

Fenton Township out \$2.3 million in revenue sharing

■Linden out \$1.3 million; Argentine Township out \$1.1 million since 2003

By Hannah Ball

Since 2003, Fenton Township has lost

approximately \$2,299,751 in revenue sharing, according to savemcity.com, a website that spreads information about Michigan revenue sharing.

Previous stories have discussed how the city of Fenton and the village of Holly

have lost millions, and those municipalities aren't the only ones.

Fenton Township

Fenton Township has missed out on \$2,299,751 in statutory payments since 2003. The township received \$1,252,048

in constitutional payments and \$41,160 in statutory payments in 2017.

The township received \$41,160 in statutory payments in 2015, 2016 and 2017, but not the full amount owed. In

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Egg and nest destruction allowed on Lake Fenton

■Board rejects program that would allow DNR to euthanize, shoot, suffocate Mute swans

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Feb. 4, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees agreed to support the egg and nest destruction of Canada Geese and Mute swans on Lake Fenton.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) runs these programs.

The Lake Fenton Property Owners Association (LF-POA) wrote a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting the board support the DNR Canada Goose Egg and Nest Destruction Program and the Mute Swan Egg and Nest Destruction Program for Lake Fenton.

"This program has done a wonderful job to reduce the increasing number of geese on Lake Fenton. LF-POA has participated in this program for several years," according to the letter.

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Polar Plunging for Special Olympics



The 2019 Polar Plunge on Feb. 2 featured approximately 250 "plungers" jumping into Lake Fenton at the Moose Lodge. The event raised more than \$65,000, a decline compared to last year's event, which raised approximately \$95,000. See **story on page 8**. Photo: Scott Schupbach

A memorial park to honor veterans in planning stages

■Freedom Park on Shiawassee Avenue could be revamped and renamed

By Vera Hogan

There may come a time within the not too distant future when the Fenton Memorial Day Parade can march past a beautiful place intended to honor all those who

See **FREEDOM PARK** on 9

Swartz Creek Veterans Memorial
Photo: custombronzemonuments.com



Burst pipes close two Holly school buildings

■Karl Richter Campus damaged by water

By Tim Jagielo

It's been five years since Holly Area Schools experienced a burst pipe in one of its buildings, but this week, the district endured two.

Rose Pioneer Elementary School parents woke Monday, Feb. 4 to a 6:30 a.m. announcement that school was cancelled due to the burst pipe, which was discovered that morning.

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“The ‘Times’ articles on outstanding young people is most encouraging. While instilling hope, it also reminds me of the mess we’ve created. A mess so great that the ‘American Dream’ is just something they heard took place in the 1950s.”



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“A quick question for the Trump crowd. Why didn't he get funding for his wall when Republicans controlled everything?”

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Rhett Lowe (right) of Howell and Lucas Harrison of Brighton help build the bonfire Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, which has been held annually for 18 years. Ideal weather and thick ice graced the 2019 event. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

Chili, beer and fun raise \$5,500 for fireworks

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"Moody's Smokin' Brew"

Popular Vote

"Smokin' Butts & Tots"

Best Presentation

"Grateful Red"

■ Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off brings 2,000 to the lake with ideal weather and plenty of ice

By Tim Jagielo

Argentine Twp. — Beyond the icy pathway to frozen Lobdell Lake, a sea of visitors holding their drinks listen to chili cook off results.

Past the crowd, snow-mobilers and dirt bikers race across the ice.

The balmy weather and more than 9-inch-thick ice attracted more than 2,000 people to the spot on Lobdell Lake now locally famous for

the annual event. As always, the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off breaks up the coldest and grayest part of the year.

"It's just a big family reunion for the lake people," said organizer Chip Nowiki. "It's beautiful out, you couldn't ask for better weather."

Nowiki said it's a day for fun and socializing. It started at noon and lasted well past dark. The event contained the staple elements of the previous

17 cook-offs — music, beer, chili, friends and ice racing.

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WATCH THE VIDEO



AT TCTIMES.COM

Police and social media

■ Officers not allowed to post obscene language or disclose association with department

By Hannah Ball

In 2015, a Flint police officer was fired after posting on Facebook after a murder, "Keep purging society of the maggots. 2 less welfare, food stamp people. Keep it up."

This past week, a Detroit police officer was demoted after stopping a black female driver for an expired registration, impounding her car, and videotaping her as she walked home in the freezing temperatures. The 18-year veteran of the department filmed her on Snapchat saying "Bye Felicia" and referencing Black History Month with the caption "What black girl magic looks like."

Police officers are private citizens working in a very public profession, and their online presence can have consequences.

Daniel Allen, police chief of the Argentine Township Police Department, created his department's social policy in 2016.

"They're under public scrutiny. You live in a fish bowl when you're a police officer. You have to be responsible," he said. "It's definitely important for the integrity of the

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“You want to protect the reputation of the department and the profession itself.”

Daniel Allen

Argentine Township police chief

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If I Were King...

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Democrats Gone Wild!

There used to be a sleazy show on TV called 'Girls Gone Wild!' that I have (ahem), viewed occasionally, strictly for professional reasons. The very few times I viewed the program (again, for professional reasons), it appeared to consist exclusively of clips of outrageous behavior by very pretty, but very drunk, girls doing things they would likely never do were they not greatly inebriated.

I think we should have a show called 'Democrats Gone Wild!' To say their behavior is outrageous would be a colossal understatement.

It would be a program that would consist exclusively of idiotic public statements and actions that they would likely never do were they not drunk with power. Here's a preview of a recent episode of DGW!

Nancy Pelosi pooh-poohs the ridiculous idea that America needs secure borders and says that only a bigot like Donald Trump would propose such a ridiculous idea. Never mind that just four months ago Pelosi voted to allot \$1.6 billion to build the wall.

Recently elected radical socialist Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, New York, wants not only open borders but to abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which is charged with keeping us safe from drug dealers and violent criminals. She also proposes a confiscatory tax as high as 70 percent, and free college tuition for all. She is a big hit with the left wherever she speaks.

New York State's Democrats last week legalized late-term abortion right up to a baby's due date. Virginia's Democrat Gov. Ralph Northam (yes, he is the "black-face" guy on all the news channels) endorsed a proposed law that would allow the abortion of a full-term baby even during a woman's labor. To clarify, a full-term live baby, pulled out of a woman's

body with his or her eyes wide open, could be legally murdered by medical staff.

Democrat Elizabeth "Pocahontas" Warren wants to seize and redistribute income from "the rich" and backs government control of corporations and "Medicare for All."

Democrats are deploying an LG-BTQ legal agenda that will criminalize conservative religious views, using transgenderism as the spearpoint. To clarify, say good-bye to freedom of speech in New York.

Meanwhile, the Liberal-lead abomination of "Drag Queen Story Hours" for children is spreading across the nation. To clarify, it is just what it says — Drag Queens, in full female dress (yuck) are invited to read stories in public libraries, public schools, bookstores and more while wearing their Drag Queen costumes. Insanity? Yup. Thank you Democrats.

About 10 days ago the Democrat-run House Natural Resources Committee drafted a new oath for witnesses testifying in a court of law that removes the "so help you God" portion. After a Fox News story stirred a backlash, the Democrats backed off and voted to keep God in the oath.

There is more, much more, political insanity being perpetrated. Most of it you won't hear about because the news media is unabashedly pro-Liberal and anti-Conservative for the simple reason that it is good business. The more frightened the populace is, the more they will watch the news programs and the more money the networks will rake in.

Given the historic record of human misery produced by socialism (just look at Venezuela), you'd have to be crazy to want to push our country in that direction.

