It was great seeing on TV that Texas has lifted all capacity restrictions and mask mandates. Let people earn their own living and let people spend their money where they want. Gov. Whitmer, step up and do the right thing and open up Michigan.”

“...the way we’re going to conduct meetings in the future has changed forever.”

Vince Lorraine  
Fenton Township supervisor

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Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Lauren Gruber, marketing manager at CRUST — a baking company, pulls out the shamrock cookies on Tuesday, March 16 in preparation for St. Patrick’s Day on Wednesday, March 17. The bakery also has different types of bread in celebration of the Irish holiday. Photo: Hannah Ball

Shiawassee River Fest dates set

 Moves to Linden to help city celebrate 150th birthday July 16-18

By Sharon Stone  
Keepers of the Shiawassee River announced that it will be hosting the Shiawassee River Fest July 16-18.

The 2020 River Fest had been canceled due to the shelter in place order at the time.

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Township upgrades tech capabilities for meetings

Board to use $38,000 of PEG funds to keep virtual capability and technology post-COVID

By Hannah Ball  
The Fenton Township Board of Trustees plans to keep its technological improvements even after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

On Monday, March 15, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved spending approximately $38,000 to buy new TVs, microphones, laptops and more. Some of this technology will be available to people who rent the facility.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine supported the plan.

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Road projects to cost Fenton Township $288,189

Ripley Road added back to 2021 recommended list

By Hannah Ball  
On Monday, March 15, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the recommended 2021 road improvement projects. Among them are resurfacing a section of Ripley Road, paving the approach on Hogan Road and more.

The estimated cost of all these projects is $462,867, with the township estimated to pay $288,189. The projects were compiled at the Feb. 1 meeting and sent to the Genesee County Road Commission for approval. Projects were chosen based on cost analysis and discussions with Lawrence Engineering.

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Spring has sprung...

‘Look twice to save a life — motorcycles are everywhere’

Spring is here or is it? For many Michiganders who are motorcyclists, it is time to start riding again. Thousands of motorcyclists will be hitting the roads. Hopefully, they’re not really hitting the pavement.

Motorcycle drivers need to do their part and, “Look twice to save a life — motorcycles are everywhere.”

ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of Michigan urges drivers turning left not to attempt to judge the speed of oncoming motorcycles. Many car and motorcycle accidents occur in intersections.

Motorcyclists need to do their part and have a cycle endorsement added to their driver’s license. Due to COVID-19, motorcycle classes and skills testing were postponed in 2020. Classes for 2021 are filling up fast with class size limits. Outside classroom teaching and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation “COVID-19 Guidelines” will be in place. Motorcycle Basic Public Classes are $50 due to funding by Michigan Motorcyclists through legislation ABATE of Michigan was instrumental in passing.

Motorcycle Basic Public Classes are over represented in motorcycle accidents and fatalities in Michigan, according to Vince Consiglio, ABATE of Michigan president.

Trained motorcyclists ride to survive. According to State Police, 2018 records show an increase in unendorsed motorcyclist’s fatalities. Unendorsed motorcyclists are 15-20 percent of the motorcyclist’s population, and in 2018 they accounted for over 50 percent of the fatalities.

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LHS student preparing for upcoming horse show season classical equitation

By Hannah Ball

One 14-year-old Linden High School student is taking advantage of virtual schooling and preparing for the upcoming horse shows in which she’ll compete in classical equitation.

Madison Hoffmeyer goes to Encore Stables in Brighton Township to ride with her horse, Gus, a few times a week to practice.

The Linden Community Schools student has been riding horses since she was 8 or 9, and she started competing in American Morgan Horse Association Class A in 2019 after showing for about three years.

Madison won numerous awards in 2020. In October 2020, she traveled to the Morgan Grand National and World Championship Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Madison won Reserve GN Saddle Seat Classic Equitation 13 and under, she placed 3rd in the UPHA Challenge Cup. For her first time in the 21 and under AMHA Gold Medal Finals, she placed in the Top 10. She then won 13 and under, she placed 3rd in the UPHA Championship Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Madison won Reserve GN Saddle Seat Classic Equitation 13 and under. Madison won numerous awards in 2020.

"It was pretty cool. It was only my second year going to the World Championship Horse Show." Madison Hoffmeyer

Madison Hoffmeyer, 14, rides her horse, Gus, on Monday, March 15 at Encore Stables in Brighton Township.

I’m pretty nervous, but I always have trust in him that he’s going to take care of me in the ring.”

