Weird, wacky Michigan weather

Last weekend’s wintry mix should be the end of snow for the season

By Sally Rummel

Weird, wacky Michigan spring weather brought snow and frost advisories over the weekend, then shot up to the 60s on Monday with promises of 70 degrees by Friday. This cold, wintry mix took many people by surprise, as they were camping, visiting Cedar Point, attending spring weddings, dance recitals, etc., all under a cloud of unexpected cold weather.

While snow in May is an unusual occurrence, this isn’t the first time Michiganders have awakened to snow in what is supposed to be a warm spring month.

The worst wintry May storm on record in Michigan was on May 9, 1923, when Flint was buried under 12 inches of snow, according to archived historical reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The heaviest and latest snowstorm in Michigan was on May 10, 1990.

This week’s weather forecast calls for a gradual warming trend into the 70s by the weekend, bringing a welcome shot of spring after last weekend’s snow and cold.

Fenton City officials pass 2016-2017 budget

Costs of police nearly half of $5.8 million general fund budget

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council passed the 2016-2017 budget after a public hearing on Monday, May 9. No one from the public commented.

The total revenues estimated to be available for appropriation in the City of Fenton General Fund for fiscal year 2016-2017 are $5,796,884. With a general fund balance of $1,996,585 expected July 1, the total amount of money available to appropriate is $7,793,469.

Total general fund expenditures budgeted for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, are $5,787,406.

The lion’s share of the general fund expenditures in the 2016-2017 budget, $2,292,200, are for the police department.

Numerous crashes on Saturday

Livingston County Sheriff’s deputies, along with the Fenton police and fire departments, handle a crash that occurred on northbound U.S. 23, south of the Owen Road exit on Saturday at 1 p.m. The vehicle left the roadway and rolled over causing serious injuries to the driver, the only occupant. This crash was one of four in the Fenton area on Saturday.

Witness testifies that she saw Bigford shooting despite children nearby

By Vera Hogan

Cclosing comments are expected to begin this week in the murder trial of Mary Lou Bigford, the Isabella County woman accused of killing her granddaughter’s father in Mt. Pleasant last April.

Defense attorney Sara Spencer-Noggle, who represents Bigford, 52, completed her defense late Monday morning, following Prosecutor Risa Hunt-Scally finishing her case to the jury on Wednesday, May 11.

Exotic animal ordinance amendment under final review

Family owned zoo with rare animals remains open

The Tyrone Township Planning Commission is getting closer to approving a proposed new ordinance that would address the keeping of exotic animals under specific circumstances.

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Final chapter of seminary ends at Oakwood

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — As the rain threatened and the breeze chilled the air, a piece of Fenton history was repurposed into its new and final home at Oakwood Cemetery before a small but dedicated crowd Saturday afternoon.

The monument was unveiled to a group of Fenton residents, politicians and city workers. It is comprised of the actual cornerstone housed in new concrete, and a carved stone bench with a rendering of the building, circa 1895. The bench was donated by Fenton Memorials.

Doug Tebo chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board led the effort to build a monument, after the building was demolished in September 2015.

The monument can be viewed in Section B of the cemetery, where 42 Baptist ministers and their wives are buried.

The 1895 seminary, in all its glory, has been beneficial in other areas. Despite the backlash of controversial approach over the years, I do appreciate some shifts in thinking that the Common Core standards have provided for ELA (English Language Arts).

History of the building

The old Baptist Ministers Home was originally built as a seminary in 1868, a feeder school for Kalamazoo College. By 1886, it was given to the Baptist Aid Society as a retirement home and was used as such until around 1938. It was later used as an apartment building, a nursing home and later was privately owned.

In 2013 and 2014, the building was severely damaged by late fall and winter storms. In 2015, it was deemed a dangerous building by a structural engineer. It was demolished in September 2015.

The monument itself is comprised of the black marble bench, and the cornerstone of the building, which was salvaged when it was razed in September 2015.

Oakwood Cemetery Board Chairman Doug Tebo reads aloud the history of the Fenton seminary building at the official dedication on Saturday.

Common Core standards could be repealed

Teachers speak in favor of controversial approach despite backlash

By Hannah Ball
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A Michigan Senate committee recently approved legislation, Senate Bill 826, which would repeal the Common Core standards from classrooms.

When the Common Core State Standards, implemented by Michigan in 2014, set teaching standards for grades kindergarten through 12 grade, there was backlash from parents and teachers, arguing that the Common Core system of teaching was harmful to students.

