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Roadside drug testing in all Michigan counties

■ Grand Blanc Township police closest department to participate in pilot program

By Tim Jagielo

The pilot program to test Michigan drivers for a bevy of illegal drugs has been expanded to all Michigan counties, as of Tuesday, Oct. 1, according to a Michigan State Police news release.

This means there is at least one participating police department in every county where a drug recognition expert (DRE) is employed, due to the recommendation from the Oral

See **DRUG TESTING** on 5

Don't discard your trash in the recycle bin

■ Recurring problem could result in higher fees for at least one local community

By Vera Hogan

Someone in Rose Township is throwing trash in the recycle bin and it has become a problem for everyone.

According to Clerk Debbie Miller, in a memo to the Rose Township Board of Trustees, she was contacted last week by Gary Hicks of Republic Services

See **TRASH** on 7



Lake Fenton High School senior Isabella Dallas is crowned 2019 homecoming queen during halftime at Lake Fenton's varsity football game Friday, Oct. 4. Zachary Coon was crowned homecoming king. See more photos on 3. Photo: Christopher Summers

Argentine police get new K9 unit

■ Trinity will learn drug detection and tracking

By Hannah Ball

An officer with a wet nose, fluffy ears and wagging tail will soon patrol the streets with the Argentine Township Police Department.

Trinity, a male 1½-year-old Czech shepherd, joined the department last week, but

Police Chief Daniel Allen said they had her claimed in September. They bought her from the same breeder in Tennessee who sold them Sirius, a K9 who previously patrolled Argentine streets with Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton.

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“The Fenton Village Players did an outstanding job on how they performed One Flew Over the Cuckoo's

Nest. We are fortunate to have this in Fenton, and hopefully it will just keep getting better and better. All the actors did well, and the main character made the show — McMurphy.”



“Good article on the value and role of newspapers. The sad part is that USA Today,

UPI, AP and others fill our papers with pro-socialist, anti-American propaganda. The Tri-County Times is the only paper we receive. Have cancelled several over the last few years.”



“Thank you to the Fenton Fire Department for coming to my rescue when my carbon monox-

ide/smoke detector went off at 6:30 a.m. Reminder — please check your units.”





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Holly High School homecoming



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The Holly High School homecoming parade was Friday, Oct. 4, with the Hollywood theme. (Top) On the Oscars float is Ethan Frost and Katelyn Stark. (Bottom right) Shay Merian marches with Common Ground GSA. **Photos: Tim Jagiello**

Lake Fenton High School homecoming



The Lake Fenton varsity football team enters the pep rally Friday, Oct. 4, led by No. 1 Collin Schramm and No. 2 Walker Ridgeway (top.) The marching band and color guard performed, featuring Miranda Pisarsky and Isabella LeClair. **Photos: Tim Jagiello**

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Building Brands

A muscle never forgets

A few weeks ago, I got back into the pool. People who know me will wonder what is significant about this since I spend a lot of time at the pool. But this is different, I got back into the lap lane of the pool.

I learned to swim before I learned to walk, spending my teen years as a competitive swimmer. Recently, I realized I needed to up my physical activity and that swimming was how I was going to do it. I made the commitment to get back at it and then I panicked. It's been a long time since I regularly swam laps. Would I drown?

Would I embarrass my younger sister who swims with me? Then, I jumped in the lane and started to move. It was nearly effortless.

I chalked the ease of returning to the water up to muscle memory. Wondering if there was any truth to my theory, I did some digging. According to a Men's Health article, I'm not alone in my curiosity.

The team at Men's Health asked Google to offer insight on the most searched health topics and muscle memory was among them. The article, by Edward Lane, explains that there are actually two types of muscle memory. "Firstly, the kind that helps lapsed gym-goers recover muscle more quickly

and, secondly, the kind that means you can still ride a bike after years out of the saddle."

I owe a big thank you to my parents and swim coach. Because of their encouragement (read: yelling) I likely built up a source of muscle that some research says is never lost. And thanks to the hours, days, years I spent perfecting my free-style stroke, my brain has stored those muscle movements into my long-term memory.