Madison Hoffmeyer
Argentine Township resident

It’s based on me and how good I can make him look,” she said. “I’m pretty nervous, but I always have trust in him that he’s going to take care of me in the ring. With every horse I ride, I just make sure I’m worried about what they’re doing so I can equitate on them.

The April show will be her debut with Gus, the horse they bought this past November. They previously leased a horse. Competitors have to earn enough points at regional shows to get into the grand nationals.

In 2019, she made just enough points to qualify. The 2020 season was shortened because of the pandemic. Madison only competed in three regional shows before going to the championships. Normally, they go to about six regional shows a year.

They’re not exactly sure how the season will play out this year with the pandemic. A few shows in the coming months have been canceled, but they are planning to attend a few others.

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Gift of Life

By Editor Sharon Stone

I caught a lot of people off guard last week when I went Facebook Live with Staffy Blakely to discuss organ donation. Staffy is a radio talk show host at WDRJ Fourteen Forty AM Radio. I didn’t wake up last Tuesday knowing that I would share my personal story of losing my 12-year-old son, Brad, nearly 21 years ago after he had an asthma attack. It turns out Staffy is friends with Pam Powell, the double lung recipient of Brad’s lungs. Staffy was all set to interview Pam on her show and when I saw a promo for the show, I sent Staffy a note asking how to tune in so I could see Pam and hear what she had to say.

Our family met Pam about 20 years ago at a reception for organ donor families and we have formed a bond with her and her husband, David. We are family through Brad. We stay in touch and usually see each other at the annual Brad Stone Summer Classic.

When Staffy received my note, she reached out to me and asked that I call in to her show so that we could surprise Pam. How could I say no? After some embarrassing technical difficulties, my face appeared on the screen and as expected, everyone heard the iconic scream of joy from Pam.

We consider Pam a miracle since she’s going on 21 years with Brad’s lungs. She’s had some health setbacks over the years, but she is living life to the fullest and taking care of herself as her doctors have ordered.

According to webmd.com, 80 percent of people survive at least one year after a lung transplant. After three years, between 55 and 70 percent of those receiving a long transplant are alive. You can see why we consider Pam a miracle.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing, which manages the nation’s organ transplant system and waiting list, more than 108,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for an organ transplant and a new person is added to that waiting list every 10 minutes. Of those people waiting, about 2,500 of them live here in Michigan. The number of Michigan patients waiting for an organ remains high because there aren’t enough donated organs to meet the need and only a small percentage of people die in a way that makes organ donation medically possible.

Staffy asked if we had ever talked about organ donation with our family and kids. I have always been in favor of organ donation, but that topic never came up concerning a child or ours.

Organ donation is definitely a tough conversation to have with loved ones, but we know we did the right thing and we’ve said from the day we met her that we couldn’t have selected a better recipient.

Remembering how our pastor told us we don’t need our organs in Heaven, if my organs can save someone’s life, donating them would be the right thing to do.

What do you think of Daylight Saving Time?

“To go rogue and do it alone will harm the economy. Six months of the year Michigan would be in sync with the east, six months of the year it would be in sync with the west. I lived in Indiana where we were like this and we worked hard for legislation to fix it. The country needs to drop daylight saving time for it to work having the entire country the same. Otherwise it is simply disruptive in so many ways.”

Susan Lasak Balmas
Fenton

“Hate it.”

Nancy Blair
Fenton

“I love this time of the year. I always have more energy and to have it lighter out later into the evening is the best.”

Amy Andres
Linden

“Love it!”

Elizabeth Higham
Fenton
FUNDRAISERS

TWO 2021 LENTEN FISH FRY EVENTS LEFT AT ST. JOHN IN FENTON

There are just two Lenten Friday Fish Fry dinners left on St. John’s 2021 schedule, March 19 and 26. The dinners are hosted by a dedicated team of volunteers with the Knights of Columbus Council 4718. Ray Barth, community director, said they have had to significantly adapt their events to current COVID times and it’s one of a very few fundraisers for the council that have been able to proceed in the past year.

The council supports many charitable activities and groups throughout the Fenton-Linden-Holly area, Genesee County and the city of Flint. These funds are key to those efforts.

“With all this, we are very thankful for the tremendous community support that’s made this event successful already,” Barth said. Go to stjohnfenton.org to place your orders.

CITIZEN’S ARREST

In the United States, law enforcement officers are given what is called the “Power of Arrest.”