Wouldn't you?

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“She also proposes a confiscatory tax as high as 70 percent, and free college tuition for all.”



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Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

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TRUMP'S TRYING TO save taxpayers money. He also takes no pay. You like lower gas prices, bigger paychecks, less taxes. Pelosi has been flying all over the world with family at our expense. Wow, stop watching the mainstream media and find out what's really going on.

AGAIN, WE HAVE major water problems at Cornerstone. How many times before the city pulls the plug on giving this builder another development downtown?

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ACTUALLY are the hate, racism, and prejudice they claim they stand against. Look how fast they over-reacted to a kid wearing a MAGA hat after the kids were harassed by adults.

YES TO HOUSE Bill 4042.

WE WANT TO spend \$14 million on a 'trailway system' when our roads are in such terrible shape? What is wrong with the people who come up with these ideas? This is proof that our school system needs an overhaul.

FOLLOWING DAMAGES AT their gas compression system, I heard that Consumers Energy was too cheap to purchase natural gas from neighboring states yet asked numerous manufacturers to suspend operations.

WANT TO STOP the bickering? Vote

more independent candidates in. Then, the next mandate should be all representatives and senators must stay in their state and vote online no less than three weeks per month, so the lobbyists don't have ready access to them and actually have to be accessible to the constituents.

TO EVERYONE CLAIMING border walls don't work and are immoral. Explain to me why U.S. taxpayers paid for 237 miles of border walls in Jordan last year. Democrats and Republicans voted to approve \$500 million for border defenses in Jordan.

VOTERS IN FENTON and Linden just rejected road-funding millages and now SLRP is looking for a millage to pay for a non-motorized path? Total cost to exceed \$14 million? Are you people out of your minds? Why is it always property owners who get scammed for more taxes?

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ALL Trump's fault? Chuck and Nancy and the rest of the Democrats all previously voted for border security including a wall but put petty jealousy and hate ahead of the people.

I DO ENJOY reading the Hot lines and it is easy to determine who spends time reading news sources, and who is just repeating the spew that comes out of hyped up mainstream television sources.

I FEEL LIKE buying and wearing a MAGA hat just to mess with all you liberals, who care more about illegal aliens than the rights and safety of our U.S. citizens.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

Do you know anyone who's been on TV?



"I know the gentleman who does Back to the Bricks. He plans it. They've interviewed him downtown."

Lou Gocha
Linden



"Me, when I was a kid. In 1957, I was in a dance band, like 'American Bandstand' in Windsor, Canada."

Pat Feetham
Mundy Township



"Jolie Starr, she's a newscaster, a young friend. I went to school with her parents."

Carol Green
Fenton



"I've never seen anyone I know on TV. My daughter was in the newspaper, for Linden High School track."

Gayle Stanis
Argentine Township



"I was interviewed about 18 months ago on local TV, when they raised the price of EpiPens. Both my kids have nut allergies."

Melissa DiGiamberdine
Fenton

street talk



Every dollar has an assignment in your budget, whether it's feeding your family, your housing, paying off debt or saving money. Photo: Metro Creative Services

Be smarter with your money this year

■ Look for Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University programs held locally to get debt, savings under control

By Sally Rummel

The Christmas bills from 2018 are rolling in at about the same time you're beginning to panic about this year's looming tax season.

Getting your finances under control takes special precedence this time of year, especially if you've made resolutions to get out of debt, save money for retirement or stash dollars for your kids' college education.

There's so much financial information out there that it can be tempting to bury your head in the sand and forget the whole matter. But your family's future depends not only on making a good income, but also on managing that money well.

Personal financial guru Dave Ramsey, author of "Total Money Makeover," radio talk show host and founder of "Financial Peace University," a nine-lesson money management class, will help you get started. Upcoming FPU classes will be held locally, many starting in February.

Fenton United Methodist Church will begin the nine-series classes Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. with pre-registration required. For more classes near you, visit DaveRamsey.com.

Make a money plan

Be proactive with your money by making a financial plan that defines your goals and will help you make the changes you need to get you and your money on the right track.

Find the courage to change

You have to start doing things differently if you want a different outcome. You have to change your path.

Manage your money

Once you have a plan, you have to put it into action, to make sure your money is going where it needs to go. A few tools to make it easier are a cash envelope budgeting system, a spread sheet or budget-tracking software — whatever system that works for you and that you will use.

Give every dollar a name

Every dollar has an assignment in your budget, whether it's feeding your family, your housing, paying off debt or saving money.

You can use a budgeting process from DaveRamsey.com, that includes these tips:

- Find your total income
- List all expenses, from regular bills to "incidentals"
- Adjust expenses until they are equal to or below your income
- Track your expenses throughout the month and adjust your spending behavior accordingly.

Act your wage

Live on less than you make. Keep your spending within your income and buy only what you can afford in your budget.

Live frugally today so you can be wealthy tomorrow

Make frugal choices that will create true, lasting wealth. "If you live like no one else, later you can live and give like no one else," is a well-known Ramsey motto.

Free yourself from debt

True debt reduction is plain common sense and hard work. He advocates his "Debt Snowball Method" of paying mini-

mum payments on all debts, then putting extra payment toward your debt with the smallest balance. This gives you a feeling of success and confidence that you can tackle the next debt.

Don't borrow or charge

Ramsey's measure for whether you can afford something is simple: If you can write a check and pay for it, you can afford it. If you can't pay for it in cash, you can't afford it, whether it's your car, your clothes, groceries, etc.

Save for the unexpected

You can expect that the unexpected will always happen. When you're broke, everything is an emergency.

Build security with an emergency fund. Start out with a buffer of \$1,000, to help cover everyday unexpected expenses. Then build an emergency fund that will cover three to six months of expenses for serious emergencies, like job loss.

Invest in the future

Once you have financial basics like budgeting and debt under control, you can begin to build wealth. First, contribute to a pre-tax savings plan and a tax-free savings plan. Use mutual funds that have a winning track record. Invest only in things that make sense to you. If you like, use a financial advisor you can trust.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LIVE AT the corner of Granger and Lee streets. Someone was kind enough to plow my driveway. Please let me know who you are and I want to say thank you and cook you up some goodies.

THE PURSUIT OF happiness in the U.S. Constitution does not mean happiness is owed to you. It means you have the right to earn it.

OWEN ROAD DESPERATELY needs the lines painted. Please.

WHAT STARTED AS an online fundraiser to provide President Donald Trump with donations for his southern border wall has morphed into a foundation whose members vow to build a wall themselves. Your money, go to it.

JUST IN: HOT-LINER retracts outrageous

claim that 'teens are smarter than everyone else.' In an act defying logic, author claims English language is the root cause of blunder.

WE CANNOT DRIVE down Hogan Road due to its lack of funds (\$3 million estimate) for a bridge replacement and much needed paving. So why are we even considering \$14 million for a non-motorized railway system? Priorities please. Fix the roads first.

I WILL NOT vote for one penny of spending for non-motorized trail until our roads are fixed. The \$14 million they want to spend ought to do it.

DID YOU NOTICE how the entire Democrat machine, from Pelosi to local Hot-line pundit, all turned to the 'Democrats oppose open borders' talking point at the very same moment? And they accuse Republicans of being mindless rubes to party leadership. Ha.

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The scholarship winners of the annual Individual War of Words final debate are (from left) Abigail Baran, Jacob Barta, Matthew Kuzner and Katie Jackola.

Photo submitted to the Times

Rotary's debate league awards winners

■ Four students out of 14 come out on top with college scholarships

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The Fenton Rotary Club recently hosted its annual Individual War of Words, known as W.O.W., at the Lake Fenton High School auditorium.

