

Can we have your name and phone number?

■ Restaurants and bars required to ask for information to comply with state mandate on contact tracing of COVID-19

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) revised and extended its epidemic order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

For bars, restaurants, and social events outside private homes, indoor party sizes at a single table are now restricted to six people.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 2, bars and

restaurants are required to take names and contact information to support effective contact tracing if necessary. Research published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has shown that visiting restaurants is a risk factor for COVID positivity.

Alongside the rerelease of Thursday's order, MDHHS published strong

recommendations for indoor social gatherings, including at Thanksgiving.

While continuing to focus on encouraging voluntary compliance with its Emergency Orders, MDHHS has also issued rules that set forth fines for violations of these epidemic orders. Violations are punishable by a civil fine

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Fenton to sell 86 vacant lots for \$610,084

■ City acquired Orchard Hills Development (Phase II) parcels in foreclosure

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton City Council discussed the sale of 86 vacant lots in the Orchard Hills Development during its work session Monday, Nov. 2. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

The lots are on Maple Tree Drive, Plum Tree Drive, Peach Tree Trail, Cherry Tree Court and Apple Tree Court.

The city received the properties in tax foreclosure during to the more recent economic downturn. The sale was publicized in

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City of Fenton voters wait in line at St. John Activity Center on Tuesday morning, Nov. 3. The line wrapped around the parking lot with hundreds of voters waiting to cast their ballot. One voter said she arrived around 8:30 a.m. and waited more than an hour. Look for election results at myfenton.com. Photo: Hannah Ball

Public hearing scheduled

■ Niles Industrial Coatings to invest more than \$1.5 million in city of Fenton, create 20 new jobs

By Sharon Stone

For the past several years, Niles Industrial Coatings at 201 S. Alloy Dr., in Fenton, has contemplated making a substantial investment in its operations. This is according to a Nov. 2, memo from Michael Hart, assistant Fenton city manager and downtown development authority (DDA) executive director to Lynn Markland, Fenton city manager.

Hart said that with much consideration and discussion of making an out-of-state

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“I wish to thank the two ladies who paid for my items at Dollar General on Tuesday Oct. 25. And a special thank you to the lady who paid for my groceries on Wednesday. I will pay it forward, thanks to you.”



“I don't know about other neighborhoods, but the Squanemah Shores area did Halloween right. It was awesome seeing so many costumed trick-or-treaters and their parents, some also dressed up, following close behind. We actually ran out of candy this year.”



“Kudos to Tri-County Times for publishing 'So you think this election is nasty?' Trump/Biden is very mild compared to these. Real Americans knew this.”



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Fish Lake Road to close for railroad crossing repairs

■ Motorists will have access to homes and businesses within closure, detours to be posted

By Sharon Stone

Motorists are advised that Fish Lake Road, from Grange Hall Road to Academy Road in Holly Township, will be closed for a couple of weeks for railroad crossing repairs.

Canadian National (CN) railroad will close Fish Lake Road from Grange Hall Road to Academy Road starting Monday, Nov. 9 for railroad crossing repair work.

During the closure, access to homes and businesses within the closure will be maintained.

The detour for through traffic is Academy Road to Oakland Street to Saginaw Street to Grange Hall Road, back to Fish Lake Road and vice versa.

Fish Lake Road is expected to reopen to traffic Monday, Nov. 23.

This section of Fish Lake Road carries approximately 3,630 vehicles daily.



Canadian National (CN) railroad will close Fish Lake Road from Grange Hall Road to Academy Road on Nov. 9 in order to repair the railroad crossing.
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Building Brands

What every brand can learn from fall fashion trends

If you're a woman and you've done any shopping for tops lately, you may have noticed that details like puffy sleeves and ruffled shoulders have made their way onto lots of shirts.

If you've been working from home these past six months, I bet you can guess why designers care so much about what's happening from the chest up — video calls.

At first I thought it was a coincidence that these trends were here, but that's not the case. The industry shelved whatever it was they had planned for fall 2020 and got to work on what consumers really need right now.

Designer Rebecca Minkoff talked about this shift during the Inc. 5000 Vision Conference last week.

As it has for most companies, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of change in Minkoff's business. Many of those changes, Minkoff said, have resulted in her team getting to know their customer better. The result — more fancy shoulder tops and more accessories.

Another change said Minkoff is that her team no longer works in silos — everyone is doing a little bit of everything.

The same can be said for our team at View Newspaper Group. Some of that is beneficial because it reconnects team members with tasks they haven't done in some time. Unfortunately, everyone doing everything can also lead to burn out. Minkoff addressed that too, saying that she and her team combat that in a couple of ways. First of all, they celebrate each win together to keep the momentum going and second, the leadership team listens to and addresses any concerns.

Before hearing Minkoff speak, I couldn't have listed many similarities between the newspaper and fashion industries, but there are tons. Since COVID-19 we have listened, learned, shared, become nimble and supportive, and most importantly, we've pivoted when needed.

After a successful Bottles, Brews & News craft beer and wine festival last year, we knew we had to do

something to keep the name and spirit alive even though we could not host an in-person event. After months of brainstorming different possibilities, we found a way to make it work.

