It’s time to kick off your garden

Starting from seeds is inexpensive and a good way to beat winter blues

By Tim Jagielo

If you’re looking to start your spring garden from scratch, it’s time to start planning and maybe planting your seeds indoors. This will give your seeds time to grow inside, so the plants can be transplanted into the soil after the final frost of the year.

Orange bell peppers can take 85 days, for example, to grow. Genesee District Library Assistant Kelly Stack said this area might have about a 139-day growing season, with the last frost on May 14 and the first frost of the coming fall on Oct. 1.

“The advantage to starting your seeds is that you will get a head start on the coming growing season in addition to saving money,” said Stack, an avid gardener who runs gardening classes as well as the seed library at the Fenton Winegarden Library, which is starting on March 3. “A pack of seeds cost a few dollars, or free if you get them from the Fenton Seed Library, and you can start many plants from one pack.”

She said transplants, or plants that are already started, cost about $3 or more per plant. “The cost really adds up if you get all transplants for your garden.”

Another advantage is fending off the winter blues. “You get to start plants that will provide both beauty and food, while getting your hands dirty,” Stack said. “It gives you something to do when it’s too cold to go outside.”

She will soon be starting peppers, tomatoes, marigolds, onions, greens, herbs and a bunch of flowers. “Others like beans, squash and peas I will plant...see GARDEN on 22

Don’t worry if you think it’s too hard. It’s not as difficult as you think. Stick to the basics and you’ll be off to a good start.”

Kelly Stack
GDL library assistant, gardening educator

Marigolds and zinnias are sprouting at the Fenton Winegarden Library. These plants are growing under UV light in several small pots of growing medium.

Photo: Tim Jagielo
GARDEN
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directly outside because they are very easy to start,” she said.

How to get started
“It’s not as difficult as you think,” Stack said. “Stick to the basics and you’ll be off to a good start. Get seeds from a good source, seed starting mix, light and water. Provide enough light and water and you are golden.”
To get started you’ll need seeds, growing medium (potting soil or seed starting mix) and lights.
Follow the directions on the seed backs when planting. Cover with soil and water them. Place the pots under a grow light or a very sunny window. Depending on the seeds, there could be sprouts in seven to 21 days.

Or, start an herb garden
Individuals and school classrooms alike also can grow herbs during the winter. According to the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, several herbs can be grown over the winter indoors under a light or in a south-facing window with four hours of sun per day. While there are several, here are few examples of herbs that can be grown indoors this season:
• ‘English’ mint: not as invasive as other spearmints and the leaves are broader and a deeper green.
• Broadleaf thyme: also known as Spanish thyme and Cuban oregano, this plant has broad, fleshy leaves unlike those of ordinary thyme. It never goes dormant and reaches 10 to 12 inches tall.
• Dwarf garden sage: With smaller leaves and a more compact habit than regular sage, this variety grows only 10 inches high with the same sage flavor.

Source: MSU Extension
When you plant your veggie garden this year, maybe Mother Nature will surprise you with more than you anticipated. The following are veggies that made it to the Guinness Book of World Records because of their size.

Giant vegetable gardener Christopher Qualley of Otsego, Minnesota, USA managed to grow a record-smashing carrot the second time he ever attempted to grow one. Weighing in at a whopping 22.44 lbs, it was officially crowned the world’s heaviest carrot in 2017.

Tomato

Grown by Steve and Jeanne Marley (both USA), the heaviest tomato was 9 lbs. 10.4 oz. when assessed in Clinton, New York, USA, on Sept. 20, 2019. The tomato was of the Domingo variety. The seeds were started in mid-May and transplanted into the ground 30 days later. Blossom was pollinated on July 29, 2019. The plant was limited to growing the one tomato, and was harvested on the afternoon of Sept. 20, 2019.

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CAULIFLOWER

A cauliflower weighing 60 lb. 9.3 oz. on April 21, 2014 was grown by Peter Glazebrook of Halam, Nottinghamshire, UK.

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Source: guinnessworldrecords.com
Holly’s fourth quarter sparks victory vs. Lake Fenton

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team had a strong showing in a loss against Flint Kearsley on Jan. 17.

Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner hoped the squad would be able to take that performance and parlay it into strong performances later in the season.

A game later, the Bronchos did just that. Holly ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks 44-40 Tuesday night.

The contest was Holly’s second-best defensive effort of the season. Holly held Clio to 22 points in the team’s 58-22 victory. In the team’s last three games Holly hasn’t held an opponent to less than 52 points.

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Linden—Linden’s varsity boys basketball game against the Flint Powers Chargers didn’t start the way the Eagles had hoped.

The contest had a quick tempo that resulted in many quick shots (and a couple of Linden turnovers), enabling the Chargers to jump to an 8-2 lead after Luke Philippotos converted on his second conventional three-point play less than three minutes into the game.

After turning the ball over six times in the first quarter, the Eagles (8-1) still trailed 13-11 entering the second quarter.

However, from that point, the Eagles pretty much imposed their will on the game.

Linden’s defense held Powers to just nine field goals in the final three quarters while the Eagles converted on 15-of-34 shots, leading the Eagles to a pretty impressive 64-51 victory at home against the Chargers.

“I like how our team just doesn’t give up,” senior Brendan Miller said. “At the beginning of the game we were down 8-2, we faced a little adversity but we came together as a team and always competet. No matter what, we will always compete and that’s what I liked the most.”

“I like the fact that we showed some toughness and that we showed some grit,” Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said.

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Eagles soar by Powers Catholic, 64-51

By David Troppens

Close games have been the norm for the Holly varsity boys basketball team this season.

The Bronchos entered their contest at Ortonville-Brandon with four games that were decided by six points or less. The Bronchos had won their last two games that were decided within that margin, beating Corunna 56-54 and beating Flushing 57-55.

However, Holly wasn’t able to defeat the Blackhawks in this close game, losing a 41-37 road verdict.

Holly played a strong game for the first three quarters. The Bronchos led 11-9 after one quarter and stretched that lead to 25-19 at halftime. The lead was still six points after three quarters with Holly leading 34-28.

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Fenton’s competitive cheer team improves to fourth at second Metro jamboree

By David Troppens

Two of the four tri-county Metro League teams that competed at the league’s second competitive cheer jamboree improved their team scores from the first one. However, only one squad improved its placing in the standings.

The Fenton Tigers, who placed fifth in the first Metro jamboree, jumped to fourth in Wednesday’s event, posting a total team score of 670.98, 22.34 points better than its score in the first jamboree.

The Tigers were in fifth after round one (208.30), but jumped up to fourth place with a round two score of 186.58. The squad posted a round three score of 276.10.

Lake Fenton placed fourth in the first jambore, but fell to fifth place in Wednesday’s event with a team score of 662.78. Lake Fenton started out in fourth with a 212.00 round one score, but posted a 189.28 in round two, also suffering a 10-point penalty. The Blue Devils recorded a 280.50 in round three, capping their final score.

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Linden’s Spencer marries, gets nickname in recent months

By David Troppens

In between fights, the tri-county area’s most popular professional boxer has been a busy man.

Joey Spencer found time to train, get married and create a nickname among other things.

Ever the opportunist, when Spencer found a gap in his workout sessions, he used it to marry his life-long sweetheart, Tabitha, on Dec. 8.

“I found out I was going to have my next fight later than I was planning,” Spencer said. “When I found out and they said I was getting a week off, I thought it would be a perfect time to propose.

“I went home and proposed right then. She was shocked and surprised.”

Spencer fell into a nickname somewhat by mistake. When Spencer defeated Erik Spring by unanimous decision to improve his professional boxing record to 10-0 recently, he was introduced with the nickname “The Small Town Soldier.”

“I used it as a caption ... and they used it as my nickname (during the FOX television broadcast),” Spencer said. “Before my (ninth) fight they talked to my team about it and I felt that is who I am and what I stand for. When I heard it, I liked how it sounded on TV, so I like it.”

