

St. John's Fr. Riley in ICU battling COVID-19

■ Taking part in Remdesivir clinical trial and updating friends via Facebook

By Sharon Stone

Fr. Ryan Riley, the associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton, thanked everyone for all their prayers as he

battles the coronavirus.

He is in the Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan Hospital with COVID-19 related hypoxia and severe dehydration.



Photo: Faith Magazine

On Saturday, May 9, he wrote on his personal Facebook page, "Sorry for not responding to the texts and phone calls. My lack of energy gets me. There have been so many it has been extremely touching to me! I love you all."

Riley, 37, has been with St. John for about three-and-half

years. He wrote to his Facebook friends saying that his temperature rose to 103 degrees and that he's been trying to suppress his cough. He added that he signed up for the Remdesivir clinical trial and had his first dose over the weekend.

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Self-checkouts too tempting to some shoppers

■ Fenton police see increase in latest retail fraud known as under scanning

By Sharon Stone

While police have seen a decrease in crime, most likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home order issued for Michigan, Fenton police have noticed an increase in a certain type of retail fraud.

The crime involves self-serve checkouts at big box stores and shoppers under scanning merchandise.

Lt. Jeff Cross said Fenton police have arrested three women recently for placing more items in their plastic shopping bag at the checkout than they scanned and paid for.

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60-car parade sendoff for Holly senior entering Army



Annah Charles, 18, is lifted up by her father, Richard Charles Jr., and her sister, Sarah, while her mother, Lisa Charles, stands by. Annah, a Holly High School senior, left for boot camp this past weekend.

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Spicer Orchards protects crops during cold weather

■ Wind fans, helicopter flyovers, bon fires aid in preventing crop loss

By Hannah Ball

Over the weekend, meteorologists predicted Michigan would experience a "spring polar vortex" with severe cold weather. Fenton saw low temperatures in the 20s over this past weekend, worrying local farmers.

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“I applaud stores for not allowing entry without a mask. Masks are not to protect yourself,

but to prevent you from spreading it to others. I will not use any stores that do not require a mask upon entering. It's the law.”



“Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are the biggest sources of misinformation

on the planet. Read credible news sources before you form opinions.”

“Everyone that agrees with the stay-at-home order calls me selfish because I want to go back to work, but hoards toilet paper, meat etc. Now that's what I call selfish.”



Laura Lemke to be next FHS principal

■ Will replace longtime principal Mark Suchowski who is retiring

By Sharon Stone

Laura Lemke, Fenton High School assistant principal, was appointed to principal during the Fenton Board of Education meeting held remotely Monday, May 11. She will begin her new role July 1.

Lemke has served as assistant principal for 16 years

The appointment came after Mark Suchowski, who has been principal of the high school since 2004, announced he would be retiring, said Adam Hartley, superintendent of the school district.

Suchowski started as a teacher at Fenton High School in 1994 and became assistant principal in 1999.

Hartley said, "Mr. Suchowski will

be ending his storied career in education but will remain an integral part of the Fenton community. His service to our families and the community has been outstanding and we thank him for his leadership."

The recommendation at Monday night's school board meeting was the result of Lemke completing a long and rigorous interview process. Throughout the process, Lemke continued to stress the importance of high standards for staff and students, effective communication to all stakeholders and maintaining a positive, energetic culture, said Hartley.

The position of Fenton High School assistant principal has been posted and the administration is looking forward to adding another dynamic leader to the Fenton Area Public Schools team.

Two Flint teens steal \$400 worth of liquor

■ Fenton police pursue females as they flee Fenton store; seek arrest warrants

By Sharon Stone

Fenton police are seeking arrest warrants against two 18-year-old females, both of Flint, for their alleged involvement in an organized retail fraud case in Fenton, and fleeing and eluding Fenton police.

Lt. Jeff Cross said police responded to Walmart on Owen Road at 10:39 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 for a retail fraud in progress.

Loss prevention told police they had observed the two women select two backpacks in the store and proceed to conceal high-end liquor and wine in the bags. The two females then walked past the checkout and exited the store without paying as Fenton police arrived on scene.

Responding police attempted to stop the vehicle, however, the driver did not stop. Police followed the car as it entered northbound U.S. 23 from Owen Road. Police obtained valid identification on the vehicle and owner and terminated the pursuit near Thompson Road.