This means that officers are allowed to take a person into custody when there is either a warrant for their arrest or when there is sufficient evidence or “probable cause” that they have committed a crime.

Our society relies on law enforcement to make arrests and with one exception this is what they do.

The exception recognizes the fact that the police cannot be everywhere at once and that private citizens might be confronted with situations where they should be allowed to arrest a criminal suspect.

The law calls this a “citizen’s arrest.”

All states have citizen’s or private person arrest laws or statutes, which vary depending on the state.

In Michigan, our statute provides that a citizen may make an arrest in the following situations:

• For a felony committed in the private person’s presence
• If the person to be arrested has committed a felony although not in the private person’s presence
• If the private person is summoned by a peace officer to assist the officer in making an arrest
• If the private person is a merchant, or their agent, or their employee, or an independent contractor providing security, who believes a person has shoplifted

When there is an arrest, the suspect must immediately be turned over to the police.

Under Michigan common law when a private citizen is confronted with the choice of attempting the arrest or letting the felon escape, it is allowable in very limited circumstances for the citizen to make use of deadly force.

The use of deadly force only applies to a felony arrest and it must be necessary either to meet deadly force or to prevent the felon’s escape.

Some words of caution — although the law allows such arrests, they are very rare (except for shoplifting), and calling the police when there’s trouble is normally the best practice.

One important reason for this is because there is the risk of significant criminal and civil liability for the citizen if everything isn’t exactly as it should be and the arrest was wrongful and/or somebody was injured or died.

It never hurts to exercise caution and a citizen’s arrest is a perfect example.

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“If there’s one thing the world has learned from COVID, it’s the way businesses, governments, medicine, almost all entities, the way we’re going to conduct meetings in the future has changed forever,” he said. “I want to allow the township to prepare for the future.”

Last year, the board approved the purchase of new microphones, large portable TV monitors, an improved sound system and equipment to allow livestreaming of meetings and events, and this plan continues the township’s push to improve technological capabilities.

“As we move closer to having in-person meetings again, our experiences with virtual meetings have created opportunities to enhance township meetings even more,” said Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk in a letter to the board.

This includes allowing board meetings to be held both in person and virtually via Zoom and providing large TV monitors for the display of meeting information and Zoom participants. These TVs will be on adjustable stands so they can be easily moved.

They can televise a recording of each meeting on public access channels that integrates comments from Zoom participants and information from the meeting packet.

Each board member will receive a laptop provided by the township to look at the digital board packet, along with Zoom access, and the township can produce public service announcements and other information videos for telecast on the public access channel and on YouTube.

Funds needed for these upgrades would be approximately $38,000. They would come from restricted PEG (Public Education Grant) funds, which can only be used for PEG channel and programming.

Broecker recommended approving the project.

“This project is an exciting opportunity for the Township to update and enhance public access to Township Board meetings, as well as improve overall meeting operations,” he said.

The list of purchases includes microphones, cables, audio extractors, LED TVs and more.
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ASPHALT RESURFACING
Ripley Road — Rolston Road to Lahring Road

This project is estimated to cost $185,000. The township will pay half at $92,500 and the GCRC will pay $92,500. The initial 2020 road project budget was $350,000 and it included Ripley Road. However, due to financial uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, they took Ripley Road off the list, which reduced the budget to $200,000. They increased the 2021 budget to $300,000, which allowed them to add Ripley Road to the list.

Main Road — North Long Lake Road to Thompson Road

This project is estimated to cost $58,000. The township and GCRC will split the cost at $29,000 each.

LIMESTONE RESURFACING
Fairbanks Road — Thompson Road to Lahring Road

The estimated cost is $85,415.05. The township will pay $47,237 and GCRC will pay $38,177.

Hogan Road — Lahring Road to Smith Road

The estimated cost is $61,952, which the township will pay.

CRACK SEALING
Butcher Road – Fenton Road to Gage Road

The estimated cost is $10,000.

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“I like being with the horses. You always have a friend with them. You always learn something in this sport, whether it’s learning from a bad ride or a high from a really good ride, you always learn a lesson,” she said.

Madison started riding when she was young. Her mother, Dawn Hoffmeyer, said they drove by Silver Lake Stables, back when it was called Higgins, and Madison said she wanted to take lessons. She started training with Kimber Sharp. Madison followed Sharp when she moved to Encore Stables in Brighton Township.

“It’s really fun” going to shows, Hoffmeyer said. “Just the whole atmosphere. Watching her. All the other classes that you get to watch. It’s exciting. Nerve-wracking, but exciting.”

