Parents upset about book, movie choices at Linden schools

Superintendent admits policy wasn’t followed

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Linden — Approximately six months after several Linden parents brought the issue of being unaware of their children watching R-rated movies and reading books with graphic material in class, Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski presented a solution at the Wednesday, March 21 Board of Education meeting.

Numerous parents spoke at the meeting, upset because certain books and films contain sex, nudity, rape and other graphic material.

During the meeting, Sheila Kern, Linden parent, said, “We have numerous materials with themes of rape.

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HOT LINE


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“Most people, at the end of their lives, end up with no more than half a dozen people who remember them as having been a positive influence on their lives. Good teachers, those who really care, have thousands of people who remember and revere them for the rest of their lives.”

“Ever notice how much your silly iPhones are like college textbooks? Every year they change a few meaningless things about them and then add 30 percent onto the price to buy the latest and greatest. I work for Verizon and we laugh at the people who rush in to buy them.”

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**Weekend Times**
Giant toy retailer closing U.S. doors

Readers share memories

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On March 15, Toys R Us announced the closure of all 880 U.S. Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores. The well-known and popular toy franchise has been in business since 1957, but had reported declining sales since the early 1990s.

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Come Heller high water...

• If there was a Mount Rushmore of Shame for the 2016 presidential election, Mark Zuckerberg’s face would have to be on it. Intentional or not, the Zuck sold out his country by letting his platform and our data be weaponized to help win a political campaign. His lame non-apology about Cambridge Analytica and his pledge to investigate are a lot too little a lot too late. And why would we trust him to do the right thing now anyway when he didn’t do it in the first place? Because he got caught?  Please:
  • Plus, it’s still possible (though harder) to still “poke” or “wave” at people on Facebook. And that’s unforgivable.  I’m so mad at Facebook I wanted to close my account. Then I thought, “Wait, where else am I gonna do the same. If all lived like that, we’d be in a better place. IF CONGRESS REALLY wants to prevent school shootings it should pass a law making crime illegal. I should include a paragraph banning mental illness also.

• Looks like Mike Fiers, the Tigers only real free agent acquisition of the winter, is going to start the season on the DL. My guess is he’s not really hurt, he just got a good look at the offense they’re going to put on the field and figured, “Why bother?” Truly, this could be one of the worst offenses in MLB history, especially after they trade Castellanos in June.

• I’m kinda down on this rebuild if you can’t tell.

• I really thought the Pistons would catch fire after trading for Blake Griffin. Is it the coaching then?

• I just accidentally read the following headline online: “25 Things You Never Knew About Britney Spears’ Ex Kevin Federline.” And now I’m curious to find out what they are. Because, I don’t know about you, but I’d have trouble coming up with 10 things people don’t know about me. And this guy’s got 25!

• Saginaw County is the most obese county in the state, according to a new study. Zehnder’s and Bavarian Inn are probably partly to blame. That’s some good stuff.

• Police in Texas said they tracked the Austin bomber through his cell phone. Why tell people that? Now the next bomber’s going to chuck his phone. Smooth, fellas. Smooth.

• “No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” — Hal Borland

• “Except possibly in Michigan.” — Andy

In Michigan, spring doesn’t officially arrive until you can leave the heater off in the car. So, around June.

What was your favorite toy when you were a kid?

"Probably Hot Wheels. My dad had one of the Hot Wheels race tracks, so I played with them every day,"

Merrick Ball
Argentine Township

"I think it would be Matchbox cars, because I could use my imagination and set up scenarios in my head. They were affordable, too,"

Michelle LaRowe
Tyron Township

"Probably stuffed animals. I really liked how soft they were,"

Morgan Murphy
Fenton Township

"Stretch Armstrong. It was awesome, unbreakable, and unique. Plus, it had a great name,"

John Ballard
Linden

"Legos. They were new and cool, at least for me. I especially liked the space ones."

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Prosecutor warns students of consequences for making false terrorism threats

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Linden — The message conveyed to Linden students on Tuesday, March 20 was that threatening to shoot up a school, even as a joke, is a crime and police will get involved.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton and Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury stopped by Linden High School and gave a presentation to students about the ramifications of making false threats to kill people.

