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City amends Brush Chipping Program

■ City residential properties limited to one pickup per year – program runs May 1 to September 30

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council will vote Monday, March 8 on a recommendation to approve changes to the city's Brush Chipping Program guidelines and to revise the website to reflect the changes. During its work session Monday, March 1, city council motioned to move forward on this.

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Township to upgrade computer system

■ Plan includes new computer, lower hourly rate for IT support

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, March 1, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to upgrade the township's computer network system.

The township contract is with Center for Computer Resources
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(Above) A Devoted Barn volunteer (left) feeds a dog at the facility on Monday, March 1. Melissa Borden (right), who runs the barn, said they have approximately 51 dogs right now, but their facility also takes in horses, donkeys, cows and other animals. Photo: Hannah Ball

Animal rescue appeals to keep dog program

■ Judge orders Devoted Barn to relocate 51 rescued dogs in 60 days

By Sharon Stone

According to a Wednesday, Feb. 24 court order by Oakland County Circuit

Court Judge Leo Bowman, Melissa Borden, owner of Devoted Barn at 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., in Rose Township, has 14 days (March 10) to propose
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Oakland County expects to receive 6,700 doses of single- dose vaccines

From Oakland County Health Division

Oakland County has learned it will receive its first shipment of single-dose COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson & Johnson by Wednesday, County Executive Dave Coulter announced Monday, March 1. Oakland County Health Division is expecting 6,700 doses.

"These Johnson & Johnson doses arriving this week are another ray of hope," Coulter said. "Our challenge is supply that does not meet our demand, and a third effective vaccine helps. We look forward to getting more doses into arms of Oakland County residents so we can emerge from the heavy cloud of the pandemic."

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“These Johnson
& Johnson doses
arriving this week
are another ray of
hope.”

Dave Coulter
Oakland County executive



“Thank you to my neighbor on W. Shiawassee who clears my front sidewalk on bad snow days. Bless you for your kindness.”



“We just saw the Feb. 25 presentation of 'Drinking Habits' by the Fenton Village Players. In a word 'FABULOUS.' Well done and humorous. Do not miss this play.”



“Winston Churchill said it best — 'The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.'”



Fenton to vote on residential water inspection program

■ Cost is \$18,000 annually based on three-year contract with HydroCorp

By Sharon Stone

During its work session Monday, March 1, Fenton City Council motioned to move forward with a residential Cross Connection inspection program, and have HydroCorp to provide inspection and management services at an annual cost of \$18,000 for a three-year agreement. Fenton City Council

will vote on the topic at its regular city council meeting Monday, March 8.

Fenton City currently contracts with HydroCorp to manage the commercial water customer Cross Connection Inspection Program. The current annual budget for cross connection control is \$20,000 and the HydroCorp contract for commercial inspection costs \$13,104 annually.

This project is an ongoing Cross-Connection Control Program and will provide the city of Fenton with the necessary data and information to

maintain compliance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

EGLE has always required the cross-connection control program to include residential water customers and is currently working with the water utility to encourage a complete cross connection inspection program.

HydroCorp proposed a residential inspection program to include 400 annual residential exterior inspections and provide the required reporting criteria. This program would cost \$1,500 per month with an annual cost of \$18,000, based on a three-year agreement.

Once approved, the city will work with HydroCorp to begin the residential program this spring where the current budget will cover the monthly cost of the program. The water cross connection control budget for future years will be recommended for increase to cover the added cost of the residential inspection program.

The components of the project will include performing annually a minimum of 400 initial inspections, compliance inspections, and re-inspections at individual residential properties within the city served by the public water supply for cross-connections. Inspections will be conducted of the properties exterior only in order to identify lawn irrigation systems, outside hose connections, pools/spas, and other miscellaneous exterior water uses.

The program also includes generating notices, administrative functions, data for the city, quarterly management reports, assistance with public relations and ongoing support.

Fenton City Public Works Director Dan Brisson wrote in a memo to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland that he recommends city council to approve the cost to add residential inspection to the current cross connection control program and to approve HydroCorp to provide a three-year program at a cost of \$18,000 annually.

BRUSH

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The city's Brush Chipping Program provides brush removal from residential properties within city limits where the program runs May through September. The program collects Mondays on a one-time basis per residential address.

Due to past occasional misuse of the program, the city staff recommends changing the language on the website to read:

Brush Chipping Program

The city of Fenton offers a residential brush chipping and removal program that runs from May 1 through Sept. 30. This program allows residential properties to place their brush next to the street and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will chip and haul away the material. Brush pickup is limited to one collection per year with the quantity limitation of material no larger than 12 inches in diameter, longer than 8 foot in length, piled up to 4 feet in height and 30 feet in width. The program is offered at no cost to residential properties located within the city limits.