The store confirmed the suspects stole approximately \$400 worth of liquor and wine, as well as the backpacks.

Cross said several agencies provided assistance with locating the vehicle, which Fenton police eventually impounded. The two females, who are not in custody, are facing warrants from multiple jurisdictions.

Cross said they are seeking felony charges of organized retail fraud, as well as fleeing and eluding. He said organized retail fraud is when detectives believe the items were stolen to be resold later.

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RETAIL FRAUD

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Fenton police were dispatched to a big box store in the 3700 block of Owen Road at 2:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Loss prevention had a 33-year-old Linden woman in custody.

Cross said she scanned some merchandise and placed additional merchandise in the bag without scanning. In total, she had \$94 worth of merchandise in the bag that she did not pay for. Cross said she denied the theft and told the officer she didn't realize she had not scanned all of the items.

Police arrested her, issued her a court appearance ticket and released her from the scene.

On May 5, at 1:45 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to the same store for a retail fraud. This time, loss prevention observed a 42-year-old Fenton woman under scan approximately \$150 worth of merchandise. Fenton police arrested

her, issued her a court appearance ticket and released her from the scene.

On May 9, Fenton police once again responded to the same big-box store for a retail fraud complaint. Loss prevention had a 35-year-old Fenton woman in custody after they observed her under scan \$90 worth of merchandise. She was arrested, issued a court appearance ticket and released from the scene.

Cross said under scanning merchandise at self-checkouts is retail fraud. This crime violates a local ordinance and is classified as a 90-day misdemeanor. He said shoppers might not realize that an employee monitors these self-checkout kiosks on-site, along with loss prevention employees who are watching every transaction remotely.

He added that police did not take these retail fraud suspects to the police station because they are limiting the number of individuals they allow in the police station due to the COVID-19 standards.

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Precautions in place for daycares during a pandemic

■ ‘All the cleaning measures will be amplified more so’

By Hannah Ball

Childcare is going to operate a little differently during a pandemic with a contagious disease.

Fenton Early Learning Center is planning to open June 1 to care for children of parents who are essential workers.

Kylee Wilson, preschool teacher, who cleaned her classroom Thursday, May 7, wants parents to know they’re going to proceed with “extreme caution.”

Staff has been meeting a few times a week to work out a plan to open. They’ll be sending informational packets to parents about precautions they will take. This includes having the parents drive up to the building and having staff take the child’s temperature.

If the child has a fever or has symptoms, they will not be allowed in. If the child seems healthy, staff will escort them in. When parents come to pick up their children, they will call ahead and staff will bring them out.

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Photo: Hannah Ball

“Parents are going to have to be sensitive to that, if they (kids) have a running nose or cough, they’re going to have to come and get them.”

Kylee Wilson

Fenton Early Learning Center preschool teacher

Kylee Wilson, preschool teacher at Fenton Early Learning Center, cleaned and organized her classroom last week. The center will open June 1, and staff are taking precautions consistent with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Sharin' the spotlight Food for our health, and soul

By Editor Sharon Stone

Meals at the dinner table have always brought families together. While we provide nourishment to keep our bodies healthy, conversations with our loved ones keep us connected.

Everyone who knows me knows that my husband, Jeff, and I enjoy going out to dinner after a long day at work and we often go out with our closest friends. I don't know why but a salad always tastes better when someone else makes it. Jeff and I are good cooks, but our dining out is more about socializing with our empty-nester friends.

The last time Jeff and I went out to dinner was Sunday, March 15. News of the coronavirus was worsening but nothing was shut down yet. We sat at the bar at The Laundry and caught up on the

news with a couple of our favorite bartenders. They were nervous, wearing gloves and constantly cleaning their area. None of us knew what would happen next. We enjoyed our lunch and coffee and went on our way.

Within days, businesses were forced to close their doors, including all of the restaurants in our rotation.

Because restaurants provided food they were deemed essential, however, dining in was and is still prohibited. Since the shutdown, we have continued to

patronize several restaurants in the area, first for our benefit, and secondly to help ensure that they will survive the economic toll due to this virus. We want them to open and thrive as soon as it's safe.