While many have questioned the system’s method of teaching, especially in math, a few teachers say it has been beneficial in other areas.

Despite the backlash over the years, I do appreciate some shifts in thinking that the Common Core standards have provided for ELA (English Language Arts).

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Random royal thoughts

Ask your child to spell ‘vacuum,’ or ‘raccoon,’ or ‘independent,’ or ‘collectible,’ or ‘calendar,’ or ‘recommend,’ or ‘occasion.’ Ask them to use these, and they’re in context. Ask them the difference between principal and principal. Ask them to name the eight planets. Your eyes will be opened.

What most Americans fail to comprehend these days is that when presidential campaigns require hundreds of millions of dollars in order to be successful, the governance of America is literally for sale to the highest bidder.

Our schools are a disaster by any measurement. Math and science skills are disappearing faster than a stray cat in Chinatown. History knowledge is virtually nonexistent. Cursive writing is no longer taught, meaning many students don’t even have a signature. Is this really the time to create divisive and unneeded issues by mandating an illogical, expensive and unecessary bathroom policy for our schools? Wouldn’t that money be better used for supplies and teachers? Promoting political/social agendas over common sense is killing America.

Most U.S. schools are required by the government to have one toilet for every 40 students. Just so ya’ know.

Some argue that a President Trump could surround himself with experienced and savvy advisers to cover for his own lack of experience in international issues. But Barack Obama has already shown us that an egomaniac rookie can ignore even unanimous advice from military advisers that can change the world. Example: Obama pulling troops out of Iraq is what created ISIS.

The definition of hypocrisy is comically exhibited in the fact that the ratio of liberal to conservative university commencement speakers is more than 120 to 1 in favor of Liberals.

Serial liar Hillary Clinton was telling the truth when she said, “None of the emails on my private server were marked ‘classified.’” The reason she was telling the truth is that there is no official government email classification called ‘classified.’

Here is a mnemonic verse to remember the planets: My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

A few years from now, historians will look back on the circus side-show known as the Obama years and wonder how we survived it. Only under the lunacy of Obama’s force-fed socialism could Bruce Jenner be named in 2015 as “Woman of the Year” by Glamour magazine.

Here’s a prediction: At some point this year, poor mixed up Bruce will announce to a breathless public that (y-a-a-a-w-n) he is changing back to being a man. It’s important to note that Bruce still has all his original equipment, so technically, he is still a man, so, technically, he isn’t really ‘changing back’ because, technically, he never ‘changed’ in the first place.

Opinions varied in If I Were King on the author’s alter ego and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or the staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

The reason she was telling the truth is that her private server were marked ‘classified.’ The reason she was telling the truth is that there is no official government email classification called ‘classified.’

IF YOU DON’T like Cinco de Mayo, you probably don’t like St. Patrick’s Day either or the Chinese New Year.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD get your myopic head out of your rectal office and realize that an educated society is a benefit to you as well. They provide viable employment and contribute to the tax base, taking the burden off of you. Think about somebody besides just yourself.

JUST READ THE Hot line in the Sunday paper. All I can say is, some things simply cannot be free.

NOT SAID ANYTHING until now, are you serious? Yes, it’s bad enough that men pedophiles are in the men’s room and now you want to let them in the women’s room as well? What is wrong with you people?

THE DECLARATION OF Independence states that ‘we hold these truths to be self evident. That all men are created equal, except the ones we don’t like.’

TODAY A FEDERAL judge ruled that much of Obamacare is unconstitutional. The Republicans are the clear winners here and the losers have been the taxpayers who have had to foot this debacle of a health care plan.

THE DEFINITION of selfish is lacking consideration for others concerned chiefly with one’s own personal profit or pleasure. Describes a lot of people. You have to realize an educated society will benefit you in the long run.

OVER THE YEARS, I have both agreed and disagreed with the King. But this time he really nailed it when he showed the blatant hypocrisy in the North Carolina transgendet backlash. Keep telling it like it is, King.

THE COST of college is outrageous due to vastly overstated and overpaid professors and their assistants who literally do not work more than 10-12 hours per week, 32 weeks a year and are paid $150,000 or more. Thanks liberals.

AS OF THIS morning, Obama has ordered every public school in the country to allow transgender students to use the bathroom of their choice. This president continues to operate without morals, without value and without observing the values of America. He is saying that cisgender criminals and the Democratic agenda.

