Shiawassee River named National Water Trail

**Designation comes more than three years after original efforts began**

Compiled by Hannah Ball

The Shiawassee River has been designated a National Water Trail by the U.S. National Park Service.

David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, announced the news Saturday, Oct. 24.

“We are excited to have been informed that our application, first submitted in April 2017, to the U.S. National Park Service for consideration as a ‘National Water Trail,’ has finally been approved by the agency,” Lossing said. “We applied for a grant from the NPS in August 2015 for technical support to begin pulling the needed data and information together for the application. We appreciate all of the support we’ve been given during that process, and since, to move our Water Trail forward.”

The Shiawassee River Water Trail is 88 miles in length stretching... See WATER TRAIL on 2

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**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday**

Most of U.S. will gain one hour — set clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night

By Sharon Stone

Depending on how you look at it, you’ll either get an extra hour of sleep or an extra hour for whatever activity you might enjoy when Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends this Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 a.m.

For any clocks that need to be manually changed, you are advised to set the time one hour earlier when you go to bed Saturday night. This will ensure that... See TIME on 7

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**Road resurfacing begins Nov. 2**

Motorists using N. Holly Road and Grange Hall Road intersection to see delays

By Sharon Stone

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to begin resurfacing the Grange Hall and N. Holly roads intersection in the village of Holly on Monday, Nov. 2. The work is weather-dependent, and the start date could change.

During the work, the intersection will remain open to traffic with flaggers directing traffic. Motorists should expect delays and should seek an alternate route if possible.

The work is expected to be completed within a few days. See RESURFACING on 7

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**CREATIVE DIY COSTUMES USING HOUSEHOLD FINDS**

Colton Szmagaj, 5, of Holly, walks with his mom, Brittany Szmagaj, at the Mission Point of Holly Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 22. Approximately 200-250 children walked through to collect candy. See story on page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

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“Congratulations Emily Gilbert of Lake Fenton (Kearsley Lake Fenton swim and dive) on setting two new KLF varsity records on Thursday, Oct. 22. — From Holly swim and dive”

“Thanks to everyone who helped to give the benches at the Linden Mill Pond a fresh coat of paint. They look wonderful.”

“Thank you to the two lovely young ladies who bought three veterans their breakfast at Fenton Coney last Friday. It was greatly appreciated.”
The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition began meeting in the fall of 2017 and organized itself to start working toward the implementation of the plan that was submitted as part of the water trail application. To date, the Coalition, through its individual member organizations, have completed the following projects to support the Shiawassee River:

1. Created additional launch locations on the Shiawassee River
2. Worked with Terrain360 in 2019 to photograph the river in a 360-degree format. The story can be found at myfenton.com.
3. Worked with Hyfi, a company created through the University of Michigan’s School of Engineering, to install 30 water sensors on the Shiawassee River to report, in real time, the depth and flow of the river. The story can be found at myfenton.com.
4. They’re working with Headwaters Trails, Inc., in an ongoing project to install paddling mile markers along the river downstream of Fenton.

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition is made up of the following organizations:

**Oakland County:**
- Village of Holly
- Holly Township
- Headwaters Trails, Inc.
- North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy

**Genesee County:**
- City of Fenton
- City of Linden
- Argentine Township
- Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Sierra Club – Nepessing Chapter
- Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper Lake Association
- Keepers of the Shiawassee River

**Shiawassee County:**
- Byron Village Downtown Development Authority
- Village of Vernon
- City of Corunna
- City of Owosso
- Shiawassee County Parks and Recreation
- Friends of the Shiawassee River

**Saginaw County:**
- Village of Oakley
- Village of Chesaning
- Chesaning Township
- Saginaw County Parks and Recreation

For more information about the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition: shiawasseewatertrail.org

National Park Service’s announcement of the expanded trail program:

For more information about the National Water Trail program:
- [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm)

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LFHS announces homecoming court

Christina Lamb and Cameron Wright are the 2020 homecoming queen and king

By Sharon Stone

Just like everything else this year, Lake Fenton High School had to change its homecoming celebration to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

On Friday, Oct. 23, homecoming representatives selected in each of the grade levels at the high school posed for photos.

Junior homecoming representatives are Mason Furey (lower left), Colton Dietrich, Samantha Slocum (lower right) and Mallory Shustock.

Sophomore homecoming representatives are Lucas Storm (lower left), Cole Storm (upper left), Faith Kent (lower right) and Paige Harvey (upper right).