Just like the rest of us, food preparers at restaurants are worried of becoming infected and infecting someone else. Despite that worry, they show up to work, take the

necessary precautions and continue preparing our favorite entrees. My husband and I watch for restaurant specials in the Times and we signed up for text alerts to see what dinner will be that particular day. Right now the only thing different is that we pick up our meal curbside and have a quiet meal at home.

We are so impressed with how these businesses and their employees have adapted to the pandemic and their determination to do what they do. I've seen some social media posts of people debating whether we should be tipping for takeout. What? To me, this is not up for debate. We look at these people wearing facemasks and gloves and running out to our car as friends and warriors. Tip accordingly.

Fortunately, based on the number of places Jeff called to order a Mother's Day dinner, we are not the only ones who are placing orders and keeping our restaurants in business.

I'll touch on my appreciation for more essential workers in my next column.



Sharon Stone

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THIS IS NATIONAL Police Week. My family wants all of our law enforcement officers to know how much we appreciate them. They are always there to help, as well as to handle dangerous situations and crime.

■■■■
THE THING THAT Whitmer doesn't understand is that she works for us. We are her bosses (or we are supposed to be), not her subjects. Next election it's time to let this woman go.

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IT IS TOO bad no one thought of having a non-motorized pathway in Fenton. Could really use one now.

■■■■
PEOPLE BEWARE OF your patio furniture on the lower floors of Fairfield at Silver Parkway. There was an attempt to steal my furniture at 2 a.m.

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Compiled by Sharon Stone, editor

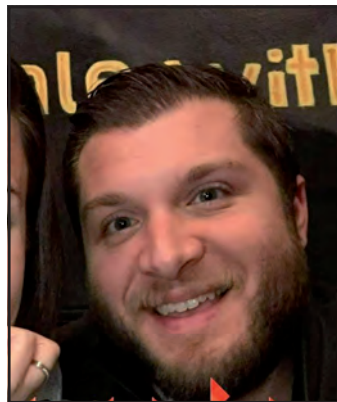
Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What new hobby or skill have you learned during the pandemic? | streettalk



"I've learned to replace the screen in my window screens. Even re-screened my daughter's sliding door screen today. My kids said it could be side hustle if teaching didn't work out."

Patti Sabourin
Grand Blanc



"Building a motorcycle ... well sort of. I have a long way to go."

Eric Ham
Berkley



"How to work better remotely, utilizing technology better."

Mark Holsbeke
Fenton Township



"The art of puzzles. Worked my way from 500 pieces to 1,500 pieces. They really are not that easy and take patience."

Kathleen Robart
Grand Blanc



"I decided to take apart a pallet and make a squirrel picnic table. They turned out great. I put peanuts on them and the squirrels love them. I also decided to make a basket for my mother-in-law."

Delila Brown
Fenton

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“All the cleaning measures will be amplified more so,” she said. “It’s going to be different than normal. They can’t bring toys from home. We’re making sure extra stuff isn’t accumulating.”

If the children develop symptoms over the day, parents will be called to come pick them.

“Parents are going to have to be sensitive to that, if they have a running nose or cough, they’re going to have to come and get them,” she said, adding that kids often have runny noses or a cough. “We’re going to have to be more cautious.”

The center is following guidelines set by the state and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, one guideline is that adults and children over the age of 2 should wear

masks, but Wilson doesn’t think that will work with kids.

Wilson said they will do “extreme” amounts of handwashing.

The center will be accepting new families as well. The packets they will send out will include questions about if they’ve traveled recently.

“Our enrollment is going to be down quite a bit until everyone feels more comfortable in general,” she said. “I have three young kids and they will be coming with me once it opens. It’s just as important to me as a parent and staff member.”

When asked how long she thinks precautions like these will be in place, Wilson said, “I think that either it will have to be until parents start to see the numbers of (COVID-19) cases drop or until they develop a vaccine or herd immunity.”

FR. RILEY

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Shauna Meyers, operations manager for St. John Catholic Parish, said Riley noticed a slight fever last Wednesday, May 6. She said he went to an urgent care center and was prescribed medicine.

On Thursday morning, May 7, he took part in livestreaming Mass to the parishioners. Later that day, he began having difficulty breathing. On Friday, May 8, he self-admitted himself to UM Hospital.

