-6	.571	1.0
Linden	5-8	.385	3.5
Holly	3-6	.333	3.5

#### Tri-county results/schedule

##### Dec. 6 games

Lake Fenton 65, Linden 19 (G)  
 Lake Fenton 71, Linden 41(B)

##### Dec. 16 games

Holly 47, Linden 41 (B)  
 Linden 53, Holly 10 (G)

##### Jan. 6 games

Lake Fenton 78, Fenton 43 (G)  
 Lake Fenton 51, Fenton 50 (B)

##### Jan. 10 games

Fenton 61, Holly 50 (B)  
 Fenton 48, Holly 32 (G)

##### Jan. 20 games

Fenton 60, Linden 42 (B)  
 Linden 37, Fenton 20 (G)

##### Feb. 1 games

Fenton 65, Linden 56 (B)  
 Linden 48, Fenton 38(G)

##### Feb. 3 games

Holly 74, Linden 62 (B)  
 Linden 53, Holly 27 (G)

##### Feb. 7 games

Fenton 64, Holly 54 (B)  
 Fenton 63, Holly 41 (G)

##### Feb. 17 games

Fenton 89, Linden 55 (B)  
 Linden 50, Fenton 27(G)

##### Feb. 21 games

Fenton 81, Lake Fenton 52 (B)  
 Lake Fenton 64, Linden 43 (G)

##### Friday's game

Holly 69, Fenton 52 (B)

##### Week of Feb. 26

Girls district game possibility

##### Week of March 5

Boys district game possibilities  
 G - Girls game; B - Boys game

# Bronchos post best times at Metro League meet

By David Troppens

It was a weekend of personal best times for the Holly varsity boys swim team at the Flint Metro League meet on Friday and Saturday.

Whether it was in the prelims or the finals, the Bronchos had 17 best times at the event while finishing in fifth place with 233.5 team points.

The Bronchos had eight competitors in Saturday's championship individual event races. The performances were led by Brandon Strickert, who finished second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.37 seconds. The butterfly ended up being a strong event for the Bronchos as teammate Bradlee Coggins placed fourth in the event (1:02.49). Coggins also placed fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:22.69) becoming the only Holly athlete to finish in the top eight of two individual events.

Grant Hoffman finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.70), while Joshua Dahlin finished in fifth (1:11.82) in



Holly's varsity boys swim team placed fifth at the Flint Metro League meet on Saturday.

a good battle for fourth between teammates. Holly had two more fifth-place finishes. Dahlin placed fifth in the shortest race, the 50 freestyle (24.75), while Gabe Strickert placed fifth in the longest event, the 500 freestyle (5:53.11). Zac Brown earned a tie in sixth in the 100

backstroke (1:10.42).

"Each and every Broncho swam well and put their all in the pool," Holly varsity boys swim coach Jessica Drogemuller said. "Their passion and competitive drive really gave them that extra edge they needed."

## SPENCER

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possible Spencer threw more than 100 punches and he certainly landed a great percentage of them. It seemed he started by attacking Hernandez's head and as the round continued trended toward working the body. Midway through the round, he switched from an orthodox stance to southpaw and the results were the same — complete Spencer dominance. As Spencer held court in the middle of the ring, Hernandez found it challenging not to eat most of what Spencer threw at him, while not mounting any type of offense of his own. Spencer was comfortable enough to lift one of his arms to the crowd while one attack.

"Briefly one time he hit my glove and me," Spencer said when asked if Hernandez ever hit him with any punches. "(Offensively) I've been working on my accuracy and power and I'm happy to see it pay off."

Spencer finally worked him into a corner and it was a right hand that put Hernandez (3-5-1) down.

"It was a right-hand," Spencer said of his knockout blow. "I knew right before the stoppage (it was going to be over).



Linden's Mickel Spencer (right) defeated Margarito Hernandez with a first-round knock out on Saturday. Photo @allelbows

I said, 'Watch this ref,' and I stopped. I knew he was going to stop it."

The knock out was Spencer's second of his career. He also knocked out Delijerro Revello during his second professional fight on Sept. 4, 2022. The bout was scheduled for four rounds.