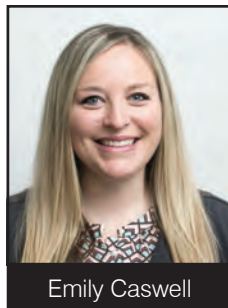
Bottles, Brews & News Beer Fest in a Bag is set for 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, in the parking lot at John's Pizzeria in Fenton. For \$30, ticket holders will receive a reusable souvenir bag filled with a mixed six-pack and other goodies for two — to go. The idea is to return home with the goodie-filled bag and host a mini craft beer fest for yourself and/or a small group of friends.

Best of all, proceeds from the event benefit the nonprofit agency, Fenton Area Resource and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR). Last year's event raised \$6,000 for the nonprofit, which works with residents in crisis to coordinate help with basic needs.

I'd say, our latest pivot is to craft beer events what fancy shoulders is to the fashion industry.

I bet if you think about it, your business has a "fancy shoulders" example too. I'd love to hear it. Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

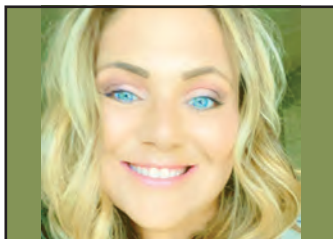


Emily Caswell

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What do you think of bars and restaurants being required to record names and phone numbers for contact tracing?

streettalk



"It feels intrusive, but I feel much worse for the restaurant owners and the employees. They already have so much pressure on them due to COVID rules and regulations. This is just going to add to their stress."

Marcy Andrews Deffendall
Fenton



"I don't care. We willingly give our names and phone numbers to Walmart/Kroger/Meijer to get coupons and good deals. If you don't like it, stay home."

Korina Henry
Columbiaville



"If you are an owner of a restaurant and you support this governor after all she has done to let you fail — no. You worked way too hard, and your staff worked way too hard to let yet another restriction slowly kill your revenue stream."

Christopher Mack
Byron



"I think that it is not necessary and violates our constitutional rights! It further hinders these businesses who have struggled to maintain and it's just another hassle and deterrent for them. Are they requiring Walmart or grocery stores or anyone else to take names and numbers?"

Kimberly Huot McCarthy
Fenton



"I personally would want to know if the place I dined had someone test positive so I'm good with them knowing my contact info."

Julie Hussar
Fenton

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THE BIKE PATH is awesome. Clearly, the smokers and non-exercisers don't like it. Push on, we need more.

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NOW THAT OUR varsity football season has ended with just one win, I hope the administration will make some coaching changes. Our players and community deserve better.

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As COVID-19 anxiety grows...

■ Tips to avoid crisis and conflict

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Among mask mandates, social distancing, outspoken political views and personal challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a heightened risk for public spaces turning into places of conflict.

According to experts at the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), the global leader in de-escalation training for over 40 years, mentally preparing and practicing responses can best ensure non-confrontational experiences.

Potential challenging situations could include disagreements over mask requirements or social distancing, family gatherings, shopping lines, acclimating to more densely populated work environments or navigating political discussions.

"Having trained teachers, nurses and others who interact with the public, and being a social worker myself, I know the immense need for de-escalation training in the workplace and in everyday life," said Amber Belle, a global CPI trainer. "Learning conflict-prevention techniques can help ensure you have positive experiences in your community."

CPI has identified probable areas of conflict and how to best mitigate tension. They recommend embracing four simple techniques to prevent and reduce conflict:

Avoid judgment

Understand that everyone has different life experiences and may be overwhelmed with struggles and anxiety from things you know nothing about. Listen and focus on the feelings behind the message.



Follow these tips to deescalate a tense situation during a COVID-19 incident.

Photo: statepoint.net

Don't take it personally

Another person's behavior is not about you. You are likely not the true target of someone's behavior. Tell yourself, "This may not be about the two of us; it may be about other issues in their life." Or repeat to yourself, "I'm going to be respectful. I'm going to be respectful."

Control your reactions

You can't control another person's behavior, but you can control how you react. Avoid using facial expressions, gestures and language that could make another person feel anxious or defensive.

Be prepared if you have to engage

Have a plan to acknowledge and redirect. Here are some things you could potentially say:

- "Yeah. This year has been difficult on everyone."
- "I can understand where you're coming from."
- "We'll all be glad to have this pandemic behind us."

Over four decades, CPI has trained more than 15 million individuals in its techniques, spanning many industries and professions, especially health care and education. CPI tracks violent incidents in the industries it trains, and data shows that de-escalation skills, when used correctly, can quickly decrease violence regardless of the industry.

For more de-escalation tips, go to crisisprevention.com.

During a particularly tense time in our nation's history, having a few techniques at the ready can help you avoid conflict wherever you are.

Source: StatePoint.net

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

TRAFFIC VIOLATION LEADS TO ARREST IN HOLLY

On Saturday, Oct. 31, at 3:57 p.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver was identified as a 54-year-old Holly man. The officer determined the driver's license to be suspended along with other violations. The driver was arrested and a court date is pending.