All of this thought and research on muscle memory made me realize that it exists in our professional careers, too.

Muscle memory explains how,

although it's been a decade since my job title was reporter, I'm able to switch back into reporter mode with no trouble when needed. We're fortunate enough to have had a few team members return to our organization after leaving for a number of years and they've all said the same thing — after a day or two it was like no time had passed.

Whether you're re-starting a work-out routine, or a work routine, I'm here to tell you it'll be way easier than you think.

What skill do you believe you've retained thanks to muscle memory? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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DONALD TRUMP ISSUED 125 executive orders between 2017 and 2019. Barack Obama issued 276 executive orders in eight years.

FENTON EIGHTH GRADE football, what's up with the 'L' post? It's on the helmets at halftime Wednesday. What happened to sportsmanship? From, Raider Grandpa that lives in Fenton.

GM DID NOT go bankrupt because of the union. Your simple mind has been tricked by corporations to repeat their lies.

I SURE DO love seeing baby boomers whine about the UAW strike. Jobs at GM would be as good as they were when you all worked there if you hadn't destroyed the economy.

LUCKILY, I DO have a job. I went to a place called college. You might have heard of it. Anyway, there is nothing more pitiful than the fact that you are gloating about ruining America.

'UNIONS ARE BAD. Get back to work.' — Every retired boomer who was once in the UAW.

TO THE PERSON who speaks of all the bills the Democrats have sent to the Senate to be approved. All they are is a ploy to make them look like they are doing something when in reality they are doing nothing.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

What are your thoughts on the new roadside drug-testing program?

street talk



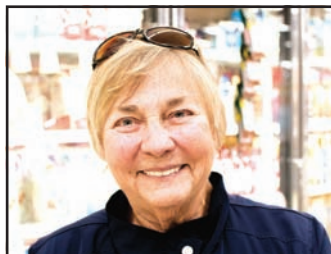
"If it keeps the bad users off the roads, I'm all for it. The roads are public and the public should expect safety."

— **Gary Horton**
Fenton Township



"I think it's a great concept and needs to be done. Drugs amongst teens are becoming an epidemic unfortunately."

— **Carol Kautman**
Fenton



"Testing should be up to the police department. If you're impaired you shouldn't be on the road."

— **Linda Cavanaugh**
Argentine Township



"I think testing roadside is an invasion of privacy. If you're impaired, they should take you and test you at the department."

— **Tim Garback**
Fenton



"Alcohol is legal, but you can't drive under the influence. Pot is legal but you can't drive impaired. You don't drive impaired even if it's prescription drugs."

— **Bethany Garcia**
Rose Township

DRUG TESTING

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Fluid Roadside Analysis Pilot Program Committee.

This committee oversaw a one-year test program in five Michigan counties and decided that while the information gathered was valuable, the sample size was not large enough.

According to the MSP, the additional departments will help determine if the program is a useful tool for law enforcement.

These oral fluid (cheek swab) tests will detect the presence of amphetamines, benzodiazepines, cannabis (delta 9 THC), cocaine, methamphetamines and opiates.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department (GBTPD) is the closest participating department to the tri-county area, which is located directly north of both Holly and Fenton townships.

Lt. Bill Renye of the GBTPD said they have three DREs, the most in the county. He said there have been no arrests or tests under the program in the first week.

Renye said that these tests are administered after impairment is detected in the driver. The officer will conduct standard field sobriety tests and a preliminary breathalyzer test (PBT) if the person appears to be impaired. If the PBT is negative, the DRE will administer an oral fluid test, which will give on-site results.

Some states have a THC level standard similar to a blood alcohol test, but Michigan does not. Renye said someone with marijuana in their system will only be tested if they failed field sobriety tests.

Renye can see the usefulness in such tests, but said it's more about the officer using all their senses to evaluate a motorist. "I think the trained officer is going to make the roads safer than this equipment," he said. "Just because you have a drug positive person doesn't mean that they're impaired."