Freshman homecoming representatives are Calvin Kamischke (lower left), Noah Hall, Laci Simon (lower right) and Emerson Baker.

The Lake Fenton High School senior homecoming court is (from left) Jillian Forbush, Sydney Johnson, Kaylie Terburgh, Bailey Wilson, Queen Christina Lamb, King Cameron Wright, Mason Cook, Ty Callison, Ryan Murany and Collin Wade.
Will you get the flu shot this year?

“Got mine, partly because I’m required to for work and also because I had influenza when I was in my early 20s and I’d rather not be that ill ever again. Fever of 105 and then pneumonia — no thanks.”

Angela Smith
Fenton

“Had mine like I do every year, I listen to my doctor, not a Facebook doctor.”

Bruce Makinen
Bay City

“Why would anyone? If Governor Whitless says her mandates will stop Covid, then the common flu doesn’t have a chance.”

Kevin E Washburn
Holly

“Yes, family of six, already received them last week.”

Lisa Holden
Fenton

“I will not get a flu shot. I have never had the shot, nor the flu in all my life. I do not intend to begin now.”

Mike Hoedeman
Linden
Get the kids involved with last minute ways to celebrate Halloween in disguise

By Vera Hogan

With Halloween this weekend, don’t worry about not having a costume yet. Last minute costumes can be conjured up almost as fast as you can say hocus pocus.

Has the COVID-19 pandemic drained your “fun stuff” budget? No worries, local thrift stores like Goodwill (Fenton and Holly locations) and Community Threads of Fenton, and area resale shops, feature a wealth of items perfect for creating homemade costumes.

But first, look around your home, dig through drawers and you’re sure to find some great ideas. Homemade costumes take imagination, but chances are they are the ones that come out on top in Halloween costume contests. If sewing skills are minimal, costumes can be basted, safety-pinned, glued or stapled together.

Flannel and knit pajamas can be the basis of a wide variety of costumes. They can be transformed with paints, dyes and a variety of embellishments.

White sheets can be cut into strips and bound on the body for a mummy look. They are perfect for creating ghosts, angels and many other outfits.

Colored sheets can be utilized for any number of costumes, from an orange pumpkin to a pink elephant or yellow bird.

Old lace curtains or other curtain sheers or panels can be utilized to make gowns for Halloween brides, queens and princesses.

Scarecrows, bums, hobos and tramps are easy costumes to create.

Colorful fabric patches can be sewn on old jeans or pants. Raggedy shirts and antiquated hats of any description can be used and makeup can be literally “smeared on.”

Clown outfits can be easily created from items found around the houses and the “clown paint” on the face is unlimited in creativity.

Puffy white fabric on a black shirt and pants can create a scary skeleton. Follow through with black and white face paint.

A mime can easily be created with black and white clothing and white face paint.

Create feet and paws for animal costumes with old tube socks, mittens and gloves. Glue on toenails cut from felt or paint toes and pads on the bottom.

Old prom, bridesmaids and flower girl gowns can be recycled into works of art with fabric, glue ribbons, sequins, trims, beads and feathers.

Antiquated costume jewelry becomes royal jewelry, or can be glued on old shoes to accessorize a king, queen, lord, lady or fairytale costume.

A gypsy girl costume can be created in a jiffy with a skirt, peasant blouse, colorful scarves, gold hoop earrings and an abundance of bangle bracelets and beads.

Lenses can be popped out of old sunglasses and the rims can be decorated with glitter, rhinestones, sequins or feathers to coordinate with certain costumes.

A person can be transformed into a bunch of grapes by wearing a green shirt and tights and a hat made form green-dyed cotton. Inflated purple balloons are then attached to the tights and shirt. Leaves and curly stems can be created from green felt.

Halos can be formed with wire hangers of sturdy wire wrapped with silver foil. Old bumblebee wings can be transformed into the wings of an angel by dusting them with glitter.

Be trashy! Take a basic oversize garbage bag and cut leg holes in it and get in. Then stuff with newspaper (already read and recycled Tri-County Times issues). Tie the bag at the neck with fish line (virtually invisible) so it appears to be floating out of the bag.

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Event also lifts spirits of residents in nursing and rehab home

By Hannah Ball

Hundreds of children and their parents were able to celebrate Halloween early with Trunk-or-Treat at Mission Point of Holly on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The trunks were filled with skeletons, witches and, most importantly, candy. Jeff Bowen, director of marketing at Mission Point, said they wanted to give parents a safe option to let their kids enjoy Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 200 to 250 kids came to the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center for the event.

