Deputies use Taser to subdue man at RenFest

A 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested just after 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Michigan Renaissance Festival for allegedly assaulting a 30-year-old man, his 30-year-old girlfriend and their 7-year-old daughter, all of Garden City. Levi Ross Frederick remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail. His video arraignment was held Monday, Sept. 18 at which time he pleaded not guilty to one felony count of resisting/assaulting a police officer and three misdemeanor counts of assault. A cash surety bond of $75,000 was ordered. Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe said deputies assigned to the festival on Dixie Highway in Groveland Township were advised that an assault had just occurred on the pedestrian trail connecting the north and south parking lot.

Witnesses directed responding deputies to the scene and provided a description of the suspect.

Record crowds at 45th annual Applefest

More than 30,000 in attendance throughout four-day festival

By Sally Rummel
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This just might have been the nicest Applefest weekend weather in 20 years.

That’s the word from Sara McDermott, event co-chairperson, who said the 45th annual festival at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton on Sept. 14-17 attracted approximately 30,000 visitors.

“Our final numbers won’t be in until mid-October, but with the beautiful weather and the big crowds, it feels like we had a record year,” McDermott said.

“Saturday was the busiest Saturday we’ve ever seen at the festival.”

Many winners also took home large prizes in various raffles and events at Applefest. See FESTIVAL on 8

While official results won’t be in until October, Applefest 2017 organizers believe this was a record attendance year for the long-running festival, which is hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

Argentine rejects medical marijuana facilities

Resolution to ban passes in 3-2 vote

By Hannah Ball
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A medical marijuana facility may have been one vote away from coming to Argentine Township.

On Aug. 28, the Board of Trustees voted 3-2 to pass a resolution not to create regulations for medical marijuana facilities, thus prohibiting any such facility in the township. This vote happened 18 days after a medical marijuana growing and testing facility approached the Planning Commission about building in the township.

Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad and Trustee Scott Conner voted against the resolution.

Saad said he thinks they could have done better than just drafting an ordinance “that’s just a blanket no,” but that he respects the vote.

This vote comes after representatives from Health Call, a community

Lake Ponemah homeowners oppose weed control

Resolution to ban passes in 3-2 vote

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Fenton Twp. — Numerous riparians on Lake Ponemah made their voices heard at the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 18, speaking against renewing a special assessment district to pay for weed control.

The previous five-year special assessment district expired, and due to a misunderstanding between the Ponemah-Squaw-Tupper Association and township, the special district was renewed.

The previous district was for $1.00 per foot and was based on assessed value. The current district is for $1.09 per foot and is based on current market value. The current district is expected to raise $28,000 annually, while the previous district was expected to raise $12,000 annually.

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Local man to climb Costa Rica’s Cerro Chirripó

Personal setbacks prompt 80-pound weight loss

By Sally Rummel
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Andrew Hudgins decided when things started to go downhill in his life, that he would begin an uphill ascent to a new perspective.

That’s why you’ll find this 54-year-old Fenton Township man climbing Cerro Chirripó in Costa Rica, the second highest peak in Central America, on Oct. 25.

“I’ve had a rough couple of years,” Hudgins said. “My dad died, I went through a divorce. When I shifted away from sitting at home to living again, I started looking at my bucket list to think of all the things I could do, but I wasn’t in shape to do any of them.”

Hudgins did a lot of research on building muscle after age 50, began to eat mostly fish and chicken, and trains daily with weights and a cardio routine. Over the past year, he has lost almost 80 pounds, training at Anytime Fitness in Fenton.

He’s at the gym by 4:30 a.m., then begins his workday at Oxford Bank in Lake Orion. His employer was so impressed with his plans that they paid for his gym membership. “I’ve never attempted anything like this before,” Hudgins said.

The first item he checked off his bucket list was a bike ride through Manhattan in New York City, which he accomplished in 2016. Then he visited the rain forest in Costa Rica and began to see the possibilities. “I chose this mountain because it’s one of the only places on earth where you can watch the sunrise.”