Police agencies in Bay City, Auburn Hills, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills and 79 other agencies also are participating.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said his department has seen an increase in drugs that the program is testing. He said Fenton officers also are on the lookout for impaired driving for which they administer field sobriety tests.

He said they also test for various substances that could impair driving. His department has one DRE on staff. "Some prescription medications will interfere with a person's ability to operate a vehicle," Slater said. "If you are taking prescription medication or

anything else that prevents you from safely operating a vehicle, please do not drive."



The Alere DDS2 was used during the initial five-county pilot roadside fluid test program. Alere.com

More on the program

Michigan Public Acts 242 and 243 of 2016 established the pilot program to allow trained officers to test drivers "with reasonable cause" with a saliva test, search their vehicle and arrest them based on the test results. Refusing a test is a civil infraction.

The increase in drug-related fatal crashes was the driving factor for the program. The MSP reported 247 drug-involved fatalities in 2018.

According to the pilot program's February analysis of the initial test, blood is the best fluid for testing, but saliva is ideal for finding a sample to detect recent drug use.

The initial program yielded 89 arrests, with 83 of those testing positive. There were four instances where drivers tested negative for all substances, leading to a release. Cannabis was the most frequent positive result.

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Ola has crossed the 'Rainbow Bridge'

■ Beloved therapy dog to be interred Saturday at the Michigan War Dog Memorial

By Vera Hogan

The American Legion 119 in Linden, along with her adopted family, of Douglas Hickey and Marianna Ziegler-Hickey will be saying goodbye to a furry friend Saturday.

Ola, the official post mascot for the American Legion in Linden, has died and will be interred Oct. 12 at 12 p.m. at the Michigan War Dog Memorial, 25805 Milford Rd., South Lyon.

Ola's owner/handler, Per Holthe, a Vietnam veteran, died in December 2016 and she was taken to continue her service at the American Legion and other therapy work.

Friends who knew her are invited to help the Linden American Legion and the Hickeys and family to honor Ola for her service to the veteran community as they lay her to rest.

According to a Times article by Staff Reporter Hannah Ball in 2015, Holthe took Ola, his then-6-year-old black Labrador, to area hospitals and care centers to help patients.

Ola, who was born March 22, 2008 in Byron, received her Mid-Michigan Therapy Dog certificate and Holthe received his Mid-Michigan Therapy Dog handler certificate in 2009 after a 15-week course.

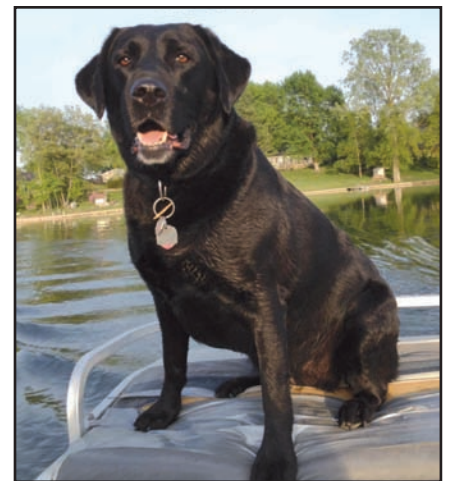
Ola graduated with honors.

Holthe took her around town and into stores. He loved going to Alpine Foods and The Home Depot because the employees recognized and welcomed Ola. As a retired vet, Holthe worked with the American Legion in Linden, which supports local vets, having been a past vice commander of post 119. Ola, as a post mascot of American Legion, helped sell Poppy flowers.

"She sells more poppies than anyone of us," Holthe said in 2015. "I'm teaching her to take money out of somebody's hand and put it in the American Legion post. She does it probably four or five times out of 10."

Holthe kept her vest, collar and leash on a low shelf so Ola could get to it.

"When I say go get your vest, she'll



Ola the therapy dog loved life on Lobdell Lake with owner/handler Per Holthe of Argentine Township before his sudden death in December 2016. As a puppy, she had great fun carousing with the neighbors' dogs and was often seen in a boat with Holthe, gleefully diving into the water and swimming home from the island. **Submitted photo**



Per Holthe took Ola, his therapy dog, to Carotel Inns of Linden to visit with residents. **Times file photo**

go get it off the shelf," he said in 2015. "I've never had a dog that was that sharp."

