

Akl murder trial postponed again

■ Judge moves trial date to Dec. 3 despite ruling that there would be no more adjournments

By Sharon Stone

After two years and seven months, the murder trial of Abdurrahman “Abdu” Ahmed Akl was to begin Tuesday, Oct. 1 in Genesee County 7th Circuit Court.

However, despite a previous ruling that there would be no more adjournments, Judge Richard See **AKL on 7**

Rabies cases confirmed in Oakland County

■ Ten confirmed cases total so far in 2019 in Oakland County

Compiled by Hannah Ball

On Friday, Sept. 27, the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) confirmed two cases of rabies in skunks in Southfield and Troy.

So far in 2019, rabies has been See **RABIES on 8**



Inaugural Bottles, Brews & News sells out—

Attendees scan the multitude of options during the event in Rackham Park in Fenton on Saturday, Sept. 28. There were 496 wristbands sold at the event to benefit Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR). Volunteers like Ed Koledo (right) helped run the event. Photo by Tim Jagielo, See video at myfenton.com

Be mindful of where you park in Holly Village

■ Police and code enforcement team up to deter improper parking of motor vehicles

On Friday, Sept. 27, Interim Police Chief Scott Fischer for the village of Holly announced in a press release that the Holly Police Department will be working closely to support Holly Village’s Office of Code Enforcement to deal

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Silver Pointe Shopping Center project ‘flying’

■ Façade and site improvements to be completed by early December; familiar names among new tenants

By Vera Hogan

The Brixmor Property Group project at the Silver Pointe Shopping Center on Silver Parkway is “flying,” according to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton.

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“My friends and I were at Saturday’s Bottles, Brews & News and it was so awe-

some. The crowd was in good spirits enjoying craft beer and wine samples for a great cause — FARR. Already looking forward to next year.”



“The roundabout is getting done pretty quickly and I’m glad the

workers marked the lanes better with the big orange cones. Now I just hope the businesses at that intersection recover from the headaches and lost revenue.”



“To the person who wrote about ‘Fenton football politics.’ Why don’t you schedule a

meeting with the AD and coaching staff instead of anonymously complaining?”








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Broecker earns designation

■ '... to ensure that trust and confidence does not decline'

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) recently awarded Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township, the Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designation.

The CMMC program was launched in January 2014 to encourage city, township and village clerks to seek continuing education specifically related to the duties of Michigan clerks.

MAMC believes a focus on education is essential for municipal clerks to provide informed, quality leadership for their communities in the face of constant legislative change and increased demands on Michigan's public servants.

A clerk must invest in a minimum of 120 hours of education programming over three years to qualify for certification, and must continue to obtain education points to maintain the certification. Whether elected or appointed, municipal clerks serve a powerful role in coordinating public programs and influencing legislative initiatives.

MAMC says Broecker is to be commended for the hard work, perseverance and commitment expended to attain CMMC certification and the dedication to providing quality service to the public and the municipality he serves.

Broecker said he was pleased to have

received the award and grateful to the Fenton Township Board for giving him the opportunity to attend the MAMC Clerks Institute.

"I believe that earning the CMMC designation demonstrates a commitment to the public to provide municipal services at a high level of excellence and professionalism," Broecker said. "It is important for all public officials to have a strong work ethic and perform their duties in a manner that earns the trust and confidence of their community."

"With so many changes in recent years, particularly in the area of elections, it is vitally important for someone in my position to take advantage of educational opportunities to ensure that trust and confidence does not decline."



In this 2016 Times photo, Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, works at the presidential primary election. **Times file photo**

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with numerous recent complaints from citizens regarding improper parking.

Motor vehicles are being improperly parked in front yards and unauthorized areas within the village.

Residents should know that the village ordinance prohibits residential off-street parking in the grass in the front yard and vehicles must be parked on a driveway, parking strip, garage, bay, or a combination.

This enforcement supports the village's model vision of a clean and nuisance-free environment for all Holly residents.

Negative impacts of these sorts of violations include but are not limited to: killing grass, creating ruts, causing mud, may lower property value and aesthetics. "No one likes to look at it,"

Fischer wrote.

Options will be weighed for each reported violation that could include a personal contact requesting the vehicle be moved, a warning notice or a civil infraction violation being issued to the owner.

Other types of parking violations that will be dealt with include:

- Parking on sidewalks
- Blocking alleyways
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parking of inoperable vehicles or unlicensed vehicles on public property
- Unlawful handicap parking

Anyone with questions regarding parking may call the Office of Code Enforcement at (248) 634-9571 or the village of Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221. For more information, go to hollyvillage.org.

Getting groceries the fast way

■ Online ordering more popular at local stores

By Hannah Ball

The average American shopper spends more than 53 hours per year inside a grocery store, according to creditdonkey.com. Americans take on average 1.5 trips to the grocery store a week, spending 41 minutes inside.

This doesn't include driving time.