MALE SUSPECT SHOPLIFTS IN HOLLY

On Sunday, Nov. 1, at 4:42 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a N. Holly Road business for a report of a man stealing items from the store. The employee said that a white male with blonde hair and facial tattoos took several items and left without paying. The suspect got into a black Toyota Camry and left southbound on N. Holly Road. The manager reported that this person has been suspected of stealing from the store in the past. Holly police are investigating.

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MAYBE GOD IS trying to get your attention. He is arousing you from your quiet peaceful weekend. How much louder does he have to get? Just a thought.

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YOU COULD HAVE worse neighbors than The Rock Church disturbing your weekend. You could have mine — partying, no social distancing, no masks, campfire, pool party every weekend till 2 to 3 a.m., drinking and carrying on and a band. Switch places with you? Yeah, I didn't think so.

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WONDERFUL HALLOWEEN COSTUMES and the kids seemed more excited this year. So fun. I never know how many to prep for. Sixty was not enough.

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UNFORTUNATELY, WE PROBABLY won't know who won the U.S. presidency until, maybe Friday, at the earliest, due to the states that have delayed counting ballots until up to nine days after the election, if they are postmarked on Nov. 3.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**Precedent, stare decisis and other legal terms and concepts**

When United States Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett had her Senate confirmation hearing last month, she was asked about her position on following “precedents” announced in previous United States Supreme Court cases and adhering to the doctrine of “stare decisis” for future cases before the court.

She gave general answers to these questions and declined to be specific as to how she might rule. She did indicate that she was an “originalist” and then defined the term.

It occurred to me that at this hearing we had three important legal terms which most people probably aren't familiar with and thus gives me an opportunity to explain them and some other related legal terms

and concepts.

So here goes.

A legal precedent is when a higher court has announced a rule of law, which is to be followed in subsequent cases. This is to provide predictability, stability, fairness, and efficiency in the law.

The requirement that precedent be followed in subsequent court decisions is called stare decisis, which is Latin for “stand by the decision.” This means that generally speaking, there is an obligation on courts to honor past precedents. However, if a court believes a precedent should be overturned, stare decisis does not apply.

The United States Supreme Court has developed four factors to consider in overturning precedent:

- The quality of the past decision's reasoning;
- Its consistency with related decisions;
- Legal developments since the past decision;
- Reliance on the decision throughout the legal system and society.

Some Supreme Court Justices adhere to the doctrine of “originalism,” which is that the United States Constitution should be interpreted as the founding fathers intended. Other Justices believe that the constitution is not static but changes from era to era and interpretations should change accordingly. Some take a middle position.

Finally, there have been Supreme Court cases where there has been unanimous agreement that precedent and stare decisis should not be applied. A leading example is found in the 1954 case of Brown v Board of Education, which declared “separate but equal” racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

The nation will watch with special interest what happens in this year's Supreme Court term. When important opinions are released, I will make a full report.

VACANT LOTS

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the Times and the city's website.

One bidder, Sterling Construction, Inc., of Oakland County, came forward by the July 15 deadline.

During its July 27 meeting, city council requested and approved the negotiation and draft of a purchase agreement, which would be brought back to the city council for review and approval.

Currently, the city would like to move forward with completing the purchase agreement, including addressing environmental remediation, which can be signed by both parties.

The sale of these lots would strengthen the city's tax base and support the neighborhood developments underway.

As per the purchase agreement, the city would receive \$610,084 for the property purchase. The development will be cleaned of arsenic at the developer's expense and a performance bond will be put in place to provide a guarantee to the city.

The developer will do interim fixes to Maple Tree Drive and then replace it as an aspect of the project at the developer's cost.

The city also would receive from the developer \$875 per unit sale (impact fee) for a total of \$75,250, to defray unintended costs to the city's budget and potential wear and tear upon the city's infrastructure.

In a Nov. 2 memo from Michael Hart, assistant city manager and director of economic development to City Manager Lynn Markland, Hart wrote that he recommends that city council approve the purchase and the city manager to sign the purchase agreement with Sterling Construction.

City council will discuss a resolution to sell the lots on Nov. 9.

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Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint welcomes gynecologic oncologist

Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint continues to fill the need of specialty cancer treatment services by welcoming Rabbie Hanna, MD to its surgical oncology team.

Hanna is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist who specializes in the removal of cancerous tumors located within or near the female reproductive organs, in addition to the management of such cancers with chemotherapy. With the addition of Hanna, Genesee County and surrounding area women diagnosed with gynecologic cancers now have a specialized surgical option closer to home.

"I am excited to join the surgical oncology team in Flint and bring a specialized treatment to the area," Hanna said. "We're eliminating the need to travel for gynecologic oncology services — since the service is now closer to home, patients may receive care quicker, as well as receive additional treatments and follow-up care offered right here in Flint."

Hanna is a recognized leader in his field, who comes to Karmanos by way of the Detroit metropolitan area. He has been named to the Hour Detroit Top Doctors List every year since 2014, including receiving the most votes from his medical colleagues in 2020.