TO THE PEOPLE who think that Trump is going to save the bathroom problem, apparently you’re not listening to his speeches. He doesn’t have any problem with transgender people going to the ladies room or vice versa. You better check and see what he’s saying before you vote for him.

I JUST FOUND out the reason that all my plumbing backed up was because of the time the city is putting in our water. Do you think the city will head out of your rectal orifice and realize they have to do more than just open the valve? MINE HAD TO BE TOILET PUMPED.

IF I FURIOUSLY yell at the Detroit parents who are in Lansing protesting, you better check why they’re having a problem. It all started with John Enger. Their problem started in Lansing and it’s still in Lansing.

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I don’t think I would, to be honest. That’s what you have kids for.

“It sounds weird. I like my son’s name because it’s a unisex name. Taylor. That’s probably the type of name I would choose.”

“If I could change my middle name, I would. I was named after two elderly relatives and it’s not my favorite name. I don’t care for Winifred. I haven’t given a thought to what I would change it to.”

“Something ridiculous like Max Power, like in the Simpsons.”

“James Bond. I have a friend who’s named James Bond.”

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Finding scholarships

Thousands of dollars go unspent because no one applies for them.

By Vera Hogan
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Drew Shapiro of Fenton, who hopes to trade his Board of Education president hat with that of the Genesee County Commission’s (6th District) in August, has been making strides with another of his passions — scholarships.

On May 21, Shapiro will be hosting his third scholarship event to help parents and students find scholarships and grant monies to pay for college.

The event will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Fenton VFW hall, 1148 N. LefRoy St.

“I hire speakers to come in and talk to families about how to find dollars for college,” Shapiro said. “At the last one, 100 people showed up.

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“She will go through the process of doing this three times,” said Shapiro of the scholarship event.

Ferguson is familiar to local residents as she and her husband Kris Johns have been helping Fenton Township plan its dog park on Thompson Road east of Wiggins Road. The roughly 2-acre dog park will be part of a bigger 36-acre park.

“This is pretty great,” said Shapiro. “A lot of local families express concerns about how they’re going to pay for college.”

Another political leader held an event to show families how to get financial aid as opposed to grants and scholarships, Shapiro added.

“I don’t want people to go into debt,” he said.

There are grants and scholarships out there that people aren’t aware of — dollars that go unspent because parents and students don’t know where to look or how to apply.

The scholarship forum on May 21 aims to point people in the right direction. It will be informational only.

“There is no sales pitch,” said Shapiro.

There is no cost to attend. The fees for speakers and cost of light refreshments are paid for by Shapiro. The VFW donates the venue for the scholarship events.

Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren’t for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lap-band surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop “Dumping Syndrome.” During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incontinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarming, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they’ve had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

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I’m trying to avoid accidents on highways, where people regularly drive 80 mph, and recklessly change lanes without a turn signal.

If you don’t think you need to use a turn signal, stay off the road. Never mind it being the law.

According to the Society of Automotive Engineers, 48 percent of drivers fail to use their turn signals, and 100 percent of them are idiots. (That last part was my opinion.)

When you operate a few thousand pounds of heavy machinery, going down roads at high speeds next to people who are doing the same thing, you have a responsibility to yourself, other drivers, and to your loved ones who would be devastated if you were killed in a car accident because you didn’t signal a turn.

Volunteers needed for Community Planting Day

Those interested in helping to beautify Fenton are asked to meet at Fenton City Hall for the third annual Community Planting Day on Saturday, June 4. Volunteers are to gather at 9 a.m. at City Hall. The event will last until 12 p.m. Join the Beautification Team as they plant flowers at Fenton City Hall, the Fenton Police Department, gazebo and museum. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. For details, call Hannah Bull, Beautiful Fenton’s chairwoman, at (810) 629-0455 or Fenton Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Lockwood at (810) 516-5860.

Fourth annual Run for Hope

Hope Lutheran Church will host its fourth annual “Run for Hope” 5K race on Saturday, June 11. Be sure to register by May 25. The race will start at 9 a.m. behind the church at 7355 West Silver Lake Rd., Linden. The race will not be held on public roads but consists of paved areas and cross-country trails on the Linden High School property. A Kids ½-mile Fun Run will be held at 10 a.m. on the Linden High School track. Proceeds from the race are applied to a college scholarship for a Linden High School graduate. Registrants must be pre-May 25 for the race to receive a moisture-wicking Tech T-shirt and race entry fee for $20. Late registration is $25 with no shirt. Kids Fun Run entry fee and moisture-wicking shirt is $10 for those 3-12 or before May 25. Kids Fun Run with no shirt will be $5 before or after May 25. Register at www.hopefenton.org and click on the Run for Hope or call the church office at (810) 735-4807 with any questions.