In response, many grocery stores are following an increasingly popular trend — offering online ordering and delivery to your vehicle in the store parking lot.

This eliminates the need for shoppers to go into the store.

Fenton

Both VG's in Fenton, the Silver Parkway location and the North LeRoy Street location, offer Fast Lane.

"Fast Lane is for anyone who is short on time or who prefers the convenience of curbside pickup or at-home delivery. Fast Lane also ties in with our 'Yes' loyalty program, giving store guests a convenient way to

clip digital coupons and save money on many of the items they buy every day," said Matt Van Gilder, director of ecommerce at SpartanNash, parent company of VG's.

More than 60 of their stores throughout the Midwest currently offer Fast Lane. Hundreds of orders come through the two Fenton locations every week. The program has been active for more than a year and a half, and it's only grown.

"Across the Fast Lane program in general, we are seeing double digit growth compared to last year, with the two Fenton VG's locations ahead

of that trend and outpacing many other markets," Van Gilder said. "We get a lot of positive comments from working families with kids who think the Fast Lane is a life saver. It's also great for our elderly customers, who can

opt to have their groceries delivered." Online delivery is growing. Both Fenton VG's provide same-day home delivery to zip codes 48430 and 48451

“It's a very convenient option, especially for people with kids.”

Marvin Yono
Alpine Marketplace owner



The Fenton North LeRoy VG's Fast Lane has four designated parking spots.

Photo: Tim Jagleio

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Orders can be delivered in as little as two hours.

"Customers more than ever are looking for convenience, whether that is curbside pickup, delivery or a quick trip in and out of the store. Our goal is to provide our customers with multiple shopping options to ensure we can ac-

commodate their various needs," Van Gilder said.

At shopthefastlane.com, find the Fenton locations and go the "shop online" tab. It will ask if you want to order a pick up order, schedule a home delivery or simply make an in-store shopping list. Users, who park in the designated Fast

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Sharin' the spotlight

Officiating — for the love of the sport

In early September, USA Today published a story highlighting the shrinking pool of high school referees and officials. The top reasons for men and women leaving the ranks of high school refs is due to the culture of abuse aimed at officials, the increase of travel and club teams, and pay scale that many believe needs to be increased.

I'm sure you've seen videos from sporting events where parents erupt into fights on the sidelines or parents screaming at coaches and referees when they believe their child was on the receiving end of what they say was a bad call.

Rules are constantly changing and tweaked for various reasons, including safety for the players or speeding up the game and more.

I would say I understand hockey the best since I learned by taking my sons to hockey practice and games beginning when they were mini mites (about 5 years old) all the way through high school. I've witnessed coaches and even parents yelling at those refs, as if they think yelling at a ref will get them to change their mind on a call. That never happens.

If the pay is low and abuse is high, why do men and women continue to put themselves in the position of being a referee? I asked Lake Fenton Middle School teacher and referee Steve Muenzer what it's like being a ref in today's setting.

Muenzer has been a basketball referee

for 10 years. He also did some reffing in college. He got back into officiating when his son was a senior and he too wanted to officiate basketball. He enjoyed the couple of years they reffed together.

Despite the time involved, Muenzer has never thought about quitting. "I love giving back to the game of basketball after coaching for over 20 years," he said. "I get to network all the time and build relationships with many ADs and coaches."

Muenzer said he spends a lot of time reviewing the rules and game films to get better as an official. "You get what you put into it," he said. "Every year rules change and the GCCOA (Genesee County Coaches and Officials Association) does a great job educating our members on the changes and updates from the

MHSSA. I am secretary of the GCCOA."

He says they all deal with parents throughout the year. "I really tune them out unless they get personal, but that's when game administration takes care of most problems," he said.

The average age in Michigan for an official is 54, Muenzer said. Schools need new officials young and old.

Muenzer's best advice to anyone thinking about becoming a referee is "Officiate and give back to the sports you love and don't take the negativity personal. Have fun and continue to get better by attending camps, clinics, and association meetings."

So next time you're watching your son or daughter, or grandchild, know that the men and women officiating the games are there because of their love for and commitment to the sport.

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Compiled by Tim Jagiello, media editor

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— Pam Harbowy
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"I like the atmosphere that's here. The nice small-town feel you can get out of this."

— Bruce Norred
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"I like the variety of the different brewers here. It's kind of unexpected. It's like a pop-up party."

— Josh Gignac
Fenton



"I like the vibe. It's just chill and relaxed. It's nice to be able to taste all the different wines."

— Miranda Barth
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"I like the variety of options, because there's beer and cider and wine options."

— Molly Oosington
White Lake

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■■■■
OBAMA DID NOT double the presidential salary. That is controlled by Congress and the last raise was in 2001 when George W. Bush was president.



The triangle shaped grassy area will be transformed into a courtyard patio, complete with a gazebo.

Photo: Google Earth

The façades of several storefronts at Silver Pointe Center are being updated. Work is expected to be done in early December.