Meyers said minimal individuals are in the church for livestreaming and they are taking every precaution, including a two-week self-quarantine, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Parish employees were notified of Riley’s circumstances and have been instructed to self-quarantine, as well.

The parish will be closed for the next two weeks and there will be no livestreaming of services. There is no access to the church.

“We’re pretty much at a standstill for the next two weeks,” Meyers said. Funerals and baptisms will be postponed or rescheduled at another location, allowing time to have the entire church cleaned and disinfected.

Meyers said Riley will keep the congregation updated through his Facebook page. Even with more than 3,000 parishioners, she said they remain a tight-knit group. Most members are friends with Riley on Facebook or know someone who is friends with him for updates.

“He (Fr. Riley) is very involved with the school and he’s very missed,” Meyers said. “And many have prayed for him.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
‘OUR GOVERNOR GAVE an order?’ Her majesty gave an unconstitutional order to extend the state of emergency. Even though the legislature of Michigan disagreed and is suing her. I have no desire to have coffee with anyone who is willing to let this despot take their rights away.

■■■■
WHY WOULD YOU urge GOP legislators to work with Whitmer? Why not urge her to work with the legislature? Who’s more likely to be right; one

woman with a political agenda or the majority of our great legislative leaders?

■■■■
HOW MANY PEOPLE out there think that ‘Greedy Gretchen’ has our best interests in mind? And how many people think she’s just using this crisis for political gain? And if she is playing politics with people’s lives what are we going to do about it? Recall this terrible woman.

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FREEDOM WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY is Anarchy. Freedom with responsibility is Democracy.

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60-car parade sendoff for Holly senior entering Army

■ Yellow ribbon added to tree by Holly Elementary School to commemorate those on active duty

By Hannah Ball

One Holly High School senior thought she'd had to leave for U.S. Army boot camp without any kind of celebration or send off, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders.

It was a surprise to Annah Charles, 18, when she went out on her lawn Saturday, May 9 to see a parade of vehicles with flags and signs going by in her honor.

Annah had a "really nice" send off planned by "Hometown Support for all on Active Duty," a group that arranges memorable send offs for Holly residents leaving for service, said her mother, Lisa Charles. It had to be canceled due to the pandemic and stay home order.

"I just felt so bad. She's a senior this year. She didn't get a graduation party, no sendoff and she's leaving



Annah Charles, 18, was a senior at Holly High School this year. She left this past weekend for boot camp to become a K9 handler in the U.S. Army.

Submitted photo

for the Army," Charles said. "So we started planning and contacted all of our friends and the fire department."

Annah will be doing work in the K9 department of the Army. Charles said they invited a K9 officer who wanted

to come, but was unable to. Annah's army recruiter, Staff Sgt. Kait Neeley, was there.

The family contacted a company called Yard Art, and they rented a sign that said "Annah Army Strong." They placed flags, balloons and handmade signs in the yard while Annah's older sister, Sarah, kept her distracted inside.

"She knew something was going on, but she didn't know what," Charles said.

Meanwhile, everyone met at a nearby church to line up for the parade. They made it seem like the yard decorations was the surprise. When vehicles started rolling down the road, Charles said Annah was surprised.

Approximately 50 to 60 vehicles were in the parade, including four or five fire trucks, police and family and friends.

"It's emotional because they couldn't get out and give the family a hug," she said. Her friends made poster boards to put in car windows as they drove by. "It was so sweet."

Annah left Sunday for boot camp in Missouri.

"It's so sad. It's very hard, but you can't help but be proud of her for making that choice and being the strong young lady she is, taking that under her belt," Charles said. "Especially in this time with what our country is going through."

Annah will also have a commemorative yellow ribbon hung around the trunk of an oak tree at Holly Elementary School recognizing local active military personnel.

"I'm just so excited we were able to do something special for Annah. She'll remember that for the rest of her life," she said.

Jim Golden, one of the organizers of "Hometown Support for all on Active Duty," said they had a nice send off planned for Annah and one other

woman in April. When that had to be canceled, the Charles family organized the yard signs and parade, and Golden made some calls to help bring more people to the event.

"Everyone cheered her on, wished her well," he said. "She had a good time. She will remember that."