When they visited Genesys Hospital (now Ascension) "everybody brightens up when we go there," Holthe said at the time. In addition to Genesys and the American Legion, Ola became part of the inaugural therapy dog team from Hope Lutheran Church serving Linden schools.

Holthe and Ola also worked with autistic kids. In 2009, they met an autistic child at an event who punched Ola in the nose. "She somehow knew inherently this girl had problems," Holthe said. "She was pulling on her ears and punching her. Her parents came over and told her not to do that. I said let me show you the tricks she does. Once she saw Ola could shake hands, Ola must have shook her hands 200 times. She's so good natured."



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

SOME COURTROOM TRADITIONS AND LEGAL HISTORY

It is a well-known fact that when a judge enters a courtroom everyone is told to rise.

That seems straightforward enough but have you ever wondered why?

Along the same lines have you ever thought about why judges wear black robes instead of another color or why judges have gavels?

If you have ever wondered about these or other things as to judges, the courtroom, or the law (or even if you haven't), for this week's column I'd like to share a few of our courtroom traditions and some legal history.

As to why everyone stands up, there are several explanations with the most common being that it is a sign of respect for the court and the judge as a representative of the legal system.

Another explanation comes to us from England when hundreds of years ago judges would carry a Bible, which represented the law, into the courtroom.

Why a judge's robe is black is a tradition going back to when colonial judges wore plain black robes, which differed from the English judges' colorful robes and ornate wigs. This American tradition is said to have originated because of Thomas Jefferson's objection to the English judges' attire as being "unnecessary pomp."

A judge's courtroom gavel finds its origin in 10th century Scandinavian mythology. It represents the hammer of the god Thor who was a patron of justice and is symbolic of Thor's might and authority. In actual practice, judges rarely use it.

A judge sits at what is called a "bench." Of course, it is really a large raised desk area with a chair. Historically this description was derived from the long seats or benches that judges used to sit on when presiding over court.

A courtroom is divided by a barrier between the place where people sit to watch the proceedings and where the judge and the attorneys are located. This barrier is also known as a bar and for many proceedings, only attorneys are allowed to cross it, hence the term "member of the bar."

I'll stop here and simply say that the law has many other rich traditions and a wonderful history. For those interested in learning more I suggest starting at the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society website.

Fenton well due for overhaul of motor and pump

■ City Council authorizes expenditure not to exceed \$30,000

By Vera Hogan

Stephen Guy, supervisor for the city of Fenton's water plant, has asked the City Council to approve spending up to \$30,000 for the overhaul of the motor and pump at well number eight.

In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, Guy said every year Peerless Midwest comes to the water plant and performs routine maintenance and testing on all of the well pumps and high service pumps.

"The testing that is done profiles the performance not only of the well but also of the pump," Guy said. "In April of 2019, tests showed that the performance of well eight is off by almost 19 percent below design capacity.

"Well number eight is a somewhat special part of the system," he said. "If there is ever a reason that the water treatment plant needs to be bypassed, well number eight is the only one designed to do it."

Peerless Midwest was the company that pulled and overhauled well eight in 2009 and have quoted the work at a price not to exceed \$30,000. This includes overhaul of the pump including all the inner parts and column pipe. "Also done when the pump is pulled is a video inspection of the casing to make sure there are no problems with it," Guy said.

In addition to well number eight, Guy asked for a new valve installation of well six at a cost of \$2,500.

At its Monday, Oct. 19 work session, officials approved accepting Peerless' quote for a total of \$32,500 for work on wells eight and six.

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TRASH

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regarding the contamination of the recycling material in the recycling bin.

"He said someone is throwing their garbage into the recycle bin again and now it has become a problem for all of us," Miller said.