“There are certain times when free speech has its limits,” he said, mentioning past Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. “He once said you cannot falsely shout fire in a crowded theater.”

He implored the kids to imagine if someone shouted, “Someone’s got a gun” in the crowded auditorium and everyone rushed to get out.

“You know damn well you’d be scared to death to think that someone had gone to Linden High School with a gun,” he said. “People could get killed in the trampling.”

Making these threats can result in severe social and legal consequences.

Leyton told the students, “Your friends know that you’ve got issues. Your name has been sullied. You have to go to court. You may not be able to participate in after school activities. You may have to hire a lawyer and it’s going to cost you a whole bunch of money.”

According to Michigan law, threatening terrorism or making a false report of terrorism is illegal and carries a potential 20-year prison sentence. “Whether you think you’re joking or not, that is a threat of terrorism,” he said. The law states that it is not a defense if the defendant did not have the intent or capability of committing the act of terrorism.

False threats cause fear among students and teachers, disruption of daily activities, and diversion of law enforcement resources. Students can face suspension or expulsion for making a false threat.

Potbury asked the students how many of them have heard of OK2AY, which is an app people can put on their phones. The program, run by the Attorney General’s office, is an outlet for people to post tips about people who are being bullied or anything that could harm them or others. Potbury encouraged students to use the app, if needed.

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Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton speaks to ninth- and 10th-grade students about the legal and social ramifications of threatening to shoot up a school at Linden High School on Tuesday, March 20.
How a sneeze spreads

Each sneeze can produce as many as 40,000 germ-filled droplets

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Despite spring peeking out from behind the clouds, sicknesses are still going around. Sneezes are a huge culprit for the spreading of germs. To prevent coming down with a bug, learn how to sneeze properly and enlighten others.

When you sneeze, you are spraying germs into the air for other people to encounter. When you’re sick, it’s even worse.

Here’s how it happens:
One sneeze can produce as many as 40,000 droplets, and many are too small to be seen with the naked eye. The larger drops fall to the floor and the lighter ones stay in the air longer. The airborne particles can survive for hours and land on common items, such as paper, pens, and phones. Once these particles are breathed in, they stay at the back of the throat and the virus infiltrates the body’s cell. Whether a person will fall ill depends on how much of the virus is breathed in and the person’s immune system.

When someone comes down with an illness like a cold, the body tries to deal with the infection by bringing up mucus to help clear it. Some mucus is swallowed and is destroyed in the gut. Most is coughed out, the germs are released into the air again.

To combat the spread of germs, scientists recommend you cover your mouth when you cough and sneeze. Then wash your hands.

You may think not covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough is harmless, but you’re spreading germs into the air and potentially affecting other people.

The larger drops fall to the floor and land on a desk, shelf or doorknob. Moving objects can move these germs. For example, if you sneeze near your bed and then ruffle the sheets hours later, you’re moving around those sneeze germs. Opening a door can greatly spread the viruses from room to room.

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Michigan one of worst in nation for third-grade reading

**But local students consistently score above state average**

**By Hannah Ball**

According to an education report by The Education Trust-Midwest, Michigan’s third-grade reading levels showed the greatest decline compared to other states participating in the same assessment. The state was also one of only five states that show negative improvement for early reading since 2003. This decline comes after the state invested nearly $80 million to improve reading outcomes.

**Test results**
In the 2016-2017 school year, only 44 percent of third graders in Michigan were proficient in reading, which is down from 50 percent in 2014-2015. However, area schools are above state average.

According to data from mischolddata.com, from the 2016-2017 MSTEP and SAT assessments, Linden Community Schools’ third grade students were 57 percent proficient in English Language Arts (ELA), which includes reading, and Lake Fenton’s third-grade students were 54 percent proficient. Fenton and Holly third-grade students were 47 percent proficient in ELA.

**Problems with reading retention**
Holly Superintendent Scott Roper said Holly students consistently test at or above state average. He said one reason why students fall behind is a lack of summer reading.