To participate in this no-cost program:

- Contact City Hall at (810) 629-2261 prior to Friday noon for collection on the following Monday. Service is limited to one pickup per residential property per year.
- Place brush alongside the roadway, preferably with all cut ends perpendicular to the street when practical.
- The DPW will begin pickup at 7 a.m. Monday morning. In certain cases, the DPW may need an additional day to chip and remove brush material from the property.
- The city cannot accept bagged material, lawn clippings, vine/thorn/thistle material, roots, root balls, construction material, commercially generated material, railroad ties, or material larger than 12 inches in diameter.

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Summer camp fun is back

■ Registration now open for YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton Township

After a very challenging year for so many kids and their families, the YMCA of Greater Flint is excited to announce the return of summer camp fun to YMCA Camp Copneconic in 2021, with registration for day and overnight camps now open.

Uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, along with state-mandated stay-at-home orders, caused the 750-acre camp located in Fenton Township to cancel all summer programming in 2020.

"We were heartbroken to cancel summer camps last year but knew that it was the best decision for the health and safety of campers, their families and our team members," said Brandon Dreffs, executive director of YMCA Camp Copneconic. "Our amazing staff has been busy reviewing and implementing new safety protocols



The YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton Township is taking registrations for summer camp. Campers from a previous year have fun playing in the lake.

Times file photo

designed to keep everyone protected, and we are confident that we can offer a safe, equitable and transformational summer camp program once again."

While Dreffs and his team realize that not everything will be back to normal by summer, the goal is to maintain the same high-quality programs that have made Camp Copneconic one of the best camping experiences in the Midwest for more than 100 years.

"Kids have been through a lot over the past 11 months, making summer camp even more important than ever,"

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“A week at summer camp will provide children with a safe environment to reintroduce social interaction, allowing them to begin the process of just being kids again.”

Brandon Dreffs
YMCA Camp Copneconic
executive director

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Sharin' the spotlight

Lake Fenton High School's campus perfect for vaccine distribution

By Editor Sharon Stone

On Saturday, Feb. 27, I started seeing social media posts from people curious as to why so many law enforcement vehicles were at Lake Fenton High School. As the police reporter, my first thought was 'Is there something criminal going on there?' I contacted the Genesee County sheriff and quickly learned that Saturday was indeed a day for the vaccines. The school district also listed the vaccination clinic on its online calendar.

The clinic on Feb. 27 was for the more than 800 people who were vaccinated with their first shot Jan. 30. Saturday's clinic was their second shot. Superintendent Julie Williams is not yet aware of any more planned vaccination clinics.

Several years ago, six school districts in Genesee County were identified to serve as Point of Dispensing (POD) sites for medical information, medication and/or medical care in the event of a natural or human disaster and emergencies. This is part of the county's Emergency Operations plan and a collaboration between the Genesee County Health Department, the sheriff's office and the school districts. The other school districts are Flint, Grand Blanc, Davison, Mt. Morris and

Flushing.

Lake Fenton High School was chosen as a vaccine distribution site because the late Ralph Coaster, superintendent from 2000-2010, signed an agreement with the county. This building was new in 2004 and the high school complex was designed with convenient entrances and exits using Jennings and Lahring roads in Fenton Township. Elections also are conducted for Fenton Township at the high school.

The clinics are very orderly and run by the Genesee County Health Department. This past Saturday, the clinic ran from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The health department set up tents



Sharon Stone

outside in the parking lot, and those with appointments didn't have to leave their vehicles to receive their vaccinations.

People checked in, gave the necessary paperwork, and drove to one of three tents to receive their shot. Health department personnel and volunteers, including members from the Michigan National

Guard, worked the vaccination event.

Even though I don't anticipate another emergency with the magnitude of this pandemic in my lifetime, it's comforting knowing that an emergency site is located within the tri-county area in the event that we are struck with any other dangerous situation.

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I HOPE ALL you Democrats are happy with all the executive orders Biden is signing to destroy America. Oh wait, the media mob is not telling you about all of that because they are focusing on how in love Biden and his wife are. That's called propaganda by omission.

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AS USUAL, RIPLEY Road is a complete disaster, full of 10-inch deep potholes that destroy the vehicles of the people who live on the road. It has not been graded in months. It is a danger to everyone who has to drive on it.

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TRUST ME WHEN I say this: You have not lost your mind, the rest of the world has.

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IF KIDS IN mask for six hours a day is child abuse, then why isn't the same requirement abusive of the entire population?