“That was good for us. It was the first time we ever did it. Hopefully, we’ll double that next year. I want it to be a big annual thing,” he said. “The parents were happy. The fire truck enclosed the space. It was safe.”

The Holly Village police and fire departments came out to pass out candy.

More than a dozen cars and trucks were lined up, many with decorations, to pass out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat event in Holly last week. Photo: Hannah Ball

Too. Kids, and some parents, came dressed as princesses, hot dogs, movie characters and other spooky creatures. A group of “witches” performed a flash mob to the delight of onlookers.

Local businesses and organizations helped by donating candy.

“We had great community involvement. We had a lot of people who donated candy,” Bowen said. “It was a good village endeavor. Everyone pitched in and helped out and it was awesome.”

Participants were able to walk around the building and see the residents through the windows in the skilled nursing and rehab home.

Environmental Director Josh Banjulska said, “Our residents, right now, they can’t leave, they can’t get visitors so this is really for them to see all the kids. In the past, we’ve brought kids into our building. We’ve done events like this. This is great for them to walk around and see everything. And it’s giving back to our community. We’re in the neighborhood, and some people don’t love having a business in their neighborhood. So this is giving back and trying to make that a good thing.”

In the future, Bowen said they plan on hosting this event possibly before Oct. 15, and they want to make it a huge event.
Financial Plus Credit Union welcomes new vice president

Financial Plus Credit Union has announced that Rachelle Kippe has joined the company as the vice president of mortgage lending. In this role, she is responsible for establishing, leading, and executing the strategic initiatives for mortgage lending.

“Rachelle brings extensive mortgage knowledge and experience to our organization,” said Brad Bergmooser, CEO. “At Financial Plus Credit Union, she will develop and implement a comprehensive mortgage lending growth plan which includes oversight of originations, servicing, support and sales staff, and portfolio management. She will also lead mortgage loan production while working collaboratively with other leaders in order to meet lending objectives, manage risk, and support operations.”

Kippe is connected to the community and an active participant serving on various professional associations. She is an affiliate member of East Central Association of Realtors, a member of Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association and affiliate member of Women’s Council of Realtors. Since 2003, she has served on the board of Metro Community Development, Inc. a local non-profit. She is currently serving as the board chair.

Kippe said, “The work Metro Community Development does in the community is amazing including: helping homelessness as the lead organization in Genesee County for Continuum of Care, homeownership counseling and opportunities for our low/moderate income borrowers; and entrepreneurship training and access to capital for small business owners.”

For information, visit myfpcu.com or call 800-748-0451.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPiled by Sharon Stone

TEEN CAUGHT BREAKING INTO KARL RICHTER CENTER

On Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a report of someone breaking into some maintenance buildings at the Karl Richter Campus. Holly officers responded and upon arrival observed a male subject on the property. The person was detained and identified as a 14-year-old Holly youth. The youth had evidence on his clothing consistent with the entry and damage to the out buildings. In addition, he was carrying an item removed from one of the buildings. The buildings were checked and secured. The youth was arrested for breaking and entering and processed at Holly Police Department. Charges are being sought through the Oakland County Prosecutor’s office.

TIME

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your schedule won’t be affected Sunday.

On Nov. 1, the time will change in almost all of the United States, except for Hawaii and most of Arizona. Also unaffected are the U.S. dependencies American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Recently, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), an organization representing sleep scientists and clinicians, called for abolishing DST. In a statement in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, they wrote, “seasonal time changes should be abolished in favor of a fixed, national, year-round standard time.”

In a July 2020 survey, the AASM found that 63 percent of U.S. adults surveyed supported the elimination of DST. Another survey from 2019 found that more than half of Americans typically feel tired after the clocks move forward an hour for DST.

Several U.S. states are proposing or have passed bills in favor of permanent DST. However, none have received congressional approval to abolish the time change. For this to happen, Congress first has to pass a federal law allowing states to observe DST year-round, because today’s law only allows states to forgo DST.

SET CLOCKS BACK OR AHEAD?

To remember which way to set your watch, keep in mind one of these sayings: “Spring forward, fall back” or “Spring ahead, fall behind.” The clocks spring ahead (equals losing one hour) in the spring when DST starts, and they fall back one hour equals gaining one hour) when DST ends in the fall.

RESURFACING

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This intersection carries approximately 28,400 vehicles daily. The work is being done by Cadillac Asphalt of Clarkston.