Vic Canever Chevrolet announces fifth annual Car Show Lineup

For the fifth year, Vic Canever Chevrolet is hosting a number of car shows, with the first show taking place this Thursday, May 19, from 5-8 p.m. The car shows are held on the dealership grounds, at 3000 Owen Road in Fenton. All classic cars, hot rods and antique automobiles are welcome at the event. Participants will have the ability to show their vehicles while enjoying other unique vintage automobiles. Free hot dogs, pop and popcorn are available, along with a DJ and on-site contests for great prizes such as oil changes and a chance to drive a Volt for the weekend. Additional upcoming car shows take place on the third Thursday of the month — June 16 and July 21. Plus, a bonus show will be held in connection with the Fenton Back to the Bricks event on Aug. 11, from 3-8 p.m. Registration will be the fourth Thursday of each month as needed. To learn more about the Canever Car Shows, visit www.canever.com or call (810) 629-3350.

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Lawsuits have been filed in Illinois, Virginia and North Carolina, with more to come, as to transgender rights.

The question of recognizing transgender students’ access to restrooms and locker rooms and other activities made national news on May 13, 2016 when a joint letter was sent by the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Education to all school districts, colleges and universities that receive federal funding.

The letter stated that schools must not treat a transgender student differently from the way it treats other students of the same gender identity. This includes access to restrooms and locker rooms, athletics, single sex classes and housing and overnight accommodations.

A number of states including Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Utah and North Carolina have already said they’ll oppose this directive. A number of other states agree with it.

Ultimately, the United States Supreme Court will make the final decision on the question.

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“Police budgets in most cities make up around 40 percent of the General Fund Budget,” said City Manager Lynn Markland.

He said this includes costs for salaries and wages, insurances, including workers compensation and liability insurances, prosecution, membership for Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), which is $20,000, school crossing guards, training costs, and police station and building costs.

“This year we are budgeting $217,000 for a new radio system for the department, which is included in the budget,” Markland said. “The Police Department is a 24-hour, 365 days per year department, which adds to the cost.

“The police department also has more full-time employees paid from the general fund than any other department,” he added.

Markland said most people refer to the city’s general fund when they are thinking about the city budget, but it actually represents about one-third of all the city’s funds.

The total city budget adds up to about $18 million. This includes water, sewer, streets, DDA (Downtown Development Authority), LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority), debt funds and several others that are not a part of the general fund.

A number of the other departments’ employees are paid from funds other than the general fund, such as water department employees who are paid from the water fund.

WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES PAY FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS

CITY OF GRAND BLANC

According to Grand Blanc City Manager Jean-Buhrer, 43 percent of their 2016-2017 budget is dedicated to the police department. “But that takes into account some huge capital outlay expenses in that year,” she said.

It’s 50 percent without the one-time capital outlay expenditures.

CITY OF LINDEN

Linden Mayor David Lossing said the city’s overall budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year will be $5,176,555.

“Our police expenses are expected to be $565,500, which equals 10.9 percent of the budget,” he said.

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

According to Village President Ryan Bladzik, 45 percent of the village’s general fund budget is dedicated to the police department. It’s 50 percent if one includes the police department and dispatch services.

Bladzik said 86 percent of property tax revenue is dedicated to the police department. It’s 97 percent for the police department and dispatch services.

“So, basically, village residents pay nearly 100 percent of their property taxes for police/dispatch services, and the rest of the village operates on fees, revenue sharing, enterprise funds, etc.” Bladzik said.

“Interestingly enough, if you also throw in fire services, total public safety — police, fire and dispatch — exceeds our total property tax revenue,” he added. “And yet we still have residents and leaders stating that we do not spend enough on police and fire — but the voters rejected the last police services millage proposal.”

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Holly family holds album release concert

Recorded with Grammy-award winning producer

By Hannah Ball
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One musical family is aiming to show their love for God and music at their concert on May 20, after working on their album for more than four years.

Sam and Sherry Beeler, and their son Sammy Beeler and daughter-in-law Tonya Beeler will perform songs from their album “Truth be Told” at the Karl Richter Auditorium, starting at 7 p.m.