See CLIMB on 9

Checking the pulse of the Shiawassee

Volunteers measure health of important tri-county river path

By Tim Jagielo
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Linden — Poking through mud pulled from the Shiawassee River on Saturday, Sept. 16 led to some surprises, like tiny crayfish hidden amongst the debris and various larvae clinging to the inside of river reeds.

Volunteers took over a section of the Shiawassee River for an important scientific study — measuring the health of the artery that connects all of the tri-county area.

An outdoor science lab was set up nearby in downtown Linden, and covered with maps, microscopes, magnifying glasses and specimen trays to inspect and catalog what was found.

The Shiawassee River is an important recreational and natural feature that connects Holly, Fenton and Linden, and is heavily used by kayakers along its 110-mile length.

The testing was coordinated by the Keepers of the Shiawassee, using parameters set by the University of Michigan-Flint and the Flint River Watershed Coalition.

Approximately 15 volunteers explored and measured the river that day.

Benthic testing records various river measurements and what creatures currently live there. It was conducted by children and adults, with Gary Messenger of the Keepers of the Shiawassee and volunteers Ashley Toufar, 13, of Livonia (left) and Bryce and Braylan Jeffers, both 10, of Linden.

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Suzanne Lossing (right) briefs her group of volunteers on the significance of river monitoring before testing began on Sunday.

Suzanne Lossing, managing the testing.

When we do these tests, they are recorded, so we’re seeing how the river’s changed season to season, year to year,” said Messenger.

See SHIAWASSEE on 6

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• Anyone who thinks that air is free has never bought a bag of potato chips.
• Remember when you were young and couldn’t wait to grow up so that you could do whatever you wanted whenever you wanted? How’s that working out for you?
• Some people live their entire lives never comprehending why the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so large.
• You are never too old not to throw random crap into people’s shopping carts when they are not looking.
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What tops your ‘bucket list’?

“Traveling to Paris; worldly travel. I’ve been to other states, but nowhere out of the country.” — Sunnie Carsten
“One of those $40,000 lofts in Manhattan would be amazing to afford.” — Ryan McGuire
“I want to come up with some type of graphic novel.” — Thomas Martin
“Probably travel the U.S. and learn more about each state.” — Leah Niskar
“See the Vietman Memorial Wall. I recently retired and I’m a Vietnam vet from the marines; I’ve never seen it before.” — Tim Hylan
Palace inspires many fond memories

After 29 years, the sports, concert venue is closing permanently on Sept. 23.

By Vera Hogan

Vera Hogan

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Hartland senior and Fenton resident Austin Eicher (above) competes in his state championship match at the Palace of Auburn Hills in this 2014 photo.

Crowd followed by the thunderous sound of "the Putties" running down the steps between rows of seating. The Putties were the bad guys. They were a dull gray, from head to toe and were very creepy. It was so proud when my wide-eyed little one placed his arm across my stomach and breathlessly exclaimed, "Don't worry Mommy, I'll save you!"

Others, too, have shared their favorite Palace memories.

Times' Sports Editor David Troppens said he was at the Pistons brawl game against the Indiana Pacers. "That was a pretty strange night," he said.

Now referred to as "Malice at the Palace," or "Basketbrawl," the Nov. 19, 2004 fight broke out between the Pistons and Pacers. As the on-court fight died down, a fan threw a cup of Diet Coke at Pacers forward Ron Artest, who then rushed into the crowd, sparking a melee between players and spectators.

The fight resulted in the suspension of nine players, criminal charges against

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They measured the width, depth, and flow of the river in three different sections within a 300-foot span, and the conditions and shape of the riverbank itself.

They also gathered and inspected habitat samples, which included mud and leaves from the riverbank, under logs and rocks and places in the middle. They can study and catalog the small creatures, that live there. They found crayfish, clams, invasive zebra mussels, minnows and baby bluegills.

Messenger said the type of animals found will illustrate the health of the river. When a river has more creatures that are sensitive to an unclean river environment, it means the river is healthy.

More animals that are tolerant to an unclean environment might mean the river is less healthy.

These tests can be conducted within a two-week window in the spring and fall, and must be completed within a short span of time during the day, in order to disrupt the environment as little as possible.

Like any scientific study, the environment of the test needs to be controlled. Several kayakers on Saturday had to wait until testing could be completed, which they took with patience.