“There is a great deal of research that tells us that summer reading loss is an enormous problem that can have a lasting impact on a student’s educational future.”

Scott Roper
Holly Area Schools superintendent

**Solutions?**
In October 2016, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a third-grade reading law that requires third-grade students meet state-determined reading proficiency requirements in order to go on to fourth grade. Students must take three standardized tests and prove proficiency before they move on. The requirements start in the 2019-2020 school year.

All local school districts have interventionists to help students who are falling behind in reading. Additionally, this summer, Fenton and Holly students are honing in on essential practices in literacy and have provided potential solutions to neighborhood reading loss.

Scott Roper, superintendent, said “The citizens are only a passing interest. The teachers and school leaders are professionals.”

“Most recently, the ‘Literacy Essentials’ have assisted schools in reflecting on instructional practices in literacy and have provided potential areas for professional development,” he said. “Teachers see the strength of their readers in their accuracy and are honing in on essential practices in comprehension.”

**VOTING**

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**House Bill 5456: Ban asbestos lawsuit ‘double dipping’**

To require plaintiffs who seek damages for alleged asbestos-related conditions to disclose whether they have already filed suits against trusts or claim pools created in previous asbestos bankruptcy cases. Reportedly, some plaintiff attorneys have filed multiple suits seeking duplicate damages. The bill would also authorize reopening and readjudicating cases and damage awards in such cases.

Passed 35 to 1 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 S180: Potentially permit air bows for hunting during firearms season**

To potentially permit the use of pneumatic air bows to hunt game during any open season in which a firearm may be used, and potentially permit disabled hunters to use air bows during bow season. Specifically, the bill allows but does not require state officials to authorize this. These devices are like crossbows but use compressed air to drive an arrow.

**Senate Bill 872: Extend statute of limitations on criminal sexual conduct suits**

To extend to 10 years the statute of limitations on filing a civil lawsuit related to criminal sexual conduct offenses, or if the victim was a minor, until the individual turns 48 years of age, with some narrow exceptions. This would apply retroactively to offenses committed after 1996, and would not require that any criminal prosecution or other legal action was ever brought as a result of an alleged offense. Alleged victims would have to file suits within one year after the bill becomes law.

Passed 28 to 7 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 5427: Created a statewide evaluation system for third-grade reading and career-ready standards. Michigan districts when adopting college and career-readiness standards.**

Passed 59 to 47 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)  **YES**
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)  **YES**

**Bill 5646: Check voter lists against Social Security death lists**

To require the Secretary of State to check the statewide qualified voter file against the U.S. Social Security Administration’s death master file on a monthly basis. Also, to enroll the state in multistate voter registration verification programs, to the extent these do not require a new law to be passed or pushed.

Passed 101 to 5 in the House
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Jeanette Sugar said, “My all time favor-
ite store was actually Children’s Palace. My family only went to Toys R Us after the other store shut down. I used to go there as a kid. It was fun wandering the aisles. Now as a parent, I’ve only been to Toys R Us less than 10 times. “I took my oldest there twice. He liked looking at everything and wanted everything. However, as a parent the store lacked that magical feel it did for me as a kid. Not the best to navigate and organization lacks greatly. Prices, to me, are better elsewhere for what my child is into. I’m sad the store has to close, but it happens.”

Sarah Koza said, “They have nobody but themselves to blame. Drastically over priced and they refuse to price match. You can shop elsewhere (Walmart, Meijer, Amazon, Target) getting better deals. If the above stores don’t have it on their shelves, they offer free shipping if you order online to the store or to your home. Toys R Us cannot compete with that.”

Mary Johnson said, “Well, no fond memories as a child but we had twin daughters (1984) and made many many runs for diapers!”

History of Toys R Us

When Charles Lazarus was 25, he opened a store called Children’s Palace in Washington, D.C. to cater to the baby boom in 1948. He ran the store himself, from taking care of the books to delivering products to customers’ homes. This turned into Toys R Us. At first, he only sold furniture, but expanded with clothes and toys and set up stores nationwide. The first Kids R Us store opened in Paramus, New Jersey and Brooklyn, New York in 1983. The next year, the store went international with openings in Canada and Singapore.