“Music is what we’ve done for years and years. It’s our passion,” said Sherry Beeler, pastor at Rock of Salvation Church in Holly who has been writing music since she was 15.

“It’s Christian music. It’s got a Motown ‘80s feel, this particular CD,” she said. “They’re very uplifting and anybody who listened to it could appreciate it. It talks about life and struggles.”

There are 10 songs on the album. Dr. N. Debra Simms, section chief for the Center for Child Protection at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, said Siera Howard had been referred to her by the Isabella County Sheriff’s Department, Children’s Protective Services in Isabella County and Child and Family Enrichment in Mt. Pleasant.

Simms, who is an expert in evaluating sexual abuse in children, testified via video. She told jurors there was no medical indication of pediatric medical sexual abuse.

During questioning by Spencer-Noggle, Simms also told the jury that such an examination is not conclusive and that there are types of sexual abuse that don’t leave “stigma,” or identifying characteristic.

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Bigford is accused of fatally shooting Lawrence Howard Jr., the father of her granddaughter, in a Mt. Pleasant apartment building parking lot in 2015.

Jessica Lynn Perry was in her downstairs apartment at Chase Run in Mt. Pleasant on April 18, 2015 when she heard a loud popping noise, looked out her window and saw a woman with a gun and three children playing nearby, Perry told the court on May 9.

Perry told Hunt-Scully she ran outside and saw a gun pointed at Howard as he sat inside a parked car.

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Introducing the testimony of Perry, Simms said people were “scurrying around the parking lot” as she tried to check on Howard.

Spencer-Noggle cross-examined, comparing Perry’s trial testimony to previous statements taken by police and testimony she gave during a preliminary hearing.

Perry became increasingly agitated while Spencer-Noggle questioned her, declining several offers to look at transcripts from past interviews to clarify discrepancies in her testimony and refusing to answer questions.

When, instead of answering a question Perry accused Spencer-Noggle of harassing her and threatened to walk off the stand, Judge Paul Chamberlain had her life was in danger.

“I’ve been told that since day one.”

The judge continued his warning, instructing her to answer questions when asked and said he doesn’t expect to spend the rest of his day dealing with her tantrums.

Earlier Monday police officers testified about their involvement in the crime scene investigation and the arrest of Bigford.

This is Bigford’s third trial. Two others ended in mistrial because of jury issues.
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Numerous crashes on Saturday

No fatalities despite rollovers, collisions and vehicle fire

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Tyrone Twp. — On Saturday, traffic crawled along northbound U.S. 23, just south of the Owen Road exit, as emergency responders worked in the rain to clear the scene of a vehicle that left the roadway, flipping, and then catching fire.

This was one of several crashes to occur over the weekend, in the Fenton area. Two were rollover crashes.

The first crash on Saturday occurred at 6:38 a.m. The Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a rollover crash on Fenton Road near Dollar Lake, south of Thompson Road. The entrapped driver, who was pinned underneath the steering wheel, was removed and transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for medical attention. Details of their status are currently not available.

Fenton Road was closed down until 10:48 a.m. while the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office investigated the crash scene.

The second crash occurred at approximately 1 p.m., on Saturday. Deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department responded to northbound U.S. 23 between White Lake and Owen roads for a personal injury crash.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 32-year-old Fenton man was driving his 2002 Ford Taurus northbound at a high rate of speed, cutting off drivers and weaving in and out of both lanes. His Taurus struck a 2003 Ford Taurus, driven by a 50-year-old Burton woman. Upon impact, the Fenton man lost control of his car, veering into the ditch where his car rolled over. He was transported by STAT EMS to Genesys Health Park with life-threatening injuries.

The female driver of the other car was not injured.

According to the sheriff’s department, alcohol and speed were factors in the crash. Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Fenton Fire Department, Fenton Police Department and STAT EMS ambulance. The crash remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Safety Bureau.

Fenton Township Fire Department handled two other crashes that day as well. One occurred at 4:09 p.m. in Tyrone Township on Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road. While two vehicles were involved, none of the occupants accepted medical assistance.

The other crash occurred at Torrey and Thompson roads in Fenton Township, and involved three vehicles. Following the crash, two occupants were transported to Genesys Health Park.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to the story.
Eagles capture Metro crown with Clio sweep

Linden wins 11-inning 1-0 game to lock up outright championship

By David Troppens
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Linden — All season long, the second-ranked Linden varsity baseball team has made a habit of winning one-run games, and specifically 1-0 contests.