In the end, the river was rated as “good,” according to the point system. Messenger said it has rated higher in the past, and may in fact score higher in less-traveled sections of the river. The group may study a section of river in Argentine Township next.

**HollyDay celebrates village with dunk tank, hot dogs, live music, fireworks**

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — In Crapo Park, onlookers cheered for the police versus fire department tug-of-war contest, and watched Police Chief Michael Story get soaked by the fire hose, twice. Just outside Battle Alley, visitors paid to dunk village council members, including Chris Rankin and Dave Cruickshank.

Even Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis wasn’t safe — he too was pulled under the deluge in his Ebenezer Scrooge costume.

While HollyDay was designed to celebrate the unique northern Oakland County community, it was also about dunking and splashing authority figures with gallons of cold water.

Fortunately for them, it was an 80-degree and sunny day.

“HollyDay was meant to be a celebration of our community and that’s exactly what it was,” said Katy Hughes Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director. “Families spent time together in the park during the Community Play Day events, and friends and neighbors reconnected after a busy summer. Events like this — that’s what small town America is all about.”

She estimates that HollyDay drew between 3,000 and 4,000 visitors.

While elected officials taunted baseball-wielding children from the dunk tank, the village was alive with music, visitors, food and shopping.

The third-annual Holly Day was an unoffiical replacement for the Carry Nation Festival, which no longer exists.

At dusk, visitors enjoyed an end-of-summer fireworks display.

HollyDay is sponsored by the Holly Parks Commission, and several local businesses and churches.

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FEW INCIDENTS AT APPLEFEST
The Fenton Police Department is hoping to locate a golf cart that was being rented late at night on Friday, Sept. 15 from the grounds of Applefest. It had Genesee County Sheriff’s Office markings on it. Police Chief Jason Slater said a sheriff’s reserve office parked the golf cart near the entertainment tent while he went inside the tent to help. When he exited the tent, the golf cart was gone. However, he believed another officer had used it. Later as the officers packed up to leave, they realized the golf cart was not in their trailer. Police checked the area, however, it has not been recovered.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, Fenton police responded to Applefest after learning that a woman could not locate her 83-year-old mother. Slater said a Genesee County Sheriff’s Office Reserve officer located the 83-year-old woman near a ride in Midway. The mother and daughter were reunited. At 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, Fenton police responded to Bush Park, near the grounds of Applefest on a report of an intoxicated male sleeping on the ground. Upon police arrival, he had awakened and left the area. Slater said Fenton police responded to Applefest on a report of four missing youths. It turned out the youths had left Applefest and had gone to a friend’s house.

The police chief said Fenton police did not receive any complaints at the entertainment tent. Police did hear a few complaints from residents who were inconvenienced by the Fun Run, however, there were no reported problems. Looking back over police responses for the entire weekend Slater said, “For the most part, it was not too bad.”

More people choose to do what they ‘want’ and not what they ‘must’ to earn a living
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Are you tired of the same old 9 to 5 grind? Do you wish you could make a living doing something you enjoy?
If either of those things is true, an in-home business could be just the ticket for you. Working from home has become increasingly popular over the years. The following are some of the more popular options, according to goodfinancialsense.com:

Drive for Uber or Lyft
Becoming an Uber or Lyft driver has quickly become a great way for people to get their own business off the ground. You will need to pass a background check and have valid in-state driver’s license and auto insurance. The process is fairly painless and will get you rolling on your own business. Many people start as an Uber driver to pay the bills while they work on another business that they are more passionate about. For more information, visit uber.com or lyft.com.

Take surveys
If you are looking for quick extra cash, then signing up for sites like MySurvey can get you a nice side income with immediate results. You will not get rich doing surveys, but each site could net you anywhere from $30 to $100 per month. Some other popular survey sites include InboxDollars, GlobalTest Market, Harris Poll and EarningStation.

Graphic design
Businesses always need graphic designers to help them convey information visually, through logos, advertisements, posters, websites, and the like. While it is possible to be an entirely self-taught graphic designer, most have either a certification or a degree. Other than the cost of design software, this business has very little overhead and can be done anywhere with a computer.