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LOVED THE STORY about the Lasagna Mamas. What a great idea. Wish I had thought of it.

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

Do you think social media is helping or hurting the world? | streettalk



"Hurting for sure. It's negative and what we feed our minds can have a huge effect on us."

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"There are many factors to this question. There are many people the internet is helping enormously. There are many people it is hindering a whole lot because they are not connecting to others and developing many social skills and processing deductive thinking."

Edie Boyer Brewer-Plyer, Linden



"Social media is not only hurting the world today, it's destroying it. Everyone should watch the documentary 'The Social Dilemma.' It's currently on Netflix. It's frightening."

Judy Crimando
TOWN



"Hurting. It's a crutch, But talking to people in 2021 sucks so, fake smiles and live your best life posts, baby."

Christopher Mack
Byron

COMPUTER

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(CCR) for a hardware/software upgrade, server backup, managing services and ongoing IT support. It's estimated to cost \$61,567 in the first year, with an ongoing IT support hourly rate of \$85. This cost includes a few recurring costs the township already pays. The one-time cost for the CCR contract is \$40,807.

In a letter to the township board, Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, said, "The Township's computer network has reached a point where significant upgrades are necessary. The network servers are 10-plus years old, the desktop computers range in age from 6-10 years, and our data backup process is no longer adequate. Our existing equipment has performed well, and the Township has certainly gotten its money's worth out of it, but it is definitely time for a major upgrade."

The township considered two other bids, and selected CCR's.

The board considered four categories: server upgrade, office computer replacement, server backup solution and monthly

recurring IT costs, plus a summary that also includes ongoing IT support.

The township will be getting a new HP DL380 G10 Server, software, HP Mid Level PCs, and more.

Broecker praised CCR's server backup solution.

"While the CCR proposal is more costly, it also provides a much more secure and comprehensive backup solution. With the full server being backed up, recovery from a complete server crash or other catastrophic event would only take a few hours. A data only backup would require a complete re-build of the server before the data could be restored, which would likely take 2-3 days or more," he said.

The company's ongoing IT support hourly rate is \$85, which is "well below the industry standard and 25-30 percent below the other proposals," Broecker said.

He anticipates this will save the township \$300-400 per month.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said upgrading the computers is "very important."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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A SPECIAL 'THANK you' to my knight in shining armor who came to my rescue at Alpine's bottle return. It is so good to know that there are still kind and caring people in this world.

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I'M A GROCERY store worker. I have worked since the virus came into Fenton. Now, my fellow workers are being put on the back burner when it comes to getting the vaccine. Why doesn't someone help us?

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PLEASE DO SOME research before

spreading your fake news. Biden did not cancel Operation Talon. It has been placed on hold by ICE.

■■■■
WIND TURBINES SEEM to work fine in northern countries such as Norway, and in northern states. You just have to winterize them. Texas failed to do that, and they also failed to winterize generators. About two-thirds of the failures were traditional power sources, and one-third wind turbines. Facts matter.

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GOOD FOR YOU Caroline Weaver. Follow your dreams and may they come true.

VACCINES

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Oakland County Health Division will be working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to determine the guidance for administering the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine.

"We now have three vaccines that are effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death," said Oakland County Medical Director Dr. Russell Faust. "It is important that people follow medical advice — get whatever

vaccine you are offered."

This week, Oakland County Health Division received 16,380 doses from Pfizer, of which 9,360 are first doses; and 4,400 doses from Moderna, of which 900 are first doses. Oakland County is hosting 15 COVID vaccination clinics by appointment only in Holly, Madison Heights, Novi, Pontiac, Rochester, Southfield, Waterford, and West Bloomfield. In addition, Oakland County's public health nurses are administering second doses at seven long-term care centers.

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PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT

This past weekend I had the pleasure of watching one of my favorite movies “Twelve Angry Men.”

It was released in 1957 and tells the story of a 12-man New York City criminal jury as they deliberate the fate of an 18-year-old who has been charged with killing his father. Back then, women did not frequently sit as jurors.

The defendant is a minority and the evidence against him appears to be strong. If he is convicted, he will receive the death penalty.

I won’t go into the plot much more than that except to say that the movie presents a case study of the meaning of “proof beyond a reasonable doubt” and how using this standard, juries comprised of people from various backgrounds and with different opinions, can come together to reach a unanimous verdict as to guilt or innocence.

I believe that most people have heard the phrase “reasonable doubt” but probably aren’t aware of its origins.