Once the recycle bin is picked up, it is taken to the Material Recovery Facility. (MRF). There, recycling material is inspected twice. "It happened again where someone has contaminated our recycle material with their garbage and Republic must dispose of it in the landfill rather than the recycle facility," Miller said. "When this occurs, our recycle load has to be sent to the landfill resulting in additional fees for Republic and could, in turn, result in additional fees for Rose Township."

Miller said she has placed information on the township website (rosetownship.org) and its Facebook page. She also has created and laminated another sign and posted it by the recycle bin as well as more instructions from Republic in the box by the bin.

"This service is so successful and we do not want to see it ruined by one

or two people," she said. "We do not see garbage on the side of the road like we used to. My goal is to continue to keep Rose Township as beautiful as possible."

Miller planned to share this information with the Township Board at its Wednesday, Oct. 9 regular meeting.

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Children's imagination become reality

■ Arts council hosts 'Cardboard Challenge' for final 2019 Arts Are the Heart event

By Tim Jagielo

The Fenton Arts Council (FAC) switched it up this year with their final Arts Are the Heart (AATH) event Saturday, Oct. 5.

Instead of painting, 3-D printing and other guided arts activities, participants built arcade games of cardboard in the Fenton Ellen St. Campus — World of Wonder (WOW) gym.

There were approximately 200 people representing Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, St. John's School and even Howell school districts.

Sally Bright of the FAC said the event was well received. "We were happily surprised at how much fun the parents were having," Bright said. FAC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization promoting and providing free arts activities to families in Fenton.

The event was inspired by the popular documentary "Caine's Arcade" about a boy who created a cardboard arcade that went viral, leading to the founding of Imagination.org.

This non-profit organization promotes the "Cardboard Challenge" which "promotes and fosters" children's activities, according to Bright.

They opened the day with the help of art teacher Kellie Determan with the Waterford school district. They watched the original 2012 11-minute documentary, and then led the chil-

dren in a discussion of the process of creating a cardboard games. They brainstormed ideas, which included figuring out what tools and materials would be needed.

Next they gathered materials, borrowed tools like handmade cardboard saws and hot glue, and with the help of adults, they started building.

They used cardboard boxes, paper tubes, duct tape and shipping tape, glue sticks, swim noodles, paper cups, plastic tubing, bottle caps and more.

"Parents and grandparents had tons of fun too; they helped, but the children were in charge," Bright said. "The entire event was collaboration, not a competition."

She said many of the creations were taken home by the families. Others were left for World of Wonder students to use and excess cardboard was recycled. They have to vote as an organization whether they'll host another cardboard event next year.



Participants in the Arts Are the Heart "Cardboard Challenge" on Saturday, Oct. 5 work with various materials to make their imaginations a reality. Courtesy of Fenton Arts Council

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K9 UNIT

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A \$9,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, along with donations from residents, allowed the department to buy Trinity and pay for training.

Officer Tony Matthews will be Trinity's handler.

Matthews and Trinity will go to the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (C.R.E.S.T.) center at Oakland University, where Trinity will learn drug detection and tracking, which involves finding missing persons and suspects. Training starts Monday, Oct. 14 and he'll be certified after six weeks.

The department previously had Felony, which is officer Scott Conner's dog. Conner left his part-time position with Argentine Township and accepted a full-time position in Chesaning. Conner remains a member of the Argentine Township Board of Trustees.

Allen still wanted to make sure the department had a K9 unit. Since Matthews is full-time, Trinity will be as well.

"It's going to help all of Genesee County," Allen said, adding that they

won't have to call another police department with a K9 unit when needed. "We'll be able to assist Fenton and Linden and other municipalities as well."

However, like with the marine patrol, the department will need continuous funding. Allen said they're able to get reduced costs from veterinarian Michael Fleming at Cross Veterinary Clinic in Grand Blanc.

"He agreed to help us with the program. He's really excited about it," he said.

Those wishing to help Trinity and the K9 unit can vote to nominate the Argentine Township Police Department in the Aftermath Services K9 grant competition. This company provides biohazard cleaning services after a crime, such as a shooting. They will award \$16,500 total in grants this year.

"They're an excellent company," Allen said.