Lazarus died on Thursday, March 22 at the age of 94. He no longer held a stake in the Toys R Us chain. He remained CEO until 1994.

Trying to save Toys R Us?

One toy manufacturer is putting his money where his mouth is in trying to save Toys R Us. Isaac Larian, chief executive of MGA Entertainment Inc., and the man who marketed the Bratz dolls and the toy LOL Surprise, started a Gofundme in order to save the toy company. Larian and other investors kicked off the crowdfunding campaign by pledging $200 million, accompanied with the hashtag #SaveToysRUs. Their goal is to raise another $800 million to reach $1 billion to help the company through the bankruptcy process. You can find the Gofundme at savetoysrus.com. In addition, with the $200 million, another $5,000 has been raised.

Source: usatoday.com

Customers filter in and out of the Flint Township Toys R Us on Thursday, March 22. Nationwide, the retailer of more than 50 years is liquidating all inventory and closing the doors on its 880 locations.

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CABBAGE PATCH DOLLS
Created in 1983, more than 5 million were sold in that Christmas season alone.

GAMEBOY
The handheld videogame console debuted in 1991 and sales reached 118.7 million worldwide before it was retired.

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My two-week China adventure

From Great Wall, to healthier foods and bartering at markets

By Hannah Ball

Suzhou, China — From March 3 to 17, I was more than 7,000 miles away from Michigan, visiting my parents in Suzhou, China.

I went with my sister, Rebecca, her fiancé, John, and our uncle, Paul. What an adventure.

Here’s what’s different and here’s what’s similar.

Most Asians have dark, straight hair. If you have blonde, curly hair like me, people will stare at you and ask to take photos with you. There was a language barrier, but a lot of people know some English, which goes a long way when complemented with hand motions and Google translate.

Their cashiers get to sit while working, which is much better than America. Their subway systems, especially in Suzhou, are super clean.

There’s a huge focus on plants and trees. The Chinese love flowers, especially in the cities. You’ll see rows and rows of beautiful flowers and trees separating lanes in the road, or on the sidewalks or on walkways above busy intersections.

There were security guards everywhere. Suzhou is a very low-crime area, and our Chinese guide in Beijing said most cities in China are pretty safe.

It’s the most populated country in the world, and wow, did I notice that in Beijing. There are way too many people in Beijing with an estimated 22 million population. For reference, about 8 million live in New York City. We went for three days, mainly to hike The Great Wall, which was spectacular. It bends and curves, and as many of the stone steps are uneven. I have no idea how those soldiers navigated that thing when it was icy or wet, because I almost tripped a few times when it was dry.

Shanghai was wonderful, especially Pudong and the Bund at night. They’re on the Huangpu River. The lights on the tall buildings make for a breathtaking sight.

Pollution is a major issue. The air quality index wasn’t bad in Suzhou when we were there, but on our last day in Beijing, the air quality was described as “very unhealthy” on their weather report. I had a headache all day. Many people wear masks when the air gets bad.

This is partly why my parents are there. My dad is an engineer for Unicor, and he helps to reduce automotive emissions.

One of the best things about China is the markets. At these, look at the price tag and offer less than half. Walk away at least once and then they’ll give you a great deal, I bought scarves for my friends for 80 RMB (which is about $12 USD) each, when they were originally marked at 475 RMB each. “Made in China” has a much different ring when you’re shopping in China.

The food is far healthier than American food. They don’t eat a lot of bread, to my dismay, but they do like rice. Most traditional Chinese meals focus on meats, vegetables and maybe some mushrooms. Duck is popular, and any meat that’s considered to be high quality comes with bones in it. Sharing is a huge thing also. For most meals, everyone at the table shares multiple dishes. By the way, I have mastered the art of chopsticks.

Liquor is cheaper than wine and beer. The Chinese love baiju, which is 53 proof. Be careful with baijiu. The Chinese word for “beer” is “piju,” which we used a lot.