In his 2004 book, “The Origins

of Reasonable Doubt,” Yale Law Professor James Whitman traces its history back through centuries of Christian and English Common Law to reveal that in the 18th century in a jury trial there was more at stake than the fate of the defendant.

English jurors were Christians who were considered as being engaged in “Acts of Judgment.” According to religious teachings, they were potentially “pawning their souls” if they found another person guilty and would be liable to “The Vengeance of God” and other consequences, as such a verdict was a potential mortal sin.

Thus the concept of “reasonable doubt” was introduced into the law as a way out for these jurors because theologians did not forbid convicting an accused who was proven guilty using this standard and their souls would be safe.

The intent was to make it “easier” for juries to render guilty verdicts. This rule of law eventually made its way over to the colonies and the United States.

This is contrary to how we view it today, as this standard is considered to be the highest burden of proof and actually makes convictions more difficult.

Sometimes the origins of legal concepts are unusual. I would say that “reasonable doubt” is unquestionably an excellent example.

Linden and Fenton consider installing bicycle parking racks. It may help cut the need for vehicle parking and congestion -- especially during events.

THE FENTON DDA should look into constructing a two or three level parking ramp in the parking lot just north of the community center. I’m sure they have money and it’s already a parking lot, so let’s build up to provide more parking in the downtown area.

FENTON TOWNSHIP GARBAGE service has become unreliable in the past few months. Went over three weeks without recycle pick up too. Hope contract allows for a penalty for poor service.

THE WEEK OF Feb. 21, 2021, 861,000 Americans filed for unemployment. That same week, Biden and the Democrats introduced a bill giving 11 million illegal immigrants citizenship. Who are they really fighting for?

SUMMER CAMP

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Drepps said. “They’ve missed out on a lot of big things like birthday parties, graduations and Thanksgiving dinners. But they’ve also missed out on the little things including joking with friends in between classes and playing weekend sports. A week at summer camp will provide children with a safe environment to reintroduce social interaction, allowing them to begin the process of just being kids again.”

Summer camp safety protocols have been developed following recommendations from the county and state health departments, the YMCA of the USA, and The American Camping Association. Campers will be placed in smaller groups with no co-mingling of these groups. Additional protocols will include health and temperature screenings, physical distancing, mask wearing, and increased cleaning and sanitation of common areas and shared equipment.

Camp Copneconic staff have been

in contact with colleagues from other camps across the country who successfully operated day and overnight programs last summer, learning from their experiences. Over the past four months, they also have been safely running a School Year Day Camp utilizing the new mitigation strategies without any positive cases traced back to the camp.

Summer day camps at Camp Copneconic are designed for kids age 4 through those entering eighth grade and will kick off Monday, June 21 with nine five-day sessions to choose from. Overnight camps will begin Sunday, July 11 with four five-night sessions available for kids entering third grade through those entering their senior year of high school.

Scholarships are available to help ensure that camp is accessible to all who wish to attend. The application process has been made quicker and easier, and assistance is available to more families than ever before.

For more information and to register, call (810) 629-9622 or visit campcopneconic.org.

HOT LINE CONTINUED


SUNDAY’S 50-DEGREE weather gave the perfect opportunity to open up all the doors and windows of our home to bring in some fresh air. It smelled so good to do this. That’s what we used to do to air out the germs when we were kids.

THE FIRST THING people tell you is that they got their shot. I hope that they remember that there would be no vaccine for several more years if Donald Trump hadn’t been our President.

SO NOW, LEGISLATORS in Michigan are considering allowing bars to stay open until 4 a.m. once the governor’s 10 p.m. curfew is lifted. This is to let bars make up some of the revenue they lost during the governor’s shutdown. Who is going to want to work until 4 a.m.?

WITH THE LAFF pathway, I hope

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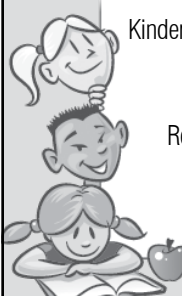

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RESCUE

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a plan to remove and relocate dozens of dogs from her property in 60 days (April 25).

Bordon, co-founder of Devoted Friends Animal Society, Inc. (Devoted Friends) runs Devoted Barn.

In a live Facebook video that she filmed following the judge's order, Borden said she will be appealing the court's decision and will ask for a stay to keep the rescued dogs on the property while the case is being appealed.

Borden bought the 53-acre property on a land contract May 29, 2019. The property is zoned agricultural/rural preserve district (AG/RP) and has been used as a horse riding academy.

Prior to setting up her animal rescue non-profit in Rose Township, Borden's animal rescue was operating in Frenchtown Township in Wayne County.