She said it was “so exciting” when Madison won the awards last year.

“We’re so proud of her. She loves it — it is, in the end, about competition, but it’s more about fun. Most of the time it’s learning,” she said.

Madison has a quote in her room that says, “I don’t lose. I either win or learn.” She’s thinking about becoming a trainer in the future.

ASPHALT PAVED APPROACH (APRON)
Hogan Road at Lahring Road (north side)

The estimated cost is $30,000. The township and GCRC will each pay $15,000.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE AVERAGE GAS price under Obama was $2.97. The average under Trump was $2.49, which includes lower prices due to the pandemic (due to far fewer miles being driven). The current average price is around $2.80. It’s mostly the market, not the president, that affects gas prices.

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I KNOW A lot of conservatives are disheartened lately. Don’t be. If you follow your conscience and your heart you will never be wrong, no matter what they try to tell you. You are America and all she stands for. The single greatest thing about this nation is its people.

TO THE 75-year-old man. If you are getting VA health care call Flint VA clinic at (810) 720-2913. Select make an appointment and you should be able to talk to someone. I called there and got right in for my COVID shot.

THE SCOOP, COME on. Fenton needs another liquor license like it needs more pot holes. We have more than enough, and just like pot holes someone is going to get hurt one of these days.

ONLINE COURSES

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This would be a fantastic way to get them involved by learning and socializing, while having a good time,” Pease said. “Keeps the brain fresh.”

Pease said a person can take classes multiple times if needed.

“I have taken and retaken classes on Beginning Zoom, Advanced Zoom, using an Android phone, Google Cloud, Microsoft One Drive, how to find your photos, organize them, and more,” she said. “When I have an hour available, I go to this website and see what classes are going to start. If it looks interesting, I take the class.”

RIVER FEST

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associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keepers of the Shiawassee River, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit volunteer organization, is an advocate of the Shiawassee River, the Shiawassee River Trail Coalition, and the communities the river flows through.

In 2018, Keepers decided to make Fenton the home of the Shiawassee River Fest. However, when Linden City approached them recently to join them in a celebration of its own members couldn’t resist.

This year the Keepers of the Shiawassee will be teaming up with Linden’s 150th Anniversary Celebration to bring the community a full three day weekend of events, July 16, 17 and 18.

The Shiawassee River Fest will continue to provide the popular events including the Cardboard Regatta, Fishing Tournament, shopping vendors and more paired with three days of music at Linden’s Millpond gazebo alongside the Shiawassee River.

Brad Jacob, Fenton City councilman and chair of the Shiawassee River Fest chair said, “I know this is going to be a well received event after our tough year we’ve all had. We are in the beginning stages of planning right now, so a lot of the details have not been hammered out.”

Currently, the Keepers of the Shiawassee are working with the Linden Happening Committee to make this a memorable three-day festival celebration of the 150th anniversary of Linden. The festival will have three days of music, arts and crafts vendors, raffles, duck races, and fun activities in the river and Mill Pond.

“We are hoping to include fireworks and other exciting elements,” he said.

MOTORCYCLES

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As of July 1, 2020, Senate Bill 1, gave choice in auto insurance coverage levels to Michigan drivers. According to ABATE Legislative Officer Jim Rhoades, “auto drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, snowmobilers and ATVers will all have a choice on their medical coverage, but motorcyclists hit by car drivers will be stuck with the car driver’s choice for medical coverage.”

Out of state motorcyclists will go to their choice in medical coverage. Only Michigan motorcyclists will be subject to the car driver’s choice for medical coverage.

ABATE will continue to work with the Michigan Legislature to correct this bizarre situation.
Fenton competitive cheer captures Metro League crown

By David Troppens

For the first time in school history the Fenton varsity competitive cheer team are Flint Metro League champs.

After taking first in two of the first three weeks of Metro sessions, the Tigers captured their third first at the Metro League meet. The event represented 50 percent of the final team score, meaning the Tigers easily earned the crown against second-place Kearsley.

Lake Fenton placed fifth at the event and finished third overall while Linden placed third at the meet and fifth overall. Holly was eighth at the meet and in the overall standings.

Fenton and Kearsley entered the event as the only two with realistic chances of earning the title. Fenton opened the meet with a 227.5 in round one while Kearsley was second with a 226.6. Lake Fenton had a 219.1. Kearsley posted a 213.46-211.32 edge in round two versus Fenton, but an eight-point Hornet penalty enabled the Tigers to maintain a pretty strong 438.82-432.06 lead. Kearsley had a 298 versus Fenton’s 296 in round three, but it wasn’t enough to overcome the Tigers’ lead. Fenton finished with a season-best 734.82 score in Metro action, en route to the meet win and league crown.