"I just felt so bad. She's a senior this year. She didn't get a graduation party, no sendoff and she's leaving for the Army."

Lisa Charles
Annah Charles' mother



Approximately 60 cars drove by to honor Annah Charles before she left for boot camp. It included fire trucks, police, family and friends. Many had signs in their windows. Submitted photo

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Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

Cameras in the courtroom — Part II

It was noted in the Estes opinion that as of 1965, televising and photographing of criminal trials was allowed in only two states (Texas and Colorado) and then only with restrictions. This also applied to civil cases. The federal courts prohibited it by special rule.

This was as a result of what happened in the 1935 New Jersey trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann who was tried and convicted of kidnapping and murdering the young son of the famous aviator Charles Lindbergh and his wife author Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The scene was described as a “media circus” with numerous photographers taking countless flashbulb pictures of the defendant in and out of the courtroom and a newsreel camera being used to film the trial.

The Estes decision marked the low point for courtroom cameras.

However, things can change and here they did with television and other cameras gradually became smaller, quieter, and less disruptive.

As a result, a number of states began allowing them into their courtrooms.

The constitutionality of this practice was affirmed in the 1981 Supreme Court case of *Chandler v Florida*, which held that as a result of “evolving technology” courtroom cameras were not automatically a violation of a defendant’s due process rights to a fair trial.

Today, all states allow cameras in one form or another with each state having its own specific conditions.

In Michigan, we have a Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1, which allows media filming or broadcasting upon request and subject to limitations, including the number of cameras and locations, prohibiting filming or broadcasting of jurors, and in the court’s discretion, certain witnesses.

The federal courts continue to prohibit the photographing or broadcasting of judicial courtroom proceedings with limited exceptions in two Circuit Courts of Appeals and three District Courts.

However due to the COVID-19 situation, many federal courts have temporarily authorized videoconferencing of selected court cases.

Additionally for the first time in its 230-year history, the Supreme Court is allowing live audio streaming of oral arguments.

It’s fair to say that cameras in the courtroom are here to stay. Some legal commentators say their use very well may be expanded in view of everything that has happened in response to the pandemic. The legal community will be watching with interest.

SPICER ORCHARDS

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Spicer Orchards Farm Market in Hartland Township posted a message on its Facebook page Thursday, May 7 about how this affects their crops and what they’re doing about it.

“Our farm is in various stages of a beautiful spring bloom which means our crop has the potential to experience extreme damage or even total crop loss. We experienced a similar situation in 2012 when the majority of the East Coast of the U.S. lost its crop and we nearly closed our doors,” the statement reads.

This past weekend was the “best they could hope for,” said Shannon (Spicer) Rowe.

“Although we can’t be certain of damage as it can take up to two weeks to present itself, our preliminary guess is that our methods worked. We are anticipating only 20-percent damage on apples. That percent is higher on cherries, pears, and maybe peaches as those fruits were in more advanced stages of bloom,” she said.

Some of their friends in the industry who don’t have access to frost protection reported more damage, she said.

“We invested heavily in frost protection measures since 2012. They are expensive. As a farmer, everything is expensive to purchase and it’s a tough decision to decide between a frost fan and a new piece of equipment that is also desperately needed. Farming is a lifestyle and most farmers put every penny they make back into their farm,” she said.

This is the second time Spicer Orchards has had to deal with such an extreme event.

In 2012, they installed “wind fans,” which turn on when temperatures

dip to 35 degrees. They run once or twice a year.

Rowe said wind fans or frost fans pull warm air that has risen from ground level back down to the ground. The goal is to prevent warm air from escaping as cold air descends from the atmosphere. They typically turn on at 35 degrees.

She said they cannot be operated during windy or rainy conditions.

“When it comes to crop loss, even 1 or 2 degrees can make a huge difference,” she said.

The Facebook post said, the fans may run multiple nights this weekend, and that “Two nights have a forecast of 26 and wind chill of 18. Even with wind fans, this could be a total crop loss event. We are taking rarely used additional steps to save our crop and livelihood,” according to the statement.

One measure is using

a helicopter to continuously fly over orchards in an attempt to keep warm air on the ground.