The program included 14 debaters from four schools in grades four through eight.

Fenton Rotary has been hosting this event since 2014, awarding medals, trophies and \$2,000 in educational scholarships annually to its winners.

The debate season began in October 2018 with debates held monthly at John's Pizzeria, until the final debate at Lake

Fenton High School. The 14 students participated with hopes of winning one of the four \$500 scholarships.

Fenton Rotary is proud of the graduates of the program who have gone on to debate at the college level, such as the University of Michigan, Yale, Hillsdale and West Point.

This year's winners are:

First place: **Matthew Kuzner**, St. Patrick's, Brighton

Second place: **Jacob Barta**, St. Patrick's, Brighton

Third place: **Abigail Baran**, St. John School, Fenton

Fourth place: **Katie Jackola**, Chippewa Hills, independent school

This year's judges were circuit court judges, Duncan Beagle, David Newblatt and Brian Pickell.

'Saturday Evening Post' final edition published 50 years ago

■ Buying Chicago, Peace in Vietnam and Soul Music were last headlines in February 1969 edition

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The modern *Saturday Evening Post* dates from 1897, when publisher Cyrus H. K. Curtis bought the failing periodical for \$1,000. Curtis immediately pulled together a suspect genealogy, alleging Ben Franklin as the *Post's* founder and pushing the masthead date back from 1821 to 1728.

In 1898, Curtis appointed George Horace Lorimer as editor, a position he held through 1936. Under his leadership, the *Post* became America's most successful and most influential magazine, achieving a weekly circulation of 1,000,000 as early as 1908.

In the 1920s, riding on a sea of advertising that exceeded \$50 million annually, issues frequently offered over 200 pages carrying more than 20 stories, articles, and serial installments — all for a nickel.

The nickel was part of Curtis's plan: to finance a magazine through advertising rather than subscriptions. Lorimer's own financial plan was equally novel; the *Post* responded to submissions within two weeks and paid on acceptance rather than publication. That policy, along with Lorimer's recruitment of writers, paid off in a roster of talent.

Nonfiction writers, especially strong in politics and business, included Albert Beveridge, Sam Blythe, Irvin S. Cobb, Emerson Hough, Will Irwin, Isaac F. Marcossan, and Will Payne. Short stories and serialized fiction were supplied by some of the most popular writers of the time, among them Thomas Beer, Earl Derr Biggers, G. K. Chesterton, Agatha Christie, William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Harold Frederic, Joseph Hergesheimer, Robert Herrick, Sinclair Lewis, J. P. Marquand, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Kenneth L. Roberts, and Arthur Train. Another attraction was the *Post's*



cover, painted over the years by the country's most successful and popular illustrators, most notably J. C. Leyendecker and Norman Rockwell.

The *Post's* audience was broad, with the magazine reaching middle-class and middle-brow Americans from coast to coast. The magazine gave its audience entertainment and information, along with strong doses of politics. Up to World War I (1914-1918), those politics were essentially progressive. After the war, the magazine turned sharply right, mixing a conservative social message with fiercely reactionary political views. The 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression confirmed Lorimer's views of the nation's missteps, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's election only blackened his outlook. By 1936, the *Post* virtually ran an opposition campaign to Roosevelt's reelection.

After Lorimer's retirement early in 1937 and under a series of editors, the *Post* gradually lost its dominant position among the media. Although fiction and illustration, especially cover art, remained attractive throughout the 1950s, by the 1960s the magazine found itself in deep financial trouble and, early in 1969, America's most popular weekly magazine ended publication.

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Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States.

Before becoming president, he had a number of other occupations including being a lawyer.

Since his birthday is this coming Tuesday, Feb. 12, I thought this would be an opportune time to talk about some of the aspects of his legal career.

Lincoln became a lawyer in Illinois in 1836 and practiced law until he was nominated for president in 1860.

He did not go to law school (he had less than a year of formal education) and instead became a lawyer using an 1833 Illinois law, which allowed admittance to the Bar by reading about the law and learning from other lawyers.

He handled more than 4,000 civil and criminal cases including 1,000 jury trials, 175 cases before the Illinois Supreme Court and one before the United States Supreme Court.

He was considered to be a very skilled, successful, and respected trial lawyer.

Among the cases he tried perhaps the most famous was in 1858 when he represented William "Duff" Armstrong who had been accused of murdering a man named Metzker by striking him over the head with a heavy weight.

The death occurred on Aug. 29, 1857 in New Salem, Illinois a few minutes before midnight.

At the trial the main prosecution witness testified that he was about 150 feet from the defendant when, "by the light of the full moon" he saw him strike Mr. Metzker.

During Lincoln's cross-examination, he produced a copy of the 1857 Old Farmer's Almanac, which indicated that at the time of the murder the moon was in its first quarter and was low on the horizon. He argued that the witness couldn't possibly have had enough light to see what he claimed and asked the judge to take "Judicial Notice" of the moon's low position. Judicial Notice is when a judge determines that something is a fact, and in a criminal case, tells the jury it is up to them whether to accept it as true.

The judge agreed and the jury found Armstrong not guilty.

Lincoln was a great man and I urge readers to try and learn more about his life. You won't be disappointed.

PIPES

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Superintendent Scott Roper said this particular incident didn't further damage the building. Repairs to Rose Pioneer were completed Monday and students returned to school Tuesday.

The Karl Richter Campus also had a burst pipe. It was closed Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. to shut the water off for final repairs. Roper said this incident did cause some damage, though the cost of both issues is still being assessed.

The Karl Richter building not only hosts some school activities, but is also the government offices of Holly Village, Holly Township, Main Street DDA, the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center and the Holly Township Parks and Recreation, which were all closed for the repairs.

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TIMES

REVENUE SHARING

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2017, the township was supposed to receive \$212,114, but only received the \$41,160.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk of Fenton Township, said they refer to these payments as city, village and township revenue sharing (CVTRS) money. In order to receive a portion of the statutory payments, the township filled out the correct forms.

"It depends on how you view it," Broecker said. "It was never reinstated in full. It'd be great if it was full funding but I'm not holding my breath. We received a pretty nice bump after the last census."

This money from the state goes into the general fund. Not getting the full amount hinders the township's abilities to pay for things, such as infrastructure.

"The one area we'd like to put more money into is roads," he said.

Linden

"Since 2002, the city of Linden has lost an estimated \$1,322,770 in revenue sharing," said interim City Manager Scott Sutter, who's also the Linden police

chief. "Like other communities in Michigan, municipalities are doing their jobs with less revenue from the state. This affects how we maintain our roads, equipment and manpower."

From 2015 to 2017, Linden received \$14,591 in statutory payments, even though the full amount was supposed to be \$178,565. In 2017, Linden received \$321,304 in constitutional payments, bringing the full funding for that year up to \$335,895.

Argentine Township

In 2017, Argentine Township received \$556,546 in constitutional payments. It was supposed to receive \$92,456 in statutory payments but the state withheld that amount. Although full statutory payments have increased steadily since 2003, which is the earliest year savemcity.com shows, Argentine Township has not received any of that money.

The state has withheld a total of \$1,117,574 since 2003.

Revenue sharing is the distribution of a portion of federal tax revenues to state and local governments.

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Brrrrr — Polar Plunge raises more than \$65,000

■ Approximately 250 people jump into Lake Fenton for Special Olympics

By Hannah Ball

The 2019 Polar Plunge raised \$65,813 on Saturday, Feb. 2, thanks to those brave enough to jump into a large square hole carved into the frozen lake.