The department first needs to be nominated. Go to aftermath.com/k9-grant and fill out the form. Entering nominees will be open until Friday, Oct. 18, and nominees will be announced Oct. 23, when official voting will begin. It closes Nov. 3.

Our Future

Meet

Molly James

- Student council member
- Soccer player
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) member

By Hannah Ball

Molly James, 16, a junior at Linden High School, is active at high school. She's preparing to attend college after her senior year.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am proud of receiving first team all metro last year for soccer.

What profession do you think will be the most popular when you graduate?

I personally think that going into the medical field will be the most popular when I graduate.

Do you want to attend college and where?

Yes, I do want to attend college. I am not positive on what school I would like to go to, but I have been thinking about Hope College.

If you had to give up your cell phone for a weekend but were able to do anything what would you choose?

I would choose to go on a weekend trip somewhere and explore. Not



being able to use my phone would help to live in the moment and not worry about anything related to my phone.

Do you want to stay in Michigan?

Yes, I would love to stay in Michigan as I grow up. I love experiencing the four seasons.

What do you love most about nature?

What I love about nature is that I can look around outside and think that the God who created this created me, too.

What kind of career possibility excites you?

In my future, I am looking into the dentistry field.

What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy playing soccer, hanging out with friends, and traveling.

If you could time travel, where would you go?

I would go into the future 50 years and see what kind of technology has developed over the years.

What is the best thing about your mom and dad?

My mom and dad are both selfless people and they support me through everything that I go through.

Lake Fenton High School senior homecoming court



The Lake Fenton senior homecoming court includes (back row from left) Zack Coon, Shiloh Lichowid-Smith, Logan Shanafelt, Michael O'Brien and Kyle Lewis. The queen's court is (from left) Melanie Storm, Katelyn Siebert, Isabella Dallas, Lindsey Gibb and Jennifer Gorelick. *Courtesy photo*

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IT WILL BE interesting to see how much business the big box store on Owen Road in Fenton loses in doing away with most of the checkout lanes. As for me, I'll be at Target, VG's, or Holly Foods.

DID ANYONE ELSE see the two strange lights streaming across the sky at 1:05 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6? Very strange.

Bronchos stung by Hornets during homecoming contest, 27-7

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team played the Kearsley Hornets tough for a half on Friday.

However, the squad's inability to generate much offense hurt the squad, resulting in a 27-7 loss to the Hornets.

Despite managing just 84 yards to-

tal offense for the game, the Bronchos trailed just 13-0 at halftime. However, two Kearsley third-quarter TDs put the game out of reach for Holly.

Kearsley's Nik Merrow scored his third rushing TD of the game with an eight-yard run, while Jace Chapman later scored one on

a three-yard run. Chapman also converted the two-point run, giving the Hornets a 27-0 lead.

Holly (1-5) managed to score its only TD later in the third quarter. It came when Jacob Hild scored on a six-yard run.

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Holly's Ryan Morgan

Tigers win thriller vs. Linden Eagles, 24-21



Fenton's Brandon Miller carries a bunch of Linden defenders during the Tigers' 24-21 win against the Eagles. Photo: Mark Bolen

By David Troppens

Fenton — Fenton quarterback Dylan Davidson was having a completely forgettable game against the Tigers' biggest rivals, the Linden Eagles.

By the end of it he was experiencing the ultimate high of the Fenton-Linden football rivalry.

With 2:27 remaining he threw his fourth interception of the contest when Austin Jaworski collected his second pick of the game at the Eagles' 15 while the Tigers were trying to ice the game by melting the clock.

Instead, two plays later, Linden's Seeger DeGayner was catching a 21-yard TD pass from Colby Kohmescher, earning the Eagles their first lead of the game. After Carson Kelley's extra-point, the

Eagles led 21-17 with just 1:47 remaining.

Somehow, Fenton's junior signal-caller was able to forget about the troubles from the past, drive the Tigers 64 yards on just five plays, leading the Tigers to the game-winning eight-yard pass reception for a TD to Lucas Claborn. The catch earned the Tigers a thrilling 24-21 victory against the Linden Eagles.