Photo: Tim Jagleio



SILVER POINTE

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Construction on the façade and site improvements began in late August and are expected to be completed in early December, according to Brixmor spokesperson, Kristin Moore.

Brixmor obtained site plan approval in April for the project. The improvement area runs from the end of the shopping center where OrthoMichigan (former Hollywood Video) is located, all the way around to Dunham's. They skip VG's Grocery and pick up where Susan's Hallmark is located, all the way over to where the new TJ Maxx development is.

Reilly said Brixmor is trying to make the façades more attractive with the hope of attracting new tenants. And it's working. One of those new tenants, Magoo's Pet Outlet, opened its doors for business Friday, Sept. 27.

According to Moore, 21,000 square feet of new retail space was added to the center. Magoo's occupies 8,000 square feet of that.

"Sola Salon will be occupying 5,642 square feet," Moore said. "A Joyful Noise Music Studio will be occupying 2,500 square feet and Fenton Flowers will occupy 2,000 square feet."

Sleepwell, a mattress and furniture

store, will occupy 2,400 square feet, according to Moore.

"We will still have some space available," she said.

The improvement plan also calls for the creation of a courtyard and patio seating area at the northeast corner of the Silver Pointe Center, at the point next to where BC Comix was once located.

"There will be a seating area, a gazebo and colored concrete," Moore said.

"The corner patio and seating area are well-designed and meet the intent of the Silver Lake Village PUD (Planned Unit Development) Design Guidelines," said Carmine Avantini, the city's planning consultant.

Brixmor does not share information on the amount of their investment, Moore said.

About Brixmor LLC

Brixmor LLC (Brixmor Property Group) owns and operates more than 400 open-air shopping centers across the United States. Its national footprint gives retailers access to in-demand markets, including New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

According to brixmor.com, "As long-term property owners, we are committed to our retailers' prolonged success, continually seeking out new ways to improve our centers."

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LHS Class of 1969 celebrates 50 years

■ 'We're great, we're fine, we're the class of '69!'

Members of the Linden High School Class of 1969 held their 50-year class reunion at John's Pizzeria in Fenton on Saturday, Sept. 21.

From just a small class of 100, there were 70-plus in attendance, according to Christine (Chapelle) Wolfgram.

"We had classmates from Mississippi, Kansas, Illinois, several from Florida, up north Michigan and even our foreign exchange student Margaretha (Greta) Lindholm Speding from Sweden, in attendance," Wolfgram said.

"The spirit stick" at Linden High in the late '60s was brought to life, while

the class chanted once again, with enthusiasm, "We're great, we're fine, we're the class of '69!'"

Emcee Carol (Holtslander) Lowman threw out questions to the audience, which proved to be effective icebreakers and brought on a lot of laughter. They enjoyed songs from Mark Hyde as he shared a few jingles made up long ago.

"Roy Raymond wrote some memoirs of life at Linden High," Wolfgram said. "His writings took us back to the good 'ole days."

Don Neiderer of the Class of 1969 served as the photographer for the event.



The Linden High School Class of 1969 held its 50-year reunion at John's Pizzeria in Fenton on Sept. 27. More than 70 were in attendance from this class of 100. Some of those were spouses.

Submitted Photo



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Maddi Medich

- Artist, mural painter at school
- Animal lover
- Performer and behind-the-scenes in theatre

By Sally Rummel

Maddi Medich, 17, is a senior at Lake Fenton High School. She is the daughter of Dan and Kathy Medich of Linden. She has one brother, Daniel. Maddi is active in National Honor Society and theatre and uses her talents in art to create murals, currently working on one in the high school office and several at Lake Fenton Middle School.

What are your plans after graduating from Lake Fenton High School in 2020?

I would like to study biology at the Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University.

What type of career excites you the most?

It would have to be one that would allow me to work with animals. I would be thrilled to work with just about any kind of creature ... except for spiders.

How do you plan to use your talents in art in your future?

I have always been an artist and I always will be. Whether it is creating elaborate art projects or just compiling doodles in a sketchbook, I will always love art.

How did you get the ideas for the murals at school?



It was a collaboration with my parents for the middle school mural, and the art teacher for the high school mural. I believe that both of these murals related to our school spirit but also encompassed everyone in some way.

What advice do you have for younger people about to enter high school?

I would advise them to speak up and ask questions when they don't understand something. Don't be afraid to go and talk to your teachers. If you ask for help, they will be willing to work with you and you will thrive in your classes.

If you could be any historical figure, who would it be and why?

I would be Peter the Apostle. Being Peter would be amazing because that would mean I would literally be with Jesus.

What do you look most forward to when you first wake up in the morning?

I look most forward to getting to school early to see my friends before our school day starts.

What is the best thing your parents or grandparents ever taught you?

The greatest thing my parents taught me was to always assume the best of people.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE tell the heroic GM strikers that every time they win more in their strike, it costs the rest of the world more to buy a car. A few benefit but many suffer.