According to the Feb. 24, court order, Borden began moving numerous dogs to the Rose Township property June 9, 2019. At one point, there were anywhere from 70 to 100 rescued dogs at Devoted Barn and as many as 233 animals all

together, including horses, goats, pigs, chickens, llamas and other livestock.

Rose Township claims Borden did not apply for a special use permit for a dog kennel and was running an unlawful and unpermitted dog kennel. Rose Township became aware of the animals because of complaints made by a neighbor.

Devoted Barn takes in any abused and neglected animals. Law enforcement places seized animals they encounter through animal cruelty cases, cases of neglect or animal abuse of any kind with Devoted Friends.

Devoted Friends is the exclusive service provider to Oakland County Animal Control for livestock seized or surrendered. They also care for dogs and that they serve as the service provider to Oakland County law enforcement agencies.

In her video, Borden said when she bought the property in Rose Township there was no limit to the number of dogs you had as long as each one was licensed. She said she went back and forth with the township on what she needed to do since

her rescue organization didn't fall under the township's current ordinance.

When a neighbor complained, she said the township changed its decision and said she would need a kennel special use permit. She said she's been dealing with the lawsuit for over a year and changes in the judges because of the pandemic.

Borden argues that the township changed the kennel ordinance after she purchased the property.

Right now, Borden has 51 dogs in the dog program. She admits at the very beginning when she first moved in with the animals in Rose Township that it was loud, however, she has spent thousands of dollars on upgrades to make things quieter. "We want to be good neighbors," she said.

Borden also has spent \$15,000 on legal fees to keep her operation going. She believes this money would have been better spent on more upgrades to the property.

Rose Township has spent approximately \$26,841 in legal fees on this case through Jan. 30. The township does not have the attorney invoice for February yet

“We want to be good neighbors.”

Melissa Borden
Devoted Barn founder



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By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team won six games last year.

The Eagles have played just seven games this season and are already just one victory away from matching that total.

The Eagles (5-2) won their two most recent games, defeating Kearsley 54-40 on Friday and defeating Durand 51-41 on Wednesday.

In the win against Kearsley, the Eagles led 15-8 after the first quarter. The Eagles led by 13 at half-

time, but the Hornets fought back. The Eagles' lead was just 40-37 entering the fourth quarter. As the fourth continued, Kearsley took a three-point lead, but the Eagles were able to bounce back and earn the comfortable victory.

"They calmed down and were able to get back to playing like they did in the first half to finish the game by double-digits," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said.

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Sports Times

Eagles keep working, sweep weekend foes

By David Troppens

Quietly, the Linden varsity wrestling team is having a very successful season.

The defending Metro League Stripes Division champions improved to 11-1 during the abbreviated season by sweeping a pair of teams during the Eagles' Senior Night on Saturday.

Linden defeated Crestwood 44-28 and crushed Milford 60-15.

"The team competed well today," Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield said. "We like the growth we are seeing in each wrestler. We will look at the film, make some corrections and get back to work tomorrow. We will continue to improve each day. Good wins, back at it Wednesday (today)

with Kearsley and Clio."

The Eagles had many wrestlers have strong showings with 2-0 records. Luke Haney (135), Jase Grundy (189) and Wyatt Gocha (215) each went 2-0 with two pinfall victories. Gocha earned a 15-second pinfall victory in one of his matches.

Others who went 2-0 in varsity matches were Jaylon Berry (152), Michael Bush (160), Jimmy Roti (171) and Cam Galley (285). One of Galley's victories was a pinfall win in 24 seconds.

Others who won a match were Logan Swartz (140), Brady Makela (145), Bryce Shingleton (125) and Aiden Haney (130).

The Eagles travel to Godrich to face Kearsley and Clio today.



Linden's Wyatt Gocha (left) went 2-0 in Saturday's dual. The Eagles defeated Crestwood 44-28 and Milford 60-15. Photo: David Troppens



Ethan Hutchings scored two goals for the Griffins in the squad's 4-2 victory against Dexter. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton/Linden Griffins defeat Dexter, 4-2

By David Troppens

It's been a little of an up and down season for the Fenton/Linden co-op hockey team.

The team's most extended streak was a three-game winning streak, but for the most part there hasn't been any extended momentum one way or the other.

Since that streak, the Griffins (5-4) have gone on a loss-win-loss-win pattern. That pattern began with a 6-5 loss against Dexter. The pattern's last game also was against Dexter, a 4-2 victory for

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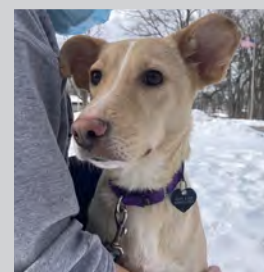
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the Griffins.