At the event, hosted by the Fenton Moose lodge, people in costumes or only shorts and a T-shirt lined up between the Moose lodge and Lake Fenton to wait for their turn. Organizers cut a hole in the ice and the Genesee County Sheriff's Dive Team assisted people out of the water to ensure safety. An EMS team also was on scene.

The below zero temperatures throughout last week made for solid ice, and the 40-degree weather Saturday was a break from the cold.

Andrea Rachko, senior director of development and events for Special Olympics Michigan, said they had approximately 250 jumpers.

"It went great. We had a lot of new teams and plungers and a lot of returning plungers," she said. "Schools really get involved in the event."

They enlisted the help of local bars and restaurants to raise awareness.

"They raised funds. It got people at local



All event proceeds go to the Special Olympics of Genesee and Lapeer counties. The money is for equipment, training, registration fees and transporting the athletes to events.

See more photos at myfenton.com. Photo: Scott Schupbach

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Andrea Rachko

Special Olympics Michigan senior director of development and events

establishments talking about it, supporting the cause,” she said.

All proceeds go to the Special Olympics in Genesee and Lapeer counties. The money goes to equipment, training, registration fees and transporting the athletes to events. There's no cost to the families of the athletes.

Last year, the event had more than 300 plungers and raised more than \$95,000.

“This year took a dip. It was definitely

a little disappointing,” Rachko said, adding that the negative temperatures the week prior didn't work in their favor. Organizers are meeting in a couple of weeks to talk about growing the event.

“I want to thank the local volunteers. They are great supporters of this event. A huge shout out to Pat Peters (Area 13 director of Special Olympics Michigan, on the Polar Plunge committee) and Mary Cripps (on the Polar Plunge committee),” she said. “Get involved in 2020. We'll be back next year. We're looking forward to it. We're looking to bring back that \$100,000 mark.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
EVERY TIME PELOSI speaks I get the feeling she thinks she's the president. All the actions she accuses Trump of she does herself in terms of temper tantrums. Small children rant and rave they aren't going to do something. Sound familiar? For every demand Trump makes, Pelosi does the same.

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HAS CHINA BEEN invaded from the north? No. Has China been invaded? Yes. You proved the point of those opposing the wall. If only one border is walled off, nothing is accomplished. The invasion will come from a different direction, making the wall a tremendous waste of money. Thank you.

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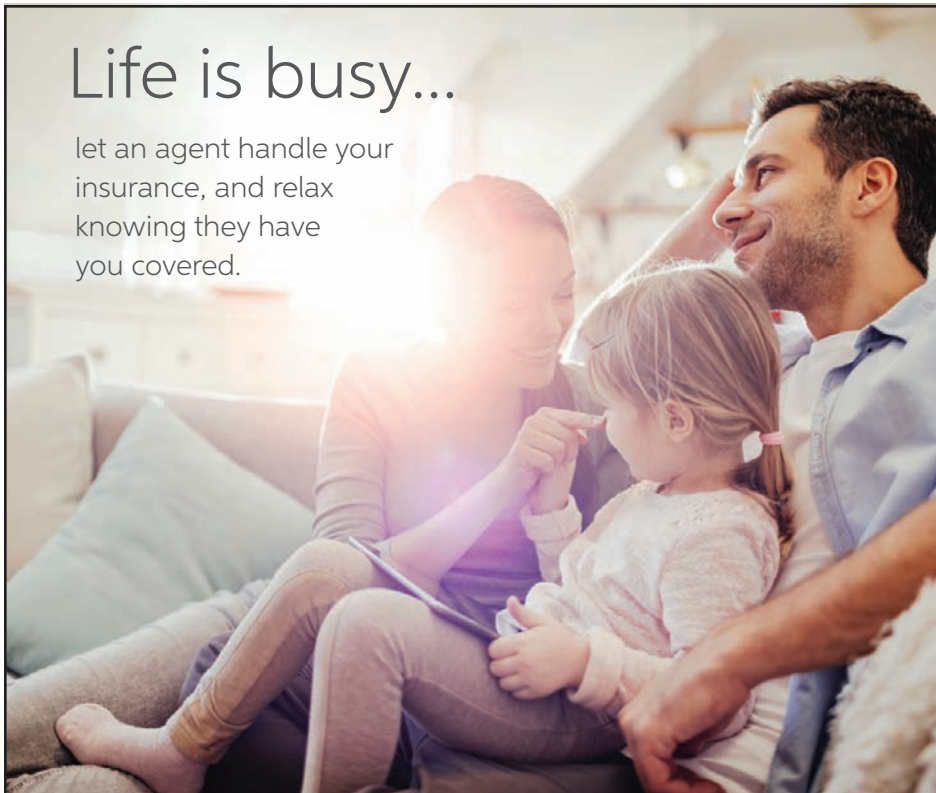
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HOW CAN PRO-business Trump justify \$11 billion loss of revenue during government shutdown? Easy. He recognizes national security takes priority over business. Border security is more important than economic concerns.

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TRUE BELIEVER RECOMMENDS reading Democratic Party propaganda for truth instead of listening to Trump or Fox News. Gee, I wonder what political persuasion True Believer holds. Talk about drinking the Kool-Aid. Hey True Believer, try finding some independent sources of information.

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THE BILLIONS SOME want for a wall would fix a lot of infrastructure. What-ever happened to that priority?

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AS DEMOCRATS RACE to become more radical and socialistic, here is what they support: more taxes and regulations; more government control and Medicare for all; Abortion any time and for any reason; anti-border, anti-ICE; open borders and sanctuary cities; and verbiage that is anti-white, Christian, and Catholic.

■■■
IT IS GOOD that Flint's water problem is getting fixed, but please let us also start mentioning some of the great things in Flint, such as the Farmers Market, U of M, The Whiting, etc. or Flint will never make a comeback. It would be great to see The Clinton Foundation allocate some funds and start doing something to encourage job growth. If Flint does well, we all can benefit.

■■■
TO ALL THE people complaining about the New York abortion law. Try reading it prior to complaining about. It does not allow abortion up to day of birth. Come on, really?

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FREEDOM PARK
Continued from Front Page

served and often died for their country.

That place will be known as the Veterans Memorial at Freedom Park. It's Freedom Park today, bordered by Shiawassee Avenue, Elizabeth Street and Park Street.

During the Monday, Feb. 4 City Council work session, officials heard a presentation on the possibility of creating the veterans memorial park in Freedom Park.

Since this project is still in its infancy, there are no figures available on funding or other specific project details.

In July of 2017, a joint subcommittee was established to look into the possibility of creating such a park, according to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. The subcommittee consisted of four members of the Parks Board and three members of the Beautification Commission, which included Councilwoman Pat Lockwood at the time.

"This has been in the works for five or six years, maybe longer," Lockwood said this week. During the spring of 2018, the group visited different memorials in nearby communities. They included Brighton, Flushing and Swartz Creek to name a few, Lockwood said.

"The one in Swartz Creek is spectacular," she said. "It's very large and was all funded from donations in the community."

Czarnecki said, "The actual memorial space will be an area of reverence, where everyone can take time to pause and reflect on our service members and what they have sacrificed for our country. The surrounding plaza and walkways will be established for community members to recognize service members."

It is proposed the bricks will be used in the plaza and walkways. "These bricks will be sold as part of the fund-

raising to help pay for the project," he said. The bricks purchased would have information about the service member imprinted on them.

Lockwood said there were a couple of versions of the project plans. The latest of those versions was shared with the City Council on Monday. Everything is in the conceptual stages so far.