“The helicopter can find warm pockets of air and force it back down to the ground. They can also take warm air from bonfires and disperse it to surrounding areas. On our farm last Friday we had varying degrees from 18 degrees to 29 degrees,” Rowe said. “We used the helicopter to push warm air into areas that were the coldest. They start lower to the ground and as warm air begins to run out, they move up higher and continue to find pockets of warmth to send back to the ground.”

Spicer Orchards also planned to have several “manned” bonfires overnight, weather permitting.

Charles Mueller, owner of Mueller Orchards in Fenton Township said, “We are worried about the weather but there is not much you can do. We lost a lot of blooms but I think we still have a decent crop.”

“We invested heavily in frost protection measures since 2012. They are expensive.”

Shannon Rowe

Spicer Orchards Farm Market

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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DON'T FRET, AMERICANS. Donald Trump brought us the best economy that most of us have ever seen, and he's going to do it again.

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TO THE HOT-LINER talking about GOP

working with Whitmer. Apparently, you have been given the wrong information. The GOP tries to work with her but she has her own agenda and she is not working with them. She wants to be the whole show. Get the story straight before spreading your 'fake news.'

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GEN. FLYNN IS a free man, innocent of the phony charges. I would predict that he will become a very rich man very soon. Mark my words; it will be proven that Obama was behind the whole thing.

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FENTON AREA SCHOOLS, please open your tennis courts. We are perfectly capable of social distancing while playing, and want to get some much-needed exercise. There's no reason to padlock them.

UNDER TRUMP, THE U.S. saw the best economy, financial markets, employment numbers, GDP, and industrial output in over 50 years. Now with millions out of work, financial markets rocked, factories closed, supplies disrupted, churches closed, and a looming recession, it looks like the Socialist/Democratic party got their wishes.

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WHITMER'S SIX-PHASE plan created without the legislature is an insult to the people of Michigan. It was more important to line up support from other governors, epidemiologists and academics. None of these were elected to represent the people of Michigan. Time for 'Socialist' distancing.

■■■■
LEAVE OUR GOVERNOR alone. Of the 29 states opening, Michigan is one of

the 10 with dropping cases and deaths each day. Slow, measured, return-to-work policies are what we need. Widespread opening too quick equals massive cases, deaths and a longer shutdown.

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THANK YOU CRUST for my amazing Mother's Day breakfast.

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DEAR GOVERNOR WHITMER. Thank you for the free one-month subscription to communism, but I would like to cancel it now please. Thank you.

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FENTON HIGH SCHOOL. Please, open the high school track to the public. Please. People love using it for exercise during the warmer months. Social distancing is not a problem.

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AGENDA ROSE TOWNSHIP May 13, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

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Teresa Blaska, Trustee
Debbie Miller, Clerk
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Paul Gambka, Treasurer

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A.** Approval of Regular Township Board Meeting Minute of March 11, 2020. We did not hold an April 2020 R.T.B. meeting.
- B.** Receipt of Monthly Reports
 - Building Department
 - N.O.C.F.A.
 - HAYA- Not included in packet
 - Financial Report
 - Treasurers Report
 - CDBG Report
 - Code Enforcement Officer Report
- C.** Payment of Bills

3. Presentation

4. Brief Public Comments - Agenda Items ONLY (limit comments to 3 minutes)

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

- A.** Lake Braemar Fireworks Application Review and Permit Request
- B.** Contract for Cemetery Grass Mowing
- C.** Contract for Office and Parks Grass Mowing
- D.** North Oakland County Fire Authority FY 2021 Budget
- E.** N.O.C.F.A Request for COVID-19 Emergency funds
- F.** Recycling Discussion for FY 2021 Budget
- G.** BS & A Software for Building Department

7. Announcements- Due to COVID-19 meetings may be held virtually

- A.** Planning Commission Meeting: June 4, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
- B.** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: June 2, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
- C.** N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting: May 19, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- D.** Assessing Office: M-F, 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 248 858-2179, doyler@oakgov.com
- E.** Township Board Regular Meeting: June 10, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
- F.** NoHaz- 2020:
- G.** Rose Township Clean-up day: Fall of 2020

8. Miscellaneous Reports

- A.** N.O.C.F.A.
- B.** Planning Commission
- C.** HAYA
- D.** R.T.A.
- E.** Elections
- F.** Cemetery Committee
- G.** Parks and Recreation
- H.** Heritage Committee
- I.** Supervisor

9. Brief Public Comments-Comments ONLY, limit comments to 3 minutes

10. Adjournment

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Dianne Scheib-Snider, Rose Township Supervisor

Looking back: Linden gets its first win, beats Holly

By David Troppens

Linden — It hasn't been the greatest start to the season for the Linden varsity football team.