"When it comes to gynecologic oncology, I utilize minimally invasive surgical techniques, such as robotic surgery," Hanna said. "These types of procedures allow me to make smaller incisions resulting in faster recovery times for patients, rather than with traditional surgery techniques. The decision on which technique works best will be discussed among the patient's

cancer care team of physicians and with the patient."

Hanna removes cervical, ovarian, vulvar, vaginal and uterine cancers through surgery. He will work closely with the radiation oncologists on the McLaren Flint campus to provide the best treatment plan for each patient's success.

"We are dedicated to offering cancer patients the best treatments for their care," said Chris Boyce, Central Region and McLaren Northern Michigan Director of Cancer Services for Karmanos Cancer Network. "The addition of Dr. Hanna to our team of

oncologists in Flint helps us fill a void for this specialized cancer treatment. His expertise and training will help in creating more patient success stories in our communities."

Hanna has an extensive educational background in gynecologic oncology. He completed his gynecologic oncology fellowship training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 2011. In 2008, he completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at Wayne State University and Detroit Medical Center. He completed post-graduate training at The University Teaching Hospital of Al-Nahrain College of Medicine in Baghdad, Iraq, where he also received his medical degree.

Those who have been recently diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and are seeking the best treatment option for their case may call Hannah Ardelean, BSN, RN, OCN, the oncology nurse navigator at Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint to schedule a consultation: (810) 342-5899.

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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 November 5, 2020.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Holly High School, located at 6161 E Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442 on **Thursday, November 12 at 3:30 PM**. The meeting will be held on-site at the main entrance.

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly Area Schools 2021 Bond Construction Projects" 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, Tuesday December 1, 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 **\$25,288.00**. 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 December 1, 2020.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

RETAIL FRAUD, OBSTRUCTING HOLLY POLICE

On Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., Holly police responded to a retail fraud investigation at a N. Saginaw Street business and were able to identify the suspect from store video. The officers went to the home of the 18-year-old Holly man who admitted to the theft. As the officer was placing him under arrest, he struck the officer in the face and tried to push away from being arrested. The man was taken into custody and lodged pending issuance of felony obstruct police and retail fraud charges.

EX-GIRLFRIEND TAKES WALLET OF HOLLY MAN

On Thursday, Oct. 29, at 3:15 p.m., a Holly man contacted Holly police to report a theft from his home. The victim said that on

Wednesday, Oct. 28 a former girlfriend stopped at his home asking to stay for a few days. The man declined due to past relationship problems but offered her time to call other people to locate temporary lodging. The man used the restroom and returned to find her gone along with his wallet containing cash and ID. Holly police responded to her home address and made several calls to her cellphone with no results. Officers are investigating.

ASSAULT IN HOLLY BUSINESS

On Friday, Oct. 30, at 2:46 p.m. Holly police were advised of an assault and battery that occurred between customers inside a N. Saginaw Street business. Police were told that a woman punched a man in the face inside the store during an exchange of words. Officers arrived and are reviewing store video and gathering statements from all involved to assist in determining charges.

RESTAURANTS

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up to \$1,000 and may also be treated as a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. In addition, failure to comply with orders may violate a business or professional's licensure requirements or present a workplace safety violation.

Local restaurant owners respond

Curt Catallo, co-owner of the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant, said, "This latest mandate shows that restaurants are used to adapting on the fly."

With this newest mandate, he said they will tackle it like everything else. He said their restaurant group, Union Joints, has created an app and QR code that guests can fill out. "We count a lot on technology, Catallo said. "With this tracing, we're only using technology to comply with the mandate."

From his observations, Catallo said people in general are reluctant to give out personal information. "They need to remember we are only doing this to comply, nothing else. It's not for marketing.

"We're just the messengers. Bear with us," Catallo said.

Jason Warda, owner of The Barn, Ponemah Lakeside Lodge and the Fenton Pub, said it almost feels like restaurants have been the punching bag of 2020. He understands that people are reluctant to provide their information, however, he and his staff are just trying to follow the rules. He said guests will be asked at the door to provide their information.

"It's put us in a position to be the bad guy," he said. "It's not our fault. We're still the hospitality industry and we're being asked to do a lot."

As owner, he said it's frustrating for him to learn about new mandates through social media and the news when everyone else does. "No one asked our opinion," he said.

Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) responds

"Another day, another bar and restaurant regulation that looks good on paper. Why do they continue to pick on bars and restaurants when their own data continues to show that we are not a problem industry?" said MLBA Executive Director Scott Ellis on Friday, Oct. 30. "It would be more productive to focus on identifying and solving the real problems."

Only two COVID-19 outbreaks (defined as two or more cases linked to one place) were tied to bars in the most recent data gathered by MDHHS, which accounted for a two-week period ending October 22. During that same period, zero ongoing clusters/outbreaks were being monitored.

According to the order, all dine-in food service establishments must maintain accurate records of the names and phone numbers of patrons who purchase food for consumption on the premises, and the date and time of entry. If patrons refuse to provide information, servers must deny entry/service.