Spencer has begun his third year of his professional boxing career and his career remains on the rise. For the second straight year he is the Premier Boxing Championships Prospect of the Year after recording four straight wins in 2019, including one by knockout. His win on Jan. 18 was pretty decisive. Facing a taller southpaw who had a longer reach, Spencer was forced to compete from a distance. Still, he was able to dominate each of the six rounds, earning the easy decision victory.

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Boys Basketball

Linden JV 50, Flint Powers JV 45: Brandon Green scored a game-high 30 points while Lance Barkholz had nine points. Aiden Miller chipped in seven points.

Linden freshmen 54, Powers freshmen 48: The Linden freshmen trailed by 11 points in the fourth quarter, but overcame that deficit to earn a victory in overtime.

Charlie Powell had a team-high 15 points, with nine of those points coming in the fourth quarter. Colin Weiss added 10 points while Tyler Willard had nine points. Bishop Lawrence had eight points.

Girls Basketball

Fenton freshmen 38, South Lyon East freshmen 16: Tammy Craven led the Tigers with 12 points while Sophie Hense and Cynteha Isenbarg had six points each.

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team are the defending Metro League champions.

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By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is still learning how to win basketball games.

But it seems like the Blue Devils are starting to figure it out.

Lake Fenton captured its second victory in four games by earning a 56-52 home win against the Flushing Raiders.

“It was a great night,” Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Joshua Fox said. “We had a nice lead going into the fourth, but our turnovers showed up again and allowed Flushing to pull it close. This time we settled down and finished the game, so I am extremely proud of them and hopefully we can use this to keep building.”

The Blue Devils trailed 12-11 after the first quarter, but took a 24-19 halftime lead with 13 points in the second quarter. The Blue Devils blew the lead open with a 20-point third quarter, raising the gap to 44-31. However, Flushing’s 21-point final quarter enabled the Raiders to make things interesting late.

The Blue Devils shot a solid 46 percent from the field, with nine of the team’s 20 field goals coming from three-point land. Flushing shot just 36 percent from the floor, but turned the ball over just 16 times compared to Lake Fenton’s 23 miscues.

Fox said Francis Senter had a big game. Senter had 11 points, seven assists, seven steals and six rebounds.

“Fran was great,” Fox said.

“We keep giving him more responsibility and he is really growing.”

Carter Foerster led the Blue Devils with 21 points, with 13 coming during Lake Fenton’s 20-point third quarter. Twelve of his 21 points came on four three-pointers. He also had four rebounds.

Lake Fenton’s Francis Senter drives to the basket in a recent contest. The Blue Devils defeated Flushing 56-52.

Times photo: Mark Bolen

Holly sweeps Metro matches, remains in league hunt

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Eagles remain undefeated in Metro play; LF wrestling splits matches

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team hasn’t won a Metro League championship since 2006.

The Eagles are making a great case toward possibly winning one in 2020.

The Eagles are the only undefeated team remaining in dual action of the Metro League’s Stripes Division and remain undefeated against all Metro squads after defeating Swartz Creek 54-24 and Lake Fenton 60-22. The Blue Devils also competed against Owosso and earned a 45-30 victory against the event’s host.

The Eagles (3-0 in Metro Stripes play and 6-0 against all Metro teams) had eight wrestlers finish the day with 2-0 records. Three wrestlers finished with 2-0 records with two pinfalls. They were Jaylon Berry (145), Jayden Rittenbury (152) and Uzziah Delgado (171). Brenden Shingleton (119) had a 2-0 record with one pinfall victory as did Bryce Shingleton (125) and Colton Powell (189). Others that had 2-0 marks were Tyler McCabe (103) and Jimmy Roti (160).

“This week was a business trip and the team came ready to work,” Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summersfield said. “Proud of the team. This is another step in the right direction.”

Fenton wrestlers capture first Metro League victory of the season

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team earned its first Metro League victory of the season Wednesday night at Ortonville-Brandon High School.

The Tigers defeated Flint Kearsley 45-33 to earn that victory. Fenton also battled Goodrich and lost a 53-18 verdict.

In the victory against Kearsley, the Tigers won seven of the last nine matches to earn the victory. Lyle Smock (130) earned a forfeit win to start the match, but Kearsley won four straight matches making it a 21-6 Hornets’ lead.

