#### 'We will surely miss him and his expertise'

■ Det. Scott Townsend retires after 25 years with Fenton Police Department

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Scott Townsend, a detective with the Fenton Police Department for 25 years,

turned in his badge Thursday, March 2. On Friday, March 3, he began his retirement.

Police Chief Jeff Cross said Townsend was hired March 2, 1998 and has been in the Detective Bureau for the last 18 years.

"He has been a great asset to our department," Cross said. "He has always been

a wealth of information and if anything a supervisor without the rank.

"We will surely miss him and his expertise. We all congratulate him on his retirement."

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**Jeff Cross**Fenton chief of police



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# Two NOCFA employees recognized

Presented with life-saving certificate for saving Rose Township resident

#### **By Sharon Stone**

Two North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) first responders
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## Fire department to buy new equipment

Old equipment was causing issues during fire emergencies

#### **By Hannah Ball**

**Linden** — The Linden Fire Department is getting new equipment. On Monday, Feb. 27, the Lin-See **EQUIPMENT** on 36



#### Meals on Wheels needs help

Former Holly Police Chief Michael Story delivers meals to residents of the Village of Holly Woodlands senior living community on Friday, March 3 with the Meals on Wheels (MOW) organization. In total, with five other drivers, the organization delivered 113 meals Friday to seniors in the Holly and Groveland Township area. MOW is seeking more volunteers. Story, who retired from the police department in 2019, started delivering meals for MOW about two years ago. "I do love it. It's fun. It's like stopping at your neighbors and saying hi," he said. See story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

# City approves short-term rental ordinance

■ Good Neighbors Guideline must be provided to renters

#### By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — On Monday, Feb. 27, the Linden City Council approved an ordinance regulating short-term

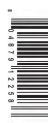
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# Fire department will pay for physicals, cancer screening

**By Sharon Stone** 

During its meeting Monday, Feb. 27, Fenton City Council gave its unanimous approval to the Fenton

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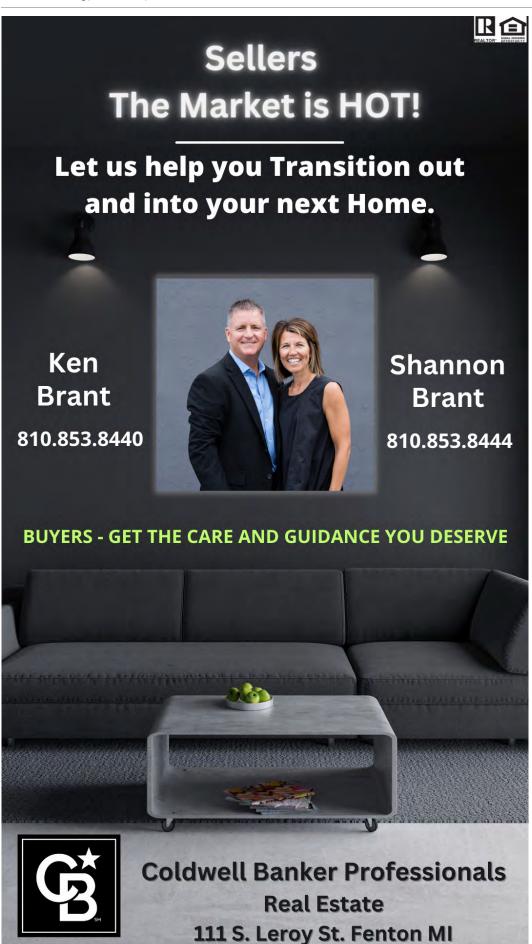






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## Lower level of township hall to be redone

■Room used for meetings, events to be renovated

#### By Hannah Ball

The lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center will soon have a new look.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved spending between \$250,000 and \$255,000 to renovate the room, which is used for meetings and events.

The main level of the building was completely reconstructed

in 2002. At that time, the lower level received only cosmetic improvements such as wall coverings and a carpeted platform.

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**Mark Goupil** Fenton Township trustee

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said it's been 21 years since the downstairs was redone and they've spent minimal dollars on the area.

"The room needs to be redone. I think we have a great asset to the residents of Fenton Township and people outside the township. This is a beautiful room, a beautiful venue...I know COVID set everybody back, but right now, rentals are booming...we have a beautiful building here for weddings, meetings, graduations," he said.

The township has done walkthroughs with several companies and they've received bids.

"None of us want to spend taxpayer dollars, but I think the ROI (return on investment) on this is going to be very quick," he said.

Trustee Mark Goupil agreed.

"I think every penny we put down here we're going to get back. I think this board for the most part, everybody looks at... if it's a benefit or burden to the township as a whole. I think this will benefit everybody in the township, not necessarily just the meeting folks," he said.

Plans include new flooring, new walls/drywall, new LED light fixtures, new carpet on the raised platform, a new meeting table, new ceiling tiles, a new restroom and new kitchen countertops.

The township is in the pro-

cess of obtaining proposals for the renovations, and the anticipated cost for the project is in the range of \$250,000-\$255,000, ac-

cording to a memo from Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk.

"This project would greatly improve the facility for wedding receptions, graduation parties, etc., and would most certainly increase the volume of rentals. An increase of just 12 rentals per year would generate approximately \$10,000 in additional revenue. The improvements would also provide enhancements for meetings, (new board table designed for modern technology, better microphones, etc.)," according to the memo.

The board authorized Broecker to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the township. While the room is being renovated, meetings will be held on the first floor of the building.

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## Meals on Wheels needs help

■ Organization seeks paid part-time worker, volunteers

By Hannah Ball

**Holly** — Are you interested in volunteering and helping seniors?

Meals on Wheels (MOW) is seeking volunteers to help deliver food in Holly. The organization is also looking to hire someone for a paid, part-time hostess position from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

"The elderly population in the Holly area is growing and we're trying to let the seniors stay in their homes. A great meal and a safety check with one of our friendly volunteers is what we provide," said Candie Hovarter, who's been the outreach director for six years. She helps on routes when needed.

"I've met some very nice people and heard some great stories. I think others would feel the same way."

Hovarter said the part-time position involves easy tasks like counting meals and putting the routes together. They serve about 60 seniors a day and have six routes Monday through Friday.

"It's easy and what a great way to help the community," she said. "It involves counting the meals and organizing items to be delivered by our volunteers. In the event one cancels, we ask the site host to make the calls needed to find a replacement."

Volunteers who deliver meals must complete a background check and have a good driving record.

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**Daniel Schaffer** 

Rose Township resident

meals and it usually takes between 1.5-2 hours," Hovarter said.

Volunteers will deliver food in the village of Holly Woodlands on Grange Hall Road.

"The volunteers can pick up their route between 9:30-10:30 a.m. Most of the volunteers are retirees but we do have others that help.

The application for volunteering is on our website," Hovarter said.

In the event of bad weather, they cancel the meals.

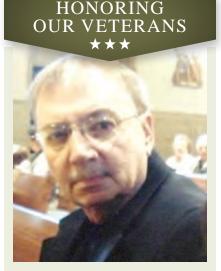
"We prepare for these days and provide shelf stable food for our seniors," Hovarter said.



Daniel Schaffer of Rose Township has been involved with Meals on Wheels for two years and delivers meals on Mondays. He occasionally delivers on other days if needed.

"MOW was short on drivers and approached the churches in the area to see if anyone wanted to volunteer. So I did. They had a need that was easy to meet," he said. "Everyone thanks you for delivering and all my regular deliveries know me by name. They even ask where I've been when I take a week off. Even though we only get a few moments with our clients, we get the opportunity to show them love and a smiling face."

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#### **David's Dabblings**

acebook is one of those things in today's world that can be pretty cool and be pretty awful within minutes of each other.

But, today I'm going to focus on the positive aspect of it. I'm going to go back and look at some of my posts I made on March 3 from past years and enjoy them one more time. I did a column like this a little more than a year ago, and it was one of my favorite I've done. I'm not sure if anyone else liked it, but I had fun writing it.

• Five years ago

"Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley completes the final minute of his fourth state championship title match of his career."

This post came with a quick video of him completing his championship match.

In my 20-plus years at our publication, I've been lucky enough to see plenty of individual state wrestling championship moments. This was one of them. But this one was pretty special. How often do you get to see a kid win his fourth state championship?



**David Troppens Sports Editor** 

#### **Remembering some old Facebook posts**

• Eight years ago "Do the next line if you know it. 'All right where's Rocky? Where's he hiding?"

This is a classic Bugs Bunny episode from the Looney Tunes era. I should mention that ex-Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel quickly repeated most of the quotes for the rest of the episode. I always

knew there was something about Buerkel that made him a bit cooler than the average baseball coach.

For those that need a little refreshing, it was the episode when two thieves were holding Bugs Bunny hostage. Bugs Bunny convinced them a couple of times the cops were outside, made them to go in a gas oven to hide and then threw a match into the oven with them in it. The third time, the cops actually were there, and the thieves were begging to be arrested.

• 10 years ago (a friend's comment to us)

"David Troppens, Anna Troppens our show is on tonight - 9 p.m."

This was a post from one of our

friends, Misty. Initially I thought this had to be about the show "Breaking Bad" but it wasn't. Of all things it was about "Rock of Love." In it, the lead singer for the hairband Poison, Bret Michaels had a slew of women who fought for his affections. Yeah, I will have to admit, we watched this show. How humiliating to admit that.

That same day I complained about a horrible headache I had that day. It probably had something to do with "Rock of Love."

About a week ago A post from my wife, Anna. She had a photo with the sentence "Nobody wants to listen to Whitesnake with me, so here I go again on my own."

Whitesnake was a hairband from the 1980s and this was a lyric from one of their top songs. However, I had to correct Anna. We listen to the hairband station on satellite radio almost every day, so she almost never hears the song on her own. We're usually together. And usually I'm probably making up some stupid alternative lyrics Anna wishes I'd just not sing.

Sometimes I think I could be the next Weird Al Yankovic (someone we saw in concert earlier this winter). I do not think Anna is a believer.

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

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"Weight lifting and walking."



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"Water aerobics."

**Debbie Gomez-Packard** 

Fenton

**Katie Morris** Southfield

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Linden

## Linden events approved

■Karaoke. street corner collections, Memorial Day event and more approved by council

#### By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — On Monday, Feb. 27, Linden City Council approved numerous events that will take place in the city in the coming months.



#### **Memorial Day Parade/Service** and Community Picnic

Price Crane Robinson VFW Post 4642 is approved to hold a Memorial Day Parade/Service and Community Picnic on Monday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery and along Mill Street, Bridge Street and Broad Street for the parade.



#### **Paddle & Pedal**

LAFF Pathways Inc. is bringing back Paddle & Pedal to Linden this year on Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June

11 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Participants are encouraged to paddle up and down the Shiawassee River at the Linden Mills/Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park area and bike on city sidewalks to the non motorized pathway in Argentine Township.



#### Karaoke at the Mill

Linden Kiwanis had a successful first year hosting Karaoke at the Mill in Linden in 2022. The event series was approved to take place again this year on Tuesdays at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo and Park. It is now sponsored by Happening in Linden and Linden Kiwanis will be a major participant, said Larry Allen, member of the Linden Kiwanis.

Karaoke dates are Tuesday, June 13, Tuesday, June 27, Tuesday, July 11, Tuesday, July 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

#### **Old Newsboys Street Corner** Collection

The council approved allowing the Old Newsboys of Flint to use public property to hold their street corner collection on Friday, Dec. 8.

#### **Linden High School Project Graduation Street Corner Collection**

Project Graduation Linden is approved to conduct street corner collections in Linden on Saturday, April 22.

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#### **UK RESEARCHERS SUGGESTED**

returning to WWII era rationing of food, energy to save planet from climate change. When will climate change activists make ultimate sacrifice to save planet getting their carbon footprints to zero by euthanizing themselves? I'd support John Kerry being first leading by example. Greta Thunberg?

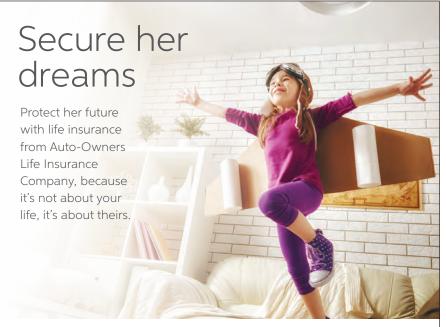
DR. LI-MENG Yan should be given an award for being the bravest person in the world. She's the virologist who used to work at the lab in Wuhan, China. She fled to the U.S. in April 2020 and has been saying since then that the Chinese government intentionally leaked the virus.