"If contact tracing is important, we should be doing it everywhere, not just in certain businesses to paint a bad picture," Ellis said.

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investment versus in the state, Niles Industrial Coatings decided to invest in Michigan.

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Hart said the investment will substantially benefit the city of Fenton, along with their Midland operations.

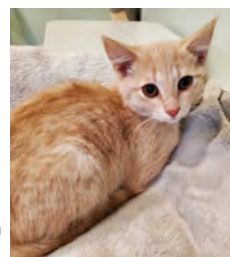
This includes investment in site improvement, personal property and job creation.

Per the Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) application submission to the city dated July 13, Niles Industrial Coatings will make a minimum real property investment of \$1,385,000, personal property investment of \$170,000 (total of \$1,555,000) and create 20 new jobs at its city of Fenton corporate headquarters.

Hart recommended city council approve the scheduling of a public hearing for Nov. 23, as required per the IFT application process.

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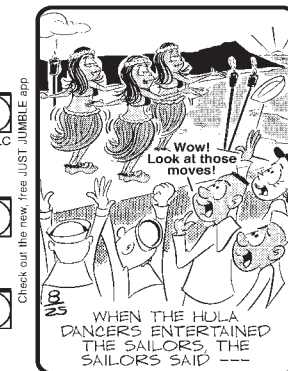
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

Horoscopes

For the week of
November 2, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Be prepared for some news at work, Aries. There may be a change in the hierarchy or another management change. Stay calm, as this could bode well.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, someone new may come into your life and you could be completely enamored. This may be a romantic interest, or someone who simply understands your way of thinking.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

While technology already is ever-present in your life, this week you may be introduced to a new form of technology in your home or place of work.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may find yourself drawn into online activities or a new hobby that you never previously considered. This may awaken a new interest in you and liven things up.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, take a few moments this week to examine your finances. Spend time looking at recurring payments and where you can cut. Opt for a new form of recordkeeping.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Strange developments may infiltrate your normally ordered schedule, Virgo. Even though situations may be outside of your wheelhouse, keep an open mind about all possibilities.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Take a greater interest in movies, music or entertainment, Libra. It is always good to broaden your horizons. Plus, this will give you new subject matter for conversations.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week you may have a strong urge to do something exciting or adventurous. You might want to book a spontaneous trip or ride a roller coaster.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

An unexpected career opportunity could be coming your way, Sagittarius. It's okay to be nervous, but focus more on the possibilities for advancement and excitement.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

New interests may capture your attention, Capricorn. Study different countries and their cultures to learn more about the world. Then plan future trips to an inspiring locale.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may be at a crossroads in your life that has you wondering what the next step may be. Take advantage of increased online educational possibilities.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you have been pondering a reason to move, now may be the time to really put a plan into action. Start researching neighborhoods.

Obituaries

Times

Dr. Peter Thomas Swallow

1933 - 2020

Dr. Peter Thomas Swallow - age 87 of Hartland, passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 4, 2020



company has now grown into three divisions; automotive, healthcare and wind energy. As a serial entrepreneur, Peter owned and invested in several other businesses in and around the Detroit area;

from 2 PM until 7 PM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 11 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Howell celebrated by Fr. Francis George. Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10 AM on Thursday. A private family interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. He was born March 4, 1933 in Detroit, to Leslie Thomas and Loretta Marie (Schmitt) Swallow. Peter graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School and continued on to University of Detroit College. He put himself through college working at Chrysler alongside his grandfather, whom he cherished. Peter was also a graduate professor at University of Detroit On May 25, 1957, he married Judith M. Maskell at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Southfield. Peter followed in his father's footsteps and acquired his father's packaging business, Swallow & Associates, located in Lathrup Village. In 1969, Peter founded Creative Foam Corporation in Fenton. His

restaurants, realty, plastics and environmental to name a few. He was extremely community oriented and a philanthropist, contributing his time to many organizations which included serving as a volunteer police officer for 20 years with the Lathrup Village Police Department, teaching gourmet cooking classes as a wine and cheese expert and the Livingston County Catholic Social Services where he served on the board and as treasurer. Peter is survived by his dear wife, Judith; loving children, David (Brenda) Swallow and Mary Ellen Aria; adoring grandchildren, Hillary Lynn (Dan) Valko, Bailey Rose Ahmad, Madison Marie Ahmad and Garrett Thomas (Anna) Ahmad; cherished great-grandchildren, Andrew James Valko and Henley Kaye Valko as well as his special canine friend Milo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy. Please visit the family's online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



Gertrude Hall

1935 - 2020

Gertrude Hall - age 85, of Fenton, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Caretel Inns of Linden with her family by her side. Private Services will be held. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Mark Cox officiating. Burial will be held 11 AM Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Cookeville, TN. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Gertrude's memory to the charity of one's choice. Gertrude was born on January 26, 1935 in Buffalo Valley, TN., the daughter of the late Matthew and Valley (Medley) Helms. She had resided in Fenton since 2007, coming from Madison Heights. She retired from Michigan Bell working in food services.