Lockwood said the council was receptive to the idea after Czarnecki's presentation to the council. One concern mentioned was the number of flags and future maintenance.

Officials gave their approval to establish a steering committee to move forward. The membership of that committee is expected to be approved at an upcoming City Council meeting.

"We would also like to form a committee of community members," Lockwood said. "The more hands the better."

This new committee would be responsible for taking the conceptual plan and bringing it to fruition with an actual design, the construction of the work, and funding necessary to build

the project. They will look at all aspects of the project including what the actual memorial will involve, details about the bricks, including size, color, layout, costs, vendor and what can be printed on them. They also will look into funding and fundraisers as well the utilization of volunteers and donated products and services, finalizing the design of the layout, and operations and maintenance of the park and memorial into the future. Nine to 11 people are expected to serve on the committee.

So far, eight people have committed to serving on the steering committee. Lockwood said others, such as a local veteran or member of the VFW may wish to be on the committee.

The steering committee will work with the City Council and keep them informed of the activities as the project moves forward.

Our Future

Meet

Brianna Johnson

- School pride booster
- Studying Spanish
- Pianist

By Sally Rummel

Brianna Johnson, 17, is a senior at Lake Fenton High School. She is

most known for her school pride, being an anchor for LakeView TV, the high school TV production class, and her devotion to the varsity competitive cheer team. She lives with her mother, Janet, and younger siblings, Ty and Sydney. Her drive to get things done, and do them to the best of her ability, makes her stand out among other students. She plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois to study accounting and Spanish.

What is one thing you'd like to do before you graduate?

I would like to be able to play 'Bella's Lullaby' by Cartel Burwell on piano. I've been practicing for two months.

If you were given \$1,000 to donate, what/who would you donate it to?

I would donate it to Faith in Femininity. It's an organization, put together by girls that I go to school with, that packages and provides feminine hygiene products to women in need. They have already helped so many women, but this is a cause that is so overlooked, and it shouldn't be.

If you could change just one thing in the world, what would it be and why?

It would be the usage of single-use plastics, and I would change this immediately. I care a great deal about what will be left of our beautiful planet when it belongs to our future generations, and we need to remember that we all play a role in taking care of it.

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

At a very young age, my mom told me to be careful what I say to someone about someone else because they will then wonder what I am saying to others about them.

Do you think the American Dream is still realistic today?

I believe the American Dream is as real now as it has ever been. I am capable and willing to overcome stereotypes or statistics that have been made regarding my gender, age, background, or faith. I have the opportunity to go to college alongside other men and women who share the same beliefs and thirst for knowledge that I do, and that is something I never want to take for granted.

What subject at school do you find the most useful?

My favorite and most useful subject is Spanish. After the extraordinary opportunity to travel to Panama on a mission trip, I have never wanted something more than to be bilingual. It was incredible the way that we were all able to connect and understand each other even though we spoke different languages; a laugh is universal. I have big plans for our world, so the more languages I can translate them to, the better.

What is the biggest challenge you have faced in high school?

My biggest challenge was the pressure to follow the system; the broken system. So many students today feel the need to do the bare minimum to get the A, and to many of our teachers, this is impressive. We've become so focused on the exam, the final grade, the GPA, that we've completely missed the point. We're being graded on our cooperation and ability to memorize, instead of the information that we should be retaining to prepare us for the world.

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SWANS**Continued from Front Page**

The Board voted 5-1 on supporting the Canada Goose Egg and Nest Destruction Program, with Clerk Robert Krug dissenting. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis was absent. Krug has said in previous meetings that he does not think it's right to destroy these nests.

The LFOPA also requested they join the DNR's Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program, in which the eggs are destroyed by various means, including coating them with food-grade corn oil or shaking or chilling them. The nests can be physically removed.

The Board voted 4-2 in support of the Mute Swan Egg and Nest Destruction program, with Krug and Trustee Vince Lorraine dissenting.

The LFPOA also requested to join the DNR Mute Swan Removal Program. This program states that, unless someone is in imminent danger of being attacked, only DNR personnel are authorized to capture, euthanize or remove mute swans. Various methods of removal are allowed under this program:

- Live capture and euthanized by a veterinarian at the WLD Wildlife Disease Lab
- Live capture and inhalation of carbon dioxide
- Live capture and injection of approved euthanasia drugs
- Live capture and cervical dislocation
- Capture with Alpha Chloralose: Alpha Chloralose may be used only by USDA/Wildlife Services personnel to capture mute swans. Pursuant to FDA restrictions, waterfowl captured with Alpha

Chloralose for subsequent euthanasia must be killed and buried or incinerated

- Single shot to the head with approved firearm as indicated in the permit

"These resolutions will be conducted within all state requirements. And also provide a legal sanctioned means of controlling these populations," the letter states. "The LFPOA is requesting three resolutions to control both the goose and mute swan populations, and as an effort to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the Lake Fenton residents."

The Board of Trustees voted 0-6 against support for allowing the DNR to conduct the DNR Mute Swan Removal Program for Lake Fenton.

Lorraine said he supported the Canada egg and nest destruction program because

there are many geese on the lake, and he considers them a nuisance. Lorraine has lived on Lake Fenton for 29 years.

"I don't think the Mute swans are a nuisance. I've seen four on Lake Fenton. I have not seen a problem," he said. "As riparians and stewards of this earth, we have to find a balance. I love waterfowl. I'm an animal lover."

He was disturbed by information Krug brought to the meeting about how the DNR captures the swans and euthanizes them.

"There was no capture and release. It was capture and euthanize," he said. "I will no longer be supporting anything that has to do with rounding up water fowl and euthanizing them."

The egg and nest destruction programs will run from 2019 through 2023. Fenton Township will not incur any costs.

SOCIAL MEDIA**Continued from Page 3**

officer and department. You want to protect the reputation of the department and the profession itself."

Allen hasn't had an issue with his officers. A few may get political, but none of them have posted anything "really inappropriate," he said.

"Social media provides a new and potentially valuable means of assisting the department and its personnel in meeting community outreach, problem solving, investigative, and crime prevention, and related objectives," the policy states. "The department also recognizes the role that these tools play in personal lives of some department personnel. The personal use of social media can have bearing on department personnel in their official capacity."

Private pages

Personnel are allowed to express themselves as private citizens on social media as long as they do not impair working relationships of the department or "negatively affect the public perception of the department."

As public employees, they are cautioned that their speech on or off duty is not protected speech under the first amendment and may be cause for discipline.

"Department personnel should assume that their speech and related activity

on social media sites will reflect upon their office and this department," the policy reads.

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Argentine Township Police Department social policy

Officers also are encouraged not to disclose their association with the department or display department logos, uniforms or any identifying items on personal web pages. "Officers who are, or who may reasonably be expected to work in undercover operations, shall not post any form of visual or personal identification," the policy states.

Department personnel cannot post speech containing obscene or sexually explicit language or images, and cannot express bias against any race, any religion

or protected class of individuals. They cannot involve themselves in online behavior that would be considered reckless or irresponsible.

Officers may be subject to litigation if they publish defamatory statements, or private information about someone without their permission that is not of legitimate public concern and would be offensive to a reasonable person. Civil litigation may be pursued if personnel

post someone else's name, likeness or personal attributes without permission for an exploitative purpose, or if they publish the creative work of another, trademarks or certain business information without permission of the owner.

Department-run social media pages

The Argentine Township Police Department runs a Facebook page that officers use to disseminate information about lost dogs, using the department parking lot as an online exchange location, winter tips and more. This page and other department-run pages must be approved by Allen. The department monitors the comments and reserves the right to remove comments that are off-topic, obscene, or are personal attacks.