This work comes after members of the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC), Holly Township, the village of Holly held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 15 to mark the completion of the $4.3 million N. Holly Road resurfacing project. The project was funded in part by a special federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant with the remainder shared by RCOC and Holly Township.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ABSOLUTE STANDARDS FOR right and wrong don’t take the circumstances of a situation into account. For instance, “Thou shalt not kill.” If someone is shooting a rapid-fire weapon into a crowd of people, wouldn’t it be justifiable to use force to stop them, even if it ended up killing them?

FOURTEEN ROBO CALLS yesterday. None were political. Make the phone companies stop this madness. Oh wait. They’re making money. Do not call list is a joke.

I LOVE THE article about the Fenton soccer team’s final game. Even though they lost in districts, you can clearly see they love to play and they are a true team, whether they win or lose. Amazing coaches will do that. Good job, Fenton.

THE FIRST HOT line comment that I read on Saturday’s front page was someone complaining that one church was getting too much recognition for the good they were doing. I thought we were all wanting more positive news than negative. Sounds like a jealousy problem and someone who likes to complain.

OH GIVE ME a break ‘ol grumpy one criticizing the whimsical designs of some people’s masks. If more people did wear them, we wouldn’t be where we are today. Telling people not to wear them, now that’s serious.

WHY IS IT OK to count ballots two or three days after the election? Does your boss say it’s OK to come in two or three hours late? It’s not like everyone doesn’t know there is an election this year.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Roll Call: Supervisor Kullis, Clerk Winchester, Mark Freeman, Trustee Feeney and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Approved: Lon and Melody Marshall Rezoning Application to Rezone from AGRE (Minimum Lot Size 5 Acres) to Rural Estate (Minimum Lot Size 2.5 Acres) for 3605 Oyster Lake Rd., Holly MI 48442, Parcel ID # I 01-18-100-029.


Approved: Request to Reduce Speed Limits on Gravel Roads – Proposed Resolution 2020-22.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC Holly Township Clerk

George A. Kullis Holly Township Supervisor
Lake Fenton grad is 2021 military engineer of year

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Dill, a 2001 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, was selected as the Military Engineer of the Year. He was selected from a competitive field of talented engineers. Capt. Gregory Vinci, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Washington commanding officer, make the announcement Oct. 14.

Dill was honored to be selected for the award and acknowledged that the accomplishment was not his alone. “Thanks and gratitude are equally appropriate to the staff at Public Works Department Washington, particularly the Production Division that executes the daily work to operate and maintain critical systems throughout (Naval Support Activity) Washington,” Dill said.

With a little over two years at NAVFAC Washington, Dill has been a successful production officer. He leads more than 80 civilian and military personnel who deliver utility engineering, facility sustainment and maintenance, and special construction services to NSAW’s seven fence lines within the National Capital Region.

Dill, a graduate of U.S. Naval Academy and Florida Atlantic University with degrees in electrical and ocean engineering, became an engineer because he’s always been interested in solving problems, building things, and understanding the fundamentals of how systems work.

“I wanted to be a pilot, but I also wanted to know how science, math, and their application come together to make a system work, such as an aircraft,” Dill said. “Becoming an engineer was a natural choice. Whether I was assigned to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, NAVFAC, or NAVSEA, I’ve had the pleasure to work with talented people operating and constructing base infrastructure, develop weapons and intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance (ISR) systems, and search for unexploded ordinance in places like the Baltic Sea and off the Alaskan coast.”

Dill believes younger people should consider engineering as a career path. “Engineering is a great career field because it opens people to possibility,” Dill said. “It provides a foundation to understand how inventions of civilization work and we can utilize all the knowledge we’ve acquired to continue solving interesting problems and pushing humanity forward.”

Dill has been nominated to compete in the overall NAVFAC Engineer of the Year program for even further recognition. NAVFAC Washington participates in the annual National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Federal Engineer of the Year program to recognize the exceptional contributions that engineers make to the profession, to the supported commanders, and to the community.
Creepy, and local, books to read during Halloween season

Two local, nonfiction books tell tales of tragedy and ghosts

By Hannah Ball

During spooky season, which is the month of October, I like to find some creepy books to read. This year, I bought two books by local authors during Witches Night Out at Fenton’s Open Book. (I got them signed, too.)

The first is “Clarkston’s Curse: One Child’s Quest to Make Sense of the Tragedies in Her Hometown” by Ann Margaret Johns. The second is “Haunted Flint” by Roxanne Rhoads and Joe Schipani. I devoured both of them within hours.