FOOD ALLERGIES ARE not a trend and our schools need a school nurse.

IT'S ALL ABOUT the money. Ninety-percent of Americans support expanded background checks for gun buyers. It just goes to show you who is really running this country. Big money.

TO THE PERSON who said there was too many people at Applefest, maybe you should stay home. Honestly, are you that easily irritated?



Mark McCabe

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Impeachment

The possibility of President Donald Trump being impeached is now a reality with the Sept. 24 announcement by House of Representatives majority leader Nancy Pelosi giving her approval for an impeachment inquiry.

Because impeachments don't happen very often, the following brief summary is intended to provide some useful information.

The term "impeachment" means the process by which the United States House of Representatives brings accusations of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors against the president, vice president, or other civil officers of the United States.

An impeachment starts when an impeachment resolution is introduced in the House of Representatives. There is then an impeachment inquiry to determine if there is sufficient evidence of wrongdoing, which has been committed by the individual officer.

This determination is usually made by the House Judiciary Committee by reviewing documents and taking testimony from witnesses.

If it is believed that a sufficient preliminary showing has been made, articles of impeachment are then prepared and put to a committee vote. There can be more than one count or charge in the articles. If there is approval of one or more of the articles by a simple majority, what's been approved is then sent to the full House for a vote. If a majority of the House members approve the articles they are then sent to the Senate for a trial. At that point, the individual is considered to have been "impeached."

At the trial, members of the House (called managers) act as the prosecution assisted by attorneys. The accused is also represented by attorneys and presents a defense. The Senate is the jury with the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court acting as the presiding judge if the president is on trial.

At the conclusion of the trial, a vote is taken, and if two-thirds of the Senate members vote to convict, a guilty verdict is entered.

Upon conviction, the official is automatically removed from office.

Who knows what will ultimately happen with President Trump. Details continue to unfold on a daily basis and it appears the inquiry is progressing. This is all being watched with great interest.

For additional information, I suggest starting at the United States Senate's impeachment website.

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Yuille set a new date to hear this case for Dec. 3.

Akl is charged with the fatal shooting of Brady Alan Morris on March 4, 2017 at Akl's family home on Lake Fenton in Fenton Township.

If Akl is found guilty as charged, "He could be sentenced to life without parole or he could be sentenced to a term of years with 25-40 years as a minimum," said John Potbury, deputy chief assistant prosecutor for Genesee County on Monday, Sept. 30.

Fire open houses planned for Sunday

■ 'Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape'

By Hannah Ball

October is National Fire Prevention Month, with Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 6-12, and area fire departments are hosting open houses with games, informational activities and more.

The theme from the National Fire Protection Association is, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape."

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA)

NOCFA's open house is Sunday, Oct. 6, from 1-4 p.m. at 280 W. Rose Center Rd. in Holly.

Attractions include a helicopter landing by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad showing its equipment and a Jaws of Life demonstration.

Attendees can enjoy games and giveaways, learn how to use a fire extinguisher and go through the smokehouse.

Food and beverages will be free.

Lt. Scott Blaska, fire prevention officer, said they will have live fire demonstrations with candles and curtains around 2 and 3 p.m. In a glass room, Blaska will arrange to show how curtains can catch fire from candles left unattended.

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Akl, now 18, was 16 when the shooting occurred. Morris also was 16. Akl was arrested the night of the shooting and with bond denied, he has been in custody at the Genesee Valley Regional Center ever since.

According to investigative reports from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 11 p.m. on March 4, 2017, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies and the Fenton Police Department were dispatched to 14170 Moffett Dr. in Fenton Township in response to a 911 call regarding a male with a gunshot wound to the head.

Akl was immediately taken into custody and a semi-automatic pistol was found on the front porch and secured by police.

The two teens, who were reportedly friends, were alone on the first floor of the residence when the shooting occurred. Other members of Akl's family and one other guest were on the second and third floors.

According to the autopsy report, it appears that Morris was shot from behind at point blank range on the top left side of his head.

Tim Jagielo contributed to this article.



Brady Alan Morris was shot to death March 4, 2017. Times file photo



Abdurrahman Ahmed Akl, 18, was set to begin his trial Tuesday, Oct. 1, for the March 4, 2017 shooting death of his friend Brady Alan Morris, 16.

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GROCERIES

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Lane parking spots, are charged a \$4.95 pick fee. Delivery costs the \$4.95 pick fee plus \$9.99 delivery fee, and a tip if giving one is desired.

Linden

Alpine Marketplace in Linden also offers online ordering at alpinemarketplace.com. Marvin Yono, owner, implemented the system about a year ago. The store receives approximately 20 orders a week, and Yono wants to see that number rise.

"It's been good. I think we need to focus more on it and try to get more people to use it. It's a very convenient option, especially for people with kids. They might not have an hour to grocery shop," he said.