Spencer, 18, was much younger than Hernandez, 30, but it looked as though Spencer, a four-time U.S. national champion during his amateur career,

was the experienced veteran in the ring.

Spencer's professional debut was on Aug. 21, 2021 when he beat Eliseo Villabolos by unanimous decision. The loss was Hernandez's third consecutive. It also was his second fight of 2023. He lost a unanimous decision to Bryce Mills (10-1) on Jan. 14. Hernandez last win came against William Hernandez on July 14, 2022.

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## GIRLS

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said, that's what we need to do, we got lucky we hit our shot on that.

"(Smith) may be young, but she's a fierce presence on the court, and she knocked it down the way we needed her to tonight."

Goodrich, who lost two other games to the Blue Devils earlier this season, had Lake Fenton on the ropes it seemed. The Blue Devils trailed as much as 24-15 in the third quarter, and still trailed 36-32 with 1:15 left after a converted free throw by Goodrich's Tanner Schramm.

However, Lake Fenton's other actor in the final stretch was Emerson Baker. Baker hit the second of two key treys in the fourth quarter, cutting the gap to 36-35 with 55 seconds left. Smith hit a free throw with 40.7 seconds left, tying it. Lake Fenton broke the tie when Baker assisted a layup by Smith with 13.0 seconds left, but Goodrich's Alexis Kosmowski responded with two made free throws with 8.5 seconds left.

Smith's winning shot was next.

"This means so much," Smith said. "Goodrich is our huge rival, so getting that win for the third time was obviously huge. And now we are Metro champions."

"I just think we've put in so much hard work as a team. We've put in Sunday practices (and three-hour practices) every single day. We are doing film sessions, so getting these victories is just important to us."

Baker discussed her role in the final minutes.

"We knew we were down and we knew what we had to do was shoot threes because they were stopping us from driving," Baker said. "(The perimeter shots) were the only thing we were super confident in, especially at the end of the game."

"(On the second-last Lake Fenton field goal of the game) I was a little nervous to throw it (to Smith) ... but I was like we needed to score, so I knew I had to throw it out to her."

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(Top left) The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team celebrates its Metro League title after beating Goodrich. (Above) Savannah Fellenbaum attempts a shot. (Left) Lake Fenton's Ella Prevost (left) tries to get a loose ball. **Photos: Mark Bolen**

## BOYS

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and we blocked only four shots," Smith said. "So when we came into this game, we just had to play defense, not try to block as many shots and look at that (pointing at the winning scoreboard). We won the game and my school is on the map."

"The energy was key," Lewis said. "The last two times we played them we had bad things that happened that impacted us. This time we beat Corunna (in the semifinal) and had two great practices after that game. We came into this game ready. We knew we were going to win it."

"We had a good game plan, the kids executed it really well and I'm proud of them," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said. "I've been proud of them all year long. They've done a great job. That's all I can say."

The first quarter was pretty entertaining. It featured four

ties and two lead changes. The final tie came at 15-all on an inside hoop by Holly's Xander Jacobson. Fenton responded with the final hoop, a dishd three-pointer from Sam Dillard II to Ja'Hion Bond. Fenton led 18-15 after one quarter.

Fenton (16-6) remained hot during the early portion of the second quarter, taking a 24-17 lead after another Dillard assist on a jump shot by Spencer Luck. However, the Bronchos dominated the rest of the second quarter, going on a 16-6 run. Smith responded with a three-pointer, and that was followed by a Tony Simmons assist on a Lewis trey,

cutting the Fenton lead to 24-23. Lewis converted two free throws and the Bronchos led 25-24.

Fenton was able to tie it with a converted free throw by Colin TerBurgh but a hoop by Smith gave Holly a 27-25 lead, and the Bronchos would never trail again. Holly enjoyed a 33-30 halftime lead.

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Holly defeated Fenton to capture the Flint Metro League boys basketball championship on Friday. (Left photo) Holly's Ka'Vion Smith drives against Fenton's defense. (Above left) Holly's Bowen Moore attempts a layup. (Above right) Fenton's Gage Graham earned one of two slams in the contest. The other was provided by Holly's Tony Simmons. **Photos: Mark Bolen**



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