It was only fitting that the Eagles experienced both types of games en route to capturing the outright Flint Metro League championship on Monday against Clio. The Eagles (12-0, 20-2) scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh, defeating the Mustangs 7-6 in the opening game of a doubleheader on Monday, earning the squad at least a share of the Metro crown. In the nightcap, the Eagles played in a scoreless tie for 10 innings before a Ryker Rivera two-out single scored Brendan Buerkel from third base, earning the Eagles a 1-0 11-inning victory and the outright Metro League championship title with a doubleheader remaining against area rivals Fenton on Monday.

“Every day before we play, I tell the players, ‘We are the No. 1 team in the Metro League. We have the No. 1 ranking in the area. We are going to win,’” Rivera said. “It doesn’t matter if we are down 3-0 like we were in the first game. We know we are going to bounce back every time. “These are my guys. We are all tight. This is my family right here.”

“I think we like to have a lot of fun, and we don’t let a lot of things get to us,” said Jack Shore, who was the winning pitcher in the first game and also tossed seven shutout innings in the second.

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Lake Fenton’s Arthur Aragon (right) battles a Saginaw Heritage player for the ball in the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op boys lacrosse team’s 5-4 victory against Saginaw Heritage.

LF/Goodrich boys lacrosse caps successful first season

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Keinan Hagenstein remembers what the first Lake Fenton/Goodrich boys lacrosse practice was like earlier this spring. “On day one nobody could catch or knew what lacrosse was.”

About two months later, the co-op squad can feel good about their first season. The program capped its season with its first-ever victory in boys lacrosse history, defeating Saginaw Heritage 7-5 in the team’s final game of the spring during Thursday’s rainy night. The contest was delayed a couple of times due to lightning, but the game was completed.

“Getting our first win is the world,” said Lake Fenton senior Arthur Aragon, who scored the game’s final goal with under a minute remaining. “It’s huge for the first-year team to win. I’m very proud of my boys.”

Coach Tyler Stephens is proud of the team’s progress.

“We started a month late and had a very limited schedule, Stephens said. “We knew things would be stacked against us. We had 12 people show up at our first practice.”

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Tigers earn at least share of league title

Eagles remain in hunt for at least a co-championship

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One rival earned at least a share of the Metro League girls soccer title on Monday. That rival was Fenton in a 3-1 victory against Flushing on Monday.

However, area rival and defending Metro champion Linden still can figure in the Metro race as well. Linden remained in the race for at least a share of the crown by beating Clio 8-0 on Monday.

Linden must beat Fenton in regulation time on Monday at Fenton High School in order to earn a share of the Metro crown. Fenton’s Chloee Foor scored a goal and had an assist, helping lead the Tigers to the 3-1 victory against the Raiders.

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Fenton’s Chloee Foor dribbles the ball down the field in a recent game. She had a goal and an assist in the Tigers’ 3-1 victory against Flushing on Monday.

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Linden celebrates its outright Metro League title just seconds after the team’s 1-0 11-inning victory against Clio on Monday.

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Holly’s Maggie Schneider placed first in the 800 meter run at the Davison Cardinal Twilight Classic.

Area track teams post many firsts at Davison

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The tri-county area represented itself pretty well at the Davison Cardinal Twilight Classic, posting 10 firsts in girls competition and eight in boys events.

The Fenton varsity girls track team led the area squads. The Tigers took third with 123 points with an eighth-place finish despite having four hits each. John Leaske pitched eight innings of eight-hit ball, but received no decision.

In the second game, Flushing scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth in the doubleheader sweep of Flushing on Monday.

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The Lake Fenton boys track and field team competed at the 13-team Williamston light Classic, posting 10 firsts in six events. The Holly varsity girls track team took 14th.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE SCULPTURES ARE ugly, they don’t fit the downtown and $12,000 to rent them is just ridiculous. That’s $12,000 that could be better used on anything else in Fenton. The sculptures that do not fit the quaint feeling of the downtown.