Go to "shop now" and you'll see rows of categories with products to

choose. Once users start selecting items, they can use the menu bar on the left to visit other categories and find more items. Online ordering carries a \$3.99 charge.

Once the order is complete, users choose a time for pick up and wait in the dedicated parking spots for online ordering.

Big box stores

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RABIES

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confirmed in four bats and six skunks in Oakland County.

According to a press release from the OCHD, residents are urged to avoid wild animals such as skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes, and stray cats and dogs to protect against rabies.

"Rabies is present in our communities," said Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County. "Avoid contact with all wild animals and get your pets vaccinated."

If a wild animal is found behaving strangely, call local animal control for assistance. If you or your household pet is bitten by any wild animal or an animal unknown to you, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical or veterinary attention immediately.

If a human has been bitten or scratched by a rabid animal, disease prevention includes rabies vaccines, which are effective. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and is spread through bites or scratches. Rabies is not spread through a skunk's spray.

Follow these simple steps to protect against rabies:

• Have pets vaccinated regularly. This will protect them if exposed to animals with the disease and prevent them from becoming ill and infecting humans.



Residents are urged to avoid wild animals such as skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes, and stray cats and dogs to protect against rabies. Photo: npr.org

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Dance event to honor 8-year-old cancer survivor

■ Fenton dancer currently being treated for leukemia

By Hannah Ball

Approximately 30 days after her second bone marrow transplant, an 8-year-old dancer, Lake Fenton student, and cancer survivor will be honored by local dancers in a fundraising event this Saturday, Oct. 5 at the 242 Community Church in Brighton.

Brinley Jungnitsch, who attends Torrey Hill Intermediate School, will turn 9 in January 2020. She was diagnosed with leukemia at age 4 and has been battling cancer ever since.

The Saturday event, called Dancing for a Cure, will feature Fenton Ballet Theatre,

Brighton School of Ballet, Great Lakes Dance Factory, and Modern Messages Dance Company, along with other local dancers, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and #BrinleyTheBrave, according to a press release.

Tickets are \$25. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Brinley's most recent transplant was for her relapsed acute myeloid leukemia, said her mother, Jessica Jungnitsch. She's currently in the hospital fighting the side effects of chemotherapy given during the transplant process and from having a poor immune system.

"She is such a fighter and continues to improve each day. We are hoping to be able to be discharged from the hospital soon and move into the apartment housing that St. Jude

provides for another two to three months before being released back home," she said.

Lake Fenton Community Schools have been "wonderful," her mother said. This was her first year at Torrey Hill. Before, she attended West Shore Elementary.

"She has only been over there (Torrey Hill) for a visit as preparation in second grade so to answer if she likes it is difficult. I can say that her teacher Maggie Ribbick has been

wonderful in helping to coordinate with school services at St. Jude and has a very strong desire to help keep Brinley on task," Jungnitsch said.

Brinley missed a lot of school during kindergarten and first grade due to the cancer, only receiving minimal homebound services. She worked "very hard" with second grade teacher Ashley Warfield at West Shore to catch up to her classmates.

"For everyone that has worked through stress and tears to catch her up to her grade level, and who have a desire to keep her on track, I am so grateful and blessed. Remaining in her grade level with her peers is very important to her," she said.

On Friday, Sept. 27, the school district supported a "Go Gold for Brinley" day where staff and students wore gold.

Brinley started dancing last year at Fenton Ballet Theatre with owner Brooke Holvick. Jungnitsch said she took a while to warm up to it, but the best thing the sport did was help with Brinley's self-confidence.

"Ballet and dance was intimidating to Brinley as it was her first time ever dancing, and she initially sat in the corner and cried



Brinley Jungnitsch, 8, has battled leukemia since she was 4. A dance event in Brighton this Saturday will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in her honor. Submitted photo

a lot. Brooke really embraced Brinley and helped her to open up and participate and feel comfortable being in class. Brinley didn't get to dance in her final recital for the year, due to her recent relapse, but I know she would have shined and been so confident because of Brooke," Jungnitsch said.

She also played softball with Lake Fenton schools.

The dance event on Saturday, Oct. 5 is in Brinley's honor, but she and her family won't be able to be there. They're still in Memphis, Tennessee at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We are looking forward to chatting with Brooke and others about how much of a success the event and of course seeing pictures and videos," she said.

St. Jude has been good to their family. Brinley received a trial drug and was able to get back into remission at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, but went back to St. Jude.

"Dr. Jeffrey Rubnitz here at St. Jude really made us feel confident and comfortable that this would be the place that could give Brinley her best chance at life," she said.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

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A firefighter in full gear will put it out with a fire extinguisher.

Kids and adults will be able to see how important "stop, drop and roll" is, Blaska said, because the glass room allows them to see how the black smoke rises.

Going with the "not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape" theme, NOCFA will have information on the importance of having a fire escape plan, which involves families choosing a meeting place in the event of a fire.