Dexter led 1-0 after the first period, but Fenton/Linden scored two second-period goals and never trailed again.

Ethan Hutchings led the offense with two goals while Parker Harrison and Nick Temple had a goal each. Carson Gardner, Keegan McNamara, Dom Krusniak, Mitchell Luck and Jacob Florida had an assist each.

In net, Nick Wilson had 29 saves.

NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

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Fenton's Dylan Beverly (top) went 3-0 in a four-team meet for the Tigers on Saturday. The Tigers finished 2-1 in the three bouts. **Photo: David Troppens**

Tigers go 2-1 in four-team event

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team continues to plug forward with the four-team meets and posted a very respectable 2-1 mark at its most recent one.

The Tigers defeated Bloomfield Hills 50-30 and Groves 45-29, but lost a competitive 39-37 verdict against South Lyon.

The Tigers had four wrestlers post 3-0 marks, with Phillip Lamka (145/152) leading the way with three pinfall wins. Dylan Beverly (145/152) went 3-0 with

two pinfall wins while Kendra Ryan (112) and Login Fuller (189) also went 3-0 with one pinfall victory each.

Four Tigers finished with 2-1 records. Garrett Clark (103), Kyle Dunfield (140), Ben Triola (160) and Mason Church (171) were the 2-1 record-holders. Church, Dunfield and Clark had a pinfall win between their two wins. John Sage (189) also won his only varsity match of the event, earning a pinfall win.

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LF wrestlers sweep three weekend foes

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team had a perfect weekend, going 3-0 in a recent four-team meet.

The Blue Devils defeated Clio 41-31, Lapeer 60-9 and Utica 48-34.

Five Blue Devils recorded perfect 3-0 marks at the event. Noah Hall (140) led the team with three pinfall victories. He earned two first-round

falls and a third-round pinfall. Other Lake Fenton wrestlers that went 3-0 were Jorge Marvin (103), Clay Cook (112), Drew Corcoran (135) and Karson Crist (145). Corcoran had two of his three wins come by fall. Jack Conley (152) also earned a 2-0 mark with one pinfall win.

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Bronchos cruise to easy victory vs. Swartz Creek Dragons, 58-28

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team has been in its share of close games.

The Bronchos have won a thriller late once and has also experienced heart-break in a triple-overtime game.

However, the Bronchos didn't have to worry about late-game heroics on Friday as Holly (2-3, 2-5) earned a relatively easy 58-28 road victory against Swartz Creek.

"We got a lot of shots off," Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "We missed quite a few, but she shared the ball really well. Our passing was a lot better and we got a lot of opportunities for some good looks.

"Our defense was pretty good. We were able to get a few turnovers on

Holly's Hunter Weeder (far right) scored a team-high 20 points in the Bronchos' win against Swartz Creek.

Photo: Christopher Summers

them and make some shots."

The Bronchos only led 10-9 after one quarter, but then earned a 17-point second quarter and took a 27-15 lead into halftime. The quarter that determined the victor was the third quarter when the Bronchos held the Dragons to just two points during that eight-minute period. The Bronchos had a comfortable 41-17 lead going into the fourth quarter. Holly's offense was clicking well at that point and finished the game with 17 fourth-quarter points.

"At halftime we didn't feel that easy, but then we held them to just two points in the third quarter and we got going. The fourth quarter was nice because everyone got a chance to play," Varner said.

Hunter Weeder had a huge game, scoring a game-high 20 points.

"She played awesome," Varner said.

Emma Tooley continued to play her steady strong basketball, netting 18 points. Autumn Lewis chipped in seven points.

Lake Fenton women cruise past Walled Lake Western, 60-15

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team continues to win.

The Blue Devils (6-1) crushed Walled Lake Western by a 60-15 score Saturday.

"We jumped out to a 16-2 lead after the first quarter," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said.

"We moved well and had five players score in that quarter. Not one particular thing jumped out offensively, but defensively we were able to pressure them

somewhat. We were very active and had a ton of steals."

The total of steals ended up being an eye-popping steals. Consequently, it isn't surprising to realize Walled Lake Western only scored more than three points in one quarter. The hosts did score nine in the second quarter against Lake Fenton, but the Blue Devils still led by an overwhelming 34-11 score at halftime. By the end of the third quarter the Blue Devils led 53-12.

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Eagles pushed by Kearsley, 46-36

By David Troppens

Life is never easy as a defending champion.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team returns as the defending Flint Metro League Stripes Division champions this winter and know they are likely to get every team's best effort, making victory a

challenge.