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Fenton’s Max Haney was a two-time Metro League individual champion at the Metro Meet on Saturday.

Tigers capture 10th straight Metro League crown

By David Troppens

There was a time when the Flint Metro League’s boys swim championship wasn’t dominated by the Fenton Tigers. But to remember when that was the case, one would have to remember a past more than a decade ago.

The Tigers captured their 10th Flint Metro League championship in a row on Saturday, winning the Flint Metro League’s

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Goodrich — The last time the 10th-ranked Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team in Division 2 earned at least a share of a league title, the Detroit Pistons “Bad Boys” advanced all the way to the NBA Finals before finally losing to the Magic Johnson-led Los Angeles Lakers in a seven-game series in 1988.

That long dryspell came to an end on Friday night.

Known for their own great defense, Lake Fenton’s limited roster of seven players stifled the Goodrich Martians on their own home court all night long, resulting in a 42-30 Blue Devils’ victory. The win means the Blue Devils are 8-1 in the Flint Metro League’s Stripes Division and 10-1 overall. The victory also means the Blue Devils can do no worse than earn a co-Stripes Division title.

“It means a lot because as a team we’ve been working so hard this season and it finally kind of paid off,” Lake Fenton senior Aubrey Fray said. “It’s something we haven’t been able to do in the past so it’s exciting.”

“It’s been a ride and we keep talking about playing one game at a time,” Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. “We still have to (beat) Brandon on Tuesday and that’s our goal. I know it was a good press moment to take that (team championship) photo (after the game), but I said, ‘No, I’m not going to go in that picture.’ We have to beat Brandon on Tuesday (for See DEVILS on 12

Lake Fenton’s Macy Phillips attempts a shot in the paint in the Blue Devils’ victory against the Goodrich Martians.

Photo:Mark Bolen
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The decedent Jessie D. Beckley (Date of Birth: 09/07/1927) grantor of The Wayne C. Beckley and Jessie D. Beckley Revocable Living Trust, dated the 8th day of September, 2000, who lived at Vicinia Gardens, 4045 Vicinia Way, Fenton, MI passed away 10/16/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Wayne C. Beckley and Jessie D. Beckley Revocable Living Trust dated the 8th day of September, 2000 will be forever barred unless presented to Mark G. Beckley and Pamela J. McClure, Trustees, in writing within 4 months after this publication. Submit all claims in writing to: 1714 Willow Woods Ln, Lansing, MI 48917.

Bronchos finished tied for fourth at Metro League meet

By David Troppens

Holly’s limited roster varsity boys swim team was able to win only one Metro League dual this winter.

But, once the Bronchos got to the league meet, life was a little bit different. The Bronchos tied for fourth at the event and ended up finishing in a tie for fourth in the final standings.

The Kearsley/Lake Fenton swim team finished seventh at the meet and also placed seventh overall.

Holly relays earned two runner-up finishes. The 200 medley relay team of Zachary Rockafellow, Drew Hignite, Quintin Monty and Brandon Strickert took second with a time of 1:49.75, while the 400 freestyle relay team of the same four athletes also finished second with a time of 3:43.31.

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Eagles push past Fenton Tigers, earn season split between rivals

By Dale Smith

Linden — It was pretty outside Friday night in Argentine Township but the girls’ basketball teams from Linden and Fenton were in a bit of a foul mood. Both teams spent a good time of the game at the charity stripe due to fouls, but the host Eagles came away with the 47-38 win.

Linden picked up three personal fouls less than three minutes into the game and the Tigers were already in the bonus with 2:10 left to play in the first quarter. There were 14 total fouls by the two teams in the first eight minutes. A 3-pointer at the buzzer by Linden senior Paige Leedle gave the Eagles an 11-5 early advantage.

Both teams had difficulty finding the bottom of the net in the second quarter. A layin from freshman Olivia Mahinney gave Linden a 14-7 lead at the 3:20 mark. Fenton senior Korryn Smith hit two free throws and followed up with a bucket within a 20-second time frame to chip into the Linden lead. The Eagles led 20-13 at the half.

Fenton (6-3 in league play and 8-5 overall) was particularly dominant on the boards in the first half, out rebounding the Eagles by a 23-10 margin, but had difficulty scoring. Linden (5-3, 7-4) had seven first-half steals to only two for the Tigers but was shooting at a much higher percentage.