Blaska said a common place to meet is the mailbox, but they're discouraging that because it's right by the road where emergency vehicles will park. Instead, a flagpole, a neighbor's tree or a structure in the backyard would work better.

It's also important to practice the emergency escape plan in the day and night.

"Fifty-four percent of all fatal house fires occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.," Blaska said, adding that there's an epidemic of adults between the ages of 50 and 60 smoking in bed and accidentally starting fires. "Smoking is still the leading cause of fatal house fires."

The event will focus on properly putting out cigarettes to avoid fires and to sleep with your doors closed to prevent the spread of a fire.

Argentine Township Fire Department

The Argentine Fire Rescue Open House is Sunday, Oct. 6, from 12-4 p.m. at 9048 Silver Lake Rd. in Argentine Township.

Fire Chief Matt Lafferty said they'll have a smokehouse and vehicles to "cut up" for a Jaws of Life demonstration. Free hot dogs and popcorn will be available, and firefighters will discuss fire safety with attendees.



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Blue Devils win another thriller, this time beat Owosso

By David Troppens

Another game, another close battle for the Lake Fenton varsity football team.

The Blue Devils, who haven't had a game decided by more than 10 points so far this season, edged

Owosso 26-25 during Owosso's homecoming contest.

"We are just a few plays away from being 0-5 but we are just a few plays away from being 5-0," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "We haven't played a

great game all year, but we are finding a way to win. God help the other team if we ever put together four full quarters."

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Sports Times

Eagles' defense captures must-win vs. Creek

By David Troppens

Linden — Rain forced the Linden varsity football team's homecoming game against Swartz Creek to be played on two different days.

The first half was played Friday when rain and lightning suspended the rest of the game until Saturday.

The thing is, both days looked pretty much the same. Sparked by Wyatt Gocha on defense, the Linden Eagles' defense was outstanding during both halves and the Linden of-

fense made enough big plays on both days to put up some impressive numbers themselves. The end result was a 37-0 homecoming victory.

"We played pretty good," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "Other than the dropped balls (on offense in the first half) the offense looked pretty good on the first day as well, but that's all part of football."

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Linden's defense crushed Swartz Creek during the Eagles' homecoming game. Photo: Mark Bolen

Spencer moves to 9-0 with third-round KO

By David Troppens

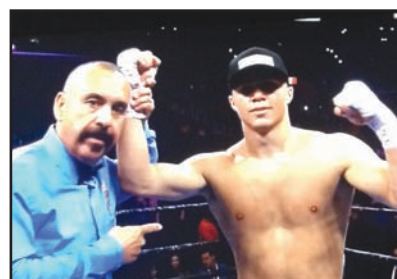
Joey Spencer has looked a little bit human in his last two profes-

sional boxing matches. The Linden resident won both by unanimous decisions, but Spencer's

Linden resident Joey Spencer (right) improves to 9-0 with a third-round knock out victory Saturday.

tri-county fans had gotten used to quick knock outs during his televised fights on the Fox sports networks.

As the opening bout
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Fenton's Brandon Miller runs downfield during the Tigers' victory against the Kearsley Hornets. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers in first by themselves, crush Kearsley Hornets

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity football team found itself in a tough battle for the Flint Metro League's lead Friday night at Kearsley.

When the rain and lightning suspended the game at halftime, the Tigers held a slight 14-7 lead.

When the game concluded Saturday, the Tigers showed the Hornets why Fenton has been the Metro League's elite team of the 2010s. The Tigers outscored Kearsley 21-6 during Saturday's second half, proving that maybe the Hornets have some time before they can be named in the same sentence as the Fenton Tigers. Fenton won 35-13.

During the second half, Dylan Davidson threw two TD passes, sparking the run. The first was to Ryan Miller from 24 yards out, raising the Fenton lead to 21-7 with 6:24 left in the quarter.

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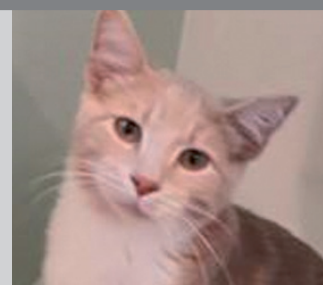
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Tigers beat Flushing, one win away from a Metro co-title

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton Tigers don't have the easiest path to a Flint Metro League title this week.

The Fenton varsity boys soccer team have two reasonably solid foes the Tigers need to beat in order to earn at least a share of the crown.

The Tigers have completed half of the mission. Fenton (9-1-0 in the Metro) defeated Flushing by a dominating 5-0 score at Fenton High School on Monday.

Now, the Tigers face a strong Brandon Blackhawks (7-2-0) squad at Brandon High School, today at approximately 6:15 p.m. Chances are, anything less than a victory and the Tigers won't be involved in the league title race. Linden is a heavy favorite to end its league season with a victory against Lake Fenton today, while Goodrich needs wins at

Kearsley today and at home against Brandon to assure itself of at least a share of the crown. The Tigers are the defending league champions.