The Eagles remained the only undefeated team the Stripes Division after beating Kearsley 46-36.

Linden is now 4-0 in Metro League Stripes Division play, and has yet to ever lose a Stripes Division contest since the

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Fenton Tigers' offense struggles vs. Flushing

Fenton — In short, Friday night was a tough offensive night for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

How tough?

The Tigers only scored one first-half point, and didn't collect a field goal until 50 seconds into the third quarter on a

layin by Ja'Hoin Bond layup. However, by that point the Tigers trailed 28-3 and ended up losing a 45-29 verdict against the Flushing Raiders. The Tigers played better offensively on Saturday, but still lost a 63-49 verdict against the Milford Mavericks.

Lady Tigers split weekend basketball contests

Fenton — A slow start against the Flushing Raiders helped the visiting squad clinch a pivotal Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory Friday night at Fenton High School.

Flushing started the game with a 12-2 run and while the Fenton Tigers were never knocked out of the contest,

they were unable to ever get the lead as the first-place Raiders (5-0 in the Metro) gave themselves a two-game lead over the Fenton Tigers (3-2 in the Metro) with a 48-36 victory. The Tigers returned to action on Saturday and rebounded with a solid 60-49 victory against Waterford Kettering.

Fenton competitive cheer finishes first in Metro meet

The Fenton varsity competitive team maintained its lead among the Flint Metro League squads after the second series of four-team meets were completed Friday.

The Tigers compete in a quad of themselves, Lake Fenton, Linden and Swartz Creek, and currently the four

teams are each within the top five of the league standings.

The Tigers, who won the first group of meets with a 708.48, won the second competition with a total score of 700.12. Lake Fenton finished second with a 690.96 while Linden was fourth with a 660.72.

Shorthanded Blue Devils capture victory vs. Brandon Blackhawks, 54-31

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team was down a player.

Cola Sisk was gone at a volleyball tournament, dropping the Blue Devils to just seven players against the Brandon Blackhawks.

And if that wasn't bad enough, the team's point guard, Kerrigan Howdeshell, ended up having to deal with foul trouble during the first half.

However, the Blue Devils figured out the puzzle and left Brandon High School with a 54-31 victory against the Blackhawks Friday night.

"We just wore them down to be honest," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "It didn't feel like a 23-point win because we got a little bit of a lead and gradually built on it, built on it and built on it."

"We got to a little bit of a lead in the second quarter, and then we were able to get everyone back in the third quarter."

Macy Phillips led the Blue Devils in the opening half offensively, scoring all 10 of her points during the first 16 minutes. Meanwhile the Blue Devils played outstanding defense, enabling



Lake Fenton's Savannah Fellenbaum plays defense in a recent contest.

Photo: David Troppens

them to take a 24-10 lead into halftime despite the foul troubles. In the second half, Howdeshell was able to come back on the floor and she made the most of it, scoring 20 second-half points.

"She carried us. There's no other way to put it," VanBuren said.

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Metro League changed to its current 12-team, two-division format at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

The victory didn't come easy. Linden

led just 13-9 after one quarter, and the Hornets cut the Eagles' lead to 22-20 at halftime. Linden's defense kept Kearsley to just single-digit scoring in each of the final two quarters.

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Clio 28, Fenton 2:** Katelyn Burkett led the Tigers with a 125-138-263 series.

► **Kearsley 29, Holly 1:** The Bronchos were led by Laken Pointer's 151-174-325 series. Emily Sorter rolled a 172 game.

► **Flushing 28, Linden 2:** Cassie Most led the Eagles with a 187-146-333 series.

► **Brandon 16, Fenton 14:** Katelyn Burkett led the Tigers with a 138-183-321 series. Fenton also won both Baker games 179-139 and 138-99.

► **Owosso 22, Holly 8:** The Bronchos were led by Emily Sorter's 173-183-356 series. Holly also won the second Baker game 116-111.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Flushing 28, Linden 2:** Austin

Huyck bowled a solid 203-212-415 series to pace the Eagles

► **Fenton 27, Brandon 3:** The Tigers posted a convincing victory with Tate Temrowski posting a 182-199-381 series. Peyton Jackson bowled a 187 game. Fenton also won both Baker games 226-192 and 192-158.

► **Holly 23, Owosso 7:** Sean Dankert led the Bronchos with a 203-225-428 series. The Bronchos also won the second Baker game 212-162.

► **Clio 26, Fenton 4:** The Tigers were led by Peyton Jackson's 174-179-353 series. Tate Temrowski had the team's best individual game with a 180.