"I feel great now," Davidson said. "It was a close game. There were a lot of mistakes made, especially by me, but we came out on top and that's all that matters right now. We just have to move forward.

"You have to (forget about the past mistakes). You can't try to play a game thinking about what you did in the past. It's just going to eat you up.

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Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert (front) and Fenton's Logan Canada run during a recent race. Photo: David Troppens

Tigers earn greater Flint area XC titles

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country program proved it's the best in the Flint area.

The Tigers captured the top spot at the Greater Flint Cross Country Championships in both the boys and girls varsity races.

The Fenton girls edged out Frankenmuth by four points (82-86), while the boys beat Davison by five points (91-96).

The tri-county area also had the best runner in both events. Fenton's Alexa Keiser won the women's race (18:35.27), defeating second-place Corunna's Evie Wright (19:07.68) by more than 30 seconds. In the men's event, Linden's Tyler Buchanan earned the race's championship, becoming the only runner in the field to beat 16 minutes with a time of 15:43.38. New Lothrop's Carson Hersch took second overall with a time of 16:02.88.

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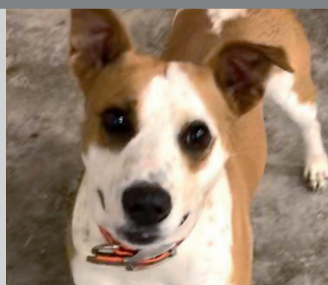


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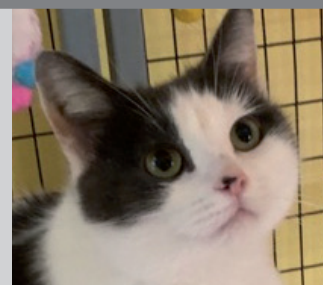
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Blue Devils fall to Goodrich during homecoming

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity football team started its homecoming game with Goodrich well.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead and were playing sound football.

However, that was about the end of Lake Fenton's highlights against the Martians. Goodrich, and their star player Tyson Davis, dominated the rest of the game as Lake Fenton lost a 49-14 verdict at Lake Fenton High School.

"We started out fine," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "There were a couple of key plays that put us behind the sticks. Right after Goodrich scored, we started to move the ball. We had a third down opportunity, and we dropped it. We punt and they score. We

had a second-and-short and then had a bad snap that put us at third-and-9, and we throw a pick."

The Blue Devils (3-3) scored on their first possession with a three-yard TD run by James Hamilton. They followed it with a two-point conversion pass from Reid Shumaker to Michael O'Brien. The Blue Devils also hurt themselves with plenty of turnovers. Lake Fenton had six of them, all interceptions.

Davis was impossible to stop.

"We couldn't stop him. He'd catch a five-yard out and he turned it into a 70-yard touchdown. We couldn't corral him obviously. He's the best player in the league in both sides. He's a special talent."

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Lake Fenton charges on the field moments before the start of the homecoming game against Goodrich. The Blue Devils lost to the Martians, 49-14. Photo: Christopher Summers

Holly seniors lead Bronchos past Cavaliers, 8-0

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys soccer team earned a nice victory entering district play Monday.

With a starting lineup made up of seniors, the Bronchos dominated Co-runna and won an 8-0 verdict at home.

"We came out aggressive and did a great job controlling the game from the start," Holly varsity boys soccer coach Matthew Sherrow said.

Senior Nick Rees scored the first goal just 90 seconds into the game. It remained 1-0 until the 17:45 mark of the first half when Zach Hill scored a penalty kick. Just four minutes later, Rees scored again and the Bronchos led 3-0 at half.

Holly scored five more goals in the second half with Hill scoring another penalty kick and Jase VanTassel assisting Rees's third goal of the game. That made it 5-0.

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Fenton swimmers defeat John Glen, Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Fenton — When Fenton's varsity swim team defeated Swartz Creek and John Glen in a recent dual meet at Fenton High School, the atmosphere felt quite a bit like it has for any typical meet over the last 10 years during the regular season.