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Kathryn Morcom, a language arts teacher at Lake Fenton Middle School, said, “Despite the backlash over the years, I do appreciate some shifts in thinking that the Common Core standards have provided for ELA (English Language Arts).”
Morcom said her students are required to read and write more argumentatively and use information derived from textual evidence from different sources.
“This isn’t something necessarily new for standards, but there is more emphasis on this type of writing. My students were able to creatively apply the standards to a research project this year,” she said.
Julie Kazmierski, a third-grade teacher at North Road Elementary School in Fenton, said Common Core increased the need for critical thinking in all academic areas. She said they discovered their math program wasn’t enough to support the new Common Core expectations, so they spent a year looking for a different program.
“We decided on purchasing Math In Focus for our elementary schools since it not only incorporated those standards but also included increased rigor with critical thinking embedded in the lessons,” she said. “This is only our second year using Math In Focus but we are already seeing benefits.”
This is the second year students have taken the Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (M-STEP), the state’s new standardized test, and the first year educators have been able to look at data.
“The new test is online, very long, and challenging for my third-graders,” Kazmierski said.
Senators Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) introduced this bill on March 1, arguing that the Common Core standards require too much testing just for the sake of data collection.
Many opponents of Senate Bill 826 are arguing that the state hasn’t been using the standards long enough to procure effective results.
Michele Ostrowski, a third-grade teacher at State Road Elementary School in Fenton, said she doesn’t mind the Common Core standards.
“What I hate is the constant change,” she said, adding that they haven’t given Common Core enough time in schools.
“I do believe that all students in the United States should be under the same standards,” she said.
However, she said the standardized test hasn’t always matched the Common Core standards. Ostrowski said, “The test seems much harder than the standards that I need to teach.”
Morcom said that good teachers will continue to do good teaching no matter what standards are set for the students.
“Sometimes, however, the standards are incorrectly rolled out, and teachers may feel like they must teach a scripted curriculum,” she said. “That is not the case. The standards are meant to guide us like a compass. However, we are still in control of which paths we take to get there.”
She stressed the importance of policy makers involving teachers, parents, and other stakeholders when deciding standards.
“Otherwise, we don’t feel as if we have a say in one of the most important jobs: educating our youth,” she said.
In order to become law, Senate Bill 826 needs to pass in the Senate, House, and be signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.
Senate Bill 826
The bill’s wording aims to shift the power from the federal government to the schools in regards to what’s taught in school.
“The superintendent of public instruction, the state board, the department, and any other state public employee or authority shall take all steps necessary to terminate areas of federal control of the Michigan education process,” the bill reads.
The bill also gives the parents the right to opt their students out of standardized testing, or any other public school activity.
Senate Bill 826 would repeal those standards and require Michigan to use the 2008-2009 Massachusetts school standards, which is considered one of the leading school systems in the country.

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Math with Common Core

Many teachers have criticized how they are required to teach math, saying it compiles simple processes. Nationaljumper.com showed examples of how students are supposed to solve math problems with Common Core. One example was 7 + 7 = ?

Students are required to use “number bonds” in order to solve the equation.

Instead of writing 7 + 7 = 14, students are required to show that 7 is broken up into 3 and 4, and then they add 7 + 3 = 4 to get 14.

With Math in Focus, Julie Kazmierski, a third-grade teacher at North Road Elementary, said they use visual approaches to solving word problems.

“Beginning in second grade, students are taught to use rectangular bars (bar models) to solve math problems. The bars are labeled with known information to support solving the unknown,” she said. “They can be used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.”

Common Core also incorporated eight mathematical practices, two of which are modeling and constructing viable arguments. Kazmierski said:

“Students use bar models as their modeling tool and can also use them as support for their arguments. In fact, the bar models actually support all of the mathematical practices,” she said.

All eight practices are:

• Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
• Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
• Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
• Model with mathematics.
• Use appropriate tools strategically.
• Attend to precision.
• Look for and make use of structure.
• Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS are funded with property taxes like all schools. And taxes are based on the values of the property. The average value of a Detroit home is $39,000 while a Fenton home is $145,000. They don’t have the resources we do and can’t pay their teachers much. It’s a rigged and unfair system.

Every developed country in the world has free healthcare for its citizens except for the United States. People can upgrade their coverage by purchasing supplemental insurance (for a private room at the hospital, for example), but everyone has basic healthcare.

Actually, an educated population benefits our society as a whole, not just the person who received the education.

The tri-county area, excluding the Fenton City Council, is largely conservative in its political and moral outlook. The Times opposed the King’s column to the Sunday edition of the paper and place Heller’s column in the Wednesday edition of the paper.

The Globalist Establishment wants to repeat its destruction of Goldwater in 1964. To retain their power, they preferred Lyndon Johnson who destroyed our immigration policy and enlarged the Vietnam conflict costing thousands of American lives. The establishment will stop at nothing to retain power.