“Clarkston’s Curse” was unnerving to me. Between 1969 and 1982, Clarkston had more than 40 unexplained accidents and murders. Teenagers drowned in lakes. People were hit by cars. A mother killed two of her children. One person was involved in three motorcycle accidents.

This book was named a Gold Winner in 2018 from the Nonfiction Authors Association.

It’s chilling because it’s nonfiction, and Clarkston is only about 20 minutes away. In a small community, everyone knows everyone, which makes these incidents seem heavier.

The book flows very well, and while it’s a history lesson, it doesn’t feel like one. Ann Margaret Johns wonderfully encapsulates the feel of small, rural town living with stories, some hilarious and some sad, about cows escaping their pens, pranks gone wrong, teen heartbeat, barn cats and more.

I’m incredibly impressed with the amount of research she put into this book. When she explains a certain incident, she annotates it and the reader can go to the back of the book to find the relevant headline from a news source.

The book is a great reminder that while some towns may be small, their stories are not.

“Haunted Flint” is an impressive mix of ghost stories and history. Rhoads and Schipani wrote about the original Native Americans who owned the land, to the city’s lasting automotive roots. Their intent was clear in doing this — to make the book informative, but also to show that the best ghost stories are often the ones born from actual events.

“Flint, Michigan, isn’t large and it sure isn’t a tourist destination, but it has an extensive history of pain, suffering, crime, hardship and … ghost stories,” reads the introduction.

The first haunted place explained is a Georgina colonial in a Flint subdivision that’s referred to as Knob Hill. The first owner was George Keller, who was the mayor of Flint in 1917. Time passes, and the multiple owners after them reported mysterious things. In 1933, a woman was bludgeoned to death by her son in the house. A similar incident occurred years later.

Other haunted places include the Holiday Inn Express, which was built on a cemetery, and the Whaley House, which reportedly contains a certain eeriness and spooky happenings such as levitating tarps, moving toys, shadowy figures and more. The Motor City Ghost Hunters have caught electronic voice phenomena (EVP) in several rooms, as well as strong electromagnetic field (EMF) readings in the basement.

Several claims have been made about The Capitol Theatre being haunted. Rhoads and Schipani wrote about people hearing knocks and screams coming from inside the walls, echoing singing in an empty theatre and a “ghostly glowing girl” sitting on stage.

Fenton and Holly are both mentioned in the book. Another local connection is Phil Hagerman, CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy. He owns The Dryden Building, which is a popular retail destination that is allegedly haunted. People have reported hearing footsteps when they were alone, or seeing a man walking up and down a hall. When someone tries to approach the man, he disappears.

One of the most interesting haunted locations is the Sunset Hills and River Rest Cemeteries, which is home to a half dozen life-like statues that visitors sometimes mistake for actual people. Out of all the chapters, this one creeps me out the most.

I greatly enjoyed both of these books, and I urge everyone to pick up a copy if you want to read about real-life ghost stories.
Horoscopes

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, rest and relax now because it may be a bumpy ride over the next few days. Rely on your energy reserves to make it through. Things will calm down sooner enough.

**TAURUS**
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, allow friends to lavish attention on you. You deserve a little more time in the limelight because of all the hard work you have been putting in.

**GEMINI**
May 21/Jun 21
Gemini, by making yourself more vulnerable, you can show others how you are compassionate and in tune with your softer side. This may help create alliances.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, try a new and interesting hobby that aligns with your current interests. Don’t worry if it has nothing to do with your profession. It’s okay to branch out.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Make some changes to your wellness routine, Virgo. Changes could help you feel better in your daily life and set the course for many positive things in the future.

**VIRGO**
Aug 24/Sept 22
It is always good knowing someone has your back, Virgo. This can be a best friend, a romantic partner, a family member, or even a colleague. It is a relief to have support.

**LIBRA**
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a pleasant routine is essential for improving your mood and outlook. It’s easier to handle stressful situations when you make smart choices.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 24/Nov 22
There are many things happening around you, and it is best to focus on the positives even in the most hectic times. Immense yourself in your favorite hobbies.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 23/Dec 21
Being in tune with your feelings is a very good thing this week, Sagittarius. It can help you focus on goals that will make you happy and avoid situations that make you upset.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 19
You are a natural leader who prefers overseeing projects to getting your hands dirty. But to strengthen authority, you sometimes have to handle some of the nuts and bolts.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 20/Feb 18
Now is the time to increase your income rather than the pressure on you. That means thinking outside the box in terms of additional work. Consider self-employment.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, most of the time you like making your contributions from the background. But lately you are ready to step into the spotlight.
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**The Tri-County Times Daily Edition**

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By David Troppens

The Flint Metro League season didn’t begin the way the Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team had hoped it would.