Bookkeeping
This is a perfect business idea for trained accountants who would like to work from home, although it is not necessary to be a Certified Public Accountant in order to become a freelance bookkeeper — it’s just necessary to have the background knowledge that bookkeeping courses at any community college can offer. This kind of freelance work is especially helpful for small businesses that do not need or cannot afford a full-time bookkeeper, making it possible for you to have full time work through several smaller clients.

Home inspections
An important part of the home buying process is having a professional home inspector go through the house to determine the condition of the building and point out any potential problems. A home inspector needs to meet the state regulations for the profession, which varies from state to state, although anyone who has worked in the construction or housing industry will have an advantage.

Tax preparation
No one likes doing taxes, and they need to be paid whether the economy is booming or tanking. This is why at-home tax preparation can be a great business for anyone with a tax background, or anyone willing to take training courses. Since there are annual changes to the tax code, you will need to refresh your training each year, and you will also need to register with the IRS as a tax preparer. This is more of a seasonal business than a year-round endeavor, but it can be a great way to earn some extra income every winter and spring.

Hair stylist
If you have experience cutting hair and giving manicures, opening up shop from your home is an excellent way to start your own salon. Make sure that you follow all of your state’s requirements for doing salon care in a home, because they can be stringent.

Interior designer
While you do not need a degree or certification in order to set out an interior designer shingle, it is necessary in order to make sure you can meet the needs of many clients. An education in the history and theory of design will allow you to understand trends that you may not like, but your clients do.

Copywriting
These writers put together promotional materials for businesses, including ads, websites, newsletters, commercials, direct mailings, and many others. Copywriters generally have a degree in advertising, marketing, English, or communication, but any excellent writer can do a great job copywriting.

Other
Additional money-making opportunities include working as a virtual assistant, marketing consultant, freelance editor, web design, translations, video production, grant writing, medical transcription, debt collection and more.

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five players, and criminal charges
against five spectators. The offending
fans were banned from attending games
at the Palace.

“When the Palace was new and the
Pistons were going through their Bad
Boys era, I went to a bunch of the games
that were televised on the big screens
in the Palace,” Troppens said. “Those
games were near-capacity events, de-
spite the fact the games we were watch-
ing weren’t even at the Palace.”

Troppens said the Michigan High
School Athletic Association’s indi-
vidual state wrestling meet was held there for many years, and watching
area wrestlers win state titles at the
Palace was a thrill. “We’ve had so many
tri-county state champions win at the
Palace, I can’t really keep count of the
number anymore,” he said.

Former Oakland County Judge
Dana Fortinberry said, “We actually
saw ‘Cats’ there many years ago. The
acoustics weren’t awesome, but it was
so much fun to see a Broadway show
while sitting in a suite at the Palace of
Auburn Hills.”

April Bland, daughter of the late Les-
lie P. Bland, Fenton’s former long-time
DPW Director, said, “I went there for
my 16th birthday present. My parents
had bought me DC talk tickets and the
 opener was audio adrenaline.

"My dad was the one who went with me and a friend," she said. "It was the best. They were a new sound of Chris-
tian rap and my dad sat in his seat the
whole concert with ear plugs in. My
friend and I were singing every song
and screaming, jumping around. My dad
hated it but he bought the tickets and
he went. That’s the type of dad I had.”

Several others have fond memories
of seeing The Rolling Stones, The Police,
Neil Young, Fleetwood Mac, ZZ Top, Dire
Strait and the Judds Farewell Tour. Apparantly Garth Brooks did a
set before they came on stage and “stole
the show.”

To the Palace — we’ll miss you old
friend. Thanks for the memories.

About the Palace
The Palace of Auburn Hills, which
opened in 1988, got its name through a
statewide “name the building” contest.
Among the largest in the NBA, the $90
million Palace was the first NBA arena
financed entirely with private funds.

The Palace was built with 180 luxury
suites, considered an exorbitant number
when it opened, but it has consistently
been closing another 8,000 feet to base
camp,” Hudgins said. “I’ll be staying on
the trail. When I get there, I’ll be at 1,500
feet, then will have to ascend
another 8,000 feet to base camp,”
Hudgins said. “I’m estimating it will take
about eight to 10 hours.”