#### HYSTERIA REIGNS SUPREME.

When confronted with the fact that all MSU shooting victims were unarmed, a local Hot-liner goes on an anti-gun, emotional scree calling for gun restrictions. MSU campus is already a gun free zone. Additional gun regulation would have saved zero lives on Feb. 13.

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## Fast Eddie's opens 17th location

■ Family owned business to bring customer service-based car wash to Fenton

#### **By Sharon Stone**

The owners of Fast Eddie's will soon be opening their 17th car wash location — in Fenton. They have 16 other locations throughout Michigan, which offer a full-service oil change.

Residents will likely be familiar with the site they bought, and built on, since it used to be Friendly's Car Wash on N. LeRoy Street.

Matt Letavis of Fenton is vice president of operations for Fast Eddie's, a third-generation, family owned business started in Swartz Creek.

Letavis said, "When we purchased the old Friendly's wash, we knew that all of the equipment would have to be updated and replaced, as well as renovating the exterior of the building, to make it more appealing to the community and our customers."

The property that Friendly's sat on was narrow, and Fast Eddie's owners knew the vacant lot next to the wash was essential to set it up similar to their other locations with a free vacuum area and to make traffic flow better with more space. The extra property would also allow them to dress up the space and give it the curb appeal Fenton deserved. In addition, it also allowed them to create a new entrance to the wash so it was more spacious.

Fast Eddie's will have a free vacuum area with approximately 10-12 vacuum drops to clean the interior of your vehicle.

The name "Fast Eddie's" originated from his grandfather, Ed Letavis, who is 90 years old and is still fondly referred to by that name today.

Fast Eddie's was one of the first soft



Matt Letavis, Fast Eddie's vice president of operations, stands in front of one of the family's 17 Fast Eddie's Car Washes. Their new Fenton location is expected to open soon.

cloth washes in the state of Michigan. About five years after being in business, they started to purchase and combine quick lubes to their washes at each location. Due to space restrictions, this location will not have a quick lube at this time. Fast Eddie's will continue to look for opportunities to bring a quick lube to the area in the future.

"I've lived in Fenton since 2009, and I have seen how the community and business atmosphere has grown," Matt Letavis said. "My father and myself have been a part of the community also as business owners since 2004, owning Legends Bar & Grill on Thompson Road and U.S. 23."

He said that patrons of the restaurant, who are also Fast Eddie's customers, have asked over the years if we were ever going to come out to the Fenton area.

"We were just looking for the right opportunity, and it presented itself there on LeRoy," Letavis said. "We are very excited to be part of the community and hope this new location reflects the time, money and energy we have put into making it, hopefully, something the community is proud of as well and a great location to keep your vehicle clean and looking its best."

Fast Eddie's of Fenton anticipates a grand opening during the first part of March.

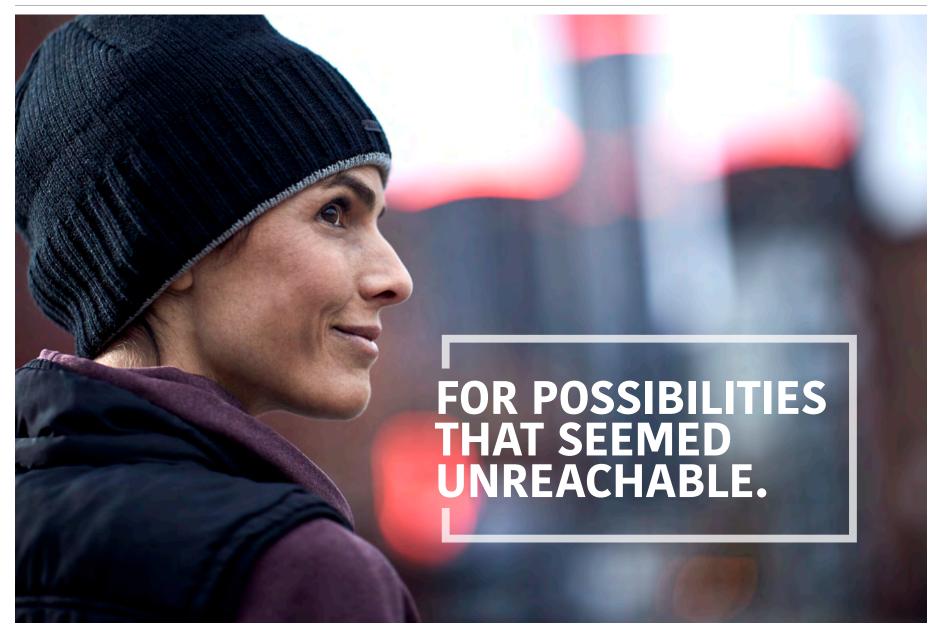
"We always have been driven to give the very best customer service and take a hands-on approach," he said. "Our locations have cashiers greeting customers, attendants pre-washing vehicles before going through the wash tunnel, and drying attendants flexing out mirrors, towel drying vehicles and a friendly wave thanking them for coming in.

"We take pride in that personal touch and interaction with our customers. That extra TLC, I believe, has helped us stay competitive and be successful over the years. Our customers have communicated to us that the extra attention from workers that we give, they appreciate, and it sets us apart from a lot of other competitors out there now and even from new car washes being built.

"We also are very proud that we employ over 350 people statewide."

For those who like to always have a clean vehicle, Fast Eddie's offers an Ultimate Wash Membership. It allows you to wash your vehicle every day. In celebration of the newest location in Fenton, Fast Eddie's is offering, for a limited time, memberships starting as low as \$17 for the first month. Visit fasteddiescarcare.com for more information, location addresses and future specials.

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## **HISTORY**

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#### MARCH 5

1770: On the cold, snowy night, a mob of American colonists gathers at the Customs House in Boston and begins taunting the British soldiers guarding the building. The protesters, who called themselves Patriots, were protesting the occupation of their city by British troops, who were sent to Boston in 1768 to enforce unpopular taxation measures passed by a British parliament that lacked American representation. British Captain Thomas Preston ordered his men to fix their bayonets and join the guard outside the building. The colonists responded by throwing snowballs and other objects at the British regulars, and Private Hugh Montgomery was hit, leading him to discharge his rifle at the crowd. The other soldiers began firing a moment later, and when the smoke cleared.

five colonists were dead or dying — Crispus Attucks, Patrick Carr, Samuel Gray, Samuel Maverick and James Caldwell — and three more were injured.

#### MARCH 6

1899: The German company Bayer patents aspirin. Now the most common drug in household medicine cabinets, acetylsalicylic acid was originally made from a chemical found in the bark of willow trees. In its primitive form, the active ingredient, salicin, was used for centuries in folk medicine, beginning in ancient Greece when Hippocrates used it to relieve pain and fever. Known to doctors since the mid-19th century, it was used sparingly due to its unpleasant taste and tendency to damage the stomach.

#### MARCH 7

1876: On this day, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention: the telephone. The Scottish-born Bell worked in London with his father, Melville Bell, who developed Visible Speech, a written system used to teach speaking to the deaf. In the

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## City approves proposals for mosquito control, water treatment

■ Mosquito contract will cost \$32,165 per year

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Linden will have water treatment services for the Shiawassee River for the next year and mosquito control services for the city for the next four years.

On Monday, Feb. 27, the Linden City Council approved two proposals.

They received two bids from companies that offer mosquito control and Advanced Pet Management (APM) Mosquito Control, which has previously provided mosquito control services in the city, was the lowest bidder at \$128,660 for the total contract or \$32,165 per year.

The cost will be paid for by funds

collected from the mosquito control millage that residents passed in November 2022.

There is no impact on the city's general fund. Any remaining funds from this millage will be put toward the next four-year contract should that millage pass in 2026.

In the summer and fall of 2021, several residents expressed their concerns to the council about the condition of the millpond and Shiawassee River in regards to the overgrowth of invasive species. The city contracted with Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control to treat the millpond in 2022.

On Monday, the council approved a proposal from the same company to treat the millpond the summer of 2023 for \$8.575.

## Severe Weather Awareness Week encourages planning

Michigan residents encouraged to have a plan for when a tornado strikes

The first official day of spring is Monday, March 20, and in Michigan that means trees budding, flowers blooming, worms poking out of wet grass – and oftentimes, severe weather.

On average, Michigan has 15 tornadoes per year. Tornadoes are known to develop rapidly, with little advanced warning. The average lead time for a tornado warning is 10 to 15 minutes and winds can reach over 200 mph, which is why Michigan residents are encouraged to prepare and make a plan before a tornado strikes.

Oakland County is observing Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW) March 19-25 with many opportunities to educate residents about severe weather hazards.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week is a great opportunity to learn, plan, and prepare," said Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter. "Knowing what you will do, where you will go and how you will communicate with family and friends in the case of an emergency is key to staying safe."

Spring is traditionally a period when the threat of high winds, hail, lightning, tornadoes, and severe thunderstorms greatly increase. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a reminder to review emergency procedures and prepare for weather-related hazards.

Residents are encouraged to check the Oakland County Emergency Man-

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## CITY OF LINDEN NOTICE OF 2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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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Written Appeals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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should be held accountable when enforcing our current gun laws. They must quit allowing plea deals where a felony weapons violation can be amended to a misdemeanor. This alone could prevent a bad person from legally buying a weapon.

**WE LIKE THE** skeleton and look forward to the seasonal decorations.

A NUMBER OF Hot-liners have advocated for EV charging points in Fenton. Good news for them; charging points will be in Fenton but they will be dedicated to United States Postal System vehicles.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO be able to get a ride on Your Ride in Fenton for people that can't drive, but you can no longer get a ride. Is anyone else having this problem getting a ride?

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## Flint Bishop Airport expands dining options

## Adds full-service restaurant and bakery-style café

Flint Bishop Airport has added two new dining options for passengers and the general public. The airport now has a full-service restaurant open to anyone and located before screening. A bakery-style café located after screening is also now open to passengers. Both spaces are operated by Tailwind Hospitality Inc., a company that specializes in providing services for airports across the country.

"We want the airport to be more than just a place for travelers but a gathering place for the entire community," said Nino Sapone, chief executive officer at Flint Bishop. "Restaurants bring people together and so does travel. So, we hope our new landside restaurant with highquality menu options will be a great benefit for passengers, their families, and everyday restaurant goers."

The two new dining locations at Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT) are in addition to the Sam Adams Bar and Gateway Grill, both located on airside. The restaurant located on landside is operating out of a newly redesigned space that has been closed to the public since early 2020. The new food service options are part of a larger plan to provide more services to passengers and the community.

Flint guarantees you all of the destination options of a larger airport, while flying from the comfort of a relaxing and beautiful facility. Flint features all-jet service, with flights provided by Allegiant, American, and United. Flint's airlines provide many nonstop flights to popular destinations across the country that will also connect you around the world, usually in one stop or less.

For reservations and flight information from Flint, visit bishopairport.org.

#### NEWS

#### **BRIEFS**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### **HOLLY WINTER MARKET**

The Holly Winter Market will be open Sunday, March 12 and March 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Venue One Eleven, 111 College St., Holly. The community is invited to peruse the variety of offerings. A sample of what will be available is locally grown greens, microgreens and vegetables, homemade jams and jellies, grass-fed beef and pork, salsa, Italian baked goods and pasta sauce, homemade sourdough bread, edible cookie dough, freeze dried fruits, vegetables and candy, flavored kettle corn, chocolate cocoa bombs and handmade chocolate items. Also available will be baked goods, flavored pretzels, Elderberry syrup, loose leaf tea, pet treats and bandanas. upcycled decor, body care and soaps, fidget toys, crystals, crocheted items, handmade jewelry, stained glass items, Christmas items, handmade Christmas cards and much more. Plus remember to bring your knifes, scissors or shears to be sharpened by Strap and Stone.

#### READERS

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and iability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times

#### Environmental disasters

Dear Editor.

Environmental disasters happen all over, but would you be shocked to hear communities of color are among those most affected by pollution? The Flint Water Crisis is just one example of a predominantly non-white community directly exposed to an environmental disaster. Nearly 100,000 residents have been affected by lead in their water. Children are experiencing learning delays, and families have yet to see the full impact on their health. Almost nine years later, the city is still working to replace contaminated pipes and has yet to provide settlements to families. Many of those affected will never be the same and are left traumatized by the ones who are supposed to protect them. As their neighbor and fellow community members. we must continue to educate ourselves on how this was allowed to happen and keep the conversation alive to prevent it from happening again.

Avery Hill Linden

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

#### **2023 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

Monday March 13, 2023 Tuesday March 14, 2023 Wednesday March 15, 2023 Thursday March 16, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided such appeals are received by the Board of Review no later than 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person should call the assessor's office at 810-629-3445 to schedule an appointment with the March Board of Review. Questions may also be addressed to the March Board of Review via email at <a href="mailto:bor@fentontownship.org">bor@fentontownship.org</a>.

#### TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS

<b>Property Class</b>	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	45.53	1.09817
Industrial	48.53	1.03029
Residential	44.18	1.13173

ROBERT E. KRUG, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

## Golf to help save lives

■Vetter family plans golf fundraiser to buy life saving devices

#### By Hannah Ball

Donating 12 life saving devices to help local fire departments isn't enough for the Vetter family.

Their ongoing goal is to fundraise and buy more LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) devices to support emergency responders when they're administering care to someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

The Vetter Family Organization

is hosting their fifth annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 12 at the Hartland Glen Golf Course. Funds go to buying these devices that will be donated to other fire Vetter Family Organization departments.

Period. 77 **Kerry Vetter** 

**44** The devices

save lives.

Fenton AGS Middle School student Lucas Vetter has fundraised for this equipment since he was 9 years old. His mother, Kerry Vetter, said he became aware of the CPR machines after visiting the Howell Fire Department. After that visit, Lucas set a goal of making sure every fire department in Livingston County that needed a LUCAS would get one.

They've since expanded their outreach efforts.

"Through our most recent fundraising efforts, we were successful in being able to raise enough funds to buy two LUCAS devices, one for Swartz Creek and another for Gaines Township. This was a big accomplishment for sure," said Kerry Vetter. "I am so happy we were able to help both of these departments as I know they needed them in their communities. I am so thankful to each and every person that donated. Every dollar helps save lives!"

They donated these devices on Sept. 10. Vetter said the departments

were "humbly grateful."

"Some have been unsure how to react to the gift, but all have been very appreciative and eager to get them into service," she said.

First responders use this equipment by strapping it around someone's chest when they are in cardiac arrest. It delivers automatic chest compressions, which leaves the first responders available to respond to other medical needs.

One device costs anywhere from \$16,000 to \$17,000. The Vetter Family Organization has now donated 12 of these devices to area fire departments, including Holly.

> "The devices save lives. Period. Most municipalities grossly underfund their fire departments for numerous different reasons. We found a way to help by getting these life saving devices onto the

trucks that need them. There is no more higher purpose than just being helpful — the fact that departments are using the devices we've donated to help save lives is just icing on the cake," she said.

The Vetter family has sponsorship opportunities available for the golf outing. They are accepting donations/ gift cards to be used as prizes. The Vetter Family Organization is a registered 501 (c) non-profit.

Keep up to date with the Vetter's nonprofit by following the Lucas for LUCAS Facebook page. Contact the organization at vetterfamilyorg@ gmail.com.

Golf outing link: https://www. eventbrite.com/e/538084975647

Fire boots have been placed throughout the community to allow the public to donate directly while they are at the following locations:

Gilbert's Lakeside Market Beacon & Bridge at Thompson and Torrey roads Marathon at the U.S. 23 and Center Road

## Holly Village seeks community-minded people

■Vacancies on boards and commissions need to be filled

Looking to make a difference? The village of Holly encourages residents to join one of its boards or commissions. The village is looking for community minded people to become involved. Meetings are held in the Holly Board of Education Room/Village Council chambers at 920 E. Baird St.

#### Parks Commission

The Parks Commission is charged with an advisory role on parks development, maintenance, improvements and identifying planning and implementing public and private beautification projects. Parks Commission meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

This commission member would review appeals from developers and/ or homeowners who request variances

or exceptions to the current zoning ordinance. ZBA meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. **Planning Commission** 

The Planning Commission has the responsibility to prepare a master plan, which influences the regulations and standards in the zoning ordinance and any future changes to it. The Planning Commission is also the primary body responsible for approval of site plans. The Planning Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Visit the Village of Holly Offices, 300 East St., to fill out a Citizen Participation Form or email a completed copy to Clerk/Treasurer Deborah J. Bigger at dbigger@hollyvillage.org.

The completed form will be given to the village president to recommend applicants to the village council. The council will then vote on approval. Call (248) 634-9571 with any questions.



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## **Social Security celebrates Women's History Month**

#### By Hillary Hatch

March is Women's History Month. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women. Social Security provides vital benefits and financial protection for women. Nearly 55% of the people receiving Social Security benefits are women. Today, more women work, pay Social Security taxes, and earn credit toward monthly retirement income than at any other time in our nation's history.

Women also have longer average life expectancies than men and tend to live more years in retirement. This means women have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. It's important for women to plan early and wisely for retirement.

Our online booklet, Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know found at ssa.gov, provides detailed information about how life events can affect a woman's Social Security retirement benefits. These events may include marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, self-employment, and other life or career changes.

Your earnings history will determine future benefits, so we encourage you to verify that the information in your record is correct. You can create a personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to review your full earnings history. You can also view your Social Security Statement using your personal my Social Security account, to get estimates of future benefits and other important planning information.

If you find an error in your earnings record, it is important to get it corrected so you receive the benefits you earned when you retire. Our publication, How to Correct Your Social Security Earnings Record at ssa.gov provides you with details on how to make a correction.

## VILLAGE OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** in accordance with Chapter 157, Section 157.120 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, that the Village of Holly Planning Commission will consider a request for a Special Land Use Permit on March 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village of Holly Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a special land use permit was filed by Dennis Haigh, 4320 Stepping Stone, Fenton, MI 48430. The proposal is for the Special Use Permit at 111 Battle Alley, Apt A, Holly, MI Parcel ID # IH-01-34-301-019

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

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

Deborah J. Bigger Clerk/Treasurer Village of Holly Learn about how Social Security benefits women at ssa.gov/people/women. Please share this information with your loved ones.

Hillary Hatch is a Social Security public affairs specialist.

#### TRI-COUNTY

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### CANUSA Fundraiser — Flint Firebirds Hockey Game

Enjoy a great game of hockey while also supporting CANUSA athletes. The community is invited to join the Flint Firebirds on March 17 for a night full of fun and the opportunity to support the annual CANUSA Games between Flint and Hamilton, Ontario. Support the games through the 50/50 raffle. Purchase stylish CANUSA/ Firebirds memorabilia. Bid on a special, yet to be seen, game worn St. Patrick's Day Flint Firebirds jersey. All proceeds from the raffle and auction will directly benefit CANUSA athletes. Purchase tickets now at etix. com and spread the word to your friends and family. The game against the Hamilton Bulldogs starts at 7 p.m. at Dort Financial Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Rd., Flint, Contact the CANUSA office at gfogcanusa@ crim.org or call (810) 201-8459 for more information regarding sponsorships and donating.

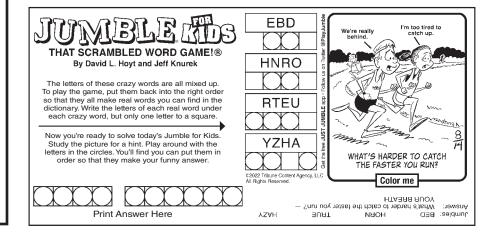
#### POLICE & FIRE

#### REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### FENTON MAN FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES

On Sunday, Feb. 19 at 5:35 p.m., a Fenton police officer observed a 2010 GMC Savana van with a cracked windshield on Owen Road near U.S. 23 and initiated a traffic stop for the civil infraction on the highway just south of Owen Road. The officer recognized the driver of the van from past arrests. When speaking to the driver, a 38-year-old Fenton man, the officer saw in plain sight an open bottle of Crown Royal Apple Whiskey inside the van. The driver exited the van and was placed under arrest for open intoxicants. Sqt. Dan Forbush said the officer knew of past drug activity with the driver and requested a K-9 unit from Livingston County. During a search of the van, police found a container with suspected meth, which later field-tested positive. numerous drug paraphernalia, Narcan and an open bottle of tequila. The van was impounded and the driver was taken to the police station for processing. He denied knowledge of the meth. which will be sent to the MSP crime lab for analysis. The case is being sent to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office for review of charges. He was arrested in September 2022 on similar charges and has a show cause hearing March 7.



#### TRI-COUNTY TIMES

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Holy Communion	10:30	am
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Wednesday Morning		
Online Prayer Service	8:00	am

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Pastor Caleb Schaewe

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Sunday	Bible Study	9:15	am
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30	am

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#### **FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship with us in person or online Sundays at 9:30 or 11:05am. www.fentonumc.com

For our Food Pantry call the church office at 810-629-2132

#### LAKE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister Vincent Slocum
Sunday Worship ......9:30 am

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(Junior Church and Nursery Provided)	
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Wed. Children & Teens	7:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm

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Pastor Dawn Russell

Sunday In-Sanctuary Worship......10:00 am

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#### TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

Pastor Lawrence Bowlin 10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton 810-629-1261 • Tyronepca.org 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

#### **RENTERS**

Continued from Page 1

rentals, such as Airbnbs and Vrbos, in the city.

"The City Council declares the rental of dwelling units in the City of Linden provides value to our local economy. The City Council has enacted this regulatory ordinance to strike a regulatory balance between the interests of community residents, business owners, visitors, and property owners. The city has different expectations for noise, occupant loads, and transient activity in its residential neighborhoods than it does in other zoned districts," according to the ordinance.

Council also discussed a Good Neighbor Guidelines pamphlet, which contains information on garbage disposal, required permits for recreational fires, fireworks laws, noise disturbances and animal ordinances, which could be given to occupants who rent Airbnbs, Vrbos and other short-term rentals in the city.

#### The proposed ordinance

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

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

#### Location

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

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

All short-term rentals, except for personal unit short-term rentals, would be required to be licensed for a fee. A building official will inspect the property before a license is issued.

#### Regulations

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

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

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

No fireworks can be used on the premises of any short-term rental when the owner is not occupying the space. Users also aren't allowed to cause unreasonable noise. Parking cannot interfere with travel on a street or neighboring property, trash and recycling must be stored in containers with tight-fitting lids and pets must be in the property or on a leash at all times.

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

See the full proposed ordinance at lindenmi.us.

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

**MARCH 23, 2023** 

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY,
MARCH 23, 2023 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON
TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE
FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER,
12060 MANTAWAUKA AND ELECTRONICALLY BY
ZOOM. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER
THE FOLLOWING:

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

R23-002 Genesee County Drain Commissioner-Division Water and Waste: Request To Rezone 11233 Fenton Road from R-MH, Mobile Home Residential R-3, Single Family Residential, parcel #06- 01-200-051.

SUP23-001 Genesee County Drain Commissioner-Division Water and Waste: Request A Special Use Permit for the construction of a water tower at 11233 Fenton Road, parcel #06-01-200-051.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday March 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. by ZOOM video meeting and in person. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:

#### http://bit.ly/FentonPC

Or by telephone by calling into the following number:

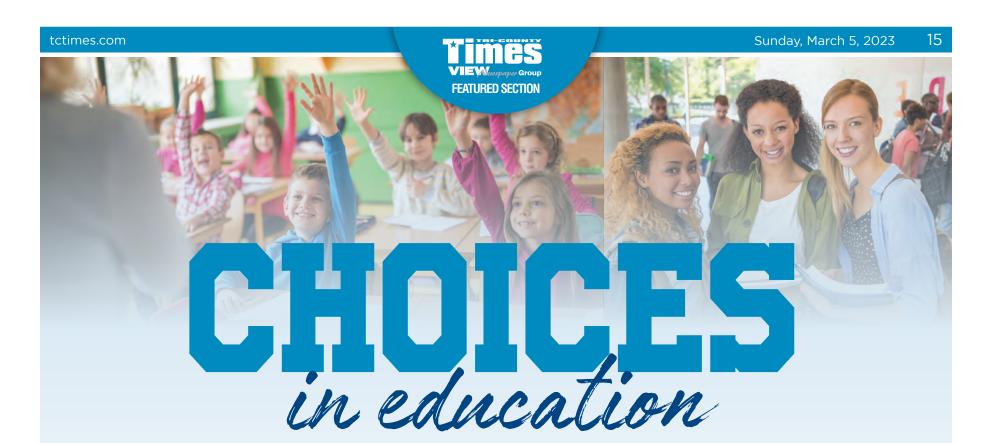
Phone Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 998 2931 8197 Passcode: 258667

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430.Comments received prior to 3:00 p.m. on March 23, 2023 are guaranteed to be received by the Planning Commission. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

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

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

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



#### What students can do to block classroom distractions

An ability to focus in the classroom can go a long way toward helping students achieve their academic goals. But distractions lurk in every corner, making it easier than ever to succumb to a lack of focus.

Maintaining focus in the classroom can be difficult in the digital age, but students can try various strategies to block out distractions once class begins.

#### Disconnect your devices.

A 2020 report from the nonprofit association Educause found that the majority of students report connecting two or more devices to campus Wi-Fi each day. Devices often serve as useful tools that augment classroom lessons, but they also can distract students. Students can turn off notifications on their phones and tablets before class begins so that familiar ping does not sound during lectures and lessons. In addition, unless devices are necessary during a class, students can store them in places where they won't be tempted to check for messages or other alerts when they should be learning. Storing devices in a separate pocket in a backpack or even in a locker outside the classroom can remove the temptation to log on during class.



#### Prepare for class in advance.

Organizing before class can help students stay focused when a teacher is lecturing, explaining classroom material or engaging students in a discussion. Students who can't readily access their notes, books or assignments may be forced to spend valuable class time looking for such materials, thus distracting them from the lesson.

#### Bring questions to class.

Students who jot down questions about a subject prior to class are more likely to be engaged once class begins. Students can ask their questions during the lesson and listen intently to hear if their teacher or professor is answering their questions during their lecture. Either way, bringing questions to class and going over them before class begins can help students narrow their focus to the subject at hand, reducing the likelihood that they'll succumb to distractions.

#### Sit in the front of class.

Students who are having trouble focusing can try sitting in the front of class. Sitting in the front ensures students can hear their teachers or professors, and sitting so close might subconsciously compel students to perk up so they're not caught wandering.

Devices and other distractions can easily compromise students' focus in the classroom. But various strategies can help students focus so they can perform better academically.



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Alleviate pressure with a variety of steps

Standardized tests remain a significant part of the academic experience for millions of students at all grade levels. Though many colleges and universities no longer require the SAT or ACT for admission, experts note that many of those schools still value such tests and how applicants who choose to take them perform.

Students who want to take standardized tests can take various steps to ensure they do their best and make the decision to take the tests work to their advantage.

- Prepare as if you're taking the test early. It's never too early for high school students to begin thinking about college. Students who plan to take standardized tests like the SAT and ACT are often urged to do so in their junior year of high school. Such a timeline affords students ample time to retest if they feel they can improve their scores. Though sophomore year might seem early to start preparing for the SAT and ACT, it's the perfect time to do so for students who plan to take the test in the first half of their junior year. This gives them ample time to find a tutor or test preparation program so they can perform their best.
- Utilize preparation services. Standardized tests carry a lot of weight, even at schools that no longer require them, so professional test preparation services can be a good investment. Parents can work with their children to find a tutor or preparation program in advance of their scheduled testing

date. Some programs are lengthier and more intensive than others, but families can identify which type of program can most benefit the student. Some students may just need a post-summer refresher, while others may benefit from a more intensive program.

- Look for free programs and resources. A student's school may offer a free test preparation program as testing season draws closer. In addition, books on preparing for tests may be available for free at your local library. In the latter example, parents and students should confirm that any preparation guidebooks are up-to-date. Testing has changed significantly over the years, so students won't want to be looking over prep materials that no longer reflect modern tests.
- Take practice tests. Practice tests can be invaluable. Such tests can indicate where students are strong and any areas they should seek to improve. Students who have a tutor or are enrolled in a test prep program can go over their practice test results with their tutor or instructor to identify areas for improvement and strategies to perform better when the tests count.
- Time your practice tests. Standardized tests like the SAT and ACT are timed. Students can prepare for that by taking timed practice tests. The more acclimated students become to testing situations, the better they're likely to perform.

Source: Metro Creative Connection



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#### IN-DEMAND CAREER AWAIT

UM-Flint's College of Health Sciences is adding four new programs in fall 2023, giving students additional options to meet employer needs in a quickly growing and changing health care industry.

#### New for fall 2023:

- Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Technology (online)
- Occupational Therapy Accelerated Pathway
- Physical Therapy Accelerated Pathway











## Alumna finds herself - and success - with UM-Flint

fter opening Comma Bookstore and Social Hub in 2020, founder Egypt Otis, a 2021 graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint, quickly established the downtown Flint storefront as a destination for BIPOC literature, community programming and sustainable merchandise throughout the state. This values-first approach has garnered national recognition for both Comma and Otis, as the UM-Flint alum was recently featured in Mastercard's "Wakanda Forever" commercial, part of the company's Strivers Initiative that highlights black female-owned businesses.

Despite taking so naturally to the role of Flint's only Black bookstore owner, Otis explained that it is an outcome that would seem guite unlikely to her younger self.

"I was not someone who had a passion for reading from an early age. I was a single mom and worked full time. I was a high school dropout," Otis said, proud of the experiences that shaped her future. "I came from a background where college wasn't necessarily the goal for me."

Informed by her experiences growing up on the north side of Flint and equipped with a GED and a desire to learn more about the world around her, Otis found UM-Flint's political science program and flourished. She was particularly motivated by Peggy Kahn, professor emerita of political science, who gave Otis the tools to succeed in a university setting and opened up the world of reading to the budding bibliophile.

"(Peggy Kahn) saw that I was head of household and working while going to school. She really accommodated me and looked at me as an individual and a student, and not just a learning robot who needs to perform," Otis said. "She started giving me books to read outside of class—that sparked a passion that I never knew existed. My life really changed after that."

In addition to books written by BIPOC authors, Comma also offers a selection of culturally driven merchandise (like "Reading is the new black" tote bags and Angela Davis hoodies) and environmentally conscious items. Otis's fiancé, Dorian Jackson, runs the The Natroil Company, which offers socially sourced grooming products that retail at Comma.

Events are another staple at Comma, offering regular reading circles for children and inviting authors to share their work with the community. This February, the public viewed African American artifacts from the 1600s through today thanks to an exhibit from the True Black



UM-Flint alum Egypt Otis has transformed Flint into a destination for BIPOC literature with Comma Bookstore.

History Museum that was hosted at the location. Otis sees events like these as an opportunity to educate and inspire others.

"We want to build a sense of community connectedness and bridge an important gap between literature and multiculturalism," she said. "I think one of the best ways you can do that is through the celebration of one's culture and learning about our experiences. I'm so grateful that people have come to rely on Comma as a home for receiving that enrichment and connection."

#### **Degree offerings for every student**

No matter a student's particular interests or life stage, UM-Flint has a degree option that provides meaningful preparation in a format that fits their schedule.

Accelerated Online Degree Completion programs provide a flexible pathway to a Michigan bachelor's degree. AODC students experience the world-class education and standards that UM-Flint learners expect in an entirely online format. Each course is seven weeks in duration and students will generally take two courses at a time.

Built with the goal of equipping graduates with in-demand skills, students can select a Bachelor of Business Administration degree or a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. Students earning the BIS choose two of three certificates as part of their degree: Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Data Analytics & Interpretation, and Digital Communication. The rigor and excellence of the AODC curriculum prepare students for success after graduation, and those who enroll in AODC could qualify for up to \$8,000 in dedicated scholarships!

And while traditional students already have hundreds of degree options to choose from at the downtown campus, UM-Flint's College of Health Sciences is adding four new programs to the mix for fall 2023.

Those new programs – featuring bachelor's degree options in exercise science and health information technology, along with occupational therapy and physical therapy accelerated pathways— will provide students with additional options to prepare for indemand careers and to meet employer needs in a quickly growing and changing health care industry.

Exercise science and the accelerated pathways offer learners three new ways to prepare for UM-Flint's graduate programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy.

The innovative accelerated programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy will allow students to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in health sciences in three years instead of four and apply to begin the doctorate degree one year sooner than the traditional path, saving significant time and money.

Exercise science is another great option for students interested in applying to a graduate program in physical therapy or occupational therapy. It also allows students to get certified as an exercise physiologist and a strength and conditioning specialist.

The completely online health information technology degree is ideal for students who are interested in technology

and want to impact patient care by managing vital health care data.

"The College of Health Sciences is committed to meeting changing health care needs," said Donna Fry, dean of the College of Health Sciences. "We are excited to launch new programs that address those needs and give students more options to train for fulfilling health care careers in both patient care and behind the scenes. We are also proud to give aspiring physical therapists and occupational therapists a path to eliminate an entire year of training and earn two degrees for a significantly lower cost."

#### Applicants could automatically qualify for free tuition

There are several opportunities for new students to receive substantial scholarships – up to and including full tuition and fees!

The Go Blue Guarantee offers free tuition for high achieving, in-state students with family incomes of \$65,000 or less and assets below \$50,000. First-year and transfer students are automatically considered for the Go Blue Guarantee upon being admitted to UM-Flint. Admitted students are also automatically considered for merit scholarships, which range from \$4,000 over four years to full tuition.

Additionally, high school graduates in the class of 2023 and beyond will be eligible for annual scholarships up to \$5,500 at public universities, with award amounts up to \$27,500 over a five-year period, courtesy of the new Michigan Achievement Scholarship. Students will be eligible if their family demonstrates financial need after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as FAFSA. The state of Michigan estimates that the scholarship will cover 76% of tuition for those students attending a public university.

UM-Flint accepts undergraduate applications on a rolling basis, meaning applications can be submitted any time throughout the year. Graduate programs have particular application dates to consider.

Prospective students can apply to UM-Flint today at umflint.edu/admissions. The application for undergraduate admission is completely free and online, so it is simple to get started. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions can be contacted with questions at (810) 762-3300 or admissions.flint@umich.edu.

## Violinist Carlie Tate wins 2022 Concerto Competition

On October 10 FIM Flint School of Performing Arts held its biannual Concerto Competition, where high school musicians compete for the chance to perform with the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra or Flint Youth Wind Ensemble. Violinist Carlie Tate, a 10th grader and the youngest contes-

tant of the day – won the competition. First and second runners-up were 11th grade bassoonist Quinlan Bollwitt and 12th grade violinist Kaysundra Gillian.

Davin Pierson Torre, FSPA director, said the competition is an important opportunity for high school musicians planning to study music at the higher education level and ultimately have a professional career as a performer.

Tate had been hoping to compete since she was just 10 years old. She worked on Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major for many months prior to the competition. She explained that bringing the music to life was one of the biggest challenges in the preparation process.

"Musicality is very important to me, and my goal was to give the music an interpretation that was unique while still sounding like Mozart. The process was not easy, and I always will find something that I can improve on, but I

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**Carlie Tate** 

did the best I could, and I left with good spirits," Tate said.

When recalling the performance experience, Tate described how she used her nervousness to propel her performance. "I have learned that

nerves can be a good thing. [They can] help express musicality, which is what I was looking for in the music. I enjoyed the performance even with the nerves, and I would have it no other way," she said.

Tate was surprised to find out she had won the competition, especially as the youngest participant. "Everyone performed amazingly, so

anybody could have won," she said.



"For them to choose me...it was a huge honor, and it still is!"

Tate gives gracious thanks to her instructor, Joseph Gray, for his guidance and belief in her. She also expressed thanks to the judges for their time and kindness, as well as wishing the best to her fellow musicians and competitors.

The Concerto Competition is a learning and growing experience for all who participate.

"Whether they win or not, this journey prepares them for their futures,' Torre said. "The winner then has the priceless experience of performing their concerto with a full orchestra or wind ensemble backing them up."

Catch Tate performing with the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 12 at FIM Whiting Auditorium. For tickets visit tickets.thefim.org.





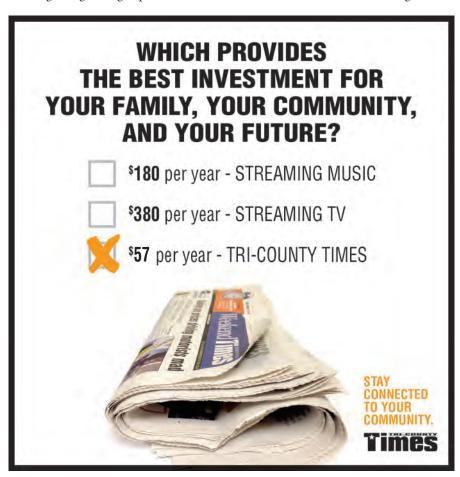
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## Extracurricular activities FOR NON-ATHLETES

# Theatre, volunteering, social clubs and physical activities can be impactful

High school sports garner significant attention in communities that want to support their student-athletes. But what about students who aren't inclined to compete on the field or in the gym? There are many more non-athletes than athletes, and the following are some extracurricular activities that might appeal to students who aren't interested in sports.

#### Theater

School theater programs faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, when indoor gatherings were limited if not outright restricted and students were forced to adapt to remote learning. But since COVID-related restrictions were lifted, many theater programs are back in full swing. In fact, the Educational Theatre Association notes that its programs were present in roughly 5,000 schools during the 2021-22 school year. Theater programs can expose kids to the performing arts but also teach youngsters who aren't interested in performing about backstage components, including set design and even script writing.

#### **Volunteering**

Volunteering is another potential extracurricular activity high school students might want to consider. Volunteering can expose children to potential career paths and introduce them to people from all walks of life. The vast majority of nonprofit organizations welcome and need volunteers, so students should be able to find an organization with a mission that aligns with their values. Schools also may sponsor volunteer programs, and that can be a great way for students to engage with their school community.

#### Clubs

High schools are home to clubs that cater to all sorts of interests. Foreign language clubs, gaming clubs, book clubs, and debate clubs are just some of the many non-sports-related clubs

students can join to participate more fully in campus life.

#### Physical activities

Just because kids aren't interested in traditional scholastic sports doesn't mean they don't enjoy breaking a sweat or being part of a team. Local community programs may offer club skiing teams, rowing clubs, hiking clubs, and other physical activities that are not affiliated with a school. Such options are great opportunities for kids to engage in physical activity and meet fellow fitness enthusiasts. One option kids may want to consider is a local recreational pickleball league. Pickleball has exploded in popularity in recent years and many communities now host competitive leagues for people of all ages.

Source: Metro Creative Connection



#### **Lake Fenton Community Schools**

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## **UNLIMITED SCHOOLS OF CHOICE**

#### **Program 105 and 105c for Students in Grades K-12**

The Lake Fenton Community School District will accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year under Sections 105 and 105c of the State Aid Act.

#### **SECTION 105**

Students who reside within the Genesee Intermediate School District's (GISD) boundaries.



#### **SECTION 105C**

Students who reside in counties contiguous to Genesee County.

## Applications are due in the superintendent's office prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023

- To apply, complete the Schools of Choice 105/105c application online on the website
- If you do not have a computer/internet access to complete the online application, please contact Terry Zalewski at 591-2532 to schedule a time for you to come to the Administrative Services office located at 11425 Torrey Rd, Fenton, MI 48430 to complete the application.
- Notification of acceptance should be completed by Friday, August 18, 2023.
- All accepted students must be enrolled prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023.
- Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- There is no tuition charge for students accepted for enrollment under these programs.

For more information, please contact Terry Zalewski at 810.591.2532

## NARROW THOSE college lists

College requires a significant commitment of time and money. High school seniors are expected to have an idea of what they want to do with the rest of their lives and then find schools that can help them achieve their career goals.

By the time many high school students reach their junior year, colleges have undoubtedly already sent them brochures highlighting their programs. Applying to college is much simpler than it once was, thanks in part to various software programs that centralize and streamline applications.

However, the application process can still be complex and even expensive. To simplify the process and reduce costs,

students will eventually need to decide which schools to apply to. The following strategies can help students narrow down their lists.

• Employ the "match," "reach" and "safety" formula. A match school is one you're likely to get into. A reach school is one that is more selective and could be a bit of stretch for acceptance. A safety school is one that's likely a guaranteed acceptance. A well-rounded college list includes a mix of these types of schools. College application fees range from \$20 to \$90, so set a reasonable limit for applications. Choosing around three to four matches, two

safeties and at least one reach is a good cut-off.

• Decide where you "don't" want to go. Turn the criteria around and narrow down prospects by what doesn't appeal to you. Maybe you don't like the hot weather, so certain southern schools may be out. If you do not like large lecture halls, maybe schools with a huge student population and large classes can be eliminated. Weed out what you don't like to help narrow your options.

• Consider cost. Before applying to schools, thoroughly research all costs. According to CreditKarma, in 2022 the average tuition at public colleges in the United States was



\$10,577 per year, while private college tuition cost \$33,230. Additional costs include room and board, meal plans, books, and any technology or additional fees. Discuss these costs with your family. Compare them to what the expected family contribution will be, and approximately how much aid money can be expected from each school (this information is typically included on the school's website or through college comparison tools). Cost alone could weed out many options.

• Course of study is a major

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**consideration.** Eliminate any school that doesn't offer your intended major. Eliminate schools that do not offer the courses you desire.

• Rate the campus. Visit as many schools as you can in person. A school that looks one way on the internet may not come across the same when you schedule a tour and see the facilities up close. First-hand impressions are important considering this is where you'll be spending time for the next four years.

Source: Metro Creative Connection





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Holly Academy is a leading Public School Academy in the State of Michigan with a strong family atmosphere that dares students to be leaders. Consistently ranked among the top elementary and middle schools for academic performance, the academy believes in developing a strong global-ready citizen.

#### Dare to be innovative!

The classrooms are staffed by highly qualified, passionate teachers using creative techniques. Learning takes place inside and outside classrooms and throughout Holly Academy's beautiful 34-acre campus. The campus provides learning experiences for every grade level and subject matter to reinforce the teachings in the classroom. Each grade level has a global focus that incorporates real-world learning to classroom based teaching. Technology is integrated throughout classrooms and is used in innovative ways. Huskies are also provided an abundance of extracurricular activities. Community leaders, administrators, teachers, students, and parents are strong partners through open, frequent and relevant communication.

Holly Academy is well respected in the surrounding communities. Students and staff volunteer their time to support community based projects and events. Stakeholders look to Holly Academy as the standard for educational experiences for all students.

#### Dare to be a leader!

Holly Academy students are holistically developed and viewed as leaders upon matriculating to surrounding area high schools. PAWS (Practice Responsibility, Act Respectfully, Work Together, Safety Matters) is a base for developing respectful students while leadership skill development builds global readiness. Classrooms are filled with eager learners engaged in rigorous academic experiences. Observed behavior is above the expected norm. PAWS expectations drive the high levels of self-control and sustain a supportive, collaborative environment. Student safety is paramount to our Husky family. The physical security on campus and emotional

security in peer and instructor relationships inspire student selfconfidence and foster curiosity and exploration.

#### Dare to be a champion!

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Applications may be picked up at any time from the office during regular school hours 8:00am to 4:00pm weekdays or you may access forms online at:

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#### RETIRES

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friend and added that Townsend even trained Cross when he started with the police department.

Townsend said it was a busy week with finalizing all of his paperwork and turning in his city and county badges.

Although he's met "a lot of great people," he added that over the past 25 years, people have changed, society is different. Policing is more challenging.

"I had fun, had good times," he said. There are a few lingering cases that have not concluded that weigh on his mind, including the disappearance of Randa Jawhari, who went missing Feb. 11, 2009. Other cases stalled in the courts due to the pandemic. "COVID messed up a lot," he said. "There's two years worth of felony trials pending. It slowed the process way down."

Townsend said 25 years worth of detective work involved a variety of emotions. Some days were sad, some were funny. "That's the normal life of a cop," he said.

He said he's fortunate that he was never injured or missed any time working during his 25 years in Fenton.

As he takes a breather, Townsend said he's going to take the next month or so off to relax with his family. He said his daughter is graduating and is very involved with competitive cheer. His son in seventh grade is very active with sports. His 21-year-old son has lifelong health issues and keeps



Det. Scott Townsend (left) retired March 2 after 25 years with the Fenton Police Department and Jeff Cross (right), with 23 years with the department, was promoted to chief of police Monday, Feb. 27.

Townsend and his wife Michelle busy.

"I'll work somewhere, I just don't know yet," he said. "There's plenty of opportunities. Maybe something in security."

One thing he's not been able to do these past 25 years was to go on spring break. That is changing this year. He and his 13-year-old son are going to go to Orlando, Florida to relax and take in some baseball, including heading over to Tampa to see the Detroit Tigers. He said later on, his wife and daughter will go on a trip together while he stays home with their sons.

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held before the Tyrone Township Board on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Township Budget, all funds. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget and supporting documents will be available for public inspection on our website <a href="www.tyronetownship.us">www.tyronetownship.us</a> or at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan, during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All oral and written comments are welcome. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-8631 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Pamela Moughler Tyrone Township Clerk

## NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MARCH 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. - Organizational Meeting

#### **Appeal Hearings:**

Monday, March 13, 2023		9:30 a.m.	- 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	}	2:00 p.m.	- 5:00 p.m.
,		•	- 9:00 p.m.

#### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (810) 735-5050 TO SCHEDULE

By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter. Letters must be at the Township Hall by 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023.

The 2023 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

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

Brian J Saad, Supervisor Argentine Township

#### TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2023 March Board of Review will meet at Tyrone Township Hall, located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 Organizational Meeting 9:00 am 9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal are encouraged and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 15, 2023. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

#### **Tentative Ratio**

AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
42.20	47.04	47.11	44.69	45.44	50.00

#### **Tentative Factor**

AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
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Alexa Nicholson,

Tyrone Township Assessor

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# THE LUKE PROJECT The Luke Project 52 Clinic serves moms & babies in need

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The ministry was launched in 2016 by Rev. Brad and Sherie Garrison in southwest Detroit out of love for mothers and their babies. The nonprofit, which added a Flint location in 2021, provides free prenatal care to mothers in need.

"We serve women no matter who they are and where they have been, we believe that the mothers and babies that we serve were created in the image of God and should be treated with respect and love at all times," according to the clinic. They are a full service prenatal medical clinic.

The clinic operates with an all-volunteer staff and partners

with medical providers and nurses from the University of Michigan and Hurley Medical Center. They have five professional doulas on staff that operate their prenatal education program. They also have a Benjamin's Closet staffed by a volunteer team that ensures mom has everything she needs to care for her baby.

Their goal is to lead with compassion and operate as an asset that can be used by local churches to help members of the community. The group also operates a mobile unit that is used to make home visits when good medical care dictates.

Detroit has the highest preterm birth rate in the nation and an infant mortality rate of 15.9 per 1,000 live births in 2021 (18.1 in the Black community). In Flint, that number is 14.3 and in Saginaw 13.2. These are the top three infant mortality rates in the state which has a 6.5 rate. Garrison said that the health care system in America is designed primarily for the comfort of the health care providers, not the patient.

People living in a location with a

higher poverty rate face more barriers in finding adequate health care. The number one cause of a bad birth outcome is lack of prenatal care, according to the governor's task force on infant mortality. It's a multifaceted issue that includes poverty, education and other factors, but the main reason is lack of prenatal care.

"Poor people get treated poorly in the current health care delivery system," Garrison said. "We will accept anybody regardless of their circumstances and treat them with the dignity and respect that every child of God deserves and build a relationship."

Nurturing relationships is paramount to their goal. Not having a community support system is one of the main issues that pregnant women face. Since they opened the Flint clinic in October

2021, The Luke Project has had 42 babies born and five more are due in the next few weeks. They have served more than 50 women, several from Fenton, and the majority of whom would not have received prenatal care without The Luke Project.

In January 2023, the group held their first Mom Support Group and Breast Feeding Class provided by the Flint & Genesee Reach Program of the Greater Flint Health Coalition, and in November 2022 began providing three bags of groceries to each mom after each clinic visit.

The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint earned a 2022 Gold Rating from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Quality Standards Program and is a member of the Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM).

If you'd like to help The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint support mothers and babies, please visit their website and click on the "donate" tab. The clinic is in need of medical devices. See the list and find the links to donate at newlukeprenatal.org.

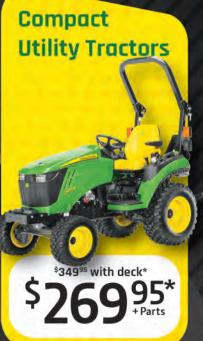


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## Eberhard leads athletes at Michigan indoor track meet

By David Troppens

Many tri-county athletes competed in the Michigan Indoor Track State Finals recent-

ly, with several earning impressive showings.

Linden High School had five competitors compete as individuals at the event. Kyle Eberhard had the highest placing. He took third in the 1,600 meter run (4:15.12) while placing

sixth in the 800 (1:55.19).

The Linden varsity girls 400 relay has won each of the past See TRACK on 31

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## Sports Times

#### **Kyle Eberhard**

## Devils defeat Powers, played Goodrich in finals



#### ■LF takes early lead, beats Chargers 71-16

**By David Troppens** 

**Flint** — The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team didn't like how they opened their last regular season game of the year against the Goodrich Martians in the Metro League's girls championship game on Feb.

Lake Fenton scored seven points in the first quarter and trailed Goodrich 20-15 before edging out the Martians 41-38 with a game-winning shot

at the buzzer in that Kendyl Smith said. contest.

The Blue Devils wanted to make sure that there wasn't a thriller again. It didn't happen on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils iumped to an 11-0 lead and were never threatened in the Division 2 district semifinal contest against tourney hosts Powers, eventually earning an impressive 71-16 victory.

"We were definitely coming out ready," Lake Fenton freshman

"After our last game against Goodrich we were a little disappointed how we came out, so we knew we wouldn't make that mistake again. We came out stronger than ever, we wanted to make the first punch and I think we definitely got it and it worked in our favor."

"We went into this game knowing the season we had is behind us. This is the postseason," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said. "This is a

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If the two teams win semifinal games in the Linden district. Holly and Fenton could face for a fourth time this season on Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

#### Boys basketball begins district on Monday

**By David Troppens** 

Three of the four tri-county boys basketball teams will begin March Madness in the same Division 1 district tourney.

Linden will be hosting a district that includes Flint Metro League champions Holly and

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Lake Fenton's Makenna Clement attempts a shot in the Blue Devils' victory against Flint Powers on Wednesday. Photo: Mark Bolen





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Flint Metro League Stripes Division champions Fenton. Lake Fenton will play district action at Durand High School.

The Linden district begins Monday when Linden (5-16) hosts Howell (12-7) for a 7 p.m. contest. The winner of that game will play Fenton (16-6) in Wednesday's 7 p.m. district semifinal contest. The early game on Wednesday will see Holly (17-4) going against Hartland (6-15) at 5:30 p.m.

The championship game will be Friday at 7 p.m. All of the contests will be at Linden.

Lake Fenton (13-8) begins district action on Monday against Flint Metro League Stars foe Brandon (7-11). The winner of that game will advance to play Powers (13-7) in Wednesday's 7 p.m. district semifinal contest. Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal pits Durand (17-3) against Goodrich (17-3). The championship game is Saturday at 7 p.m. All of the games will be at Durand High School.

## Tigers' comeback falls short vs. Hartland

#### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team had to dig out of a few holes against the Hartland Eagles in Monday's D1 district tournament.

The Tigers did dig out of one early hole, and got about halfway out of a second deeper hole for a moment but ended up losing 56-40.

The Tigers fell in a quick hole in the first quarter. A three-pointer by Olivia Linden gave the Eagles an early 7-0 lead with 5:48 left in the first quarter. However, the Tigers fought right back, with their own 7-0 run. The run started with a converted free throw by Abby Logan, and ended with two converted free throws by Madison Slezinski. Fenton was tied at 7-all with 2:29 left in the first quarter. However, Hartland responded with another 5-0 run. A three-pointer by Hartland's Lexi Moyer upped the Eagles' lead to 14-7. Fenton's Tammy Craven hit a layin, cutting the gap to 14-9 entering the second quarter.

The second quarter put the Tigers

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in their second hole. Hartland outscored the Tigers 17-5 in the stanza, enabling Hartland to take a 31-14 lead into the break. That lead grew to as many as 25 points, at 45-20, during the third quarter before the Tigers started making their comeback.

Fenton trailed 48-25 after three quarters but began the quarter on a 13-0 run. Grace MacCaughan netted five points during the run while Adrie Staib netted four points herself, cutting the gap to 50-39 with 4:04 still remaining in the contest.

However, that's as close as Fenton would get. An Izzy Depstel layin ended the Fenton run. Fenton scored just one point over the final four minutes. It was provided by Slezinski with a free throw with 2:10 left in the game. At the time, it cut Hartland's lead to 54-40.

Slezinski led the Tigers with nine points while MacCaughan had seven points. Staib netted six points while Abby Logan, Isabella MacCaughan and Tammy Craven chipped in two points each.



Fenton's Abby Logan attempts a shot in a recent game. The Tigers lost to Hartland in a Division 1 district game by a 56-40 score on Monday. Photo: Christopher Summers

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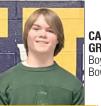




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## FLLF boys ski team finishes sixth at the D1 state meet

#### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton varsity boys ski team (FLLF) finished its season with a sixth-place finish at the Division 1 State Championships held at Schuss Mountain on Monday.

The tri-county area also had other individual competitors from the FLLF girls team and the Holly/Oxford boys and girls

The FLLF boys were pretty consistent, recording 97 team points in the slalom and the giant slalom (GS) events.

The top performer on the squad was Ryland Fairbanks who finished 13th in the slalom. He took 11th (34.89) in his first run in the event and finished with a two-run combined time of 71.36 seconds.

There were three other top-25 performance from FLLF boys. Jack Antonishek placed 21st in the GS with a time of 56.16, while teammate Nate Hiscock placed 22nd in 26.28. Finally, Spencer Dicks placed 25th in the slalom (77.28).

The rest of FLLF's scoring slalom placers were Antonishek in 29th (79.66) and Cody Dawes in 30th (80.59). The other scoring performers in the GS were Fairbanks in 26th (56.88) and Dawes in 28th (57.34).

The FLLF girls had Anna Heimberger competing as an individual in girls competition. She took 29th in the slalom (74.28), while Averi Fairbanks placed 58th (63.65) in the GS.

The Holly/Oxford program had three competitors. Finley DeCubber and Sierra Musial competed in girls competition while Eric Ranck competed in boys competition. Ranck placed 25th in the slalom (75.12) and took 54th in the GS (60.44).

DeCubber led the Holly/Oxford girls by taking 26th in the slalom (72.92) and 30th in the GS (57.63). Not far behind her was Musial who placed 27th in the slalom (73.15) and 31st in GS (57.66).

## Holly loses in opening round of districts

## ■Simmons finishes career leading squad with 16 points in the 42-33 loss vs. Davison

#### **By David Troppens**

Free-throw shooting hasn't been a friend for the Holly varsity girls basketball team this season.

The Bronchos (3-19) were certainly an improved product this year compared to last season, but their struggles from the charity stripe probably kept them from earning a few more wins.

One of those games that maybe they could've earned a victory would've been Tuesday's district opening game against Davison.

Holly was getting good looks at the bucket, and were competitive throughout the contest. However, the Bronchos couldn't overcome 3-of-18 free-throw shooting, resulting in a 42-33 loss to Davison.

"We were 3-of-18 from the free-throw line. That's been

our Achilles heal every game we've lost this year," Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "We just can not make free throws. We've struggled with them so bad.

"Those missed shots are points, and at the end of the game you look and think, 'Oh my gosh, I wish we could've made a few more.' Making a few more would make everything a little better."

Holly also experienced one other issue. The Bronchos' star post player, Alana Simmons, suffered from foul troubles during the game. When she was on the floor, she was one of the game's dominant players, netting a team-best 16 points and nine rebounds. However, she drew her fifth foul with about five minutes remaining. The Bronchos entered the fourth

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Holly's Alana Simmons scored a team-high 16 points in the Bronchos' 42-33 loss to Davison. She is pictured here playing a past game against Linden. **Photo: Mark Bolen** 

## Linden boys fall to Powers, 78-63

#### By David Troppens

Linden's varsity boys basketball team started in a hole against Powers Catholic at home on Tuesday.

The Eagles never got out of the hole. Powers scored the game's first 10 points and never trailed en route to a 78-63 non-league victory against Linden.

Powers opened the game with a three-pointer by Isaac Sturgess and concluded a 10-point run with a three-pointer by Maclachi Taylor. From that point on, the Eagles were playing catch-up.

Linden (5-16) cut the gap to eight twice in the second quarter. The last time came on a fast break layup Colin Weiss at 18-10. However, Powers (14-7) went on a 20-10 run, extending the Chargers' lead to 38-21 by halftime.

Linden fell behind by as many as 25 in the third quarter and trailed 59-39 entering the fourth. In the fourth, Linden cut the gap to as little as 13. That happened at 74-61 on a conventional three-point play.

Jake Becher had a big game, netting a team-high 24 points. He scored 15 fourth-quarter points, with six of those coming on offensive putbacks. Monte Keener had nine points while Jake Miller netted five points. Powers was led by Javonte Ross' 17 points while Taylor and Sturgess each netted 15 points. Vincent Bates had 11 points while Connor Kelley had 10 points.

Linden hosts a D1 district next week. The Eagles enter action on Monday when they host Howell (13-7) for a 6 p.m. contest.

## Holly boys lose final regular season game vs. Irish

#### **By David Troppens**

Notre Dame Prep couldn't miss its threes in the first half against the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

Meanwhile, the Bronchos never made one the entire contest.

The results ended up being a Bronchos' 66-44 road loss.

Notre Dame Prep made nine firsthalf three-pointers, helping lead the Irish to a 33-20 halftime lead. In the second half, Notre Dame made just one trey, but it was the final bucket of the third quarter. That bucket by Wade Robinson put the Irish up 48-33. From there, the Irish were able to cruise.

The Irish (9-12) started hot, with each of its first five buckets being three-pointers. After the fifth one, Notre Dame led 17-9. Holly was able

to cut it to 17-11 after a converted free throw by Ka'Vion Smith and a steal and layup by Ashton DeHart, but a late layup gave the Irish a 19-11 lead after one quarter.

Holly (17-5) was able to cut the gap to 19-13 on a putback layup by Bowen Moore, but Notre Dame's perimeter shooting continued to be hot.

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two D2 state titles. Apparently the squad will have some fast runners again this spring. Lauren Goodman, Hannah Wasilewski and Bella Sigsby competed in the 60-meter dash. Goodman took 14th with a time of 8.04 seconds. Wasilewski ran an 8.34 while Sigsby ran an 8.55. Goodman also ran in the 200, recording a time of 26.71. Linden High School athlete

Julia Wagner also competed at the meet, posting a time of 10.56 in the 60 hurdles.

Fenton had some performers at the meet as well. Seventh-graders Lennox Naswell and Gavin Katic were strong in the 1,600. Naswell posted the top seventh-grade time in the middle school race with a time of 4:46.91. Katic took 13th in the 1,600 (4:58.68). Finally, Fenton High School athlete Nathan Katic competed in the 3,200, taking 24th in 9:47.59.



## Eagles end solid season with loss to Powers in district semis

**By David Troppens** 

Flint — It was a successful season for Linden's varsity girls basketball team under first-year head coach Brian Klein.

The squad finished the year 14-8 overall and qualified for the Flint Metro League's championship tournament. The season also included three victories against area rival Fenton.

However, the season came to an end against a strong Goodrich squad during semifinal action of the Division 2 Powers district on Wednesday. The Eagles struggled with Goodrich's defense in a 61-24 loss.

The Metro League is a tough place to compete these days as it includes two of D2's top ranked teams. Of Linden's eight losses, two came against Goodrich and the two came against the Associated Press' fourth-ranked team, Lake Fenton.

"There is another level out there. Credit to Goodrich," Klein said. "They came out and we struggled offensively against their pressure. Right out of the gate, it was noticeable. They played hard, so credit to them. But that said, our girls played extremely hard. It just didn't go our way tonight."

Linden started out fine. The Eagles scored the first two points when Linden's Olivia Mawhinney earned a steal and a fastbreak layup, giving Linden the early 2-0 lead. However, that would be Linden's only lead in the contest.

Goodrich scored the game's next 13 points. It started with an Alexis Kosmowski hoop and concluded with a layup by Kayla Hairston. In between the points, Ella Place also provided two treys while Tanner Schramm also hit a three. Goodrich led 13-2 with three minutes left in the first quarter, and never lost control of the contest from that point. Goodrich ended up leading 19-4 after one quarter. Linden turned the ball over eight times against the Martians' defense in the second quarter, and trailed 26-8 at halftime.

Linden's strongest quarter was the third. Mawhinney scored seven of her team-high 12 points in the third quarter while Shaye Barkholz, Megan Widner and Addison Acker scored two points each during a 13-point quarter. However, Linden was held to three fourthquarter points.

After Mawhinney's 12 points, only Acker managed as many as four points. Senior Kelsey McLennan had a teamhigh 10 rebounds. McLennan and fellow senior Widner had two points each.

Klein was impressed with the team's performance though his first season.

"The girls bought in," Klein said. "They ran through a wall for me. I'm extremely proud of the girls and incredibly sad for our seniors right now. They played their butts off. They chose to adopt what we are doing, and it bled through the program. They are a big reason, along with the rest of the team, of why we are going to continue to improve each year from here."





Linden's Addison Acker (above photo) attempts a shot in the Eagles' 61-24 loss to Powers. Acker scored four points. (Left photo) Olivia Mawhinney led the Eagles with 12 points. Photos: Mark Bolen

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quarter trailing just 27-26, but lost the fourth quarter 15-7. Audrey Combs finished the contest with eight points.

"That was a big turning point," Varner said. "I took her out with her fourth foul

at the end of the third quarter and we put her back in when I felt it slipping away, but then she got that fifth foul and that hurt us bad. But there is no tomorrow, so we had to put her back in."

It was a close contest throughout the entire game. Holly led 8-7 after one quarter and the contest was tied 16-all at contests than a year ago. halftime.

Holly was an improved product. Along with getting three wins this season, the squad also lost games by one and three points. And, other games remained competitive much deeper into

"It was a way better season than last year. We got a ton better," Varner said. "I love these kids. They come to practice, try hard, and just keep getting better. You can see it in the scores. They competed this year. I'm very proud of them."

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new season. The slate is clean. In the postseason, we haven't won a game yet, we were hungry.

"Our mentality right now is best of better every day — giving our best game, or better than our best game. ... We have a sign that we are hanging in the locker room that we are taking with us that we're slapping that says, 'Best or better.' That's our mentality. Today, it was whatever you're doing on the court, bring your best effort."

The Blue Devils (23-0) certainly did that against Powers. Savannah Fellenbaum earned a steal on Powers' first possession, eventually resulting in a putback hoop for Makenna Clement. About 18 seconds later, Emerson Baker was hitting a trey and it already felt like the rout was on. The 11-0 run continued with a jump shot by Baker and continued with a Fellenbaum layin and putback hoop. With 3:30 left in the first quarter the Blue Devils already led 11-0. Powers cut the gap to 11-3 with a three-pointer by Makenna Pobocik.

Lake Fenton quickly responded with a Cola Sisk layup and an Amaya Smith three-pointer, putting the gap up to 16-3 with 41 seconds left in the opening quarter. Powers would never be within single-digits again. The Chargers cut the gap to 16-6 with a three-pointer by Pobocik, but Lake Fenton ended the quarter with

its own hoop — a Gabby Gerald assist of a Sisk layin. Lake Fenton led 18-6 after one quarter.

The Blue Devils continued to build on the lead in the second quarter, Lake Fenton nailed 7-of-18 shots, with three being treys, in the second quarter. Meanwhile, Powers made just 1-of-7 shots and turned the ball over six times in the second stanza, resulting in a 39-10 Lake Fenton halftime lead. Before the third quarter was over, Lake Fenton forced the mercy rule continuous clock when Kendyl Smith hit a hoop with 3:53 left in the third quarter, making it a 54-13 Lake Fenton lead.

Playing without senior Alexcis Parker who was out due to injury, Powers struggled throughout the contest. The Chargers (15-8) hit on just 5-of-25 shots while turning the ball over 21 times. Clement had four steals while Amaya Smith earned three steals. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton hit on 28-of-58 shots, with eight being three-pointers. Lake Fenton turned the ball over just six times.

"We are a defensive team, so we want to go after them whenever we get a chance," junior Ella Prevost said. "And when we play good defense, the rest just comes to us."

Fellenbaum led the Blue Devils with 14 points and eight rebounds while Prevost netted 13 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Kendyl Smith and Amaya Smith had nine points each. Kendyl Smith also had eight assists. Ten Lake Fenton players scored at least two points.

Lake Fenton's district championship game against Goodrich was moved to Saturday (March 4) at 4 p.m. at Powers High School due to Friday's weather. Go to www.tctimes.com or read Wednesday's publication to learn about those results.

Here are some photos from Lake Fenton's 71-16 victory against Flint Powers on Wednesday. (Immediate right photo) Ella Prevost drives to the bucket. She scored 13 points. (Bottom left) Savannah Fellenbaum scored 14 points to lead all scorers. (Bottom right) Lake Fenton's defense help Powers to just 16 points while forcing 21 tunovers. Photos: Mark Bolen



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#### NOTICE- ORDINANCE NO. 405 CITY OF LINDEN

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 405, which hereby amends "Title XI of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new Chapter 119 to read as follows: Short Term Rentals." Which declares the rental of dwelling units in the City of Linden provides value to our local economy. The City Council recognizes the importance of available housing units for full-time residents. The City Council has enacted this regulatory ordinance to strike a regulatory balance between the interests of community residents, business owners, visitors, and property owners. The City has different expectations for noise, occupant loads, and transient activity in its residential neighborhoods than it does in other zoned districts. The renting of a home on a short-term basis is substantially more like a business than traditional residential use.

#### **CITY OF LINDEN**

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, The City of Linden's Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing as part of a Special Meeting Agenda Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. within Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens' comments on a request for a variance from Section 154.061,(3) and Section 154.061,(4) of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance to allow a detached accessory building that is larger than 50% of the floor space of the principal building and taller than 15 feet.

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Kristyn Kanyak, Deputy Clerk 132 East Broad St. P.O. Box 507 Linden, MI 48451

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1870s, the Bells moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where the younger Bell found work as a teacher at the Pemberton Avenue School for the Deaf. He later married one of his students, Mabel Hubbard.

#### MARCH 8

1993: MTV airs the first episode of the animated series Beavis and Butt-Head, which will go on to become the network's highestrated series up to that point. Beavis and Butt-Head offered audiences rude and crude buddy humor in the tradition of The Three Stooges, Cheech and Chong, and Wayne and Garth of Saturday Night Live and the Wayne's World movies. The titular main characters were two teenage boys living in the fictional town of Highland; they attended Highland High (based on a real school in creator Mike Judge's hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico) but spent most of their time eating junk food, talking about girls and-most importantlywatching music videos. Beavis and Butt-Head alternated between animated storylines and clips of actual music videos, which Beavis and Butt-Head commented on in their signature bone-headed style, punctuated by sarcastic comments and grunt-like laughter.

#### MARCH 9

1959: The first Barbie doll goes on display at the American Toy Fair in New York City. Eleven inches tall, with a waterfall of blond hair, Barbie was the first mass-produced toy doll in the United States with adult features. The woman behind Barbie was Ruth Handler, who co-founded Mattel, Inc. with her husband in 1945. After seeing her young daughter ignore her baby dolls to play make-believe with paper dolls of adult women, Handler realized there was an important niche in the market for a toy that allowed little girls to imagine the future.

#### MARCH 10

**2006:** The Cuban national baseball team plays Puerto Rico in the first round of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. While the Puerto Rican team was made up of major

league All-Stars, the Cuban team was largely unknown to the world. Puerto Rico beat Cuba 12-2 that day, but the Cuban team would soon have its revenge. Baseball has long been a favorite national pastime in Cuba. American sailors brought the game into port cities in the 19th century and its popularity soon spread. Professional leagues had sprung up by the 1870s and by the 20th century, both Negro Leaguers and major leaguers spent their winters playing amongst Cuban professionals in the Cuban Baseball Leagues.

#### MARCH 11

**2011:** The largest earthquake ever recorded in Japan causes massive devastation, and the ensuing tsunami decimates the Tōhoku region of northeastern Honshu. On top of the already-horrific destruction and loss of life, the natural disaster also gives rise to a nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daijchi nuclear plant. The Fukushima disaster is considered the second-worst nuclear disaster in history, forcing the relocation of over 100,000 people. Though many were able to return to their homes. a 371-square-kilometer "difficult-toreturn zone" remains evacuated as of 2021, and the true toll may not be known for decades.

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Fire Department to use budgeted funds to cover the costs of firefighter physicals and cancer screening.

According to national data, fire-fighters have a 10% higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general population.

Michigan has a First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund, which provides workers compensation disability benefits to certain first responders who contract cancer on the job. There are 13 types of cancer that are presumed to be work related for on-call firefighters.

Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the fire department's fiscal year 2023 budget includes \$13,100 allocated for physicals and cancer screening. He said these physicals would be performed onsite at the fire station in a mobile physician's office by Bio-Care of Holt.

Cairnduff said they haven't done yearly fire department physicals in the past so they are starting a new three-year rotation process of the physical the first year with a cancer screening as well. Several other departments in the County have started this process as well including Swartz Creek and Clio.

Testing would be done the first week of April. The total cost for the fire department's 33 fire personnel would be \$12,155.

Each firefighter physical will consist of a firefighter based handson physical, comprehensive blood panel, urinalysis, vision test, hearing test, pulmonary function test and a 12 lead resting EKG. They will each also have a prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test performed to screen for signs of prostate cancer.

All findings from the physicals will go directly to the firefighter, not to the city.

The fire department will receive only a "fit" or "unfit" for duty form.

Any findings that are deemed "not normal" or any high- or low-test results will direct the firefighter to seek further testing and care from his or her primary care provider.

In a memo to city council, Cairnduff said the intention of these physicals and cancer screening tools are meant to help the fire department personnel remain healthy and to catch anything early.

The first year would include the physical and prostate cancer screening. The second year would be screening for cancer with an abdominal cancer ultrasound, which has an estimated cost of \$8,500. The third year would be for fecal occult and bladder cancer screening, which has an estimated cost of \$3,600. The entire cycle would begin again in the fourth year.

"I look at it as an additional benefit that we now offer to our firefighters and an additional way to keep them protected," Cairnduff said.

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## PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Please be advised that the Fenton Township Board will conduct a public hearing at their regular meeting of Tuesday March 7, 2023 to consider the application of Allied Industrial Solutions, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new equipment at their existing industrial facility located at 3061 Thompson Road.

Any comments or concerns regarding this application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate may be submitted in writing prior to this hearing or presented at the public hearing.

Robert E. Krug Fenton Township Clerk

#### 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 9080 Mason St Holly, Michigan 48442

#### MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2023 Rose Township Board of Review
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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
TOLL FREE, 1-888-350-0900, EXTENSION 80740 OR (248) 858-0740.

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.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II Rose Township Clerk

#### **EQUIPMENT**

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den City Council approved spending \$122,545 to buy new self-contained breathing apparatus air packs for the fire department. They will purchase 15 Scott X3 Pro SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus), 30 composite air bottles, 20 face masks and a RIT pack.

The department's current SCBA air packs are 19 years old and were purchased through a FEMA grant. Fire Chief Brian Will and a few other firefighters gave a presentation during the Monday, Feb. 13 meeting.

"We recently applied for another FEMA grant for the same in January of 2022 and received notice that we didn't score high enough in their system to be given the grant," Will wrote in a memorandum to the council.

The department tests their SCBA air packs annually.

"They are starting to cause failure issues on scene," Will said, adding they

can no longer afford to risk the safety of their firefighters while they are in a hazardous smoke-filled situation on an average of 40 times a year. "It's one of our most important tools that protects our safety while performing our jobs in a hazardous atmosphere...I feel it's important we try to make this purchase as soon as possible."

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

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

The city and fire department are working with Swartz Creek and Shiawassee County to buy this equipment in a larger order to save on the cost.

"This was a savings of several hundreds of dollars, rather than if we would have made this purchase on our own," according to the memo.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

THURSDAY, March 23, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, March 23, 2023, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use request to allow an Automobile Dealership at 1538 N. Leroy St., Tax ID #53-24-551-018. This property is within the GBD, General Business District, where Automobile Dealerships are permitted by special use.

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

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

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

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

#### WEATHER

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agement web page and social media for information about severe weather threats, including developing a family plan of action, tornados, downed power lines, floods, fires and more.

As part of recognition week, there will be a statewide tornado drill Wednesday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

Oakland County Emergency Management will activate its outdoor warning siren system, and the National Weather Service will issue a practice tornado warning and broadcast a test message on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Radio. The practice warning can be heard on a NOAA Weather Radio, which can be bought commercially, or heard through the NOAA Weather Radio app.

Individuals, families and businesses should use the tornado drill as an opportunity to practice and ensure that they are prepared for severe weather.

Every time a siren test is conducted, whether the first Saturday of the month or a special test, an "OakAlert" message is sent to subscribers. OakAlert is a self-registering alert system, which emails participants about emergencies and disasters in Oakland County, such as chemical spills, significant road closures, interruption of county services, health and safety messages, and active assailant situations. The message on March 22 will communicate information about the statewide test.

To sign up for OakAlert, click on oakgov.com/emergency-management. Oakland County has 275 outdoorwarningsirenslocatedthroughout the county. All sirens are activated by the transmission of a radio frequency signal with a tone alert.

There are currently over 80 free standing sirens in Genesee County. In addition, some out-county fire departments use their fire sirens for tornado warning or 70 mph or greater winds as well as fire.

Anyone with wireless emergency alerts (WEA) compatible cell phones can received emergency alerts directly to their phone. To sign up or for more information, got to fema.gov.

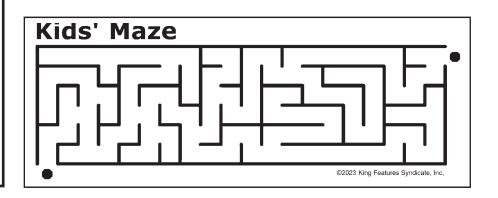
LivCo Alerts for Livingston County is available to all residents. This is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. LivCo Alerts keeps residents and travelers informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic, and other emergencies. Sign up at: https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=livgov.

#### Tornado sirens

When sirens are activated, a steady three-minute tone indicates a tornado has been sighted or strongly indicated on radar and/or a severe thunderstorm with 70 mph sustained winds or greater is in the area. Residents would be given instructions to seek shelter immediately and listen to radio or television for more information.

Each siren can cover about a onemile radius from its location. The sirens are designed to alert citizens who are outside, but citizens inside buildings may hear the siren if they are close to the siren location.

For indoor warning, residents are advised to obtain the FEMA mobile app or purchase a weather radio, which provide notifications of incoming severe weather.





(From left) Dr. Alan Janssen, Ascension Genesys medical director; Karin Winchester, Holly Township clerk and NOCFA member; Jeremy Lintz, NOCFA chief; George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor and NOCFA member; Brad Stilwell, NOCFA citizen-at-large, and Samantha Schmerheim, director of emergency and trauma services, EMS education at Ascension, pose with Sgt. Don Dewey firefighter/paramedic (center) and P.J. Kravetz firefighter/EMT who are holding their life-saving certificates.

#### RECOGNIZED

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were recognized during the NOCFA Board meeting Monday, Feb. 27, for their life-saving efforts during a medical incident.

Representatives from Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township made the presentation during the meeting.

Daniel R. Miller, MS, EMS I/C EMS coordinator for NOCFA, said representatives from Ascension Genesys presented a lifesaving award to Sgt. Don Dewey firefighter/paramedic and P.J. Kravetz firefighter/EMT.

Dr. Alan Janssen, Ascension Genesys medical director, Robert Dickerson, EMS Liaison and Samantha Schmerheim, director of emergency and trauma services, presented the award for an incident occurring in August 2022 in Rose Township.

#### Guess Who?

I am a professional makeup artist born in the Netherlands on March 2, 1994. I joined YouTube in 2008 after being inspired by other online makeup artists. I joined Colourfool Agency in 2011, and now have more than 14 million subscribers on my YouTube channel.

Answer: Nikkie de Jager

Miller said that Dewey and Kravetz responded to a male in his 40s experiencing chest pain in the early morning hours. Through their diligent assessment of the atypical presentation of the patient's pain, it was recognized that the patient might be having a heart attack.

Dewey completed an advanced life support assessment and 12-lead ECG. It was discovered that the patient was suffering from a ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). Dewey and Kravetz completed their assessment, on-scene treatment, and initiated rapid transport to Ascension Genesys Hospital where the patient was turned over to physicians and staff. He received urgent reperfusion therapy with an outstanding "door-to-balloon" time.

"The response, assessment, treatment, and transport of the patient by NOCFA's Sgt. Dewey and FF/EMT Kravetz saved the life of a Rose Township citizen," Miller said...

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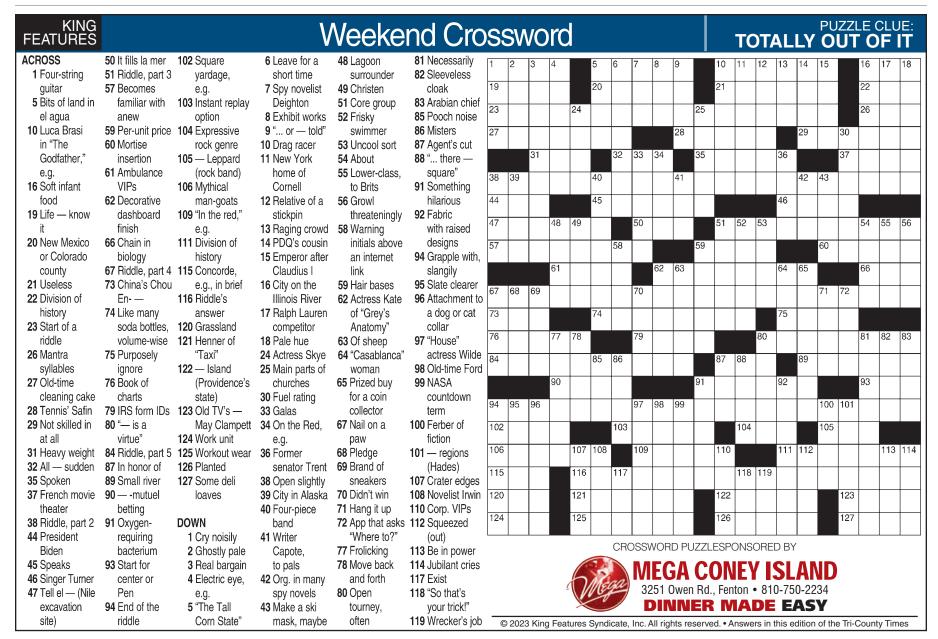
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#### **CROCHET BASICS**

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#### Puzzle Answers

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

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# LifeStyles



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**Special section** included with this edition on pages 15-24

## March is Reading Month

#### ■Check out this sample of New York Times best sellers for children

Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham" (1960) has sold well over 8.1 million copies making it the top selling Dr. Seuss book of all time. Who could forget this phrase, "I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam I am.'

National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Suess's birthday. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more in celebration and although some people may find the increased emphasis on reading to be boring, the increase in reading during this month has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future.

Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, and increases imagination and boosts memory.

Top selling children's books could grab your child's attention. Here's a sampling from the New York Times' Best Sellers.

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"How to Catch a Leprechaun" is written by Adam Wallace and illustrated by Andy Elkerton. This is the year

you'll finally catch a leprechaun. It's been on the best seller list for 29 weeks.

"The Wonderful **Things You Will** Be" is written by Emily Winfield Martin. This has been on the best seller

list for 341 weeks. It's about a celebration of future possibilities.

"Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adven**ture**" is written by James Dean and Kimberly Dean. It's about a certain rabbit that needs

Pete's help. It's been on the best seller list for 36 weeks.

"Refugee" is written by Alan Gratz. It's for middle school aged children. It's about three children in three different conflicts looking for safe haven. Its been on the best seller list for 209 weeks.

"Wonder" is written by R.J. Palacio. This is for middle school aged children. It's about a boy with a facial deformity starting school. It's been on the best seller list for 385 weeks.

"The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs" is compiled by America's Test Kitchen Kids. It includes more than 100

kid-tested recipes. It's been on the best seller list for 142 weeks. Not only will the kids enjoy reading, they'll learn how to made tasty recipes.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" is part of a series written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. It's about the travels and challenges of adolescence. It's been on the best seller list for 728 weeks.

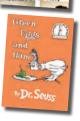
"Percy Jackson & the Olymseller list for 662 weeks.

written by Karen McManus. It's for young adult readers. It's about five students, a detour into detention and ends in murder. It's been on the best seller list for 265 weeks.

"Green Eggs and Ham" is Dr. Seuss' best-selling book. More than 8 million copies have been sold since it was published in 1960.













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#### FOLLOW THE MONEY. The

Department of Energy website details federal expenditures to petroleum, nuclear and clean energy sectors. The challenge stands: name one oil subsidy to a domestic oil producer that supports the development, production and sale of automotive gasoline.

#### MEETING YOUR CHALLENGE

(subsidies for energy production: \*Intangible Drilling Cost Reduction, 26 U.S. Code, §263. \*Percentage Depletion, 26 U.S. Code, §613. \*Credit for Clean Coal Investment, Internal Revenue Code, §48A and 48B. And there are more.

**REVIEWING DATA THAT** shows the University of Michigan has 53,000 employees and 50,000 students. Can anyone tell me how that makes sense?

**'SHALL NOT BE** infringed' is a very clear statement.

**YOU HEARD IT** here first folks: 1,000s of 18-year-olds running around with guns is a dumb idea. Call the president, it's time to disband all US Army and Marine Corps infantry regiments. Really, how dumb can the military be for giving 1,000s of 18-year-olds guns. Sheesh.

**THEY ARE LOOKING** at making Michigan's highways toll roads. This would be how they offset the loss of gas tax revenue from the push to electric vehicles. Every unintended consequence needs to be identified and studied when any decision is made. Those EV owners thought they were off the hook.

**THERE IS HOPE** for Chicago. Kudos to those who got out and voted Tuesday. We might even plan another train trip to the windy city.

**WHAT DO YOU** call a female goat that sounds like an owl? A hootin' nanny.

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## Obituaries

#### Times

#### **Maureen Smith**

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#### **Robin Wheaton**

Robin Wheaton - age 63, died February 23, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Joyce Walker**

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#### **Rev. Alvin Domerese**

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#### **Beverly Perry**

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#### Teresa Brelinski

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#### **Linda Fuller**

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#### **David Scheidemantel**

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#### **Frances Beebe**

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#### **Alice Fischhaber**

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#### **Gary Schlicht**

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#### **Norman Boike**

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Source: Thefuneralsource.org

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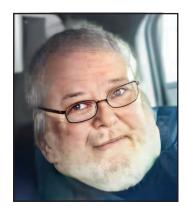
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#### **Earl Raymond Redinger Jr.**

1944 – 2023

Earl Raymond Redinger Jr. - age 78, of Holly, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023. Per Earl's request cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Earl was born July 28, 1944 in Cumberland, Maryland, the son of Earl Raymond Sr. and Noami (Fansler) Redinger. He was

a 1962 graduate of Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, Maryland. Earl married Alma Lee Smith on March 27, 1962 in Cumberland, Maryland. Earl moved his family from Cumberland to Michigan, living briefly in South Lyon, before eventually settling in Brighton for 28 years. After raising his family in Brighton, Earl and Alma retired to Holly, in 1998. Earl was a Certified Master Mechanic for over 30 years and retired from General Motors Proving Grounds after 23 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the



Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. He was a Master Archer, a Sawyer, an animal lover and a Master Tinkerer. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Alma; his children, Paul (Jorga) Redinger of Australia, Todd Redinger of Holly, Jennifer Redinger of Sebastian, FL, Steffani Magnus-Redinger of Marlborough, MA, Jackie

Lender of Hamburg, and Nikki Redinger of Australia; grandchildren, Jason, Maggie, Meagan, Shane, AJ, Tyler, Aaron, Addyson, Chase, Raygen, Cameron, Kayden, Kye; four great-grandchildren; and his beloved dogs, Norman and Pongo. He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, George and Bessie Fansler. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Maria Carranza**

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#### **John Forbes**

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#### **Barbara Ramsey**

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