► **Kearsley 26, Holly 4:** Justin Mallory had a 191-191-382 series while Ryan Dalton had a 192 game.

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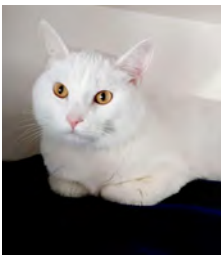
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While the current legislature is heavily focused on epidemic-related budget and spending issues, some substantive “policy bills” have begun to advance, including the two in this report.

Senate Bill 46: Exempt some companies’ “broadband equipment” from personal property tax

To exempt “broadband equipment” used by some internet providers from personal property taxes levied on business tools and equipment. The beneficiaries would be firms claiming to “resolve a lack of broadband service,” which is undefined in the bill. For

this reason, the Senate Fiscal Agency is unable to estimate how much revenue the state and local governments may forego if the bill becomes law.

Passed 20 to 15 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **NO**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

Senate Bill 18: Authorize interstate physical therapist licensure compact

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Passed 25 to 10 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **NO**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

Obituaries

Terry Lee Ross

1952 - 2021

Terry Lee Ross. Terry passed away the morning of Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 in Naples, FL. Terry was born on July 14, 1952 and grew up in Holly. She graduated from Holly High School

in 1970. She attended Central Michigan University where she met the love of her life, Art Ross. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed being a long time member of both the Mt Pleasant Country Club and Cedar Hammock Golf and Country Club. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, book club and spending time with her many friends and family. She was easily the family Jeopardy champion. Terry also loved feeding her son’s friends throughout childhood as if they were her own. Terry’s father



Harold Warden and mother Dorothy Warden preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Art; and sons, Brian (Erika) Ross and Andy (Tarah) Ross; as well as her sisters, Sandy (Gerry)

Murphy, Vicky Stone, and Kristine (Randy) Higgins. She has four grandchildren, Wyatt and Ben (Brian and Erika) and Sophia and Brandon (Andy and Tarah). A celebration of life will be held in Mt Pleasant at a future date this summer. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the two following causes close to Terry’s heart; Mt Pleasant Community Foundation, PO Box 1283, Mt Pleasant, MI 48804, Mpacf.org & Crohn and Colitis Foundation, crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

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1 Witty one

2 A Gershwin brother

3 More like a string bean

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5 "Born in the —"

6 Grit

7 Egypt's neighbor

8 Hot dog condiment

9 With skill

10 Gusto

11 Work units

16 "Gosh!"

20 "Homeland" org.

21 Ankara resident

22 Crunchy cookie

23 Klutz

27 Wet dirt

29 State made of two peninsulas

30 Aware of

31 Colonial seamstress

33 Lentils, for example

35 Dijon denial

38 Reply (Abbr.)

40 Aerie newborn

43 Leading man?

45 Greek X

46 Transaction

47 Big fair, for short

48 Striped fish

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53 Spanish gold

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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Midweek Jumble

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

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I am never swimming in the ocean again.

WHEN AUDIENCES WATCHED THIS 1975 FILM ABOUT A GREAT WHITE SHARK, THEIR

Horoscopes

For the week of
March 1, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Expect to be in high demand this week, Aries. You have the time and energy to give to others, so make the most of each chance to lend someone a helping hand.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Now is a good time to focus on your relationships, Taurus. There may be a close friend who can use a little more attention from a confidante and you can fill that role.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

There is work to be done, Gemini. If your work space is a tad chaotic, then hunker down somewhere less hectic. This can provide the right environment for focus.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, make a habit of finding the silver lining to any situation. This shift in attitude can bring more positivity and sunshine into your life, particularly when you need it most.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Shift your focus to your home life, Leo. Find various ways to make things more pleasant at home so it can be the respite that it should be.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

You are usually better at focusing on the tasks at hand than most other astrological signs, Virgo. Don't be hard on yourself if you get a tad distracted in the next few days.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Get a firm grasp on your finances this week, Libra. Start browsing your bank accounts so you have a better idea of your spending. This way you can better plan for the future.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Normally you are very good at keeping your emotions in check, Scorpio. However, letting others see what's beneath the surface can be beneficial to you in the weeks to come.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Take your foot off of the accelerator, Sagittarius. You don't have to race to the finish line; enjoy the scenery for a change. Stop as many times as you can along the way.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, no matter how much time you want to devote to your personal goals, you just may find that other activities require much more attention than you anticipated.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, don't be surprised if you have your patience tested a bit this week, especially at the workplace. You'll find a way to come out shining, however.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Take a big, deep breath and focus on all the good things in your life, Pisces. This will help you ride out any rough spots that crop up.



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