The toilets, or more commonly known as “squatty toilets,” are toilets that are in the ground. Many people say they’re just a hole in the ground, but that’s not accurate. It’s a toilet in the ground that you squat over, do your business, and then flush. It’s a great leg workout and a lot more sanitary than sitting down on a seat. However, their sewer systems can’t handle paper very well, so all toilet paper is thrown in the trash.

I learned about how the government is developing apartment buildings and then pushing people into cities. I asked about their taxes and social customs and so much more, but it’s impossible to fit everything in a short article.

Please feel free to email me with any questions.

SUMMARY

China is very different from America, but has many similarities.

From Great Wall, to healthier foods and bartering at markets.
Meet
ROSEMARY STICKEL

• Writer
• Artist
• Nonagenarian (in her 90s)

By Sally Rummel

Rosemary Stickel, 95, has lived through the Depression and World War II, and raised three children, Andrea Van de Kamp, 75, of Los Angeles, California; David Stickel, 67, of Fenton and Cynthia Alexander, 65, of Plymouth. She is proud to have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren following in her footsteps of life.

Times Associate Editor Vera Hogan got to know Stickel when she taught a “Write Your Life Story” class at the Loose Center back in the mid-2000s, and Stickel wrote a few stories for the paper.

Where did you grow up?

I had an idyllic childhood in a small town in Indiana. My dad owned the Ford dealership. It was just before the Depression. It was just so happy. My folks were happy and in love. Things changed with the Depression and the future became very uncertain.

What was it like to live through the Depression?

After the stock market crash in 1929, my life changed forever. I was 8 and I had insight into the way we lived and how we shopped.

What happened after the war?

After the war, I had insight into the world war. Freeways changed the way we lived and how we shopped. People were buying cars and could get around. Northland Mall became the new retail center in metro Detroit. My husband was an architect and was one of the designers. I was there for all the beginnings of these new things.

How did you end up living in Fenton?

We raised our family in the Birmingham-Troy area and I moved here in 1996 to be closer to my son, David, and his family. I knew it would be easier on him to be closer as I was getting older. David and Debbie live just around the corner from us.

What do you think of the state of the world today?

I am an anachronism — I’m not of this time or place. My main interpretation of things comes from my 20th century perspective. That was my time. I know things are always changing. When I think about my grandparents living before cars, refrigerators and bathrooms, it blows my mind.

What are your goals for this year?

I want to be able to go to my grandson’s wedding in October. I’ll get all gussied up for the occasion. My daughter Andrea’s oldest daughter is getting married in California in May, but I can’t travel anymore.

To what do you attribute your longevity?

I picked the right parents — my mom lived until 94 and my dad until 91. They never smoked or drank. I have a first cousin who lived to 101 and my Aunt Sue was just a month shy of her 100th birthday when she passed. I don’t know how I got so lucky. I’ve had a wonderful life.

How do you plan to celebrate your 100th birthday?

My best friend from high school is still going strong, and so is one of my best neighbor friends from growing up. We played since we were toddlers. We’re all planning to hold on and celebrate our 100th birthdays together at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.
BY DAVID TROPPENS

LF senior completes dominating career with fourth state championship

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton’s Jarrett Trombley learned that lesson only minutes after capturing his fourth state title this wrestling season. “There was one moment when I went into the stands (after winning his fourth state title) I asked my mom if I can have $5 to get some dipping dots,” Trombley said. “A guy in the crowd heard me ask and said, ‘come on he’s a four-timer, get him some dipping dots.’”

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Trombley’s beginning as a wrestler

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to help him prepare for his 2018 state championship quest. During the summer, he was looking at the Michigan High School Athletic Association record book and saw the state record for takedowns was 526.

“I thought I could probably break that,” Trombley said. “I started the season getting as many takedowns as I could. I had about 100 takedowns in three meets and I thought I could do this.

“Later in the season I got my conditioning up. Taking people down so much is tough before you get your conditioning up. As the season went on, I kept getting better and being able to compete longer throughout the match. When I was approaching 500, I knew I could definitely do it, so I kept pushing forward.”

Trombley not only broke the record, but pretty much demolished it, recording 609 takedowns during the season.

“I don’t get a trophy for it, but it’s a cool milestone accomplishment, and it’s kind of cool to say I’m the national record holder,” he said.