Personnel representing the department on social media must conduct themselves accordingly and adhere to department standards.

They cannot post information about the guilt or innocence of any suspect or arrestee, or comments about pending prosecutions, confidential information, photographs or videos without permission. No statements about political attacks or private businesses are allowed.

The Fenton and Holly police departments also have social media policies in place.

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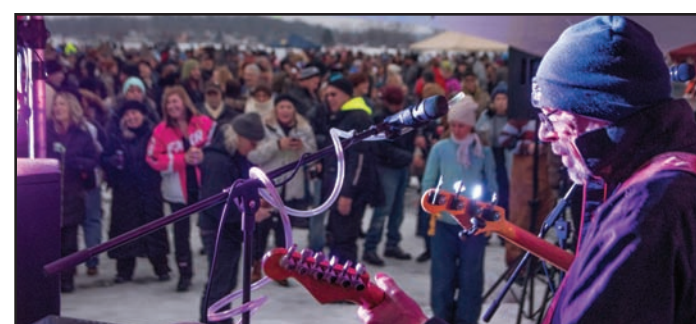
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Live music was back at the chili cook off for the first time in at least six years. This year Rook performed as the entertainment and was a supporting sponsor. Photo: Tim Jagielo

**CHILI COOK OFF****Continued from Page 3**

Overall, the cook-off raised \$5,500 with donations, sweatshirts sales and a 50/50 raffle. It cost \$5 to be a judge for the chili contest. There also were approximately 18 business sponsors.

Proceeds come after the costs of the event including purchasing a new tent and paying the live band, Rook. Nowiki said the band charged less than half its normal fee as a sponsor.

Proceeds will fund the July 4 Lobdell Lake fireworks display.

Organizers of the event donated a substantial amount of discarded empty cans to Linden High School's Project Graduation. There were 20, 50-gallon bags left after the party.

Nowiki said there were 14 entrants for the chili contest. This is down from 21 last

year. It's expensive to make chili for the contest, he said. While he doesn't charge them to enter, he said it costs the teams up to \$200 just to make enough chili to serve it and have a chance to win.

There are sometimes incidents — in 2014, a vehicle fell through the ice.

This year, alcohol and darkness led to a pedestrian being struck by a drunk driver. The driver was jailed, according to Nowiki. The victim was not seriously injured or hospitalized.

"We've never had a problem in the past," Nowiki said, adding that it's very unfortunate someone was hit but he's glad the victim will be OK.

That night, shuttles were available at nearby businesses, but after those lots were filled, dozens of vehicles parked along narrow lakeside streets.

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Fenton's Ryan, Wagner take home girls' individual state wrestling championships

By David Troppens

Fenton's Kendra Ryan and Chloe Wagner made history, Sunday.

Actually Fenton's Ella Turnblom and Linden's Kennedy Gocha and Adelia Carr did as well.

All five female wrestlers competed in the first-ever Michigan Wrestling Association Michigan High School Girls Wrestling Finals at Adrian College with Ryan and Wagner taking home the ultimate prize. Both won an individual state championship.

Ryan (101) dominated her competition at the event. She won all three matches by pinfall in the first period. Her championship victory came against Brown City's Whitley Blake by pinfall in 1:10. Prior to that match, she pinned Tri-County Area's Alexis Porter in 24 seconds in the semifinal and Central Montcalm's Kaitlyn Hansen by pinfall in 1:18.

Meanwhile, Wagner (140) was almost as dominant in her weight class. Wagner won her championship match by beating Petoskey's Lydia Kraus

by technical fall. She earned pins in her other two matches. She beat Chesaning's Shelbi Daniels by pinfall in 4:39 in the semifinal and beat Salem's Martiza Gallegos by pinfall in 2:44 in the quarterfinal round. Wagner also got the honor of carrying the American flag during the parade of champions. She com-

peted in honor of her past wrestling coach Brent Harvey who died in October 2017 in a motorcycle accident.

Turnblom (112) finished in third. She won her first match but lost in the semifinal, setting up a third-place bout with Plymouth's Mallory Floreno. She won that match by pinfall in 58 seconds.

All three Fenton wrestlers earned All-State honors.

"It's an amazing feeling for sure," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly

See WRESTLING on 13



Fenton's Kyla Lynch (left) battles for the ball in the Tigers' victory against Kearsley. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers take control of first, defeat Kearsley

By Dale M. Smith

Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls' basketball team beat the Kearsley Hornets 53-44 in a game at Kearsley earlier in the year.

Friday night at the Jungle, the Flint Metro League rivals met for second time tied for first with identical 8-1 league records. The Tigers held serve and then some as they pulled away late, topping Kearsley 52-37.

The Tigers started off fast with a 6-0 lead at the 6:53 mark of the first quarter before a nine-point run by the Hornets gave the visitors the one-point lead at 9-8. Both teams were very aggressive on the defensive end leading to multiple turnovers by both squads. Fenton trailed 13-12 at the end of the first.

A Korryn Smith three after a nice pass from Chloe Idoni put the Tigers up 17-13. Kearsley's Jakeira Wash followed with an "and one" closing the gap to one. Then, enter Fenton's Lauren Murphy whose steal and a bucket was followed by an "and one" of her own. The Tigers led 30-21 at the half.

An Erin Conroy 3-pointer got the Tigers on a roll early in the third quarter. Fenton led 35-23 at the 6:30 mark of the quarter. The Hornets responded with a 6-0 run to make it 35-29. The Tigers were held scoreless for over four minutes in the third before a Conroy bucket at the 1:50 mark gave Fenton the 37-30 edge heading into the final eight minutes.

Another Smith three was followed barely 30 seconds later by another Conroy bomb to make it 44-30 with 6:09 left.

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Bronchos complete second straight league title by winning Metro meet

By David Troppens

A busy 48 hours became a historic rewarding experience for the Holly varsity wrestling team.

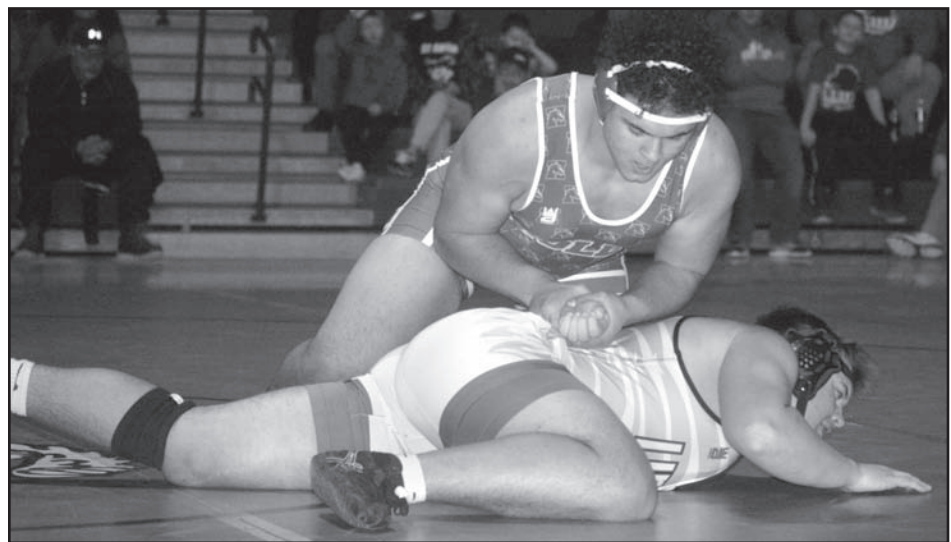
A day after beating Fenton and Linden to finish the Metro League dual season 8-0, the Bronchos followed that performance with a first-place effort at the Metro League meet, which started less than 12 hours later on Saturday, enabling the Bronchos to defend their Metro League championship.