In fact, its 0-2 start is the worst since the Eagles lost two competitive contests in their first two games in 2001 as well.

In 2001, the Eagles (1-2) righted the ship during the third week with a victory against the Holly Bronchos (1-2). The

same happened this season.

Desperately needing a victory, the Eagles' offense had their best game of the season and the defense remained strong for the entire 48 minutes, resulting in the Eagles' 28-0 home victory against the Holly Bronchos.

"It really means a lot," Linden quarterback Colby Kohmescher said. "We put in a ton of work this week in prac-

tice, we've had two tough games, two tough losses, and I think coming out and goose-egging them is going to boost our confidence a lot."

Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins was pleased with the victory, but was concerned about something else. The Eagles led 28-0 at halftime, but were unable to score again in the second half.

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Linden's Seeger DeGayner (right) tries to break Kolten Steele's tackle attempt in the Eagles' 28-0 victory. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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AHH, FINALLY SOME LIVE SPORTS

Last week was a pretty nice one on Fox Sports Detroit's broadcasts. Each night of the week, the station presented a great pitching performance in Tigers' history. It was entertaining to witness those games again.

There have been some Tiger games on the radio as well. It's been nice hearing those as well, but there is one problem — because they are past games, we all know they are going to be Tiger victories. I listened to one game that the Tigers trailed by six runs entering the bottom of the ninth. It took some of the drama out of the game knowing the Tigers were going to at least tie the game in the bottom of the ninth.

But now, we have some actual live sports. Yes, I have been watching some of the Korean baseball games. It's baseball and it's live, so I've watched it. This weekend there was cornhole competitions. Okay, that was pretty hard to watch, but it was on. Finally, later this week NASCAR is back. I'm looking forward to those events.

It's a long way to getting back to normal, but I'll take it. I bet the first NASCAR race breaks some ratings records.

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Sports Times

Cross country teams always dominate Top 16

By David Troppens

It's a question prep fans love to ask in any area of the country.

The question — so what is the best prep sport in the area?

In the tri-county area, many people would answer immediately, "football." That would be the accurate answer if we look at the popularity of a sport. However when it comes to making a Tri-County Top 16 list, popularity doesn't matter much. The sports staff is exploring what are the best teams in terms of talent and season success. If this was a poll of popularity, the four area football teams would routinely be on the list annually. However, it's rare more than one team ever makes our end-of-the-year top 16 poll.

The sport that does dominate the poll on a routine basis is one that many people rarely follow. That sport is cross country. The area's 5K runners in the fall are clearly our top performers. When the sports staff started distributing our list of the top 16 after the 2008-09 school year, cross country squads were the No. 1 team four of the first six years. One hasn't finished in the No. 1 spot since the 2013-14 school year, but seemingly there's always someone threatening the top position. Frequently these lists have three, four or five cross country squads on them.

This year's poll continues that trend.

No. 14 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: The growth of the Flint Metro League (FML) made cross country action as exciting as ever last fall. By adding Lake Fenton and Goodrich to the



The Linden varsity girls cross country team (left) are No. 13 on our 2019-20 Tri-County Top 16 Poll, while the Lake Fenton boys (right) are No. 14. **Photos: David Troppens**



league, the squads strengthened an already strong sport.

Lake Fenton finished in just a tie for fourth place in the final league standings. At first glance, that wouldn't look like the beginnings of a resume for a Top 16 squad. However, the Blue Devils were competing against some bigger schools with some very strong programs. They finished sixth in the first jamboree, improved to fifth in the second and placed fourth in the final one, earning the tie for fourth against the Holly Bronchos.

The Blue Devils went to the D2 regional meet at Linden Middle School where all three state qualifying teams were from the Metro League. Lake Fenton placed third at the regional meet.

Once at the state meet, the Blue Devils placed 22nd out of the 27 squads at the meet.