The Blue Devils finished in third, seemingly already putting any chances of a league crown into serious jeopardy.

But since then, life has changed. The squad has a full team and the Blue Devils rebounded by winning the second Metro League Stars Division Jamboree, giving them a strong chance at winning the crown.

Recently, the Blue Devils made it a reality, capturing the squad’s first-ever Flint Metro League Stars Division crown with a first-place finish at the final event held at Corunna High School.

Lake Fenton won the meet with 38 points, edging out second-place Goodrich’s point total of 44. That gave the Blue Devils the Stars Division season championship by a point. The Lake Fenton girls took third in the women’s race, finishing third in the final standings as well.

But after the second jamboree when “It was little questionable coming into our season with such a young team because at the beginning I was the only runner sub 17, especially after coming in third as a team at the first jamboree,” Lake Fenton senior and meet first-place boys race finisher Joey Gilbert said.

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The Tigers dominated the contest with their offense, particularly with their ground game. Berkey ran for 186 yards on 21 carries while quarterback Dylan Davidson ran for 103 yards on 22 carries resulting in the Tigers collecting 489 yards total offense. Berkey continues to have big games, scoring on TD runs of three and 56 yards. He also caught a pass for 27 yards. He made most of his runs by exploding to the outside. Davidson collected 106 rushing yards.

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Bronchos capture first win, defeat Clio 44-0

By David Troppens

Holly’s Aleczander Lewis had a big game for the Bronchos in their 44-0 victory against the Clio Mustangs. Photo: David Troppens

The Bronchos have garnered momentum through adversity. The team’s starting quarterback, Dallas Lesperance, said, “I’m so proud of this team for how they’ve handled it and what they’ve been facing and what they’ve been doing.”

Holly varsity football coach Lewis led 13-0 at the break. However, the squad started the season with 38 players and is now down to about 23 players. Injuries and departures left the offensive line in tatters.

The losses piled up. Frequently, the Bronchos would play a strong half or a strong portion of the game, only to have a rash of turnovers or penalties to reverse their fortune and result in a loss. Entering its last game the Bronchos were 0-5 and found some more bad news — the team’s starting quarterback was going to be out as well.

Apparentely the Bronchos have gotten mentally strong through all the adversity. The team’s starting quarterback was going to be out as well.

“The first half of football and not getting better each week. It was a tough season for the Holly team,” said Dallas Lesperance. “I’m so proud of this team what they’ve been facing and how they’ve handled it and have had growth they had. This team’s been amazing. They’ve gone into Friday and said, ‘Forget it, I’m done’ but instead they played four quarters of football together. It was a good victory.”

The Bronchos dominated from the start, scoring all 44 points in the first half. Backup quarterback Bryce Goings had an outstanding game and it started with a three-yard TD pass from Goings to Jacob Chereson. Goings scored the second TD on an 18-yard run and tossed a TD pass on the third. The toss was a 24-yard reception to Aleczander Lewis. Holly led 20-0 at this point.

The next score was provided by Maxwell Keurejian on a one-yard run. The first quarter’s final points came on Zayne Denny’s 22-yard field goal. The Bronchos led 30-0.

Holly scored two more times before the half was over.

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Eagles defeat Corunna, earn top seed

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team has had a few ups and downs this 2020 season, but it’s obvious the squad finished the season on a massive “up” move.

The Eagles, who were at one time 1-2 this season, won their third straight game, defeating Corunna in a tight 13-6 Metro League crossover victory Friday night at Linden High School.

The win means the Eagles (4-2) will be the No. 1 seed in the Division 3 Region 3 District 1 bracket, giving the squad a first-round bye in the seven-team tournament. The Eagles will host a semifinal game against the winner of the Holly-Bay City Western contest slated for Friday.

“We have some bumps and bruises we can take care of,” Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said when talking about the first-round bye. “I think I’d like to play to be honest. We’ve been playing well. I just hope there is not a drop off for not playing. We’ll work on some things to shore up on and go from there.”

The Eagles scored two first-half TDs and led 13-0 at the break. However, the team’s offense struggled in the second half and was unable to score again. Corunna did close the gap to 13-6 after a Jaden Herrick 13-yard TD run in the third quarter, but that’s as close as Corunna would get.