The Tigers defeated both squads and the Tigers continued their dominance against Flint Metro League teams. A lot of the same girls who have led the squad this year or in recent seasons, did so as well on Thursday.

However, for one diver, her fifth-place finish at the event may have been one of her most memorable performances of her career. Why? That's because it was senior Morgan Smith's first after suffering an ACL injury dur-



Fenton's Rose Haney took second in the 100 breaststroke against John Glen and Swartz Creek. Photo: David Troppens

ing gymnastics season in January.

Smith has had to sit on the sidelines all season long while her teammates competed, but that ended at the meet when she was cleared to compete for the first time. The two-time state-qualifier has had better scores than

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Holly's Sobczynski wins MS Flint title

By David Troppens

Three area middle school teams competed at the middle school division of the Greater Flint Cross Country Championships.

Holly's Ashley Sobczynski has had a strong season, and continued it at the meet with the first-place time of 12:11.47 in the two-mile girls race. She beat the field by almost 16 seconds.

On the boys' side, Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion was the area's top performer, taking second in 11:47.77.

The Linden program did the best with the girls taking fourth and the boys fifth.

Emily McKissic led the Linden girls taking fifth (13:04.91) while Ava Farenkoph took 17th (13:51.87). The rest of Linden's top five were Chloe Josphon in 20th (14:00.01), Grace Kenny in 21st (14:03.22) and Lauren Shaw in (15:04.21).

The Linden boys were led by Spencer Dicks who took 10th (12:11.81).

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As a quarterback you have to have a short-term memory. Linden is our rival and we can't lose to them."

"It was definitely thrilling for sure," Claborn said about catching the game-winning touchdown pass. "I felt like I had to make that catch for my team."

"The play is usually designed for the tight end and that's where I was playing. I just ran a quick out route. We ran that play earlier in the game and (Seeger) DeGayner is a great athlete. He lit me up. But he wasn't there to make the play this time and I got into the end zone."

Fenton varsity coach Jeff Setzke was thrilled with one major aspect of the game. Fenton (5-1) will play Flushing for its Metro League division title on Friday.

"The biggest thing I take out of this game is the resiliency of the kids," Setzke said. "Clearly we had a tough time — six turnovers tonight — usually you can't win games with six turnovers. But when we needed a big drive with less than two minutes left, our kids found a way to get it done. They didn't panic."

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Fenton's Ryan Miller tries to break a tackle by the Linden defense in the Tigers' 24-21 victory against the Eagles. Photo: Mark Bolen

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her 148.10, but it was the first time she was able to test her injury on the board in competition this year. And she was thrilled to be able to compete.

"It was really sad to just watch my

teammates compete. I wanted to be out there with them, doing well," Smith said. "I meet with my surgeon every four weeks, and my surgeon said I could dive."

"I didn't know if I would be able to come back because he kept saying it was not fully healed yet."

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In the men's race, Lake Fenton took fifth overall (second in the medium

school division) while Linden placed sixth overall (194). In the women's race, Linden's girls took seventh (175) while Lake Fenton took 16th (403).

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CROSS COUNTRY

► **Holly boys at Oakland County Championship:** The Bronchos placed 17th in the team standings.

Gabe Sanchez led Holly by taking 40th (17:24.9). The rest of Holly's top five runners were Nolan Weisdorfer in 77th (17:58.7), Mason Rosa in 113th (18:31.8), Bradley Baxter in 125th (18:48.4) and Griffen Rose in 141st (19:08.0).

GIRLS SWIMMING

► **Owosso 120, Holly 56:** Ella Althaver

took first in the 100 butterfly while Lauren Costigan won the 100 backstroke. Costigan took second to Owosso's Lily Espinoza, who just out-touched her. Kristin Stark dropped 13 seconds in the 100 freestyle while Liberty Parry dropped 20 seconds in the same event. Brighton Layman placed fourth in the 500.

"Overall the meet brought some exciting moments, but even more motivation to keep working hard during practice," Holly varsity girls swim coach Jessica Drogemuller said.



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