With complete disregard to voter preference, the Democratic Party decided back in 2008 that Clinton was going to be 2016 nominee. That’s why she has 92 percent of super delegates. Party elites have rigged the nomination. Bernie never had a chance. That did not happen in the Republican primary.

No, the Republican primary was not rigged. Party elites actively opposed Trump and he still got the nomination. Every Cruz vote mattered; he just didn’t have enough. In the Republican Party, voters still hold power.

How can two parents with two kids, walk out of the store and forget their baby in the pushcart?

Thank you to the nice person in front of me who paid ahead for me at the party store. That was a nice gesture.

I am a pro-life Christian who will continue to shop at (local retailer). I thank them for the clothes they have rigged the nomination. Bernie never had a chance. That did not happen in the Republican primary.

People wonder why the younger generation has bad attitudes, then I read the Hot Lines and I realize what kind of generation raised them.

I am a pro-life Christian who will continue to shop at (local retailer). I thank them for the clothes they have rigged the nomination. Bernie never had a chance. That did not happen in the Republican primary.

Thanks to everyone who donated food for the Letter Carrier food drive. It is much appreciated. Also, a big thanks to VG’s for their donation of plastic bags.

In regards to your paper, you need to leave Andrew Heller alone. He has been around for a long time and is informative and entertaining. I live in Flint and thoroughly enjoy this paper.

Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are often the ones who dropped it.

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James R. Bennett - age 65, of Linden, died May 12, 2016. Services will be held 12:30 PM Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Bellford Rd., Holly. James was born June 1, 1950 in Flint. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. Surviving are: sons, Christopher and Billy; brother, Robert; special friend, Korine Schuler and her daughters, Morgan and Ellie. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jimmy, a sister and a brother. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

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CLISHE

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

Answer:

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Creche trio
5 Impress greatly
8 Rhett’s last word
12 Terrible guy?
13 “Holy cow!”
14 Toast toaster
15 Collapse
17 Existed
18 Squid’s protector
19 Cover
20 Prepare to propose
21 Enthusiast
22 Icemen’s org.
23 Dawdle
26 Rocket launcher
30 Lotion additive
31 Moonshine container
32 Desertlike
33 Adorned with gems
35 “Golden Boy” playright
36 Parcel of land
37 “Help!”
38 Pitch
41 Occupation, for short
42 Hot tub
45 Georgetown athlete
46 Parachutist’s thrill
48 Mimicked

DOWN
1 Calf-length
2 Shakespeare’s river
3 Stare stupidly
4 Hostel
5 Once more
6 Join with a blowtorch
7 Silherty
8 Transfers on
9 Gun the engine
10 Astringent
11 Mrs. Dick
12 Tracy
13 Have bills
14 Plead
15 A PC
16 TV chef
17 Bobby
18 Frequency meas.
19 Mooches
20 Gripe constantly
21 -- Mahal
22 Milwaukee product
23 Unembellished
24 Yuletide refrain
25 Queue
26 Unopened
27 Raw rock
28 Set of equip-ment
29 Sheltered
30 Unembel-
31 Lustrous
32 black
33 Depressed
34 Seep slowly
35 Colander
36 Just one of those things?
37 Crosby’s longtime pal
38 Deli loaves
39 Make
40 24-Down
41 Bargain
42 Advertise
43 Charitable donations
44 To and --
45 -- Terriff!!

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate  ★★ Challenging  ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your “sensible” side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
“New” is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
There’s a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpion has a surprising revelation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid’s best bet for your romantic prospects.

DVD RELEASES

DIRTY GRANDPA
Straight-laced lawyer Jason (Zac Efron) goes on a road trip to Daytona Beach with his horndog grandfather Dick (Robert De Niro), who was recently widowed and is eager to party hard on spring break now that he’s a single man. Along the way, Dick prods Jason to let loose and have fun, and tries to convince him that he shouldn’t get married to his controlling fiancée (Julianne Hough). Aubrey Plaza, Dermot Mulroney, Zoey Deutch, Jason Mantzoukas, and Adam Pally co-star. Directed by Dan Mazer.

R, 1 hr. 42 min.

THE WITCH
In this exquisitely made and terrifying new horror film, the age-old concepts of witchcraft, black magic and possession are innovatively brought together to tell the intimate and riveting story of one family’s frightful unraveling in the New England wilderness circa 1630. New England, 1630. Upon threat of banishment by the church, an English farmer leaves his colonial plantation, relocating his wife and five children to a remote plot of land on the edge of an ominous forest - within which lurks an unknown evil.

R, 1 hr. 32 min.

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