The first score came on an Austin Jaworski five-yard TD run. The second was a nine-yard reception to Jaworski from quarterback Gavin Wildeman.

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Blue Devils lose to Dragons

By David Troppens

The Blue Devils’ road games were against teams with a combined record of 14-4, and all were at least .500 teams.

With the tougher foes, the results started to falter. The Blue Devils are headed into the playoffs on a four-game losing streak after losing a Metro League crossover game to Swartz Creek 62-15 Friday.

Swartz Creek scored four first-quarter touchdowns, effectively ending the chances of a Blue Devils’ upset within the first 12 minutes of the game.

By the time the Blue Devils scored their first TD on a 20-yard TD run by Reid Shumaker, Lake Fenton trailed 35-0.
Fenton XC program, Holly boys headed to regional meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area will have three teams headed to the Division 1 Saginaw Heritage regional Saturday.

That’s because both Fenton varsity cross country teams and the Holly varsity boys cross country squad qualified at the pre-regional held at Cummings Center on Saturday. The Holly girls also had an individual qualifier earn a spot.

The Fenton girls were the area’s top performers at the event, taking second place with 56 points. Grand Blanc edged Fenton by winning the event with with 46 points. The Holly girls took seventh with 179 points.

The Fenton boys placed third at the meet with 87 points while Holly took fourth with 97 points. The top four squads in each race automatically qualified as a team. Flushing made it interesting, placing fifth with 98 points, just one less than the Bronchos. Hartland easily won the pre-regional with 35 points while Davison was in a comfortable second with 61 points.

The Fenton girls had its top five finishers within Grand Blanc’s top four finishers, but Grand Blanc had three of the top eight finishers, including the top two finishers helping them earn the win.

Grand Blanc’s Lola Thomas took first (18:21.61) and teammate Sophia Thomas (19:08.99) earned second. Fenton’s Taylor Huntoon followed in third (19:30.99) while Holly’s Andrea Ruiz qualified individually for the regional meet by taking fifth (19:50.28). The rest of Fenton’s runners were Emily Grob in 11th (20:12.02), Kaitlin Bayer in 13th (20:18.64), Sophia Resa in 18th (20:42.24) and Allie Michewicz in 30th (21:31.72).

Hartland dominated the men’s race, posting its entire seven runners within the top 15 positions. The winner was Hartland’s Riley Hough (14:57.24). Davison had the next two runners, with Brady McArdle in second (16:07.65), and Kenny Minto in third (16:14.41). Hartland’s Connor Joyce was fourth (16:14.68) followed by Fenton’s Michael Crane in fifth (16:21.79). He was the Tigers’ only top 15 finisher. The rest of Fenton’s runners were Nathan Katic in 16th (17:08.39), Noah Sage in 23rd (17:37.10), Tristan Bakker in 26th (17:44.90), Remington Stapp in 31st (17:48.43) and Brody Stack in 37th (18:14.99).

Holly’s battle with Flushing for fourth was tight. Flushing enjoyed two top-10 finishers while Holly only had Nolan Weisdorfer in seventh place (16:36.17). Flushing also had its entire scoring five finish within the top 30 points, while Holly didn’t finish scoring until 33rd place. However, Mason Rosa’s 12th place effort (16:50.57), Zahary Rockafellow’s 21st-place finish (17:29.78) and Grant Hoffman’s 27th-place performance (17:46.10) gave Holly four finishers before Flushing’s fourth. Holly’s Benjamin Baxter finished in 33rd (17:53.05) earning the Bronchos the tight fourth-place finish. And he needed to finish no worse than 33rd otherwise Flushing would’ve won the tie between Flushing on sixth runner finish. Holly’s other two runners were Jack Jackson in 50th (19:04.92) and Brandon Strickert in 52nd (19:14.48).

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Fenton’s Tristan Bakker was one of the Tigers’ top five runners at the pre-regional meet Saturday. The team will compete at the regional meet.  

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Fenton’s Rose Haney was one of the members of the Tigers’ winning 400 freestyle relay team in Fenton’s win against Owosso.  

Photo: David Troppens

Tigers crush Owosso in Metro action

By David Troppens

Fenton’s Flint Metro League dominance continued Thursday in girls swimming and diving when the Tigers faced Owosso, recently.

The Tigers won all three relay events and took 10 of the 12 firsts overall, resulting in a 123-60 victory.

Three-time individual state champion Gracie Olsen won two of Fenton’s individual events and helped a relay to a first. She teamed with Sophie Stefanc, Rose Haney and Halee Alexander to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:55.00) while winning the 200 freestyle (2:07.35) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.00) individually.