From there, the Tigers dominated. The match wasn’t decided until Andrew Barcome (125) earned a pinfall victory.

Evan Firby (215) and Jackson Cairnduff (285) earned pinfall wins, while Garrett Langford (160), Kendra Ryan (103) and Ella Turnblom (112) won by forfeit. Login Fuller (171) won Fenton’s other match, earning a tight 3-2 decision win.

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Holly Area School District will receive firm prime contractor bids for the District Building Control Upgrades located in Holly, MI.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by GMB Architecture + Engineering, 85 East Eighth Street, Suite 200, Holland, MI 49423. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Jason Davis or Shawn Debo at AUCH Construction, 248-334-2000, if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of AUCH Construction., 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI, 48342, 248-334-2000, on or after January 27, 2020.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Davisburg Elementary School, located at 12003 Davisburg Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350 on Monday, February 3 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held on-site in the cafeteria. A site visit to all buildings will follow this meeting.

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid “Holly Area Schools District Building Control Upgrades” and “Sealed Bid, Do Not Open”. The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bids must be delivered no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, February 21, 2020 to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or AUCH Construction. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to AUCH Construction or a cashier’s check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of $24,924.00. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on February 21, 2020.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JANUARY 20, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a special meeting on Monday January 20, 2020 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Approved a revised Employment Agreement for Operations Manager Thomas Broecker.
2. Approved a motion to require the completion of formal performance reviews for all exempt employees during the month of January each year.
3. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $392,820.14.
4. Conducted a public hearing to obtain citizen input on potential local road improvement projects for 2020.
5. Received the 4th Quarter Report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
7. Approved the sale of tax-reverted parcel 06-07-200-032 to John H. Miller III.
8. Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

Word Search

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Solution Time: 21 min.
Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Weekend Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Weekend Crossword

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Mary Hunter
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Robert Conover
1943-2020

Freddie Rutherford
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**Obituaries**

**Roger Lee**  

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Michael M. McQueen - age 53, died January 19, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

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**Did you know?**

Dog strollers have surged in popularity in recent years, particularly as pets are allowed in locations that might have been off limits in years past. It’s common to see pet owners scooting their prized pooches around in strollers once used exclusively for small children. Dog owners who have never owned a dog stroller before may wonder just how useful they can be. Some people have replaced traditional dog carriers with strollers, which tend to be more ergonomic and comfortable to use than carriers. Strollers can be a convenient means for taking dogs (typically smaller pups) to busy public locations or even to work. Strollers also can keep dogs out of the elements when the weather can be difficult for them to handle. Older dogs with mobility issues can benefit from strollers because they still enable the dogs to get fresh air without tiring them out. Also, people who own multiple dogs may find strollers make it easy to take multiple pooches out and about. Strollers also let small dogs rest while other dogs get more exercise walking alongside the stroller. Dog strollers come in a range of sizes and can be purchased where most pet supplies are sold.

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**LENTIL AND BACON SOUP**

Many foodies feel that bacon makes everything better. Bacon certainly brings a salty and savory flavor to nearly any food it complements, and it is perfectly acceptable enjoyed on its own.

In this recipe for “Lentil and Bacon Soup” from “Soup’s On! Soul-Satisfying Recipes from Your Favorite Cookbook Authors and Chefs” (Chronicle Books) by Leslie Jonath and Frankie Frankeny, bacon is the star of the flavor show. This soup is ideal for chilly winter days.

Serves 6

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 pound bacon, cut into julienne
- 1 cup diced yellow onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup green lentils
- 2 quarts chicken stock or broth, divided
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. Cook three-quarters of the bacon in a large saucepan over medium heat until the fat is rendered, about 5 minutes. Add the onions and carrots and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are translucent, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain any excess fat and add the lentils and 1 quart of the stock. Simmer over low heat until the lentils are tender, 40 to 50 minutes.
2. Add the remaining 1 quart stock and season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Cook the soup over medium heat until hot, about 10 minutes.
4. Ladle some of the soup into each bowl and sprinkle with the crispy bacon and the scallions.