“He broke the old record by 80,” Corcoran said. “He doesn’t get tired. ... We started keeping him after practice every day to run sprints and he did it every single day”

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2017-18 All Tri-County Wrestling Team

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<td><strong>Comment:</strong> Trombley is one of the greatest wrestlers in Michigan prep history after capturing his fourth straight individual state championship this month. Trombley, who started wrestling at Lake Fenton his sophomore season, never lost a match during his career with the Blue Devils. He’ll be wrestling at North Carolina State next school year.</td>
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**Note:** This team is selected based on the wrestler that had the best performance in the individual state series. If there are no placers at a particular weight in the state series we select the highest placer at the league meets. There may be up to two wild card positions, but to qualify for one of the two spots, the wrestler must compete at the state meet. Records are based on MSHAA state meet results.

Area track teams begin season at SVSU indoor meet

By David Troppens
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The spring sports season has begun, but the first event wasn’t outdoors.

Fenton’s and Holly’s track programs competed at the annual Saginaw Valley State University indoor track meet, and each had their share of solid performances.

The Fenton boys track team had the most top-20 performances of the area squads at the meet. John Sage had two of them, taking 13th in the 60-meter dash (7.43) and 14th in the 200 (23.61). Fenton’s best individual performances were earned by Chasen Setzke and Samuel Dearthoff with both taking thirds. Dearthoff took third in the 3,200 (9:44.06) while Setzke took third in the long jump (20-feet-6).

Other individual Fenton boys with top-20 efforts were: Adam Jasse, fourth in the 3,200 (9:45.15); Nolan Day, seventh in the 1,600 (4:38.26); Mitchell Chaubot, eighth in the 1,600 (4:38.45); Ryan Miller, 12th in the long jump (18-7 1/2); Ethan Pyeatt, 17th in the 400 (54.19); and Ethan Krantz, 19th in 60 hurdles (9.82).

The Holly varsity girls track team had nine top-20 performances with two athletes earning two of them. Andrea Ruiz took 10th in the 800 (2:31.16) and 13th in the 1,600 (5:31.37) while Monica Ruiz took 11th in the 400 (1:04.65) and 17th in the 800 (2:35.89). Other Holly girls to record top-20 performances were: Gabrielle St. Andre, 10th in the 60 (8.44); Samantha Tschirhart, 17th in 200 (1:05.9); Han-nah Muth, 13th in 60 hurdles (10.84); Anna Charles, 17th in the 60 hurdles (11.20); and Emily Sanders, 18th in the high jump (4-3).

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FRESHMAN BASEBALL
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JG GIRLS SOCCER
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VARITY BOYS GOLF
Wed... Apr 10... 4:30 p.m. at Clio Thur... Apr 11... 4:30 p.m. at Flushing Fri... Apr 13... 4:30 p.m. at Harper-City Mon... Apr 16... 4:30 p.m. at Owosso Tue... Apr 17... 4:30 p.m. at Swartz Creek Wed... Apr 18... 4:30 p.m. at Davison Thur... Apr 19... 4:30 p.m. at Powers Thur... Apr 20... 4 p.m. at Waterford Kettering Sun... June 3... Noon at Swartz Creek

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VARITY BOYS TRACK AND FIELD
Sat... Apr 14... 10 a.m. at Brandon Invitational Sat... Apr 21... 10 a.m. at Oakland County Invitational Sat... Apr 28... 10 a.m. at Lapeer Tune-up Sat... May 5... 10 a.m. at Regional meet Sat... May 12... 10 a.m. at MFU Rain date meet Sat... May 19... 10 a.m. at MFU Rain date meet

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Tue... May 22... 5:30 p.m. at Oxford Thu... Apr 12... 4 p.m. at Royal Oak Sat... Apr 14... 10:30 a.m. at Ovid-Elsie Mon... Apr 16... 4 p.m. at Fenton/Linden Wed... Apr 18... 2:30 p.m. at Lake Fenton/Goodrich Mon... Apr 23... 6 p.m. at Brandon Fri... Apr 30... 6 p.m. at Fenton/Brandon Wed... May 2... 6 p.m. at Fenton/Linden Mon... May 7... 7:30 p.m. at Swartz Creek Sat... May 13... 7 p.m. at Lapeer Tow-up Sat... May 17... 7 p.m. at Lake Orion

VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE
Fri... Apr 13... 6 p.m. at Ovid-Elsie Mon... Apr 16... 6 p.m. at Fenton/Linden Wed... Apr 18... 2:30 p.m. at Lake Fenton/Goodrich Mon... Apr 23... 6 p.m. at Brandon Fri... Apr 30... 6 p.m. at Fenton/Brandon Wed... May 2... 6 p.m. at Fenton/Linden Mon... May 7... 7:30 p.m. at Swartz Creek Sat... May 13... 7 p.m. at Lapeer Tow-up Sat... May 17... 7 p.m. at Lake Orion
# Lake Fenton Spring Sports Schedules

## Varsity Girls Soccer
- **Mon. Apr 9**: 4:30 p.m. — Flushing
- **Wed. Apr 11**: 4:30 p.m. — Linden
- **Mon. Apr 17**: 4:30 p.m. — Goodrich
- **Wed. Apr 18**: 4:30 p.m. — at Lansing
- **Wed. Apr 19**: 4:30 p.m. — at Bayon
- **Wed. Apr 24**: 4:30 p.m. — Corunna
- **Thu. Apr 26**: 4:30 p.m. — Montrose
- **Sat. Apr 28**: 9 a.m. — at Richmond Tournament
- **Tue. May 1**: 7 p.m. — at Durand
- **Thu. May 5**: 4:30 p.m. — at Mt. Morris
- **Tue. May 8**: 4:30 p.m. — at Lakeview
- **Wed. May 9**: 4:30 p.m. — at Swartz Creek
- **Wed. May 10**: 4:30 p.m. — Neare Game Prep
- **Thu. May 17**: 7 p.m. — at Holly
- **Sat. May 19**: TBA — at GAC Soccer Tournament

## Varsity Girls Lacrosse
- **Wed. Mar 28**: 5:30 p.m. — at Swartz Creek
- **May 16**: 6 p.m. — at Swartz Creek
- **Thu. Apr 6**: 6 p.m. — at Waterford

## JV Baseball
- **Tue. Apr 10**: 4 p.m. — at Holly
- **Thu. Apr 12**: 4 p.m. — at Davison
- **Mon. Apr 16**: 4 p.m. — at Mt. Morris
- **Thu. Apr 19**: 4 p.m. — at Linden
- **Mon. Apr 23**: 4 p.m. — at Durand
- **Wed. Apr 25**: 4 p.m. — at Las
d
- **Sat. Apr 28**: 4 p.m. — at Greater Flint Tournament
- **Mon. Apr 30**: 4 p.m. — at Corunna
- **Thu. May 3**: 4 p.m. — at Flushing
- **Mon. May 5**: 4 p.m. — at Goodrich
- **Sat. May 12**: TBA — at Wood Bat Classic
- **Mon. May 14**: 4 p.m. — at Montrose
- **Wed. May 16**: 4 p.m. — at Swartz Creek
- **Thu. May 17**: 4 p.m. — at Birch Run

## JV Softball
- **Tue. Apr 10**: 4 p.m. — at Holly
- **Thu. Apr 12**: 4 p.m. — at Davison
- **Mon. Apr 16**: 4 p.m. — at Mt. Morris
- **Thu. Apr 19**: 4 p.m. — at Linden
- **Mon. Apr 23**: 4 p.m. — at Durand
- **Wed. Apr 25**: 4 p.m. — at Clark
- **Sat. Apr 28**: 4 p.m. — at Greater Flint Tournament
- **Mon. Apr 30**: 4 p.m. — at Corunna
- **Thu. May 3**: 4 p.m. — at Flushing
- **Mon. May 5**: 4 p.m. — at Goodrich
- **Sat. May 10**: 4 p.m. — at Davison
- **Sat. May 12**: TBA — at Saginaw Baseball Tournament
- **Mon. May 14**: 4 p.m. — at Montrose
- **Wed. May 16**: 4 p.m. — at Swartz Creek
- **Thu. May 17**: 4 p.m. — at Birch Run
- **Sat. May 19**: 9 a.m. — at Linden Tournament