He wants to be at base camp by 4 p.m.,
well before it gets dark, so he’ll be leaving
by 6 a.m. He’s expecting the overnight
temperature to be about 40 degrees. He’ll
then begin his final ascent to the peak the
following day.

Hudgins new-found athletic prowess
and mountain-climbing goals have gained
him quite a following on his Facebook page.
“I found out I’ve become a huge inspiration
for all these people,” he said. “I get tons of
texts, emails and letters.”

He said he’s also a much more positive,
outgoing person than he used to be. “I
look at everything with positivity,” he said.
“I used to be private, now I reach
out to people with the message that ‘you
can do it, too.’”

Next year, Hudgins is looking at going
to China and following the Great Wall or
visiting the temple, Angkor Wat in Thai-
l. “It will be one of the two,” he said.
“I know only one thing. I’m not going
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**House Bill 4692: Fix and sanction county candidate filing deadline errors**

To provide an exemption to state-imposed city election candidacy filing deadlines for several cities that gave prospective candidates bad information on this, causing some to miss the filing deadline for elections this November. The bill would require these cities to put these candidates on the ballot. It would also require more training and oversight for these cities’ election officials, and impose $2,500 fines. Starting in 2018 cities that do this would be subject to $5,000 fine. Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate.

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  **YES**
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  **YES**
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  **YES**

House Bill 4716: Remove child from parents for female genital mutilation

To take away the parental rights of a parent who subjects a child to female genital mutilation. This would be in the same section of law that terminates parental rights for severe child abuse and molestation. Passed 89 to 16 in the House.

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)  **YES**
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)  **YES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Dollar Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2

Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP

GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN DOLLAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday October 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

**TASER**

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The 30-year-old Garden City man told deputies that his daughter and his girlfriend were both assaulted while on the pedestrian trail. A deputy approached the suspect and attempted to detain him. The suspect responded by allegedly pushing the deputy and then fleeing on foot.

The deputy pursued the suspect, later identified as Frederick, and gave verbal commands to stop. Frederick refused to stop. The deputy was close enough to deploy his Taser. He continued to fight and resist the deputy until additional deputies arrived. He was then taken into custody.

Deputies learned from the victim that the suspect had been using profanities on the pedestrian trail, which offended his family. The Garden City man said that he brought the behavior to the suspect’s attention and asked him to refrain from using profanity. The suspect allegedly responded by showing the victim down.

The Garden City man’s girlfriend attempted to intervene but she was held by the neck and was allegedly shoved to the ground. Their 7-year-old daughter also was allegedly pushed to the ground and she fell into a shallow ditch.

The victim said that once he was able to get back on his feet, he pushed the suspect into the wooded area and a physical fight ensued.

The three victims were treated for minor injuries at the scene by paramedics and were released.

Frederick, who appeared to be under the influence of an unknown drug or narcotic, was lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending the issuance of criminal charges.

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**PONEHMAH**

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(PST) Lake Association and the township, the township believed the residents automatically wanted to renew the special assessment district.

However, what the board heard at the meeting on Monday was contrary to that.

Numerous residents spoke about the good quality of the lake now, and spoke against putting chemicals in the water.

One resident, Gary Congdon said, “As far as getting the weeds done, it seems like that should be a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) problem because we have public access to that lake and they charge fees to get onto that lake. If it was a private lake, I can see why we would do that, but it’s a public lake why should the homeowners pay for everyone in Genesee County’s enjoyment?”

He said there must be a better, organic solution to deal with the weeds.

Another resident, Sal Angotti said every time the people spray the chemicals, his plants near the water die:

“It seems like they just contaminate. They don’t do what they’re supposed to do,” he said, echoing the idea that the DNR should pay for weed control.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said the people originally started the special assessment for weed control because the weeds were so bad people could barely drive through the water with their boat. She recommended talking to State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) about the DNR.

A third resident, Dominic Corso, said a huge problem is what comes down from the river.

“Automatically renewing this every five years? The world has changed,” Corso said. “People are trying to do things better for the environment. Maybe we need to reassess what we’re doing and not just automatically keep the drain going.”