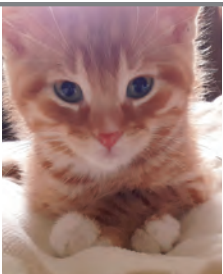
No. 13 - Linden girls cross country: The Lady Eagles have been one of the teams that typically make our Top 16 poll, placing in it eight other seasons. The Eagles were our No. 1 team in 2013-14. However, the squad didn't make the top 16 during the 2018-19 school year so the sports staff is sure the team likes being back among this elite company. The Eagles finished third overall in the FML, placing third in the first jamboree, second in the second jamboree and third in the final league meet. The Eagles came within four team points of first-place Fenton in that second league battle.

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6 Try the tea

9 Cleveland cager

12 Memorable mission

13 "— Little Teapot"

14 Blackbird

15 Make obscure

16 "Material Girl" singer

18 Bold alternative

20 Check

21 Dogtag wearers

23 — good deed

24 Founded (on)

25 Love god

27 Ill-suited

29 Praying bug

31 Tiny

35 Vote for

37 Prego rival

38 Start a rally

41 Moon vehicle acronym

43 — Perignon

44 Shaving cream additive

45 Cut aid

47 Insanity

49 Free of frost

52 Inseparable

53 Bullring bravo

54 Beetle

55 Bailey's bully

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55 Commotion

56 Trawler need

57 Hiker's route

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1 Slight touch

2 Hearty quaff

3 Wisconsin's capital

4 Leave out

5 Wanderer

6 Ape

7 Apple product

8 Cushion

9 Christmas candies

10 Warbucks'

ward

11 Food item

17 Speaker

19 Grown-up nit

21 Prized pos-session

22 A Gershwin brother

24 Morsel

26 Spielberg or Soderbergh

28 In the cards

30 — -de-France

32 Fortified Portuguese wine

33 "But — on forever":

Tennyson

34 Summa — laude

36 Storage area

38 Pago Pago's place

39 Savanna grazer

40 Wild West show

42 Interior

45 Capri, e.g.

46 Approach

48 A billion years

50 Movie trickery (Abbr.)

51 Wet wriggler


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Midweek Jumble


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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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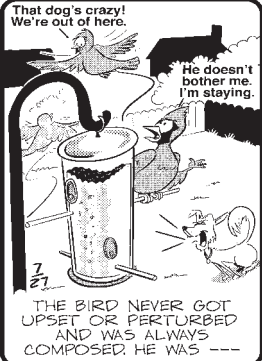
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That dog's crazy! We're out of here.



THE BIRD NEVER GOT UPSET OR PERTURBED AND WAS ALWAYS COMPOSED HE WAS ---

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

Horoscopes

For the week of
May 11, 2020

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20

You'll have a lot of energy and inspiration this week, Aries. Feel free to do anything you put your mind to, especially some recreational activities.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may be feeling especially affectionate this week. With an open heart, you could be ready to delve into a new layer of your relationship or find a new romance.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21

People may be wise to give you a wide berth for the time being, Gemini. Your dander is up, and it may be a good time to look for ways to reduce stress.

CANCER
June 22/July 22

Cancer, it is very possible that you will meet someone new this week who has the potential to become a lifelong friend. Be observant of every new face and name in your circle.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23

A volatile situation could reach its breaking point soon enough, Leo. Arguments that have slowly been brewing will culminate. Fortunately, things will quiet down afterward.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, even though you are tempted to go in many different directions over the next few days, you'll need to pick a course and stick with it if you are to get anything done.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week you may find yourself taking center stage at a family gathering or with a group of friends. Use this opportunity to make your voice heard.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22

Be careful that your actions are not taken the wrong way, Scorpio. Do not take on traits that you would otherwise disagree with. Lighten up and be joyful this week.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, take a breather whenever you can because there is a whirlwind of activity soon to come your way. Enjoy any breaks that come your way in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20

Your willpower may be weak lately, Capricorn, and you may be eating or doing things that you'll regret later on. Ask a friend to guide you away from temptations.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, someone may offer you a promotion or another more influential position. Do not let this go to your head, but enjoy the success that has come your way.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you have noticed you are running into obstacles in your quest to meet your goals, you may want to step back and consider a new path.



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