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**VARSITY BASEBALL**
- **Wed., March 28:** 3:30 p.m., at Howell
- **Thur., April 12:** 4 p.m., at Carman-Ainsworth
- **Sat., April 14:** 11 a.m., at Novi
- **Mon., April 16:** 4 p.m., at Flushing
- **Thu., April 19:** 4 p.m., at Lake Fenton
- **Mon., April 23:** 4 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Sat., April 28:** 11 a.m., at Wood Bat Classic
- **Mon., April 30:** 4 p.m., at Holly
- **Thu., May 17:** 4 p.m., at Owosso
- **Sat., May 19:** 7 a.m., at Clarkston Tournament
- **Mon., May 21:** 3:30 p.m., at Fenton
- **Thu., May 24:** 4 p.m., at Fowlerville
- **Sat., May 26:** 10 a.m., at Hartland Invitational
- **Mon., May 28:** 2 p.m., at Tom Cole Tournament

**JV BASEBALL**
- **Wed., March 28:** 3:30 p.m., at Howell
- **Thu., April 12:** 4 p.m., at Carman-Ainsworth
- **Sat., April 14:** 11 a.m., at Novi
- **Mon., April 16:** 4 p.m., at Flushing
- **Thu., April 19:** 4 p.m., at Lake Fenton
- **Mon., April 23:** 4 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., April 30:** 4 p.m., at Kearsley
- **Thu., May 10:** 4 p.m., at Clio
- **Mon., May 14:** 4 p.m., at Holly
- **Thu., May 17:** 4 p.m., at Owosso
- **Mon., May 21:** 4 p.m., at Fenton
- **Thur., May 24:** 4 p.m., at Fowlerville

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- **Mon., May 14:** 4 p.m., at Holly
- **Thu., May 17:** 4 p.m., at Owosso
- **Mon., May 21:** 4 p.m., at Fenton
- **Thur., May 24:** 4 p.m., at Fowlerville

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**
- **Sat., March 24:** 9 a.m., vs. Powers Catholic
- **Thu., March 29:** 4 p.m., at Carman-Ainsworth
- **Mon., April 16:** 4 p.m., at Flushing
- **Thu., April 19:** 4 p.m., at Lake Fenton
- **Sat., April 21:** 8 a.m., at Farmington Hills Mercy
- **Mon., April 23:** 4 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Fri., April 27:** 4 p.m., at Clio
- **Sat., April 28:** 10 a.m., vs. Clark Tournament
- **Mon., April 30:** 4 p.m., at Kearsley
- **Fri., May 4:** 4 p.m., at Owosso
- **Sat., May 5:** 9 a.m., at Hot Tournament
- **Mon., May 7:** 4 p.m., vs. Brandon
- **Thu., May 10:** 4 p.m., Clio
- **Mon., May 14:** 4 p.m., at Holly
- **Thu., May 17:** 4 p.m., at Owosso
- **Thur., May 24:** 4 p.m., at Fowlerville

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- **Mon., April 16:** 4:30 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., April 23:** 3:30 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., April 30:** 4 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., May 7:** 4:30 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., May 14:** 4 p.m., at Williamston
- **Fri., May 18:** 6 p.m., at Fenton
- **Mon., May 21:** 6 p.m., at Owosso
- **Thur., May 24:** 4:30 p.m., at Lapeer

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- **Wed., April 11:** 4:30 p.m., Fenton
- **Mon., April 16:** 6 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., April 16:** 4:30 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., April 23:** 3:30 p.m., at Clio
- **Mon., April 30:** 4 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., May 7:** 4:30 p.m., at Swartz Creek
- **Mon., May 14:** 4:30 p.m., at Williamston
- **Fri., May 18:** 6 p.m., at Fenton
- **Mon., May 21:** 6 p.m., at Owosso
- **Thur., May 24:** 4 p.m., at Lapeer

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