Trustee Shaun Shumaker said the lake association brought the assessment to them, and that more people need to get involved in the association to have a voice. He said a petition must have enough signatures from residents to constitute at least 51 percent of the land.

There was confusion over how the special assessment was created this year. Jason Warda, president of the PST Lake Association said they did not start a new petition this year. “It was not initiated by the association, it was initiated by the vendor,” he said.

Aquatic Nuisance Control emailed Warda a proposal for the district, which Warda emailed to the township. Warda said it was not meant to be a request to renew the special assessment district.

Township attorney Jack Belzer said the board has the power to institute a special assessment district. He recommended sending a public hearing on a later date so members of the lake association could figure out what they want to do.

The board unanimously voted to continue the public hearing on Nov. 20, after the PST Lake Association has its annual meeting, which takes place Nov. 8 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Treasurer John Tucker said since the township hired attorney Jack Belzer, residents are now receiving letters before these special assessment districts are continued, and residents are now becoming more aware.
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Lake Fenton’s Jackson Nevadomski looks downfield to throw a pass in a recent contest.

Blue Devils jump to top of GAC Red, beat Goodrich, 20-7

By Jordan Climie
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Goodrich — In the first half, it was the offense led by senior quarterback Jackson Nevadomski that showcased their skills.

But once Lake Fenton got their 20-7 lead over Goodrich, it was the Blue Devils’ defense that proved they’re a Genesee Area Conference Red Division contender.

“They’re a great team, we knew that coming in,” Nevadomski said. “We knew it was going to be a fight to the end, and we came out on top, and that’s a good feeling.”

Head coach Eric Doyle had the same sentiments.

“We played tonight ... that’s a good football team we just beat,” he said. “I thought we out-executed them, and my kids played their tails off. I’m really proud of them. That’s all I ever ask of them, when they play hard, we’re tough to beat. I’m proud of my kids, they really did come to play tonight.”

Goodrich scored first in the first quarter on a 1-yard plunge by senior back Jake Toms.

On the ensuing kickoff, however, senior returner Parker Goupil returned the kick 79 yards for a Lake Fenton touchdown, tying the game up at 7-7.

The Blue Devils got the ball back after their defensive squad read a third-down screen pass perfectly, forcing the Martians to punt. Nevadomski showed his grit by taking a big hit in the backfield as he connected on a perfect pass to junior Sean Trombley.

Another big pass to senior Luke Tomczyk set up the go-ahead touchdown, albeit after a 15-yard penalty against the Blue Devils, when Nevadomski hit senior Matt Tomczyk for a 33-yard touchdown pass to go up 14-7.

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Tigers clip Eagles’ offense, 48-13

Fenton leads Metro after convincing win against battle of perfect squads

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Josh Maher thought it was time for Fenton’s defense to make a statement on Friday night.

With Maher leading the way right from the first play from scrimmage, the Tigers’ defense did exactly that against area rivals Linden during Friday night’s Heroes Night contest.

Linden got the opening kickoff and tried to run one of their routine quick wide receiver screens to open the possession. It’s usually a pretty safe and effective play for the Linden Eagles’ offense, but it wasn’t this time. As he was making the tackle on the Linden receiver, Maher actually caught the ball for the interception. It was one of five picks Fenton’s defense made in what was an impressive 48-13 victory for Fenton at Ivan Williams Football Stadium.

“I wanted to make a play. That was my mentality at the start of the game,” Maher said. “The first play of the game they run one of those quick passes to the left and I was like, ‘Heck no. I’m going to light this kid up.’ I knocked him over, got that pick and made the play.

“We shut them down. I think it was something like five or six picks and that’s a huge step for Fenton’s defense. We’ve been flat the last couple of years, but we stepped it up against our biggest rivals.”

The Tigers (4-0) certainly did that as the win represented what may have been Fenton’s biggest victory against Linden ever.

Linden’s Tyler Buchanan defeated the field, winning the race in 16:33.4. He was followed by Tanner Blaney in seventh (17:08.1), Nick McDonald in eighth (17:16.6), Nicholas Shrable in 29th (18:05.1) and Ryan Crutchfield in 35th (18:18.9).