Gertrude is survived by two daughters, Sandra (Dennis) Russ of Fenton, Melissa Hall of Cookeville, TN; and three sons, Steven Hall of Knoxville, TN, Jeffery (Linda) Hall of Shelby Twp., and Joel (Carol)

Hall of Troy; grandchildren, Jason, Jennifer, Shawn, Hayley, Athena, Chad, Ryan, Dalton, Kristy, Paige, Garrett, and Amannnda; great-grandchildren, Zander, Ariana, Charlotte, Kaden, Devin, Serenity, Austin, Kerri, Cash; and one sister, Catherine Alcorn. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Collie Hall; sister, Theoplis Maxwell; brothers, Mitchell and Odell Helms. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Gilbert wins regional title, leads LF boys to state meet bid

By David Troppens

Linden — Joey Gilbert entered the regional cross country meet at Linden Middle School probably not the favorite.

The Lake Fenton senior wanted to see if he could compete with the Pinckney pair that had beaten him a week earlier. However, the Pirates' top two runners were also on their home course when they did that.

This time Gilbert had a secret weapon. He was on a course he knew well.

Gilbert started slightly back behind Pinckney's duo of Caleb Jarema and Gavin White, but then made up the short distance he was behind them, out-running them during the final 400 meters en route to an individual regional championship title. He also helped

Lake Fenton qualify for the Division 2 state meet for the fifth straight season as the Blue Devils finished in second place in the men's race. The Lake Fenton girls also had a qualifier.

"I came into the race projected third place by around 20 seconds based off of PRs so I didn't have a set strategy," Gilbert said. "I was going to see if Pinckney

would go out in a pack like last race or if they wanted to race and I saw in the first 200 meters that they wanted to race. I focused on sitting back the first mile behind (Goodrich's) Gabe Trudeau then in the second mile I focused on reeling in the Pinckney boys. When we went up the hill after the two-mile mark, I was thinking to myself, 'I

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Lake Fenton's
Joey Gilbert

Sports Times

Blue Devils advance to district semifinal, defeat Charlotte in thriller

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity football team has had a tough run of games recently.

After winning its first two games, the Blue Devils (3-4) dropped their final four regular season games, forcing them to have to go on the road during the first round of the playoffs.

But the Blue Devils didn't let it bother them too much as they earned a thrilling 36-34 road victory against Charlotte Friday night. The win means the Blue Devils will travel to play a familiar foe during the second week of

the season, a road game at Williamston on Friday.

"We had some of the same scenarios that hurt us in the past weeks pop up tonight," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "I'm proud of these kids. They could've folded at any point. We had a lot of bad stuff that hurt us in the past but our kids stayed positive and battled through it. It was one of my proudest moments I've had as a coach came tonight. I think those other lessons we learned the hard way through the year helped us tonight."

The first half had all sorts of scoring plays and was filled with plenty of highs and lows for both teams.

The game began with Charlotte taking the opening kickoff for a touchdown.

"After the play I thought we were OK," Borski said. "We had some young kids on the kickoff team and the excitement got the best of a few. It wasn't a situation where we made a huge mistake but made aggressive mistakes. There was no panic."

Apparently, there wasn't any panic. The Blue Devils scored the game's next three



Lake Fenton's Dalton Decker (left) scores a touchdown while teammates celebrate. Lake Fenton defeated Charlotte, 36-34. Photo: Mark Bolen

TDs. Andrew Herron scored Ashton Hunter converted the on a seven-yard TD run and **See DEVILS on 15**

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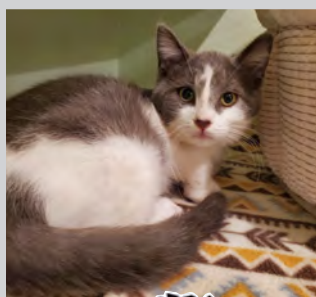


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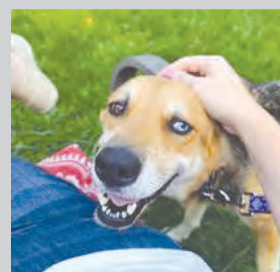
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Tigers dominate in opening playoff contest, 36-3

By David Troppens

Fenton — It's not often an undefeated team faces off against a winless squad in the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs.

But that's what happened Friday night at Fenton High School when the Fenton Tigers (7-0) hosted Walled Lake Central (0-7) in an opening Division 2 district contest. With the COVID-19 outbreak, all teams that could compete are competing in the playoffs this season, setting up the unusual circumstance. The results were pretty much what you'd expect as well. Fenton captured a 36-3 victory against Walled Lake Central.

The win means the Tigers will host North Farmington, a 44-7 victor against Waterford Kettering. The game starts Friday at 7 p.m.

The Tigers' defense sparked the victory. The Vikings couldn't get their ground game going against the Tigers' defensive line, collecting just 18 ground yards on 32 attempts. Central had 12 of its 32 carries go for

losses. And another Central problem was its own passing game. The Vikings completed just 5-of-23 passes for 78 yards.