The Tigers opened the meet by winning the 200 medley relay with the team of Stefanc, Rose Haney, Alexander and Sara Saab (2:00.64). Later,
Holly girls swim team loses tight dual vs. Kearsley Hornets, 88-82

By David Troppe

The Holly varsity girls swimming and diving team had itself a thrilling Metro League battle against the Kearsley/Lake Fenton co-op squad.

The Hornets took the top two spots in the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — resulting in an 88-82 Bronchos’ loss.

One of the reasons Holly had a chance to win the dual involved their first two relays. The 200 medley relay team of Katie Sanders, Lauren Costigan, Ella Althaver and Gale Bullard won their race with a time of 2:09.67. Later in the meet, the 200 freestyle relay team of Lauren Costigan, Sanders, Althaver and Bullard also won (1:54.81). Holly also won two individual events and took second in five individual events as well.

Althaver won the 100 individual medley (2:35.35) while Emma Coggins won the 500 freestyle (7:06.67).

Costigan had two seconds.

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squad to qualify for the regional meet easily. In women’s action, the Eagles placed second while the Lake Fenton girls placed fourth.

In men’s action, Pinckney won with 36 points while second-place Lake Fenton scored 49 points. Goodrich placed third (67) with Linden taking fourth (69). Ortonville-Brandon finished a distant fifth (158), meaning both area teams easily qualified for the Linden regional meet.

Lake Fenton had its entire top seven finish within the top 26 places, and its entire scoring five runners within the top 18 places.

Joey Gilbert was Lake Fenton’s top individual finisher, placing fourth in 17:06.89. Pinckney’s Gavin White (16:45.63) earned first place. Teammate Kevin Miller placed fifth with a time of 17:17.79. Lake Fenton’s third runner was Nolan Pinion in 10th (17:49.41) and Colton Dietrich was 12th (17:57.51) which meant the Blue Devils trailed Pinckney by just eight points with the fifth runners still not finished. That was where Pinckney was strong, getting its last three runners to finish with its top 17. Lake Fenton’s Matt Fletcher finished 18th (18:20.22), which was before Goodrich’s fourth runner in the field. The last two Lake Fenton runners were Logan Whittencar in 22nd (18:56.85) and Nathan Niestroy in 26th (19:33.12).

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Kevin Lewis broke 17 and Colton and Logan returned to varsity I could start to see the team doing better than what I had previously thought. After seeing our growth and success as a team these past races I can say that I am extremely proud of the team and I don’t think any of us thought we would accomplish what we have thus far. I cannot wait to see how we do in this post season."

If there was an unofficial individual champion of the Metro League, it would be Gilbert. He was the only runner to finish with a sub-16-minute time in the Stars Division or the Stripes Division race, posting a time of 15:59.3. Goodrich’s Gabe Trudeau was second with a time of 16:23.3.

“I am very pleased with my performance Saturday, it was a beautiful day for a race and it was a perfect course to PR on,” Gilbert said. “It would’ve been nice to see the races combined between the stars and stripes divisions for my final Flint Metro League meet and it would’ve been very beneficial for our underclassman to experience a bigger race. This season I’ve been getting caught up with going out hot the first mile with the other competitors but my second mile has really been my sweet spot and it showed on Saturday. My coach told me to go out more conservative around 5:15 and consciously tell myself to go faster which I did. My second mile being where I put a gap on Goodrich’s Gabe Trudeau then kept rolling from there.”

The Blue Devils had their top five finish within the top 15 positions, while Goodrich had its top five finish within the top 14 positions. The difference was Lake Fenton had four of the top nine runners, with Lake Fenton’s fourth runner beating Goodrich’s third runner to the finish line.

Kevin Lewis took sixth (16:50.9) while Colton Dietrich was seventh (16:59.4). Nolan Pinion placed ninth (17:15.7) and Matt Fletcher was 15th (17:59.1). The Blue Devils had their top seven finish within the top 25. Logan Whittencar placed 20th (18:16.0) and Nathan Niestroy was 25th (18:50.8).

The girls placed third in all three races, but with each event their point totals progressively lowered. The Blue Devils had 71 points compared to first-place Goodrich’s 47 points and Corunna’s second-place total of 63 points.

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ELLEN STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the vacation of a portion of Ellen Road pursuant to the City’s authority under Section 7.6 of the City Charter. Electronic remote access is being implemented in response to COVID-19. The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting at the following link:

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