Brandon will be a good foe for both Fenton and Goodrich. The Blackhawks won or shared the league title from 2015 through 2017.

"It would be really exciting to get it," said Fenton junior Nick Gregorian, who had a goal and two assists. "Hopefully we can get that."

Against Flushing the Tigers dominated the contest on both sides of the pitch. Gregorian scored the game's first goal on a header off an assist from Alex Flannery about 11 minutes into the game. The Tigers made it 2-0 when Gregorian assisted Austin Ames' goal with about 13 minutes left in the half. The Tigers took a 2-0 lead into the second half.

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Fenton's Ben Chapple (right) battles with a Flushing player during the Tigers' 7-0 victory Monday. Fenton needs to defeat Brandon today to earn at least a share of the Metro title. Photo: Christopher Summers

Holly football struggles vs. Flushing Raiders, 35-0

By David Troppens

The Flushing varsity football team has slowly got its offense going this season.

The Holly Bronchos faced their offense at the wrong time of the season.

Flushing scored five times in the first half and cruised to a 35-0 victory against the Bronchos. The game was suspended at halftime due to weather, but then was called a completed game by both squads.

Flushing quarterback Nick Powers scored two rushing TDs while Joe Jaruzel had two rushing TDs as well, setting up the victory. Jacob Schilke had one as well.

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Tigers continue winning ways in Metro

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swim team has been the dominant team in the Flint Metro League ever since they conference hosted the sport for a league championship.

The Tigers have won all but one league title outright and shared the other with Brandon (2012). It looks like that pattern will continue this fall. The Tigers defeated Corunna 133-52.

Grace Olsen and Rose Haney each took part in three firsts. Haney won the 200 individual medley (2:27.10) and also was part of two relay firsts. Rylee Morse, Abigail Dolliver and Lillie Kromer were Haney's teammates in the 200 medley relay (2:08.48). She also teamed with Delaney Fries, Hannah Green and Logan Harrison to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:12.63). Olsen teamed with Sophie Stefanac, Sana Saab and Johnson to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:48.93) and also won two events individually. She won the 50 freestyle (25.16) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.43).

The backstroke was a big event as the squad took the top three spots. After Olsen, Kromer took second (1:04.81) and Dol-



Sophie Stefanac was on Fenton's winning 200 freestyle relay team in a win against Corunna. Photo: Christopher Summers

liver took third (1:11.46).

Other individual firsts earned by Fenton performers were Kromer in the 200 freestyle (2:05.70), Haney in the 200 individual medley (2:27.10), Kazmierski in the 100 butterfly (1:06.05), Emma Jump in diving (212.75), Stefanac in the 100 freestyle (57.88) and Halee Alexander in the 100 breaststroke (1:21.31).

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Eagles one game from Metro championship : Martians edge out Fenton at league meet; Tigers finish season in second

By David Troppens

Linden — The Linden varsity boys soccer team is one victory away from earning its first Flint Metro League title since 2014.

The Eagles moved within one victory by crushing Corunna 8-0 in a contest that ended due to the mercy rule early in the second half.

The win means the Eagles (9-1-0 in the Metro and 15-2-1 overall) only have to beat Lake Fenton at home in order to assure themselves no worse than a share of the championship. The Eagles could still win it outright if the Tigers lose or tie to Brandon and Goodrich doesn't win its last two league games, but a share will be assured.

"It feels great," Linden's Chad Kinney said. "We're playing awesome and it feels good to be winning."

"Winning a league title



Linden's Brandon Davis attempts a shot in the Eagles' 7-0 victory against Flushing on Monday. Photo: David Troppens

would mean everything. That's what we are working for right now."

"That's what it's all about," Linden varsity soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "It's

what we are out here playing for. We have goals and one of our goals is to win the Metro League, and we are in good position to at least share it."

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By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls golf team came about as close to winning a Metro League title as a squad can without winning it.

The Tigers finished the regular season on top, with a 9-0 dual season record. They also were tied with Goodrich for first at the Flint Metro League meet after the first four golfers were recorded. However, when the two teams went to

the fifth-player tiebreaker, the Martians edged the Tigers and captured the Metro League meet championship. And because the Metro meet was worth two-thirds of the final results in the standings, it meant that the Martians were the league champions, and meant the Tigers had to settle for second place. Holly took fifth at the meet.

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during Fox Sports 1's preliminary fights program for its eventual pay per view championship event featuring Errol Spence Jr. and Shawn Porter, Spencer looked pretty impressive against his first undefeated opponent of his pro career.

In the process, he looked a lot like the powerful prospect fans got used to seeing when he knocked out his first six opponents.

Spencer (9-0) dominated Travis Gambardella — now 5-1-2 — earning a knockout early in the third round.