"We were pushing it," Fenton senior and defensive player Haydon Johnson said. "The defense was trying to be the best that we could be, knowing it could be our last week. We just didn't want it to be our last week. We think we have the team that can go really far this year and we want to push each other for that."

"The defense was really good," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Other than that, one play in the first half they played well.



Fenton's Charlie Hundzinski (left) and Seth Logan (right) tackle a Walled Lake Central player during the Tigers' 36-3 victory Friday night. Photo: David Troppens

I don't think they had a first down until the second quarter."

That was the case. Central's first four offensive possessions ended with three plays and a punt. Its fifth possession went two plays and they fumbled the

See **TIGERS** on 15

Holly football falls in opening round of playoffs

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team came into the state playoffs on a high, after winning its first game of the season against the Clio Mustangs a week ago.

The Bronchos tried to make it two victories in a row during the opening round of the playoffs, but lost a 35-7 road verdict against Bay City Western Friday night.

"We were able to move the ball really well," Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. "We got within the 10 five times and failed to score. They were able to get a few big plays on us. We had a turnover for a touchdown. Big plays and turnovers hurt us again."

The Bronchos (1-6) were trailing 21-0 when they scored their touchdown. It came on a 20-yard pass from Jacob Hild to Aleczander Lewis, both seniors.

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Fenton girls XC team headed to D1 state meet; four individuals also going

By David Troppens

One team and four other individuals qualified for the Division 1 state cross country meet to be held Friday at Michigan International Speedway after earning their spots at a Division 1 Saginaw Heritage Regional.

The Fenton varsity girls cross country team qualified with a second-place finish, comfortably finishing within the top three spots. Grand Blanc won the meet with 44 points while Fenton had 75 points. Midland Dow took third with 92 points.

The Fenton boys placed fourth, missing a state spot by one place and 11 points. Hartland won the boys' event with 46 points, followed by Davison (68),

Saginaw Heritage (85) and Fenton (96). Instead, two boys still qualified. Holly placed sixth with 148 points, but had one state qualifier, Nolan Weisdorfer. The Holly girls also had Andrea Ruiz qualify for the state meet. The top three teams and the top seven individuals not on a qualifying team earned a spot at the state meet.

The Fenton girls had its entire scoring five finish within the top 30 places. Taylor Huntoon was Fenton's top finisher, taking fourth (19:31.15) while Nina Frost took 12th (19:59.02). The rest of Fenton's runners at the meet were Emily Grob in 15th (20:09.71), Kaitlin Bayer

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Fenton's Taylor Huntoon

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Linden girls XC making trip to D2 state meet

By David Troppens

Fenton — One Linden cross country team is headed to Michigan International Speedway for the Division 2 state meet on Friday as are four individual Linden boy runners.

The Linden girls took second at Saturday's event at Linden Middle School. The Eagles had their entire scoring five place within the top 25, recording a second-place point total of 79. Pinckney won the regional event with 36 points while Goodrich placed third.

"Any year you can make it to the state finals is a success, but being runner-up to a great Pinckney team met our goals and expectations today," Linden varsity girls cross country coach Benjamin Cox said. "Finishing second puts us in the fast heat at the finals

so that should be helpful for the girls who are trying to run fast in their final race of the season. We also have four seniors on varsity this year, so this was special to have a strong race at their last regional and last time they will race on our home course."

The Linden boys missed out of a third-place regional finish by posting 78 team points. That meant the team didn't qualify as a team. However, four of the Linden runners were among individual state qualifiers.

Linden's top women runner was Alexis Mawhinney who placed sixth with a time of 20:16.00. Melanea Strauss earned a 10-place finish (20:44.60) earning the Eagles' second spot. At that time the Eagles trailed

Goodrich who had two of the top five runners. However, it was the next three placings that put Linden ahead of third-place Goodrich. The rest of Linden's runners were Alyson Kelly in 18th (21:21.20), Jessica Jablonski in 23rd (21:42.90), Karyn Taylor in 27th (21:47.90), Colleen Blackwood in 29th (21:53.10) and Nicole Palmer in 39th (22:31.00).

"The goal at states is to put all of our runners in a position to run their best race of the year," Cox said. "This is what we train all season for and it is always nice to end the year on a high note."

The Linden boys knew it was going to be a battle between them, Goodrich and possibly Lake Fenton.

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Linden's Casey Cohen (front) and Lake Fenton's Logan Whittecar (back right) compete during the regional meet at Linden Middle School. Photo: David Troppens



Linden's Karyn Taylor (front) and Colleen Blackwood (immediately behind) compete in Saturday's D2 regional meet. Photo: David Troppens



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can hang with these guys' so I stuck on to them. Back in the woods Caleb, Gavin and I went back and forth going up and down the hills. Crossing the bridge in the woods, I could hear my coaches voice yelling 'go Joey go' from the cornfield. ... When we popped out of the woods with 400 meters to go I could hear all of the fans and see the final turn and that's when I made my move past Caleb and Gavin. Turning the corner I had the pedal to the floor and wasn't letting off. It was just a rush of joy when I crossed the line knowing I accomplished my goal that I set last October."