The back-to-back league titles is the first time the Bronchos accomplished the task since winning three straight from 2011 to 2013. They did it by earning five individual league championships and two more third-place efforts. Linden earned a fourth-place effort at the Metro meet, earning an individual champion and three runner-ups. The Eagles ended the season tied for second with Clio. Fenton placed fifth at the league meet, earning two firsts and a second. The Tigers finished in a tie for fourth overall.

"We wrestled well," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "Clio was surprising and pushed the pace against us for awhile, but we had five kids in the finals and three others in the consolations and seven of the eight won (their final match), with five being league champions. That



(Left) Holly's Nathan Young defeats Isaac Croney in the Bronchos' victory against Fenton. (Below) Holly's Blake Querio (top) defeated Linden's Preston Parker in the Bronchos' win against Linden. Photos: David Troppens



was amazing. The kids really stepped up. I was worried about the kids with all the energy we expended Friday night and having to come back and wrestle again Saturday morning. But the kids regrouped and wrestled well."

Holly's five champions were Cade Dall-

witz (189), Blake Querio (285), Jacob Gonzales (135), Nate Young (130) and Andrew Kolman (112).

Top-ranked in Division 2 in his weight class, Dallwitz defeated Linden's Colton Powell in the title match by pinfall in 1:46.

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Holly sets up Metro League championship with sweep vs. Fenton, Linden



Holly's Cade Dallwitz battles Fenton's Lukas Zywicki during Friday's dual. Dallwitz won an individual league title, Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

By David Troppens

Linden — Jared Callahan wasn't in the mood for celebrating.

Sure, he and his Holly varsity wrestling teammates had just finished beating Linden and Fenton in two key Metro League duals with himself earning the clinching victory on the mat, but he spent half of his "celebration" time over a garbage can hoping he didn't have to use it.

Callahan (125) was ill and probably didn't feel like wrestling at all. However, the senior was able to defeat Linden's Ethan Soff by a 4-1 decision to put the Bronchos up 34-22 with only two matches left in the dual. When Griffin Rose (130) earned a forfeit victory seconds later, the Bronchos

were on their way to a 44-22 victory, earning Holly an 8-0 Metro League dual meet record. Holly also defeated Fenton 44-30 in the night's first dual at Linden High School.

Linden had to beat Fenton in the middle dual to have a chance to tie Holly in the Metro League standings in the final dual. The Eagles did just that, beating Fenton 49-30. However, the loss to Holly put the Eagles at 6-2 in the Metro, a pretty decent distance behind the Eagles entering Saturday's Metro League meet.

The Bronchos locked up their league title on Saturday. Read about the Metro League meet elsewhere in this publication.

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LFLF gymnastics team clips Eagles

By David Troppens

Linden — The LFLF gymnastics team lost some strong performers from last season's team.

For that reason it seemed like this year may be a little bit of a rebuilding season.

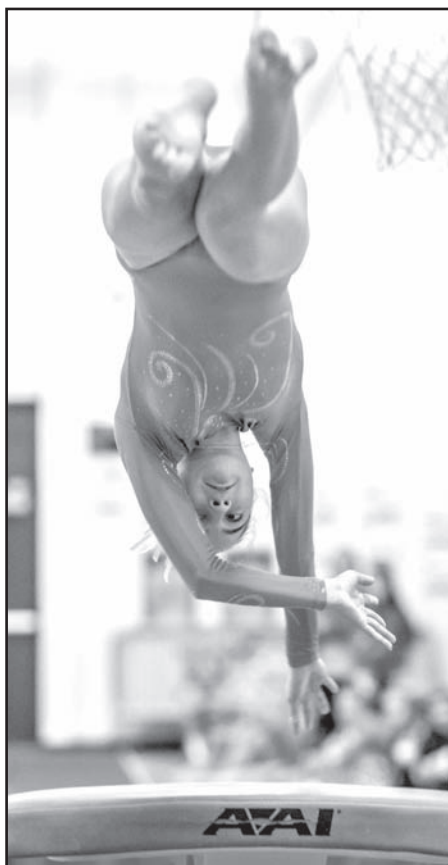
However, apparently that isn't the case. It seems the co-op gymnastics team with athletes from Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton remains a pretty strong squad.

The LFLF team won another dual meet recently, defeating the Hartland Eagles 139.425-136.4 in the squad's final home meet of the season.

"I am pleased with how the season is going," LFLF varsity gymnastics coach Nancy Holden said. "Every year you start out with a new group of girls and they have to learn to work together as a team. Every week they are getting stronger not only at this but at their skills. We have been able to increase our difficulty and to hit our routines more consistently so I think we will feel confident going into regional to be the best team we can be."

The LFLF squad flourished on the floor, recording three scores above a 9.0. Apryl Smith led the team with a 9.225, while Ella Cox had a 9.075.

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Avery Miller competes on the vault in the LFLF gymnastics team's victory against Hartland. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers lose to Kearsley, 47-46

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has been in its share of close Metro League contests this season.

On Friday, it looked like the Tigers may break that trend.

Fenton outscored Kearsley 23-8 in the third quarter, taking a 42-32 lead into the final eight minutes, looking like a squad ready to earn a home win.

It didn't happen. Kearsley outscored the Tigers 15-4 in the final quarter and scored the final seven points of the contest, earning a tight 47-46 victory at Fenton High School.

"We were up by 10 with two minutes to go and lost," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said.

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Fenton's Parker Brady (center) grabs a rebound during the Tigers' loss to Kearsley Friday night. Photo: Mark Bolen



Fenton's Kendra Ryan (face showing) won a state championship at 101 pounds. Photo provided

WRESTLING

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said. "These girls are very important to what we have going here in Fenton, and on Sunday they had their day to shine.

"Chloe was wrestling for coach Harvey so I knew it meant a lot to her to do that. Kendra has been doing outstanding with the boys and went through and dominated the tournament. She was extra motivated. You could tell. Ella is a new wrestler who is only in her second year and she's on fire."

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PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► West Bloomfield 1, Fenton/Linden 0:

For only the second time this season, the Griffins were shutout with West Bloomfield winning a defensive thriller. West Bloomfield's Shane Boisvenu scored the game's only goal with 15:36 left in the second period. Liam Murray played well in defeat in goal. He made 15 saves.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Swartz Creek 83, Holly 69:** Hunter Jackson led the Bronchos with 17 points while Daniel Mathews netted 14 points. Ben Ambrose scored 13 and Dylan Hignite had

12.

► Linden JV 58, Brandon JV 52:

Linden (10-4) enjoyed a 12-point halftime lead and never trailed in the second half. Gavin Wildeman led the Eagles with 23 points while Lance Barkholz had 13 points. Shane Eberhard netted nine while DJ Robbins collected six.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Brandon 52, Linden 14:** Linden's Grace Pryde led the squad with five points while Jordan Peterson netted four points. Erin Gillespie scored three points and Taylor Acox had two points.

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Blue Devils record three GAC champs at meet

It's been a year of rebuilding for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team, but the squad still has had some highlights.

Lake Fenton had some when they had Sean Trombley (152), Logan Julian (189) and Zolen Marron (215) earn league titles.

Fenton falls to Clio on last-second shot

Is it possible for every game to be a nailbiter?

this season.

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has come darn close to doing that

The Tigers had another thriller on Monday, losing a 48-47 verdict against Clio.