An early bucket from Fenton sophomore Adrie Staib brought the Tigers within three points at 20-17 but Mawhinney “and one” soon thereafter put the Eagles back up by eight at 25-17 with 3:23 left in the third.

Leading 31-22 heading into the final stanza, Linden was able to open up a large lead at 39-22 courtesy of five consecutive free throws from Leedle after two personal fouls were followed by a technical foul. Both teams were in the double bonus early in the fourth. Consecutive “and ones” from Smith and Fenton senior Kyla Lynch cut the Linden lead to 10 at 41-31, but it came too late as the Eagles held on for the win.

“They came ready to play and we were slow at the beginning,” Smith said. “We tried to fix what we needed to fix. We had our high points and our low points.” Smith led all Fenton scorers with 13 points.

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PREP REPORT

WRESTLING
◆ Holly quad: The Bronchos lost to South Lyon 44-36 and Grandville 52-21.
  Mason Forsythe (140), Kolten Steele (215) and Scotty Herman (171/189) led the Bronchos with two pinfall wins while Jacob Gonzales (152/160) went 2-0 with one pinfall win. Jeff Preston (171) and Kendall Drake (152) each had a pinfall victory.

HOCKEY
◆ Flint Powers 3, Fenton/Linden 0: Tyler Lawrence and Jacques Lavrack scored goals for the Chargers earning Powers the win. Weston Rinig and Mason Czarneki, Gunnar Birmingham and Cooper Gerhardt had assists.
  Nick Wilson made 28 saves for the Griffins while Nick Kurtiak made 18 saves for Powers.
**Lake Fenton wrestlers sweep weekend quad**

The Lake Fenton wrestling squad had a strong weekend, posting three victories in a quad.

The Blue Devils defeated Lapeer 65-12, Grand Blanc 48-27 and Milford 60-24.

Six Blue Devils had perfect 3-0 records. Ty Johnson (125) and Drew Corcoran (135) earned 3-0 marks with three pinfall victories.

**Staff reports**

Lake Fenton’s first-year head coach Tyler Szczepanski was pleased with his team’s effort.

“They delivered the first punch of the game and had us down 7-0 and then we fired two punches to take the lead,” Szczepanski said. “We held the lead for the majority of the first half. Give our guys credit for getting hit, getting knocked down, getting back up against a highly ranked team and giving them everything we had. This was our best effort and this was our best execution this season. We are going to learn from this, get better and keep improving.”

The Blue Devils didn’t flinch from Goodrich’s fast start. In fact, it seemed to inspire the squad.

The Blue Devils scored their first points with 4:50 left in the first quarter on a mid-range jumper by Jake Helms. After a Goodrich turnover, Dylan Hamnis hit a driving layup, cutting the gap to 7-4. The Blue Devils cut the gap to 10-9 on a three-pointer by Collin Schramm. The Blue Devils still trailed by one (at 12-11) after a hoop by Schramm with 2:21 left in the quarter, as he went to the line after being fouled on his converted shot. He missed the free throw, but Max Muenzer rebounded the miss and made the putback, giving the Blue Devils a 13-12 lead. Lake Fenton wasn’t able to hold that lead and trailed 17-15 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, it was the Blue Devils who took over. A 12-foot jumper by Carter Foerster tied the game at 17-all. Goodrich took the lead again on a layup by Michael Cemazar, but Francis Senter responded with a three-pointer, giving the Blue Devils a 20-19 lead with 5:29 left until halftime. That hoop started an 11-2 Lake Fenton run that had the visiting Lake Fenton faithful excited. Senter and Carter Smith each hit two free throws in consecutive possessions, increasing Lake Fenton’s lead to 26-21, and then after a time out, Foerster assisted a breaking layup by Senter, raising the Blue Devils’ edge to the greatest it would ever get, 28-21.

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The Blue Devils led by as many as 31-10 after a three-pointer, giving Lake Fenton an early lead on two converted free throws by Fray about a minute into the contest and the, Lake Fenton never lost it. The Blue Devils had their tough half-court defense to credit for that. Goodrich only managed two shots in the opening quarter while turning the ball over a whopping 14 times. The Martians turned the ball over during each of its first five possessions, with Lake Fenton scoring its second bucket on a Christina Lamb steal, sparking a Macy Phillips fastbreak lay-up making it a 4-0 Lake Fenton lead. