Holly Hotel trial case dismissed, ends with settlement

Details of settlement confidential

By Hannah Young

The Holly Hotel trial has reached a settlement and the case was dismissed on Tuesday, Feb. 11, according to court documents.

The trial was held at Oakland County Circuit Court in front of Judge Jacob Cunningham from Thursday, Feb. 6 through Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Fans of the Holly Hotel have been anxiously awaiting results from the trial over a property dispute between the hotel owners and its next-door-neighbor, Jeremiah Roberts. The property was formerly Battle Alley Arcade Antiques, which burned during the June 21, 2022 fire. The Holly Hotel

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Off-duty police officer charged for leaving firearm unattended at Lapeer High School

Disciplinary hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 18

By Ben Gagnon

Lapeer — An off-duty deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office is facing charges for allegedly leaving his gun unattended in the parking lot of Lapeer High School earlier this week on Monday, Feb. 10.

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Pontiac residents caught stealing cashbox from Holly Subway

By Hannah Young

The Holly Police Department teamed up with the Troy Police Department to investigate a theft at the Subway in Holly.

The investigation led to the arrests of Justin Shipp, 37, and Jackson Upton, 45, from Pontiac.

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Man arrested for fraud wanted in multiple states

Crime took place at ELGA Credit Union in Holly

By Hannah Young

A 57-year-old man from Connecticut was arrested for identity theft after presenting fraudulent identification attempting to make a withdrawal on an actual account holder's account at ELGA Credit Union in Holly on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

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Police chief honors citizens and officers with awards

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh presented Sgt. Stephen Legant (left) with the officer citation for valor award on Tuesday, Feb. 11 for saving a man from a burning home in Holly on Friday, Jan. 24. This citation is the highest award possible within the Holly Police Department. **See story on page 7. Photo: Timothy Price**

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Restaurant Week planned for Feb. 23 to March 3

Restaurants can still participate in annual event

By Hannah Ball



Tri-county residents should prepare themselves for a week of delicious food and discounts at local restaurants.

Restaurant Week takes place from Sunday, Feb. 23 through Monday, March 3 this year.

"Restaurant Week celebrates the diverse cuisine we have in Fenton, Linden and Fenton Township while giving exposure to the businesses and offering specials or discounts for residents," said Tessa Stickel, communications coordinator and marketing manager of Fenton. "It's the perfect time to try a new restaurant or to experience a special dish offered only during this event from an establishment you love."

Tracy Bottecelli, Fenton councilwoman, said some restaurants are offering price discounts on favorite items, some are featuring new items, and some are determining lower price points for those who would normally not experience their menu. Some restaurants are doing a combination of those ideas.

Bottecelli said during the Covid-19 pandemic, Restaurant Week concentrated more on the e-cards, which had a DDA matching component to encourage people to support local restaurants.

"This year we have jump started the celebration of Restaurant Week by encouraging each restaurant to lead the way by showcasing their various specialties, encouraging staff involvement and more participation by those patrons attending Restaurant Week," Bottecelli said.

Bottecelli said the downtown development authorities from Linden and Fenton have helped with marketing pieces, which were created by Behind Your Design, and that Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce has also been a great supporter of this event.

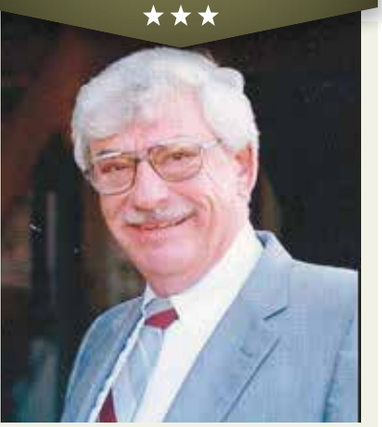
Restaurant Week has been going on for more than a decade.

This year, local municipalities have increased involvement in the event. Mike Hart, assistant city manager and executive director of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority, said Fenton, Linden and Fenton Township each have one representative on the committee.

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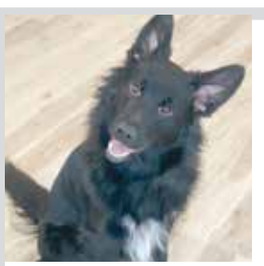
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David's Dabblings

Interesting trivia questions with some (maybe) interesting answers



David Troppens
Sports Editor

It's been a long time since I've done a column on useless but still interesting facts.

With the Lions done, and the Pistons and Red Wings not playing for what seems an eternity due to All-Star Breaks, it's time to return to some of these interesting questions.

When were Hershey's Kisses first manufactured?

They are some of any holiday season's biggest version of chocolate. It's easy to say I'm just eating one, but for many of us about 20 minutes later if we don't watch it the entire bag will be empty.

They were first manufactured in 1907 and were wrapped by hand by the Hershey Company. By 1921, the Hershey Company had a machine wrapping the candies. The little paper that Hershey places in the plume-shaped piece of chocolate was placed there to distinguish their kisses from their competitors.

One interesting note, production of Hershey's Kisses were stopped during World War II due to rationing of aluminum foil. Instead, the machines were re-purposed to make military chocolate D ration bars for soldiers. More than three billion of those bars were made during World War II.

Who invented the modern toilet?

There is not one single answer to this, and the answer depends on what one would consider 'modern.'

English writer Sir John Harrington designed a flushing water closet in the late 16th century, but his version didn't catch on. Maybe it had to do with one flush taking 7.5 gallons of water.

In 1775, a Scottish watchmaker, Alexander Cumming, created an S-shaped trap to prevent sewer gasses from entering the bathroom. We are getting closer.

Then about 100 years later, Thomas Crapper took that idea and popularized it, creating a line of flush toilets. That's where a specific slang term was coined. And guess who coined it? American soldiers in England used the term when they returned to the states.

One part Crapper did invent was the ballcock, also known as the toilet fill valve. This helps keep the water tank fill up with just the proper amount of water to distribute in the bowl.

Why is a 'K' used to signify a strike out in baseball scoring?

It began in the 19th century by Henry Chadwick, a baseball writer in the mid-1800s, when he ran out of letters on his scorecard for the strike out abbreviation. 'S' made the most sense, but he used the letter to represent a sacrifice in on his box score. So what he did was use the last letter in the word 'struck' which was, obviously, a 'K.' A regular 'K' represents a player who struck out swinging while a backwards 'K' represents a batter who struck out taking the pitch.

Hey Sopranos fans. Do you know these characters final lines?

A few unfriendly words were omitted.

- "You may not realize it but you are making contacts." – Carmela Soprano
- Don't give me that look. It was a horse. What are you? A vegetarian? You eat beef and sausage by the car load." – Ralph Cifaretto
- "Focus on the good times…Isn't that what you said one time? Try and remember the times that were good? … Yeah." – Anthony Soprano Jr.
- "He don't care."- Bobby Baccalieri
- "Is that okay Tony, that I sit?" Salvatore Bonpeniero
- "I live to serve you, my leige." – Paulie Gualtieri
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WHAT'S WITH TYRONE Township lately? Employees walking around with their dogs and I even noticed some of them vaping in their office. Isn't that illegal? Whatever happened to professionalism in the workplace?

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

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"Bon Jovi when I was 10 was the first massive concert! However I saw and met both Dolly Parton and Aretha Franklin much younger. Both singers met the kids and let us come up."

Aisha Crawford, *Fenton*



"David Cassidy. Age 5. It was the first concert held at Pine Knob."

Amy Makela Hill
Fenton



"Jack Wagner from General Hospital. I was 13. At Amway in Grand Rapids. It was great."

Dawn Hough Skinner
Fenton



"Andy Gibb - 1978 @ Pine Knob. 14 yrs old."

Andi Lynn Barber
Holly

NOCFA seeking to fill citizen-at-large position

90-day period to fill position ends Tuesday, Feb. 18

By Hannah Ball

The North Oakland County Fire Authority is currently without a citizen-at-large on its board.

The board has until Feb. 18 to fill the position and are accepting applications.

"As the chief, I believe the Citizen at Large position is a very important part of our governance. They are the voice of the citizen, Mr. or Mrs. Smith, not the voice of a participating member governmental body, which the other four members represent," said NOCFA Fire Chief Matthew Weil.

Prior to the November 2024 election, the board was made up of the following representatives:

- Dianne Scheib-Snider: Rose Township Supervisor
- Debbie Miller: Rose Township Clerk
- Brad Stilwell: Citizen at Large
- George Kullis: Holly Township Supervisor
- Karin Winchester: Holly Township Clerk

During the November election, Scheib-Snider, the Rose Township supervisor, was unseated by Brad Stilwell, who is now the supervisor. Weil said once Stilwell was seated in that office on Nov. 20, he no longer met the criteria to be citizen-at-large, which created the vacancy.

Stilwell is still on the NOCFA board in the capacity of the elected office of supervisor.

"For the last two years approximately, the fire board has been attempting to update the bylaws which require adopting by both townships. Until recently there has been no agreement between the townships on

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Holly welcomes new reserve officer

The announcement was made on Sunday, Feb. 9

By Hannah Young

The Holly Police Department announced it has welcomed a new member to the police department.

The newest addition to the department is a new reserve officer, Paul Leming.



Paul Leming

Leming, according to the police department, has over eight years of experience within law enforcement. Leming previously served at the Lake Orion Police Department before being promoted to sergeant of community services and the director of Kids and Kops and also a member of the police ATV team.

Holly police department reserve officers are volunteers and are not paid by the city. They are well trained and certified, according to the Holly police department's Facebook post. Reserve officers assist the department and community in many ways but are limited to their position. They are used to provide additional staff and security for the village of Holly.

Officer Leming, according to the Facebook post, grew up in Lake Orion and graduated from high school in 1991. He attended Wayne State University to study sports medicine and play football. After graduating, Leming worked in the restaurant industry for over 20 years.

Leming attended the Oakland Police Reserve Academy in 2016 before serving as a member of the Lake Orion Police Department.

The Holly Police Department offers a warm welcome and says in their Facebook post that Officer Leming looks forward to using his training and experience to serve the community of Holly.

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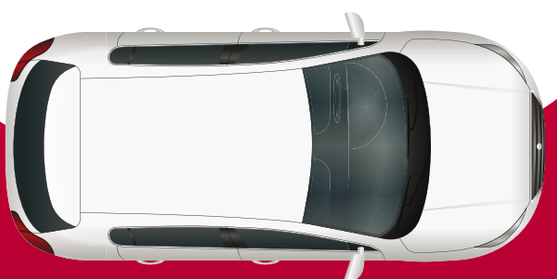
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Citizens and police officers awarded at Village of Holly meeting

'We have some wonderful awards for some great folks in our community'

By Hannah Young

Holly — Holly Chief of Police Jerry Narsh awarded local citizens and officers in Holly for their involvement in helping solve recent crimes committed in the Holly area.

The awards were presented at the recent village of Holly council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Those awarded included staff at ELGA Credit Union and Holly officers. The ELGA Credit Union staff was awarded certificates. The Holly police officers were awarded certificates and a department award medal to be worn on their uniforms. Each medal corresponds with their citation.





Holly Police Officers Robert Goedertier and John Neph (left) were honored by Police Chief Jerry Narsh with the officer citation for meritorious service award for the ELGA fraud arrests and invesigations. ELGA Credit Union staff Taylor Potts, Sarah Downs and Jennifer Keeble (right) were each honored with the citizen citation for community service award for identifying fraud in recent cases. **Photos: Timothy Price**

Citizen Citation for Community Service

ELGA Credit Union staff were awarded the Citizen Citation for Community Service. Taylor Potts, branch manager, Sarah Downs and Jennifer Keeble, member service representatives, received the award from Narsh at the council meeting.

"It's one thing to recognize fraud and it's another to do it almost on a daily basis," Narsh said.

The citations come after an incident on Dec. 20, 2024 and Jan. 17, when the three ELGA Credit Union staff recognized attempted fraud. Potts, Downs and Keeble were able to deploy techniques to slow the fraud transactions while communicating their suspicions within the credit union and alerting police.

"Your attention to training and awareness to fraud alerts combined with your professional and calm conduct aided the Holly Police Department to quickly arrest multiple fraud suspects," Narsh said. "That led to solving numerous fraud investigations at several other Michigan and national financial institutions."

On Dec. 20, Dennis Magnotta, 69, was arrested for fraud including utter and publishing and drivers-license forging. On Jan. 17, Michael Keel, 66 and Kiera Stevens, 33 were arrested for fraud on two charges each of utter and publishing.

In order to meet the criteria for the community service award for individuals, someone must have distinguished themselves by some action or service which benefits the entire community, according to Narsh.

Officer Citation for Meritorious Service

Holly Police Officers Robert Goedertier and John Neph were awarded the Officer Citation for Meritorious Service for the ELGA fraud arrests and investigations. Narsh presented the citation to both officers during the council meeting.

On Dec. 20, 2024 and Jan. 17, officers Goedertier and Neph were working patrol duties. On Dec. 20, they were called to the Holly ELGA Credit Union for a call about a man attempting to cash a large check, which was suspected as fraud. They arrested a 69-year-old man from New York whose "violent crime and fraud convictions connected to organized crime spanned 40 years," Narsh said.

On Jan. 17, Goedertier and Neph were on duty and were called again to ELGA for two suspects attempting a suspicious transaction. They arrested the Detroit suspects, Michael Eugene Keel and Kierra Marquis Stevens, which led to closure of numerous cases at other Michigan financial institutions.

"Your fast response, arrest and investigations with subsequent cooperation with numerous law enforcement agencies locally and nationally disrupted organized fraud rings," Narsh said.

In order to meet the criteria to receive the meritorious service award, officers must render service in the line of duty for a member performing a difficult task in which crime is prevented, life and property is protected or criminals apprehended.

Officer Citation for Valor

The last citation awarded was to Sgt. Stephen Legant for his duty during the Holly house fire that occurred on Friday, Jan. 24. Sgt. Legant saved a resident's life during the house fire near Maple

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Commission recommends approval on 30-unit subdivision

Residents express concerns about water drainage issues

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Forest Ridge Estates subdivision is one step closer to fruition.

On Monday, Feb. 3, the Linden Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions for a final site plan and planned unit development (PUD) application for a 30-unit single family detached residential site condominium called Forest Ridge Estates that will be built along Andrea Avenue.

The owner and applicant is Danny Nemer of Cedar Creek Construction and Fenton Township resident. The site is 14.96 acres and zoned R-2, single family residential. The site is located between two existing single-family residential condominiums – Forest Ridge to the west and Forest Ridge Glens adjacent to the east.

The Forest Ridge Estates will be a new site condominium separate from the adjacent Forest Ridge condominiums with its own association and ownership structure.

Residents of adjoining neighborhoods spoke during the Feb. 3 meeting and expressed concerns about flooding and proper water drainage.

This subject site was shown as a proposed future development as part of the Forest Ridge Glens condominium when it was approved by the city in 2002 under a PUD option. The road and utilities were constructed on this portion of the site, however, no homes were constructed.

The developer seeks to build clustered lots, which are below the minimum lot width and lot area requirements of the R-2 district and allows for the preservation of common open space. This layout is similar to Forest Ridge Glens.

Nemer proposes to build a mix of one-story and two-story houses.

The Linden Planning Commission approved the preliminary site plan on Feb. 5, 2024. The final site plan was first reviewed by the planning commission after holding a public hearing at the July 1, 2024 meeting, according to Young's report. The request was tabled to allow the applicant to address the items of discussion and a revised site plan was submitted.

Linden engineering consultant Rowe Professional Services and planning consultant Wade Trim reviewed the plan. In a letter to the board, Wade Trim stated that the project adheres to the city's zoning ordinance and master plan and recommended approval of the final plan for the PUD to the city council.

Studies

On March 13, and October 4, 2024, ASTI Environmental (ASTI) conducted a site investigation to delineate wetland boundaries on the above-referenced property located along Andrea Avenue within the Forest Ridge development. Following the wetland delineation, a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) wetland boundary and regulatory confirmation through the Wetland identification Program (WIP) was requested by Cedar Creek Construction, LLC.

The property contains three wetlands regulated by EGLE under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (1994 P.A. 451), Part 303 Wetland Protection, and two wetlands not regulated by EGLE. Any proposed impact to the areas that EGLE has deemed as regulated will require an EGLE permit.

EGLE's Water Resources Division (WRD) conducted a review and provided a report giving direction on what construction work and actions would necessitate a permit from EGLE.

Danny Nemer spoke during the meeting and said he believes the wetland studies will help address concerns.

Water drainage concerns

David Richmond from Rowe Professional Services said his main concern was storm water drainage. He said storm water is collected on site through a previously installed storm sewer system and the water currently drains through and onto Forest Ridge Glens and to an outlet into the Shiawassee River.

Richmond said the applicant needs documentation or written approval from Forest Ridge Glens regarding the use and maintenance of the storm water detention basin.

Engineers discovered that the 12-inch storm sewer pipe that runs from Nicole Lane to Forest Ridge is undersized to handle the stormwater runoff from Nicole Lane, according to Richmond's report. Nemer is proposing a secondary detention area that may help to alleviate some of this issue.

"I have talked with the developer and I have stressed that if we can't make that work during engineering, then there is a good chance, they're going to have to come back before the planning commission if they have to make major changes to the site plan itself. So that's something that we're going to have to work through during the engineering plans and the construction plans to ensure that we can make the storm water system work properly and meet the requirements of not only the city, but also the Genesee County Drain Commission," Richmond said.

He also said there's a pond that needs to be cleaned if the project is approved or not, and this will help alleviate some of the flooding issues. Richmond said a lot of this work will be done during the engineering plan review.

The roads within Forest Ridge Estates and Forest Ridge Glens are all private. These roads were constructed in 2003.

"The private road system, as developed, is a 22-footwide asphalt roadway with a 2.5-foot concrete curb and gutters. The base course of asphalt was installed in 2003 and shows signs of distress in several areas," according to Richmond's report.

Richmond said there are parts of the roads that will have to be completely replaced and that Nemer has a plan for completing the pavement overlay.

Resident and commissioner comments

Multiple residents spoke about the water drainage issues in the area. John Hill said people have had standing water in their yards and sump pumps running every minute at times.

Another resident said, "We're at the bottom of the hill so any water drains down to us. Sump pumps run non-stop. If you go to the house next to me two days after it rains, you can take a step in the backyard…you sink down three to four inches. It's terrible. Where they want to build those houses is a total swamp. You can drive down there a week after it rains and there's so much standing water over there."

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Regional Medical Imaging locations receive prestigious reputation recognition

Grand Blanc, Fenton locations receive highest scores

Seven of Regional Medical Imaging's (RMI) 10 locations have been recognized for their 2024 performance as "800 Award" winners by a national reputation management organization.

Reputation.com — a company that provides reputation and customer experience measurement — annually awards this honor to members whose cumulative annual reputation score exceeds 800 points on a 1,000-point scale. The point system measures consumer feedback, surveys, reviews, social media and more.

Within the RMI family of locations, its honorees were scored as follows in the Healthcare category:

- Grand Blanc – 862
- Fenton – 861
- Flint/Villa Linden – 858
- Southgate – 850
- Davison – 848
- Lapeer – 823
- Flint/Lennon Road – 802

"Providing the best patient experience possible is our continuing goal at RMI," says Co-CEO Carrie Berlin. "With seven of our 10 locations achieving national recognition for their service reflects very positively on our overall level of patient care, industry leading technology and world-class radiologists."

For added perspective, in the national Reputation.com 800 Award Healthcare category, the "Best in Class" score is 891, and the Healthcare Industry Average score is 516.



Holly Area Schools earns straight 'As' for fiscal responsibility

'A+' bond rating demonstrates district's continued commitment to success of all Bronchos

Holly Area Schools has earned an "A+" bond rating for the second consecutive year from S&P Global Ratings following an evaluation of the district's finances. The district's strong bond rating demonstrates its continued commitment to fiscal responsibility and accountability and investment in the success of all Bronchos.

The district maintained a long-term rating of "AA" and an underlying rating of "A+" with a stable outlook in 2024 based on its proactive budget practices and consistent student enrollment, the S&P Global Ratings analysis states.

"At Holly Area Schools, we realize tax dollars are precious, and we take fiscal responsibility and accountability seriously," said Superintendent Scott Roper. "I would like to thank our outstanding school board and administrative team for putting in the extra hours to maintain our stellar track record of strong financial stewardship."

The district's top bond rating is a result of sound financial decisions made within the district supported by the district's assistant superintendent of business, Steve Lenar, and director of business and finance, Linda Earl. S&P Global Ratings cited conservative budgeting, management of staff vacancies and enrollment growth in its analysis.

The district completed a $27 million construction bond sale Jan. 8 as part of its 2022 $97 million voter-approved bond. Proceeds from the bond sale will be used to fund completion of the new Holly Middle School, future auditorium upgrades, safety upgrades, and other remaining approved bond projects.

"At Holly Area Schools, we are proud to partner with our Broncho community in preparing our students for success and the jobs of today and tomorrow," Roper said. "The generosity and support of our community make these critical investments that help our students learn, grow and thrive possible."

City hires company for internet, service

City upgrades technology at municipal buildings

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — On Monday, Feb. 10, the Fenton City Council approved a five-year contract with 123NET for internet-fiber and service.

The five-year contract will cost $970 per month.

City Manager Lynn Markland explained in a memorandum to the council that Fenton City Hall and the Fenton Police Department currently share internet service and that over the last several years, they have added more technology, video, and graphics to their system in the building department, general office, and police department.

"The addition of a new camera system and new body cameras in the police department has an additional need for increased bandwidth," according to the memo. "The increased use of the GPS system and the graphics from the building department also make more bandwidth. These needs have been slowing down our systems and we have been looking at various solutions. The addition of several fiber options has made the service more competitive"

City staff asked the council to consider a five-contract with 123NET. Fenton's attorney reviewed the contract and made modifications, which were accepted by 123NET. The cost is $970 per month. The $4,000 installation cost was waived.

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LOOKING BACK
at this week in
HISTORY

FEB. 9

1942: On February 9, 1942, the largest and most luxurious ocean liner on the seas at that time, France's S.S. Normandie, catches fire while in the process of being converted for military use by the United States. The Normandie, built in 1931, was the first ship to be constructed in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the 1929 Convention for Safety of Life at Sea. It was also enormous, measuring 1,029 feet long and 119 feet wide and displacing 85,000 tons of water. It offered passengers seven accommodation classes (including the new "tourist" class, as opposed to the old "third" class, commonly known as "steerage") and 1,975 berths. It took a crew of more than 1,300 to work her. Despite its size, it was also fast: capable of 32.1 knots. The liner was launched in 1932 and made its first transatlantic crossing in 1935. In 1937, it was reconfigured with four-bladed propellers, which meant it could cross the Atlantic in less than four days.

FEB. 10

1957: On February 10, 1957, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling Little House series of children's novels based on her childhood on the American frontier, dies at age 90 in Mansfield, Missouri. Laura Elizabeth Ingalls was born in a log cabin near Pepin, Wisconsin, on February 7, 1867, the second of Charles and Caroline Quiner Ingalls' four daughters. As a child, she lived with her family in Indian Territory in Kansas, as well as in farming communities in Minnesota and Iowa. In the late 1870s, the Ingalls moved to Dakota Territory, settling in present-day De Smet, South Dakota. Laura Ingalls worked as a school teacher in the area, starting in her teens, and in 1885, married Almanzo Wilder, a local homesteader 10

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM VERY happy about the project to save the Linden Mill. I just wish they wouldn't make it so ugly.

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NO. IT WILL never be as good as the 60s was. We played outside all day, just be home when the street lights come on. Children are too stressed now. Parents are too busy. And the music was the best.

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THERE ARE ORDINANCES to take your political signs down within seven days after an election. Why aren't officials dealing this all the signs still up?

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TRUMP SAID HE would lower grocery prices for us little people. When does he start doing that?

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WAY BACK IN 2015, Governor Snyder proposed and got his "Snyder" budget. An end all to fix roads tying gas tax rate to inflation. From $1 billion then to $1.5 billion today. Still, the roads are bad and more money is needed. Thank you, Michigan republicans, I mean democrats. Oh, wait.

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NEWS
BRIEFS

COMPILED BY EDITORIAL STAFF

Holly blood drive on Feb. 18
The Versiti Blood Center of Michigan will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 15010 N Holly Rd in Holly from 1 to 7 p.m. According to Versiti, donating blood is important because Donating blood is important because it helps patients in need in our local community and Michigan hospitals, it keeps the blood supply stable in Michigan and it can help you learn more about your health. Those with questions can contact Ellen Pease at 810-265-4224. For more information, visit hollyblooddrives.org. Scan the QR code to make an appointment.

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– Mike & Candy Jordan

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SUBDIVISION

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A few members of the planning commission requested more information before voting to recommend approval.

Commissioner John Hartranft said he would be reluctant to allow a development that doesn't require a satisfactory resolution by their engineering consultants.

Commissioner Cody Robyler said he would like to see additional engineering information before voting.

Commissioner Brad Dick also said he would agree to postpone the vote until they get more information. Commissioner Aaron Wiens said if there could still be water drainage issues on this property even if the county approves the plans. Richmond said, "it's hard to say."

Commissioner Benjamin Cox said this plan has been held up at the planning commission level for a year.

"I'm ready to put my faith into our engineers," he said. "I do feel for the residents. If I lived in this sub, I … probably would have some concerns as well, but as David pointed out, if things are not up to standard and up to their code, it comes right back. The developer is going to roll that dice and take that risk." Commissioner Daniel Cusson said, "We want to treat everybody fairly and make sure we make the best possible decision for the community as a whole."

Cusson said there's a process with the city and county and that it's not their job to take the place of city council.

"So I get that we want to bring every bit of information that we can to council but at the same time, we have to be fair across the board to everybody and the process," Cusson said. "The process is in place for a reason… these checks and balance systems are in place for a reason. In my opinion, we should move it forward and trust the process."

Ultimately, the commission did not postpone the vote. The commission voted 8-0 to recommend that the city council approve the PUD with conditions.

Conditions of approval

1. Prior to authorization of construction, detailed engineering plans shall be submitted to the city and city engineer for review to ensure that the items noted in the Rowe Engineering review letter dated Jan. 28, 2025 have been addressed.

2. Prior to authorization of construction, documentation that all applicable outside agency permits have been secured shall be submitted to the city.

3. Prior to authorization of construction, a performance guarantee shall be submitted to the city in accordance with Section 154.027 to ensure completion of all improvements associated with the proposed development including streets, lighting, utilities, sidewalks, drainage, and landscaping.

4. The final draft master deed, by-laws and other required condominium documents shall be reviewed and approved by the city and city attorney, prior to their recording with Genesee County.

5. The final recorded condominium documents shall be supplied to the zoning administrator prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for any dwelling, in accordance with Section 154.025, (E) of the zoning ordinance.

6. All construction traffic shall use Laura Lane; a survey of Laura Lane must be conducted before construction commences; Laura Lane to be maintained in the existing condition that it is in presently during construction.

Next steps

The item now goes to the Linden City Council. If the city council approves, the next step would be the detailed engineering review process by the city. The applicant also needs approvals and permits from Genesee County Drain Commission and EGLE relating to soil erosion and sedimentation control (SESC), sanitary sewer, storm sewer, drinking water, wastewater, and national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES).



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RESTAURANT

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"There has always been some municipal involvement in the city of Fenton in past years," Bottecelli said. "In 2020, Scott Grossmeyer and I challenged each other and all Fenton City Council members and city administrators to see how many restaurants we could go to during the week. It was a great competition that culminated with the final meal of the week announcing the winner, Scott of course, and we all got T-shirts commemorating the week's events. We will be wearing those T shirts once again. We determined it was our civic duty to support our restaurants and was a lot of fun."

Restaurants can still sign up to participate at no cost. Stickel said each business will craft up a special offering for Restaurant Week, which will be shared on social media during Restaurant Week.

"Hungry diners can access our website to see which restaurants are participating," Stickel said, adding that time is running out for restaurants to sign up. "We do have limited materials ready for any restaurants that would like to participate."

As of Wednesday, Feb. 12, 20 restaurants in Fenton, Linden and Fenton Township were signed up to participate. Restaurants can sign up through this link: https://www.fentontickets.com/restaurant-week-registration

"This event is really loved by local foodies. There are groups who tour the participating restaurants each year no matter the weather. We would love to see a wide variety of cuisines represented each year- everything from fast food, to carry out, and fine dining experiences," Stickel said.

For more information go to https://www.fentontickets.com/restaurant-week-registration

Participating restaurants

Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ, Ciao Italian Bistro & Wine Bar, Crust— a baking company, El Pato's, the Fenton Hotel, Fenton Winery & Brewery, Ghost Burger, Hungry Howie's, The Laundry, Linden Brewing Co., Linden Coney Cafe, Retro Rick's Comfort Kitchen, Serendipity Spa of Linden, The Corner Bar, The Rough Draught, The Tavern, The Vault Downtown, The Way Coffee Co. and Tropical Smoothie Cafe

AWARDED

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Street and Cogshell Street.

"I love it when these guys do this stuff but I don't want to lose them," Narsh said.

Narsh noted that during the house fire, Legant was running stationary radar for traffic nearby when he saw smoke and flames coming from a two-story home on Cogshell Street. Legant responded and radioed for police dispatch. He called out through the locked front door and received no response. Legant "kicked in the door and made a fast assessment of conditions," Narsh said.

Legant discovered a man unconscious in a bedroom within the home. He attempted to wake the resident before assisting him to exit. Legant determined no other occupants were inside the home. He and the resident made it out of the home before the second-story collapsed. The homeowner was uninjured and secured safely.

"The fast and deliberate actions of Sgt. Stephen Legant saved the life of the resident within extraordinary bravery and extreme risk to his own health and safety," Narsh said.

The criteria for the citation for valor is awarded in exceptional cases where a hazardous duty is performed by a member who risks his/her life in the duty. The act must be of such extraordinary nature that is above and beyond the call of duty. This citation is the highest award obtainable by any member within the police department.



HOLLY HOTEL

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sustained significant water damage as a result of the fire. Reconstruction on the hotel began July 2022 but was halted due to a property line dispute.



According to court records, Roberts complained to the Holly Hotel owners that the west side eaves of the Holly Hotel extended over the former Antiques Arcade's "airspace" and that the restaurant's building footprint extended 6 inches onto his property.

Roberts reportedly did not allow the owners of the Holly Hotel to bring construction workers and equipment onto his land to work on reconstructing the Holly Hotel wall.

The Holly Hotel owners, George and Chrissy Kutlenios, filed a lawsuit on Aug. 25, 2023 so they could continue rebuilding.

Previous to February's trial, it was slated for Dec. 16, 2024. The trial has been pushed back numerous times since its first filing in 2023.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are the Historic Holly Hotel, Holly Management Inc., and Megiste Co. The plaintiffs are being represented by Julie I. Fershtman, a lawyer from Foster Swift in the metro Detroit area.

The defendant in the lawsuit is Roberts, who is a licensed associate real estate broker at Detroit Investor Club. Roberts is represented by Alexander Reuter, a litigator from Myers and Myers, located in Howell.

The terms of the settlement are confidential.

"The Holly Hotel is the Heart of Holly. It's survived 134 years, three fires, several owners, the comings and goings of other businesses and leadership," said April Brandon, Village of Holly president. "I hope it survives this dispute. The Hotel attracts tourists, is a wedding destination because of its elegance and extravagant meals, has regulars because of comedy shows and fantastic staff.



Photos: Hannah Young

"We don't know what the settlement terms are, but hopefully the owners agreed the hotel is more important to our commerce, culture, and morale than their quarrel or deep pockets. Twenty-three fire departments sent first responders, risking their lives to save this hotel and surrounding businesses. This dispute cost our mom and pop shops dearly. I'm disappointed it took this long to arrive at a settlement, and the fact that they did shows there was potential all along. Whoever's at fault for stalling owes Holly a heartfelt apology. I wish both owners success. Now, Holly can heal."

The trial concluded on Tuesday, Feb. 11 when a settlement was placed on the record with the case being dismissed, according to court documents.

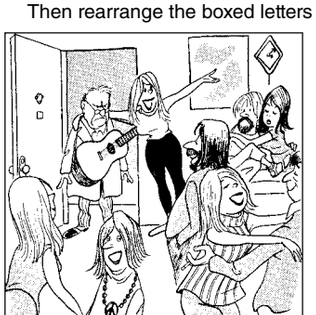
The Kutlenios' announced in September of 2024 that they are putting the Holly Hotel up for sale. It is currently listed for sale on Friedman Real Estate's website for $899,000. The pending lawsuit is withholding the hotel from selling.

Tri-County Times reached out to the Kutlenios' and their attorney as well as Jeremiah Roberts. The Kutlenios' attorney declined to comment.



Sunday Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
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"Attention, everybody! This is our neighbor, Mr. Hinkler, who has a song of _____!"

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TODAY'S WORD

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FRAUD

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George Robert Burek is charged with identity theft, a five year felony, by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

The Holly Police Department announced the crime via their Facebook page on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The department stated that on Feb. 5, a Holly officer was dispatched to ELGA Credit Union, at 15223 N. Holly Rd, for a report of Burek inside the credit union presenting fake identification to make a withdrawal on an actual account. The Holly officer located and detained Burek. Burek became agitated and left without the identification he presented.



George Burek

Credit union staff were able to identify the actual account holder and verify the image alongside it, which did not match the requester.

Police officers were able to determine Burek's real identity as a suspect wanted in several statewide frauds and as a part of a national fraud crime ring. He was arrested and transported to the Holly Police Department for questioning. Burek is now lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

Burek has an extensive criminal history with numerous open warrants for his arrest in multiple states, according to the Holly Police Department.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHILE MY NEIGHBORS sleeps, the oligarchy base is in. Democracy is out. However, this this will alarm very few. 50% of Americans can't identify the three branches of government and 20% can't even identify what our government once was.

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I'LL TELL YOU what, once we pay off our own debt, then we can start giving charity to the rest of the world again. And we are an awful long way from that.

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TRUMP SHOULD PUT a chair next to him in the oval office for Musk.

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NOCFA

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what those changes should consist of, that is until after the election," Weil said. "The board, now void the citizen at large, approved the new bylaws in our last fire board meeting to forward to each township. Holly Township approved them in their last meeting, Rose Township is expected to approve them in their next meeting."

Weil said their priority has now shifted to filling the citizen-at-large position.

The NOCFA bylaws state, "In the event of a vacancy in the office of the at-large member, the other four members of the board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term as expeditiously as possible and in no event to exceed 90 days from the date such vacancy occurs."

The 90-day period expires Tuesday, Feb. 18.

"Requirements for this position are pretty simple, however, the first and most important is the desire to serve the community," Weil said.

Requirements to be the citizen-at-large include being a registered voter in Holly or Rose township, not be a current or past member of NOCFA nor have a family member of the same, and attend and productively participate in the meetings.

"The end goal is to continuously improve the service we provide," Weil said.

Those interested can contact board secretary and Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller at 248-634-8701 or clerk@rosetownship.com.

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Announcement:
Citizen at Large Opening for the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board of Directors

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors announces the opening of the Citizen at Large representative member. This position shall serve as the fifth member of the NOCFA Board of Directors for a minimum of 2 years and shall not be a current or past N.O.C.F.A. employee or immediate family member of the same.

- NOCFA Board Members must attend monthly meetings and are responsible for the governing of the Fire Authority.
- Board members do not receive compensation for performing the duties required as a Board Member.
- Applicants must be a registered voter and reside in the boundaries of Holly Township or Rose Township.

Anyone interested in applying for the position is asked to send correspondence to:

Debbie Miller
NOCFA Board Secretary
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 48442
Or Email to: clerk@rosetownship.com

Correspondence must be received by 4PM on February 17, 2025



Linden freshman hunts, kills 300-lbs alligator
On Nov. 24, 2024, Wyatt Kleiber, a Linden High School freshman, hunted and killed this 10-foot, 300-lbs alligator at the Everglades in Florida.
Photo submitted by Becky Shepler.

SUBWAY

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On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Holly Subway restaurant located at 4048 Grange Hall Rd. was broken into and the cashbox was stolen at 3:37 a.m.

The investigating officer recovered the store surveillance camera footage, which showed a man breaking into the front door with a large rock and entering to steal the cashbox. Outside cameras caught a black Chevrolet Malibu being driven by an accomplice, according to the Holly Police Department's Facebook page.



Jackson Upton



Justin Shipp

The Holly Police Department said it is a criminal enterprise and contacted area police departments to share images and information related the crime. Several police departments responded with similar crimes and matching suspects.

The Holly police officer teamed up with the Troy Special Investigations Unit to determine the identity and close multiple cases for burglary and theft.

According to the Troy Police Department's Facebook page, Justin Shipp, 37, and Jackson Upton, 45, from Pontiac were involved in a string of 11 robberies of retail businesses. Recently on Thursday, Feb. 6, Upton and Shipp were seen by a patron at the Highland Township Ace Hardware store. When officers arrived, Upton and Shipp attempted to flee on foot but were apprehended.

Shipp and Upton were arraigned at the 52-4 Court on Friday, Feb. 7. Upton was charged with conducting criminal enterprises, a 20-year felony, breaking-and-entering with intent, and retail fraud in the first degree. Shipp was charged with conducting criminal enterprises, a 20-year felony, breaking-and-entering with intent, and retail fraud in the third degree.

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The Holly/Oxford varsity girls ski team took third at the regional meet allowing them to qualify for the state meet on Feb. 24

FLLF, Holly/Oxford girls ski teams qualify for state meet

Two individual boys also making trip to state event

By David Troppens

Two tri-county area ski teams and two individual boys will be headed to the state ski meet.

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton (FLLF) varsity girls ski team and the Holly/Oxford girls ski program qualified for the state meet by taking second and third, respectively, at the regional meet held at Mt. Holly on Monday.

The Holly/Oxford boys had two qualifiers as well. Joey Greene and Cody Musial qualified as individuals in the giant slalom (GS). Teams qualified by finishing in the top three while individuals qualified by being among the top four skiers in either event not on a state-qualifying team.

The FLLF girls qualified with a

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Sports Times

Linden wrestling team headed to state meet

Eagles making first state trip since 2007

By David Troppens

Next destination — Kalamazoo's Wings Event Center and the Division 2 Team State Wrestling Tournament.

The Linden varsity wrestling team qualified for the team state tournament for the first time since 2007, capturing a Division 2 regional at St. Clair, Wednesday.

The fourth-ranked Eagles earned that honor by beating Goodrich in the semifinal round 42-25 and then by defeating tournament hosts St. Clair in the regional championship round, 38-33.

The last time the Eagles went to the team state finals in 2007 they lost a heartbreaking 34-33 verdict in the quarterfinals to Warren Woods Tower. They also went in 2006 and lost in the quarterfinals to Thornapple Kellogg by another tight verdict, 33-31.

The Flint Metro League champion Eagles are entering the tournament undefeated. Action at the team state tournament will begin Friday against a yet-to-be decided opponent at 6:45 p.m. Opponents are determined by seeding the eight regional championship squads prior to the state of the team state tourney.

"Making (it) to the team state finals was our goal all along," Linden varsity wrestling coach Aaron Lawrence said. "It started last March after individual state finals. Hundreds of kids will have a chance over the next couple of days to make it to individual state finals, but only 32 teams out of 480 teams have the opportunity to do it as a team.

"Most kids wrestle their whole lives and never get to the state finals. We have kids on this team that may never make it to individual state finals, but this year no matter what happens, they made it and will have something to be proud of for the rest of their lives. The accomplishments this team has had can never be taken from them."

"From day one our goal was to go to team states because we have the people to do it," Linden senior captain Itiel Delgado said after the Eagles won the team district a week earlier. "As long as everyone keeps putting in that effort, we know we can make it there.

"(Being undefeated) shows all the hard work we put in the room and in the offseason."

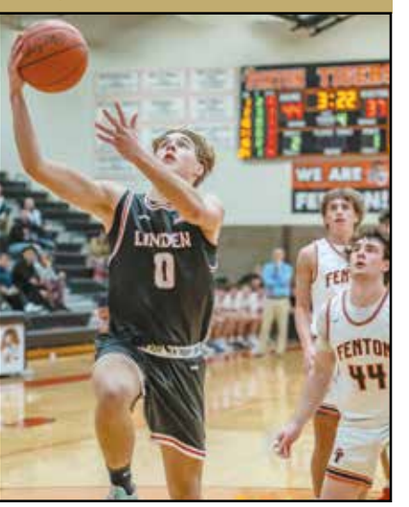
The regional championship title didn't come easy as St. Clair did give the Eagles a strong challenge.

The lead exchanged hands in the finals five times. The Eagles trailed by as many as 27-20 with only five matches remaining. However, Linden won the first four of those five matches to clinch the regional crown. Adoniah Delgado (144)

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The Linden varsity wrestling team celebrates its team regional championship after beating Goodrich and St. Clair on Wednesday. It's the first time the Eagles have earned a spot in the team state tournament since 2007.



Linden's Aiden Moore (left) attempts a layup in a recent game. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

Eagles set up key game vs. Kearsley, defeat Flushing

By David Troppens

It's set up.

The first victory the Linden varsity boys basketball team needed to set up a must-win contest at Kearsley was accomplished on Tuesday night.

The Eagles (7-2 in the Stripes Division and one game ahead of Swartz Creek and Kearsley in the standings with Friday night contests remaining) knocked Flushing out of the Stripes Division race by earning a 44-25 home victory.

Friday's games had Linden travelling to Kearsley and Holly facing Swartz Creek in division action. If Linden won that contest, the Eagles are outright Stripes Division champions and would be the top Stripes Division seed entering the league championship tournament. If they lost, the Eagles will still be at least a co-division champion with Kearsley.

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Lake Fenton announces first Athletic Hall of Fame class

Since the Lake Fenton Community Schools district was established in 1956, there have been plenty of outstanding athletes, teams and supporters for the district's athletic program.

Lake Fenton recently inducted its inaugural class into its Lake Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring five athletes, one coach, one team and two supporters.

Athletes Gary Bancroft (Class of 1965), Dave Lemere (1966), Mickey Weston (1979), Stephanie Hoffman (1990) and Amy Lukowski (1995) were inducted as was the 1995 Lake Fenton state championship softball team. The team's head coach, Jerry Cowan, was inducted while Ralph Warren and Carolyn Warren were honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

Gary Bancroft: Bancroft played football, basketball and baseball and excelled at all three. On the baseball diamond he tossed two no-hitters. In football he was a wide receiver and a kicker, helping the 1964 team to a league championship. In basketball he was a 1965 All-State performer, leading the Blue Devils to league championships in 1964 and 1965. He holds the all-time career scoring record of 1,315 points.

Dave Lemere: Lemere won 11 varsity letters among four sports — football, basketball, baseball and track. He was a member of the undefeated league championship football team in 1964 and helped the boys basketball team win league titles in 1964 and 1965.

He played tight end on the Central Michigan University football team for four seasons, and returned to Lake Fenton to coach varsity football. His biggest coaching win came in 1974 when the Blue Devils defeated Fenton in the first-ever meeting between the two schools, 47-22.

Mickey Weston: Weston played football, basketball and baseball. In football he was all-league twice and an honorable mention all-state performer in 1978, helping lead the Blue Devils to a league championship.

On the baseball diamond he was all-league three years and set the school record with an earned-run average of 0.64. He continued pitching at Eastern Michigan University and was a 12th round selection by the New York Mets in the 1982 MLB draft. He played professional baseball from 1982 to 1996, playing in the Major Leagues from 1989 to 1993 with the Baltimore Orioles, Toronto Blue Jays, Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets. He was inducted into the Rochester Red Wings (a AAA Minor League affliate for the Baltimore Orioles) Hall of Fame.





(Top) The first Lake Fenton Athletic HOF class included (from left) Amy Lukowski, Jerry Cowan, Sefanie Hoffman, Mickey Weston, Dave Lemere and Distinguished Service Award winners (far right) Ralph Warren and Carolyn Warren. HOF committee member Hewitt Judson is to the right of Ralph Warren. The state champion 1995 softball team (left photo) also was inducted.

Stephanie Hoffman: A girls basketball and track standout, but was known better for her basketball performances. She as a four-time all-league performer in basketball and was a member of Lake Fenton's 1987 regional championship team. She earned First-Team All-State honors her senior season as well. She scored 1,144 points during her career and also set school records in career assists (496) and career steals (358).

Amy Lukowski: She earned 10 letters in basketball, volleyball and softball.

She was a four-year varsity player in basketball, earning all-league honors three times. She held the career rebound (1,023), career blocked shots (170) and single game scoring record (36 points) when she graduated. She helped the team to two district titles and a regional title in 1994.

With the softball team she was all-league twice. She was an honorable mention All-State player her junior season and a

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Fenton girls basketball overcomes 10-point deficit, but falls to Lapeer

By David Troppens

There is one word that represents the Fenton varsity girls basketball team pretty well.

That word is "fight."

The Tigers aren't always the flashiest of playing teams out on the court. They have their moments when the offense struggles. But if a moment comes that the Tigers can fight themselves back into a game, they will keep that window open all 32 minutes of most contests.

That fight was well represented during senior night against Lapeer on Tuesday. The Tigers (10-7) trailed 28-18 with 5:59 left in regulation. Not much was going for them offensively, but they put together an impressive run. The Tigers actually ended up taking a 30-29 lead after a steal and layup by Taryn Craven, but Lapeer left Fenton High School with the 31-30 non-league victory.

Lapeer got the game-winning shot on a hoop inside the post with 25 seconds left. The Tigers had two more chances to possibly retake the lead, but were unable to score on either possession.

"All we can do is battle," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchey said.

The Tigers trailed 28-18 after Lapeer made two free throws with 5:59 left, but a thee-pointer by Lucy Weber started the comeback. Lapeer answered with a converted free throw, upping the gap back to 29-21, but Fenton went on a 9-0 run from that point. Izzy MacCaughan started it with a bucket and Alejandra Ayotte hit a baseline jumper, cutting the gap to 29-25 with 1:34 left. Just 24 seconds later, Weber hit a trey and the Tigers trailed just 29-28. Then came the steal and layup by Craven, giving the Tigers the 30-29 lead, but only momentarily.

Weber led the Tigers with 11 points and 16 rebounds while Ava Slezinski scored seven points. Ayotte finished with five.

Lake Fenton boys basketball wins thriller vs. Ovid-Elsie

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team had the perfect contest to mentally prepare the squad for the Flint Metro League Tournament next week.

The Blue Devils, who will host a home game against one of three potential Flint Metro League Stripes squads — Linden, Swartz Creek or Kearsley — faced off against a 15-5 Ovid-Elsie team on Wednesday and won a tight 56-53 verdict on Senior Day.

After a competitive first half, the Blue Devils started to take some command of the contest in the third quarter. Tied at 28-all, Brady Belcher hit a three-pointer, giving Lake Fenton (12-6 overall) a 31-28 lead. The lead grew to 33-28 after a putback hoop from Coleson Lessner, and Lake Fenton would never lose the lead again.

The lead grew to as many as 45-36 on a three-pointer by Belcher with 2:05 left in the third quarter, but Ovid-Elsie (15-5) was able to cut the gap to 48-41 entering the final eight minutes.

The Blue Devils opened the fourth with a steal and layup by Belcher, raising the gap back to 50-41, but at that point Ovid-Elsie started to assert itself, scoring the game's next eight points. Two converted layups by Michael Bancroft cut the Blue Devils' lead to just 50-49 with 2:11 remaining.

Lake Fenton responded. A Belcher steal and assist on a Marco Ziraldo three-pointer with just 1:11 left gave the Blue Devils a 53-49 lead. Ovid-Elsie did cut the gap back to just 55-53 with 10.8 seconds left, but Lessner hit a free throw raising the gap back to 56-53 with 9.4 seconds left. Ovid-Elsie's Tucker Loynes had a three-point shot to attempt to tie the game, but his shot didn't go in.

Lessner led all scorers with 23 points while Belcher had 16. Ziraldo netted 10 points while Eli Belcher had six points.

Holly swimmers get plenty of firsts, still lose to Brandon/Goodrich, Avondale

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swimming and diving team had seven outright first-place finishes in its three-team meet with Brandon and Avondale.

Two of those victories came in important relays. But, the Bronchos still fell short of victory against both squads.

Holly lost to Brandon/Goodrich 98-63 and Avondale 98-72.

The Bronchos had three athletes earn first-place finishes in three events — Josh Dahlin, Gabe Strickert and Bradlee Coggins.

The trio teamed with Mason DeBone to win the 200 freestyle (1:42.43) and the 400 freestyle (4:02.63). Each won a single individual event. Dahlin won the 50 freestyle (24.46) while Gabe Strickert won the 100 freestyle (55.98). Coggins took the top spot in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.33).

The other firsts were earned by Gabe Mummert in the 200 individual medley (2:39.76) and Thomas Halligan in diving (159.75). Diving was the team's top event as Athan Ward placed second (107.10) in it.

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

▶ **Hamady 61, Lake Fenton 17:** Emma Highfield scored a team-high 10 points for Lake Fenton (3-14). Melanie Jensen, Regan Anle and Jayden Kerr had two points each.

▶ **Notre Dame Prep 59, Holly 21:** The Bronchos scored their second-highest point total of the season, but it wasn't enough to beat a talented Notre Dame Prep (12-4) squad.

Bailey Allen and Taylor Hall led the Bronchos (1-17) with six points each while Evelin Spiece had five points.

HALL

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First-Team All-State perfomer her senior season. She was the team's starting pitcher for the 1995 State Championship squad. She recorded 31 shutouts, eight no-hitters, one perfect game, 74 career wins, and 946 career strike outs.

She played softball at the University of Toledo.

Jerry Cowan: He was the Lake Fenton varsity softball coach for 24 seasons, earning 568 career wins. He led the team to eight district titles, three regional titles and two state semifinal appearances, winning the Class C state title in 1995. He also won seven league championships.

He is in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Hall of Fame.

1995 softball team: They came a game away from winning the title in 1994, but answered back in 1995, beating Goodrich 10-6 in the championship game. The squad held a 31-5 record. They were Genesee Eight Conference champions.

Ralph and Carolyn Warren: They earned the Distinguished Service Award for 22 years of service, working at Lake Fenton basketball games. Carolyn kept the scorebook while Ralph managed the game clock.

They are also active volunteers with Lake Fenton's Athletic Boosters.

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Lady Eagles lose overtime thriller vs. Flushing, 37-34

By David Troppens

The battle for the Flint Metro League Stripes Divison girls basketball title just got a little more interesting on Tuesday.

The Linden Eagles (8-1 in the Stripes Division and 11-5 overall) entered its home contest with second-place Flushing a game ahead in the standings.

With a victory the Eagles would get the outright division championship. However, Flushing had other plans and left Linden High School with a tight and defensive-minded 37-34 overtime win. That means both teams are now tied for first in the Stripes Division with one more game for each (Friday night) remaining. Linden travelled to Kearsley while Flushing faced Holly. If both won their games (both were heavy favorites to do so) they'd finish it as co-Stripes champs. Both already have qualified for the Metro tournament.

Late in the fourth, the Eagles trailed 32-27 after a Flushing layup with 3:48 left. Linden scored the final five points of the fourth. The first two came on a Shaye Barkholz assist on a Ryenn Becher layup. The final three came on a driving layup by Addison Acker. She was fouled on the play and she also made the free throw, tying it at 32-all with 2:09 left in regulation. Both teams had the ball a few times before overtime, but each were unable to score.

Linden took the early lead in OT on an Acker putback hoop, but Flushing took the lead for good at 35-34 on a three-pointer. A putback hoop by 17.0 seconds left gave the Raiders a 37-34 lead.

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Linden's varsity girls basketball coach Madeline Brender talks with her team during a time out during a recent game. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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second-place team total of 84 points. Holly/Oxford had 115 points. Clarkston won the regional with just 49 points.

FLLF's Anna Heimberger placed second in the GS with a two-run combined time of 47.48 seconds. The rest of FLLF's scoring four in the event were Mady Flack in sixth (48.14), Kallyn Sprague in 10th (49.63) and Emersyn Sprague in 14th (51.34).

Flack led the squad in the slalom by taking fifth (63.40) while Heimberger was seventh (64.74). Sprague took 16th (72.23) while Pia Ortlieb was 24th (77.96).

The Holly/Oxford girls were led by Finley DeCubber who took third in both events. She had a time of 62.96 in the slalom and 47.60 in the GS. The rest of Holly/Oxford's scoring performers in the slalom were Sierra Musial in ninth (66.51), Sydney Calin in 19th (75.21) and Eva Mikan in 34th (84.47).



The FLLF co-op girls ski team, which is made up of only Fenton athletes this season, took second at the regional meet, qualifying the squad for the state meet on Feb. 24.

The squad's GS other scorers were Musial in eighth (48.43), Avery Palarchio in 21st (52.86) and Calin in 22nd (52.89).

The Holly/Oxford boys took seventh while the FLLF boys placed ninth.

Holly/Oxford's Green placed fifth (46.84) and Musial placed ninth (47.54) in the GS. The team's other two scorers were Andrew Ratliff in 49th (53.70) and Thurston Hatcher in 60th (58.02). Musial led the boys in the slalom with a 15th-place finish (65.55), while the rest of the team's placers were Ratliff in 37th (78.97), Hatcher in 48th (89.96) and Grant Arundale in 51st (92.44).

FLLF had a stronger finish in the slalom. Kolton Sprague led the team by taking 17th (67.06), followed by Xander Meloche in 30th (74.88), Mia Salva in 38th (79.59) and Justin Perantoni in 39th (79.80).

Sprague also led the squad in GS taking 30th (50.87). The rest of the scorers were Meloche in 39th (51.49), Perantoni in 40th (51.71) and Brandon Perantoni in 52nd (54.65).

LINDEN

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won by pinfall against Jacob McCarty while Parker Makela (150) won a 6-3 decision against Jack Weigand and Itiel Delgado (157) followed with a 9-4 decision win against Jack Lambert. The Eagles clinched the team win when Lucas Lewandowski (165) won his bout against Nathan Postma by pinfall. Linden led 38-27, making the bout at 175 meaningless. The Eagles voided it and earned the 38-33 win.

The match began with Josh Ezell (190) earning a 13-3 major decision win against David Alley, but St. Clair won the next two matches, both by pinfall. The Eagles trailed 12-4. However, Ethan Hunt (106) won his bout by forfeit and Tyler Sage (113) earned a 9-0 major decision win against Zachary Drugach, putting Linden up 14-12. St. Clair's Cristian Haslem (120) responded with a win by pinfall, returning the lead to the hosts, 18-14. The back-and-forth continued for two more weight classes. Linden's Brewer Mills (126) pinned Gavin Bishop in 3:08, returning the lead to Linden. However, St. Clair's Nick Vitale (132) won a technical fall match against Jake Walker, giving it back to St. Clair, 23-20. St. Clair's Logan Langmesser (138) won the match against Justin Grundy, but it was just a 15-6 major decision, raising the St. Clair lead to just 27-20. It was plenty close enough for Linden to overcome the gap with its four straight wins.

Against Goodrich, the Eagles won eight of the 14 matches. Cohen Dangcil (120), Adoniah Delgado (144), Makela (150) and Lewandowski (165) won their matches by pinfall while Ezell (190) and Gabe Walters (285) won by decisions. Sage (106) and Luna (113) won forfeit matches.

EAGLES

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Swartz Creek could be a co-champion if the Dragons beat Holly. However, selecting who would get the two playoff spots in the Metro tourney among the three teams would get messy and would likely go to a strength of schedule tiebreaker. The Eagles (12-6) would like to stay away from tiebreakers. If Holly defeated Swartz Creek, then the Eagles would be in the tourney regardless of its Friday results against Kearsley. Friday's results were not known at presstime.

The Eagles played one of their best defensive games of the season, holding Flushing to single-digits in every quarter and to just 25 points in the game, the second-least amount allowed all season.

The Eagles did just enough on offense. Maddox Suniga scored five first-quarter points, helping lead the Eagles to an 8-4 lead after eight minutes. In the second quarter, Suniga scored four more points and Jalen Babcock hit a trey sparking the limited offense the Eagles had. However, Flushing only hit two field goals and trailed 17-10 at halftime

LifeStyles
Tri-County Times

Fenton area singer to perform at FIM Capitol Theatre

Lead singer of FireHouse, Nate Peck, lives in Holly

By Hannah Ball

A singer from the Fenton area will perform with Winger & FireHouse at the FIM Capitol Theatre on Friday, Feb. 21.

Nate Peck, 23, lead singer of FireHouse and 2019 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, said he's thrilled to perform in Flint.

"I'm pumped. I'm super excited. The anticipation is kicking in for sure," he said. "I was thrilled. It's a big show, a big home town show. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces, a lot of family and friends. It's going to be a really good show."

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> **Nate Peck**
> *FireHouse lead singer*

Family, friends and some teachers are making plans to come see him perform. One of his teachers from Lake Fenton High School, Mark Meplow, an academic interventionist, will be front row. Peck said Leplow was always supportive of his musical dreams in school.

FireHouse will play for about an hour on Friday, Feb. 21. Out of the 11 songs they'll perform, Peck said his favorites are "All She Wrote" and "Overnight Sensation."

Tickets can be purchased at https://tickets.thefim.org/wingerfirehouse

Peck began pursuing his musical dreams professionally in March 2023 when he appeared on American Idol and won a golden ticket to Hollywood. He auditioned with "Lightening Strikes Again" by Dokken and dedicated the song to the Gen-Xers who love '80s music.

After realizing that Hollywood wasn't for him, he left the competition and moved to Nashville where he became friends with Jack Russell of Great White band. He learned that CJ Snare, the lead singer and founder of FireHouse, was going to be taking a break for health reasons and the band was looking for a singer to fill in. Peck jumped at the opportunity.

Peck started performing with FireHouse in the beginning of October of 2023 and was announced as the lead singer of FireHouse in May of 2024.

"As for any job, if you stick with something and you're passionate about it, doors will open," he said.

Since then, he's done between 50 to 100 shows with FireHouse. They've been on tour on and off with Winger for about a year.

"There's no such thing as a sleep schedule when you're on the road. You got to fly by the seat of your pants," he said. "But it's fun, it's a good time."



They perform about every weekend. To prepare the week leading up to a show, Peck sings everyday for about an hour and half.

"The throat is a muscle that you've got to keep in shape," he said. "A lot of water. Sleep is key."

To keep busy when he's not preparing for a show, Peck will listen to different types of music, go for drives and watch TV.

The largest venue he's performed in was the Mohegan Sun Arena in Connecticut that holds 10,000 people. He and FireHouse opened for Bret Michaels from Poison.

"That was a pretty surreal moment. That was my first time playing in an arena," he said.

Peck, who lives in downtown Holly, left for Las Vegas on Thursday, Feb. 13 for a performance on Friday, Feb. 14.

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-7 Million Sales Worldwide
-2 Billboard Hot 100 Top 5 Hits
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FIREARM

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Jonathan Becher is facing one count of reckless use of a firearm, which carries a punishment of 90 days in jail and/or a $500 fine. Becher was arraigned before Magistrate Michael Delling of the 71-A District Court in Lapeer County on Wednesday, Feb. 12 and released on a $500 personal recognizance bond.

According to Lapeer Police, Becher was attending a basketball game at Lapeer High School on Monday evening when he mistakenly left his firearm in the parking lot. A high school employee discovered the weapon inside a lunch box early Tuesday morning before the start of the school day, and the firearm was immediately turned over to the Lapeer Police Department.

In a communication to parents, Lapeer Community Schools Superintendent Matt Wandrie said the district took precautionary measures at the high school following the discovery of the weapon, including an interior and exterior search of the school building.

"As a result of the collaborative efforts of district and city officials, it was determined that our students and staff were never in any danger," he said.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office was notified Tuesday about the incident, and Becher was interviewed by Lapeer Police. Becher was immediately suspended without pay by his department.

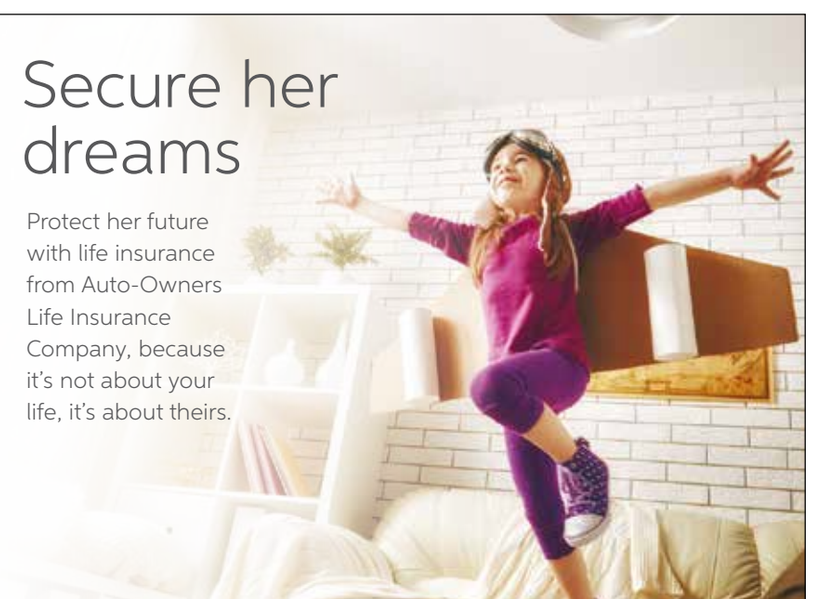
In a press release, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said a disciplinary hearing, in accordance with the department's collective bargaining agreement, will be held for Becher on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

"There will be harsh consequences," Swanson said.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is conducting an internal investigation into the incident with cooperation from the Lapeer Police Department.

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years her senior. In 1886, the couple had a daughter; their only other child, a son, died shortly after his birth in 1889. The Little House books have been translated into dozens of languages and continue to be read by legions of fans. The books also inspired a hit TV series, "Little House on the Prairie," which originally aired from 1974 to 1982 and starred Melissa Gilbert as the plucky Laura and Michael Landon as her father Charles.

FEB. 11

1878: On February 11, 1878, the Boston Bicycle Club, the first organization for recreational cyclists, is formed. The following year, a club is formed in Buffalo, followed by a club in New York in 1880. In the ensuing decades, as middle-class participation in cycling grows, hundreds of cycling clubs are formed across the United States. The Boston Bicycle Club organized various rides, from tricycle races to 100-mile rides. Less than 20 years after its founding, more than 100 cycling clubs had formed in Massachusetts, according to the Massachusetts Historical Society, catering to rider expertise, gender, nationality and more. Early bicycles featured an oversized front wheel. In October 1879, Boston Bicycle Club members rode through the city and its suburbs in an event with the Massachusetts Cycling Club—an 87-mile round trip. For short distances, cyclists achieved speeds of 16 mph, according to the Boston Post.

FEB. 12

1909: On February 12, 1909, the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, a group that included African American leaders such as W.E.B. Du Bois and Ida B. Wells-Barnett announced the formation of a new organization. Called the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it would have a profound effect on the struggle for civil rights and the course of 20th-century American history. The conference that led to the NAACP's founding had been called in response to a race riot in Illinois. The founders also noted the disturbing trends of lynchings, which reached their peak not during or immediately after the Civil War but in the 1890s and early 1900s, as segregation laws took effect across the South and white supremacists once again gained total control of state governments. Many of the organization's early members came from the Niagara Movement, a group created by Black activists who were opposed to the concepts of conciliation and assimilation.

FEB. 13

1633: On February 13, 1633, Italian philosopher, astronomer and mathematician Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome to face charges of heresy for advocating Copernican theory, which holds that the Earth revolves around the Sun. Galileo officially faced the Roman Inquisition in April of that same year and agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence. Put under house arrest indefinitely by Pope Urban VIII, Galileo spent the rest of his days at his villa in Arcetri, near Florence, before dying on January 8, 1642. Galileo, the son of a musician, was born February 15, 1564, in Pisa, in what is today known as Italy. He entered the University of Pisa planning to study medicine, but shifted his focus to philosophy and mathematics. In 1589, he became a professor at Pisa for several years, during which time he demonstrated that the speed of a falling object is not proportional to its weight, as Aristotle had believed. According to some reports, Galileo conducted his research by dropping objects of different weights from the Leaning Tower of Pisa. From 1592 to 1630, Galileo was a math professor at the University of Padua, where he developed a telescope that enabled him to observe lunar mountains and craters, the four largest moons of Jupiter and the phases of Venus. He also discovered that the Milky Way was made up of stars. Following the publication of his research in 1610, Galileo gained acclaim and was appointed court mathematician at Florence.

FEB. 14

2018: On February 14, 2018, an expelled student entered Parkland, Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and opened fire, killing 17 people and wounding 17 others, in what became at the time the deadliest shooting at a high school in United States history. Dressed in a maroon shirt adorned with the school logo, Nikolas Cruz exited his Uber outside the campus at 2:19 p.m. He approached the school wearing a backpack filled with magazines and carrying a black duffel packed with his legally purchased AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. School staff had been warned after Cruz's expulsion for "disciplinary reasons" in 2017 that the troubled teen was a risk to student safety. When a staff member saw him outside, he hesitated to call a "Code Red." The gunman was halfway through his six-minute rampage before anyone issued a warning. By then, it was too late.

FEB. 15

2002: On February 15, 2002, the International Olympic Committee announces it has sufficient evidence of fraud by a French judge and awards a second gold medal in pairs figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. The decision comes after days of rumors and behind-the-scenes investigations. As part of a vote-trading scheme, a French judge allegedly succumbed to pressure from her federation to award a gold medal score to Russian pair Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, leaving Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier with the silver. Four days earlier, the Canadians skated a nearly flawless routine that received loud cheers from the crowd at the Salt Lake Center. In the Russians' final skate, Sikharulidze bungled the landing on a jump. But the pair was awarded the gold in a 5-4 vote that was booed loudly. The International Skating Federation suspended the French judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne. Valentin Piseyev, the president of the Federation of Russian Figure Skating, said the awarding of a second gold was dictated by pressure from North American media. The scandal led to a revised judging system aimed to better represent performances and to safeguard against the manipulation of scores.

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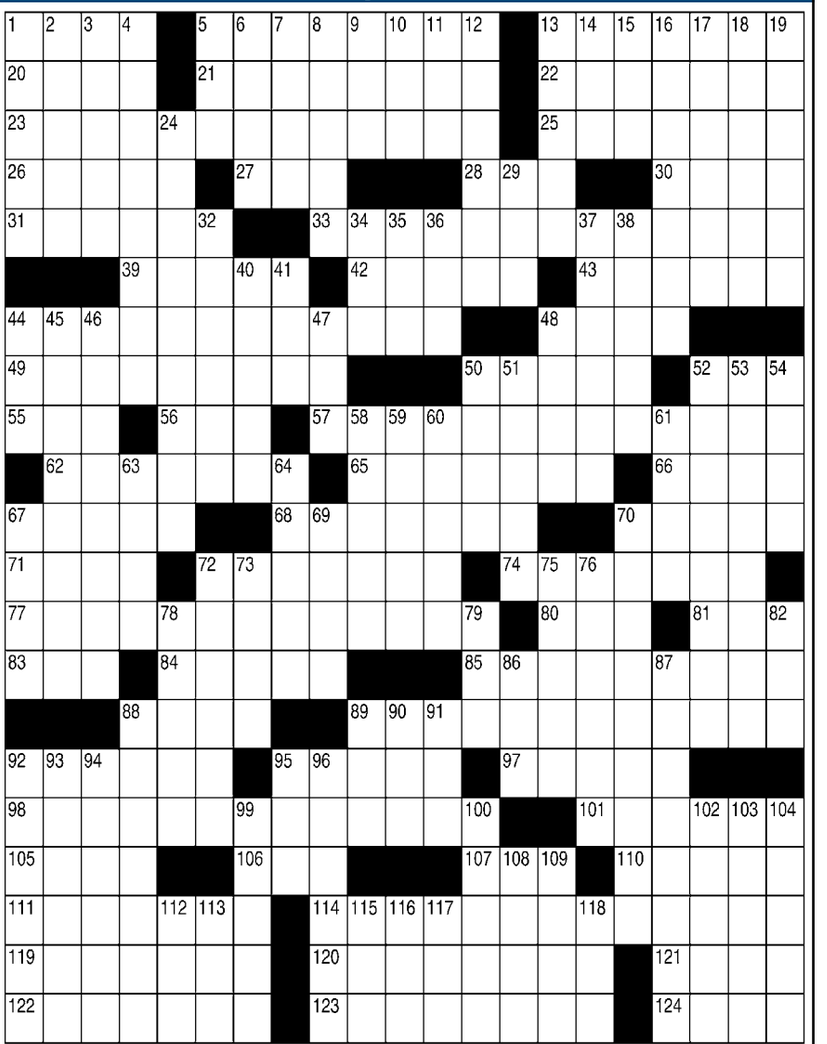
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26 Trauma pro in a hosp.
27 "Knives Out" actress — de Armas
28 No, in Fife
30 Japanese wheat pasta
31 Filmed again
33 American Ballet Theatre principal dancer beginning in 2015
39 Double Stuf cookies
42 Look for water with a divining rod
43 "Juno and the Paycock" playwright Sean
44 He played Otto Octavius in "Spider-Man 2"
48 Truth bender
49 Shifts body weight against
50 Pics to click
52 Which person
55 Series-ending abbr.
56 "Yes, Yvette"
57 "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" poet
62 Jeff Bridges sci-fi film
65 Glockenspiel relative
66 Frosty film
67 Planet's path
68 Trying Jenny Craig, e.g.
70 Stands up
71 Midday time
72 Treaty result
74 Impacts
77 Apt retail establishment for 57-Across to own?
80 "Kewl!"
81 Daddies
83 Moose kin
84 These, in Spain
85 Alternative to laser tag
88 — buco
89 Apt item for 44-Across to keep files in?
92 Chief Cochise, e.g.
95 Garlic mayo
97 Principal
98 Apt business for 33-Across to have on the stock exchange?
101 Mimicking a crow's cry
105 Sci-fi princess
106 Alias letters
107 Pal, to Yves
110 Former chief justice Roger
111 Carrier based in Tehran
114 Apt ingredient for 23-Across to make a jiggly dessert?
119 Guevara called "Che"
120 Exhibit A, say
121 Assistant
122 Court period
123 Like the Zax and the Lorax
124 Gleeful cries

DOWN

1 Less refined
2 Au courant
3 Top medals
4 Valved brass instrument
5 Make a gaffe
6 California wine valley
7 Have — with (be favored by)
8 Lady's title
9 Assn.
10 "Norma —"
11 Writer Umberto
12 IHOP competitor
13 Prefix with -lithic or -zoic
14 — -lacto vegetarian
15 "Wham!"
16 From which a name is taken
17 Reebok rival
18 Made over
19 Au courant
24 Tourist destination that's "green"
29 Golf rarity
32 Ho-humness
34 Cruel Amin
35 Many an heir
36 Pan Am rival
37 Travel origin, generically
38 Virtual money
40 "— vincit amor"
41 Heavy drinker
44 Bar brew
45 "It's go time!"
46 Almanac, in large part
47 Ship's diary
48 Trent of Mississippi
50 Slushy drink
51 — Rica
52 Accessory near a mouse
53 Real estate transaction
54 Individuals
58 "It's too hard for me"
59 Brought on
60 More crafty
61 Comic Idle
63 "— I a stinker?"
64 "I'd rather — there" ("That topic is off limits")
67 A while ago
69 Loch —
70 Ketchup ingredient
72 Belittled, informally
73 Study of insects, informally
75 Many a monk
76 Some unofficial sci-fi stories
78 Two-gender pronoun
79 Prefix with center
82 Camera variety, briefly
86 Swiss mount
87 Bowled over
88 Gas ratings
89 Floor cleaner
90 Styled after
91 Writer Anaïs
92 Partners
93 Capital of South Dakota
94 Laotians and Thais
95 Just dandy
96 Likenesses
99 Leslie of "Lili"
100 "The Deep" director Peter
102 Delhi's land
103 Very poor
104 Whirls around
108 Short skirt
109 Old Peruvian
112 "Do — say!"
113 Skater Midori
115 Adam and —
116 Actress Lucy
117 TV pitches
118 Signing tool



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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.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

2	7	5	3	8	6	4	9	1
8	3	4	9	2	1	5	6	7
9	6	1	7	4	5	3	8	2
6	8	9	2	3	7	1	5	4
1	2	3	6	5	4	9	7	8
5	4	7	8	1	9	2	3	6
3	9	6	1	7	2	8	4	5
7	5	2	4	9	8	6	1	3
4	1	8	5	6	3	7	2	9

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

3	7	9	5	1	4	6	8	2
2	8	6	7	9	3	4	5	1
4	1	5	2	8	6	7	9	3
6	4	8	9	3	1	2	7	5
9	3	7	4	5	2	1	6	8
1	5	2	6	7	8	9	3	4
7	9	4	8	2	5	3	1	6
5	6	3	1	4	9	8	2	7
8	2	1	3	6	7	5	4	9

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS:
OLDER, TULIP, AFRAID, FOURTH
Answer: Successfully making a triple play in baseball requires — **ALL-OUT EFFORT**

SUNDAY SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
ASPECT, CLOAK, WITHER, SPARSE
Answer: **PROTEST**

WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 25 min.

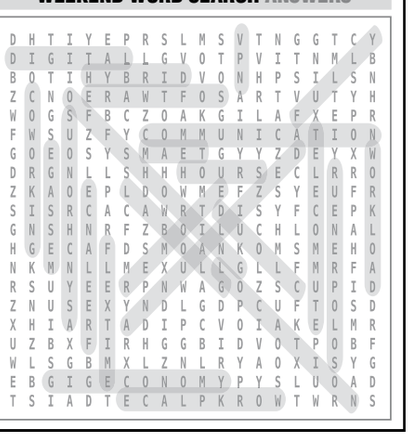
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

R	A	G	A	■	E	N	A	M	O	R	E	D	■	P	O	P	T	A	R	T
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I	R	A	N	A	I	R	■	G	E	L	A	T	I	N	P	O	W	D	E	R
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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



Obituaries

Times

Betty Byers
Betty Byers - age 95, died February 4, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

James Pence
James Pence - age 94, died February 5, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Judith Vincent
Judith Vincent - age 82, died February 5, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

John Ashton
John Ashton - age 58, died February 5, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Vincent Eible, Jr.
Vincent Eible, Jr. - age 87, died February 5, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Roy LeFavour
Roy LeFavour - age 78, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Joyce Gardner-Lawton
Joyce Gardner-Lawton - age 83, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Nathan Anurak
Nathan Anurak - age 71, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Roy Schoedorff
Roy Schoedorff - age 91, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Finnley Maus
Finnley Maus - age 2 weeks, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Sally Dewar
Sally Dewar - age 68, died February 6, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Violet Jeffery
Violet Jeffery - age 88, died February 7, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Beverly Tuttle
Beverly Tuttle - age 87, died February 7, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Wayne Dorman
Wayne Dorman - age 71, died February 7, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Richard Wooten
Richard Wooten - age 93, died February 8, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Michelle Kirkwood
Michelle Kirkwood - age 70, died February 8, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Joseph Dormady
Joseph Dormady - age 88, died February 9, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Laura Edminson
Laura Edminson - age 75, died February 9, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Robert "Bob" Banks
Robert "Bob" Banks - age 78, died February 9, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Stamm
Charles Stamm - age 90, died February 11, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Sharp FUNERAL HOMES

Obituaries

Daniel Joseph Zaroff, D.D.S.
1940 – 2025



Daniel Joseph Zaroff, D.D.S. - age 84 of Fenton, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, February 17 at Chapel of the Holy Innocents at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Family and friends are welcome to attend visitation from 2 - 6 PM on Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. A rosary will be prayed at 5 PM. A private Committal Service with Military Honors will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Road, Holly on a future date. Memorial contributions in Daniel's memory would be appreciated to The Evans Scholars Foundation or Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Daniel was born in Detroit on October 15, 1940, the son of Michael L. and Mary S. (Paja) Zaroff. He married Catherine Crego on June 1, 1964 and graduated from The University of Michigan Dental School in May 1965. Following graduation, he proudly served two years active duty as a Dentist in the U.S. Navy. He also served four years in the reserves. Daniel began his civilian dental practice in 1967 in Swartz Creek, Michigan where he worked until retiring in 2002. Daniel was briefly active in local politics and devoted to his family and church. He pursued many interests and activities and was a long-time member of the Flint Golf Club, and the American and Michigan Dental Associations. Daniel is survived by his wife, Catherine "Sally" Zaroff; sons, Mark (Melissa) Zaroff, Matthew (Kathleen) Zaroff, and Brian (Crysta) Zaroff; seven grandchildren, Hayley Zaroff, Olivia Caylor, Emmy Zaroff, Jacob Zaroff, Ashley VanOpstall, Tyler (Ashley) Zaroff, and Kaitlyn (Christopher) Chartier; and two sisters Adeline Towery and Roseann McGarty. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Michael and his sister, Janeene Lemieux. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Geraldine "Gerry" McCauley
Geraldine "Gerry" McCauley - age 88, died February 8, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Gerald "Hawk" Hawkins, Sr.
Gerald "Hawk" Hawkins, Sr. - age 78, died February 12, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Benita "Lynne" Oliseck
Benita "Lynne" Oliseck - age 75, died February 12, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Anisse Jawhari
Anisse Jawhari - age 87, died February 11, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

James Rouse
James Rouse - age 80, died February 11, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Cheri Dickinson
Cheri Dickinson - age 63, died February 12, 2025. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

NOTICE of 2025 ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 1:30 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2025 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)

Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

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2025 CHEVROLET EQUINOX EV LT



Stk #1163727

WAS $37,290 **NOW $25,540**
SAVINGS $11,750
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CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT



Stk #1127695

WAS $30,575 **NOW $25,537**
SAVINGS $5,038
OR LEASE FOR **$218/MO** plus tax
$2,000 due plus normal up fronts - 24MO/10,000 MILES

2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT (2FL)



Stk #1190927

WAS $56,190 **NOW $43,706**
SAVINGS $12,484
OR LEASE FOR **$185/MO** plus tax
$2,000 due plus normal up fronts - 36MO/10,000 MILES

2025 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT



Stk #1154837

WAS $33,230 **NOW $28,175**
SAVINGS $4,515
OR LEASE FOR **$239/MO** plus tax
$3,000 due plus normal up fronts - 24MO/10,000 MILES

2025 CHEVROLET BLAZER 2LT



Stk #1164310

WAS $39,360 **NOW $32,356**
SAVINGS $7,004
OR LEASE FOR **$175/MO** plus tax
$3,000 due plus normal up fronts - 24MO/10,000 MILES

2025 CHEVROLET TRAX ACTIV



Stk #1181136

WAS $26,190 **NOW $22,577**
SAVINGS $3,613
OR LEASE FOR **$225/MO** plus tax
$3,000 due plus normalup fronts - 36MO/10,000 MILES

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2022 HONDA ACCORD HYBRID
$24,552 | 1142488A



2022 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER
$18,991 | 1136197A



2019 GMC YUKON XL SLT
$48,9520 | 126941A