Holly girls basketball defeats Swartz Creek

What started out as a defensive game for the Holly varsity girls basketball team against the Swartz Creek

Dragons, eventually became a pretty impressive offensive game in the second half.

LF girls regaining confidence, defeat Bendle

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team's offense was strong Friday.

points in every quarter. But it was probably the defense in the middle quarters that earned Lake Fenton a 55-44 victory.

Blue Devils lose tough contest vs. Bendle

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team trailed for most of the contest at Bendle High School Friday night.

The Blue Devils trailed by 10 with 3:30 left but Lake Fenton gave themselves a chance to win the ball game.

Fenton competitive cheer does well at Kearsley

Sometimes team placing doesn't always tell the entire story.

tion of the Kearsley Hornet Invitational, but in the process earned some strong marks. Fenton had its season-best performances in the final two rounds.

Holly competitive cheer takes second at Mason

The Holly varsity competitive cheer team was pretty busy last weekend.

cho Bash on Friday and then placed second at the Mason Invitational on Saturday.

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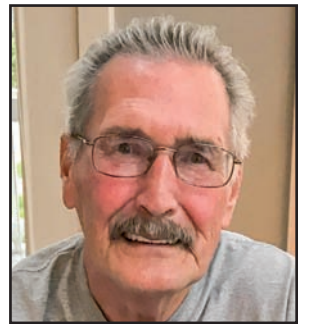
Obituaries

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Joan Sipes

1940-2019

Joan Sipes - age 78, passed away on February 4, 2019. She is the beloved wife of the late Ralph; dear mother of the late Linda Ray; loving grandma of Ryan and Jennifer; great-grandma of Braden and Mason; dear sister of Gerald (Pauline) Tester and Marilyn Green. Joan also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, daughter and 10 siblings. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019, 3 PM, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3300 S. Fenton Road, Holly. Friends may visit beginning at 2 PM. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Daniel Ralph Spring

1942-2019

Daniel Ralph Spring - age 76, of Fenton, died Sunday, February 3, 2019. Services will be held 12 PM Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rev. John Walworth officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home 11 AM Saturday until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to The American Cancer Society. Dan was born May 21, 1942 in Durand, the son of Ralph Haynes and Marie Hazel (Tullar) Spring. He was a 1960 graduate of Durand High School. He married Janette A. Nordman September 25, 1981 in Argentine. He had resided in Fenton since 1981 coming from Vernon. Dan retired from GM V-8 Engine Plant and was a member of U.A.W. Local 659. He also was a member of the Fenton Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2460, Durand Moose Lodge #2508, and the Linden Sportsmen Club. Surviving are: his wife, Janette; children, Collette (Scott) Gormley of Fenton, Danielle (Aaron) Potts of Parma, Dennis Hyde of Flint, Angela Luchenbill of Swartz Creek; daughters-in-law, Judy Kline of Copemish and Carrie (Sean) Beaudry of Clinton Township; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Charlene (William) Pierce of Los Cruces, NM and Peggy (Hans) Noetzel of Vernon; brother, Dennis (Bonnie) Spring of Durand; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Joseph Spring; and sister, Beverly Spring. Tributes may be posted at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Change is on the horizon, but you don't yet know where you fit into the equation, Aries. Enjoy the unexpected and don't worry so much about the future.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, though you may think you can only choose one direction in life, you really can reverse course and go in another direction if you so desire.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, normally you are conservative and weigh things carefully. However, this week your other side takes over and you are apt to be a little more spontaneous.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, there is only so much time to learn something new at work and you may be worried a bit. Someone will talk you through, and you'll find your way.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, if life seems a little more hectic these days, you may be taking on too many responsibilities. Lighten the load and focus on what matters most.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

It can be challenging to wrap your head around certain goals, Virgo. However, you will manage to pick and choose those tasks that are most important and get things done.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may be compelled to be introspective this week. Use this time to reflect and explore all the reasons why you typically enjoy being an extrovert.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

If there is something on your mind, Scorpio, now is not the time to share it with everyone. Let this settle for a bit, then choose the right time to share your discovery.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

People around you who are irritable might try to pull you into their situations, Sagittarius. Resist the urge to become influenced by their bad moods and perceptions.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a little extra concentration will have you flying through your to-do list in no time. Devote the time now and enjoy the reward and time off later.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, it is never too late to get some exercise, even if you think that a dedicated workout regimen can't fit in your schedule. Try socializing while working out.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

This could be a week passion comes to the forefront, Pisces. If you keep your options open, you may be surprised at what comes your way.

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15 Korea-based sitcom

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21 "Star Wars" princess

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24 Motorcycle attachments

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31 Historic period

32 Prepare to pray

34 Chicken-king link

35 Weaver's filling thread

37 Revolvers, e.g.

39 Air safety org.

41 Soon to come

42 Coral rings

45 Money, slangily

49 Secondary job

51 Anger

52 Infamous Idi

53 Enjoyment

54 At a snail's pace

55 Hide

56 Explosive stick

57 Spud's buds

8 Ahead

9 2012, but not 2013

10 Potato chip brand

11 Church section

17 Sprite

19 Pack of cards

22 "The results —"

24 Stitch

25 Anger

26 Jonquil's cousin

27 Dregs

29 Shady tree

30 More, to Manuel

33 Toy block name

36 Skill

38 Richard III's cry

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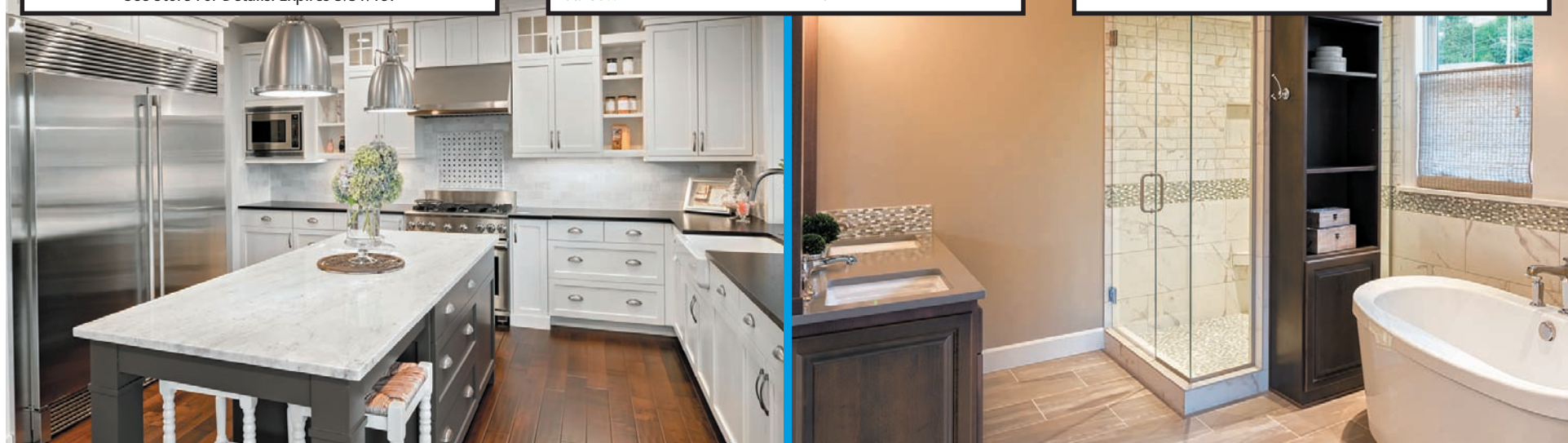
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