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Holly swimmers defeat Brandon/Goodrich co-op

The Holly varsity girls swim team won a couple of close races, and cruised to an easy 114-59 victory against the Brandon/Goodrich co-op program.

The 500 freestyle was one of the

close events with Holly's Ella Althaver edging out Maddie Misenar with a first-place time of 6:17.03. In the 50-freestyle Holly's Jaryn Kivari edged out Rachel Griffin by .1 second with a time of 28.94 seconds.

Holly XC program compete at Coaching Legends Classic

The Holly cross country programs competed at the Coaching Legends Classic and the program had some positive performances.

The Holly boys finished third in the

16-team field, while the girls were unable to field a full squad, but had their Ruiz sister combination have a strong showing. No one performed better than Andrea Ruiz for the Holly girls program.

PREP REPORT

BOYS SOCCER

► Lake Fenton 2, Kearsley 2:

The Blue Devils played their second straight Metro League tie, competing to a 2-2 draw with the Hornets. On Sept. 25, the Blue Devils tied Clio 0-0. Lake Fenton is 1-6-2 in the Metro League.

► Swartz Creek 8, Holly 2:

Swartz Creek scored five first-half goals, sparking the Dragons' victory against Holly (4-6-0 in the Metro). Joe Loeffler scored Holly's first goal on a Jayden McDougal assist. in the second half, Ben Gramer converted a penalty kick for Holly's second goal.

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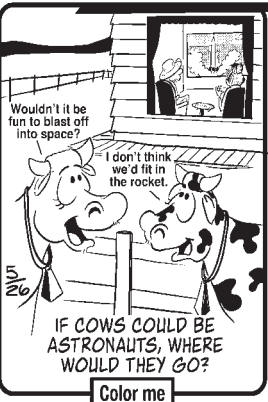
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I'm so glad I finally matched him.

Way to hustle, Pete!

BEFORE PETE ROSE TOOK OVER AS THE ALL-TIME HIT LEADER, HE HAD TO

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

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 "30 Rock" role

4 Dressed

8 Wrinkly fruit

12 Raw rock

13 Bigfoot's cousin

14 Bellow

15 Slight touch

16 Ski resort in the Poconos

18 Same

20 Vast expanse

21 Comfy footwear, for short

24 Make into law

28 Group of submarines

32 Continental coin

33 Alias abbr.

34 Decelerates

36 Kanga's kid

37 Deposited

39 Pancake

41 Hammerstein's contribution

43 God, in Grenoble

44 Upper limit

46 Getting on

50 Type of shoulder bag

55 Anti

56 "American —"

57 Pivot

58 Greek H

59 Roly- —

60 Layer

61 Morning moisture

10 Varnish ingredient

11 Annoy

17 Appomattox loser

19 Bowling alley inits.

22 A little lower?

23 Berate

25 Emanation

26 Gator's cousin

27 Snatched

28 Partition

29 Fine

30 Hideaway

31 "The Bridge on the River

DOWN

1 Source of wealth

2 Mideastern nation

3 Ox of India

4 One-eyed beast

5 Grazing ground

6 24-hr. money provider

7 Conks out

8 Suave

9 — long way

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Horoscopes

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Take advantage of an opportunity that you have been considering, Aries. If you know what you want, go out and make it happen. Do what it takes to impress others.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you are always ready to defend your own turf and quick to offer your opinions, even if it means being blunt. You may have to play it a little cool this week.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, hiding your feelings for some time is a recipe for unhealthy pressure. Don't be afraid to speak your mind when your input is sought.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, it is a good idea to give people the benefit of the doubt, but don't overlook your gut instincts. It is always a good idea to be cautious when meeting new people.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

You may have to make a tough choice this week, Leo. It involves choosing to engage in some recreational activities or head to work to put in extra credit. Trust your judgment.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you don't have to have superhero levels of energy each and every day. If you are not feeling fully up to the tasks at hand this week, give yourself a well-earned breather.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

You are typically deft at keeping your emotions on a short leash, Libra. But every once in a while you can't fully rein things in. Others will understand an outburst is out of character.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

There is a fine line between being a devoted employee and a workaholic, Scorpio. Scale back some of your hours, especially if work is affecting your home life.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You may have been spreading your wings to see just how many new things you can accomplish, Sagittarius. This week one of your goals really gets traction.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may be feeling foot-loose and flirty over the next couple of days. This is the perfect time to spend with a significant other or find a romantic interest if you are single.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may be asked to be a peace-keeping referee when two people on the job need a mediator. Your thoughtful approach makes you an ideal person to handle the task.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Volatile feelings can be calmed with the help of some good companionship this week, Pisces. Channel your energy into something fun.

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Therapy Dog, Dasher

My family's binge
watching horror movies
from the library.

Gulp. I'll stick
with Scooby Doo.



Library Dog, Flanigan o'Malley

Check out the library for all your Halloween entertainment.



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