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Holly had a fine showing, taking third. Samuel Schneider was the Bronchos’ top performer, taking ninth in 17:20.3.

It was their greatest since 1950 for certain. The biggest Fenton win since 1950 prior to Friday night was a 40-8 Fenton win in 1977. The Tigers said they prepared defensively for Linden all week.

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Chos made sure to not do that, earning a 34-14 victory at Kearsley High School Friday.

“It’s always tough to drop a game to Linden, but I loved the way we responded,” Holly varsity football coach Ryan Calloty said. “They had to step up and guys stepped up.”

The Bronchos led just 14-13 after one quarter, but took a 20-13 lead into halftime.

It was a great win for us,” said Kearsley head coach Jake Toms.

Linden boys take top spot in D2 event at Holly invite

By David Troppens
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Make it four meet victories for the Linden varsity boys cross country team so far this season.

The Eagles captured the Division 2 boys event at the 50th Annual Holly/ Duane Raftin Festival of Races held at Springfield Oaks County Park on Saturday.

The Eagles scored 76 points, two fewer than Royal Oak’s second-place total of 78 points. Tournament hosts Holly placed third with 97 points.

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Fenton girls take first at Holly invite

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The Fenton varsity girls cross country team has established itself as the Metro League’s top team over the last couple of years, winning last year’s league crown and winning the first jamboree this season. Nowmaybe people should start looking at them beyond the Metro’s limits.

The Fenton Tigers captured first place in the 5K D1 girls race at the 50th annual Holly/Duane Raffin Festival of Races on Saturday.

The Fenton girls placed three of the top six performers in the race, scoring a 18:41.76 team points.

Fenton golfers are county champions

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Let’s let Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herbstreit say what happened on Monday at the Genesee County Tournament.

“It’s official. Fenton girls golf is the number one team in Genesee County,” Herbstreit proudly declared.

The Tigers earned that honor by winning the county event held at Flint Elks Club with a score of 350, two strokes better than second-place Flint Powers. No one else came within 10 strokes of Fenton. Goodrich took third with a 361 while Metro League foes Kearsley finished fourth with a 369. Linden took eighth with a 401.

Holly soccer edges Kearsley, 3-2

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The Holly varsity boys soccer team controlled its game with the Kearsley Hornets for most of the night on Monday, but the scoreboard didn’t reflect that control.

At least it didn’t until the final minutes. Trailing 2-1 entering the second half, the Bronchos scored two second-half goals, including one with 12 minutes remaining, to earn a 3-2 victory against the Hornets.

Fenton, Linden soccer draw even in rivalry battle, 1-1

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It had momentum shifts.

It had a goal for each team.

It had other good scoring chances for both squads and it even had an altercation near the end.

Yes, Linden’s road varsity boys soccer contest at Fenton had just about everything you’d hope in a rivalry game but one thing — a victor.

The two teams ended the contest tied at 1-1, ending the contest with a sense of unfinished business.

The tie probably was more important for Linden in one sense; it keeps them in control of its own destiny for a Metro League championship. At 3-0-1, if the Eagles win their final four Metro contests, they’d still end up as league champs.

It was a nice result for Fenton in one respect.

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Carol A. Simota 1942-2017
Carla A. Simota - age 74, of Fenton, died Friday, September 15, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Burial in St. John-Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Sunday, September 17 and Monday, September 19, from 1-6 PM and Tuesday at church from 10 AM until the time of the Mass.

A vigil service was held at the funeral home Monday at 5 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Church or the Fenton Knights of Columbus Council #7418.

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Georgiua Burlew 1944-2017

Georgiua Burlew - age 73, of Byron, died September 17, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden and will be from 10 AM until the time of the Mass Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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Georgiuea Burlew 1944-2017

Lawrence “Larry” William Ruhstorfer 1932-2017

Lawrence “Larry” William Ruhstorfer, age 81, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Andersonville, TN, died September 21, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 1-4 and 6-9 PM where a vigil service will be held at 7 PM and a church service Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to the Doris Rohen Memorial Fund.

Doris was born July 8, 1935 in Flint the daughter of Lewis and Regina (Pobock) Harvey. She married Don Rohen in Flint in 1957 and he preceded her in death in 2002.

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