It was an outstanding day for the Lake Fenton

boys as the squad scored just 54 team points, placing second to Pinckney's 44 points.

The Blue Devils had its entire scoring five finish within the top 25, including three in the top 10, something even regional champs Pinckney were unable to do. Qualifying means there will be some different hairstyles on the squad.

"It feels great being able to qualify as a team for the state meet at MIS for the fifth year straight," Gilbert said. "I am extremely proud of all of the guys and how they performed on Saturday, we all had some personal goals for the race but we all had the same goal of qualifying for states."

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Lake Fenton's Claire Hunt

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extra-point. The game was tied at 7-all. On its next possession, Lake Fenton scored when Reid Shumaker completed a 45-yard TD reception to Dalton Decker. Hunter’s extra-point gave the Blue Devils a 14-7 lead entering the end of the first quarter.

The lead grew to 20-7 early in the second quarter when Decker scored on a 23-yard TD run. That was the first of six touchdowns between the two teams in the second quarter. Charlotte responded with a 36-yard screen pass for a touchdown and Lake Fenton answered back with a Shumaker to Max Muenzer 14-yard TD reception. Heron ran in the two-point conversion and the Blue Devils led 28-14. Every time the Blue Devils went up by two scores, Charlotte responded back. The next time came on a 55-yard TD pass, cutting Lake Fenton’s lead to 28-21. However, Herron scored on the Blue Devils’ next possession on an eight-yard run. He converted the two-point play as well and Lake Fenton led 36-21. That ended up being a pivotal two-point conversion.



Lake Fenton’s Andrew Heron (left) runs through a hole during the Blue Devils’ victory against Charlotte. Photo: Mark Bolen

Charlotte responded before the end of the half with a six-yard run, cutting the Blue Devils’ lead to 36-28.

After the first half had nine touchdowns, the second half had just one. Charlotte scored on a seven-yard run in the

fourth. Charlotte went for the two-point conversion, but Muenzer intercepted the two-point attempt, allowing Lake Fenton to maintain a 36-34 lead. The Blue Devils would never lose that lead.

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ball when Fenton’s Marcus Berkey forced the fumble and Dylan Beverly recovered it. It wasn’t until their sixth offensive possession that the Vikings actually earned a first down. But even with that possession, four plays later the Vikings were punting.

While the Fenton defense was dominating, the Tigers’ offense was scoring touchdowns. During Fenton’s first possession, the Tigers drove 49 yards in nine plays. The last play was a four-yard TD run by Berkey, who finished with three TD runs. Fenton led 7-0 after Nick Temple’s extra point.

Fenton’s third possession also ended in a touchdown. The Tigers drove 64 yards in nine plays, scoring on a two-yard run by Berkey. Fenton led 13-0 with 9:35 left in the second quarter.

The Tigers scored their third touchdown in the first half on their next possession. Completions of 11 yards to Kash Russell and 24 yards to Berkey from quarterback Dylan Davison set up Berkey’s 17-yard TD run around the right side. Fenton led 19-0 with 7:19 left

in the first half.

Finally, the Tigers used their passing game to score their fourth TD. Completions of 22 and 7 yards to Charlie Hundzinski set up Davidson’s 30-yard TD reception to Sam Claborn, giving Fenton a 26-0 lead.

Central had a completion of 33 yards on its next possession, resulting in a 34-yard field goal on the last play of the first half, but that’s about all the Vikings were able to do offensively during either half. Fenton held a dominating 26-3 lead at the half.

Fenton’s defense continued to dominate in the second half, while the offense was a little less consistent. Still, Fenton was able to score on a 28-yard field goal by Temple and on a 26-yard TD run by Davidson.

“We weren’t in synch offensively,” Setzke said. “We were just a step off here or there, or a missed block away. Don’t get me wrong, we won the game 36-3, but when you are thinking about it this was game seven (of the season) and we should be coming together and jelling as one.”

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in 26th (20:36.57), Sophia Resa in 30th (20:42.88), Allie Michewicz in 54th (21:32.63) and Emma Dubie in 56th (21:43.33).

The Fenton boys had three runners finish before Saginaw Heritage’s top three, but Saginaw Heritage had its top five finish within the top 27 while Fenton’s top five were within the top 36 positions.

Michael Crane led the Tigers with a sixth-place finish (16:39.84) and was followed by Samuel Cox in 13th (16:55.54), Nathan Katic in 19th (17:11.52), Remington Stapp in 34th (17:25.42), Aidan Brzezinski in 36th (17:34.13), Tristan Bakker in 42nd (17:50.50) and Noah Sage in 55th (18:12.36).

Holly’s Weisdorfer also qualified by taking eighth (16:46.40). The rest of his teammates were Zachary Rockefeller in 29th (17:21.26), Mason Rosa in 31st (17:22.99), Benjamin Baxter in 51st (18:02.82), Grant Hoffman in 57th (18:14.28), Adam Booher in 67th (19:16.24) and Jack Jackson in 69th (19:48.60).

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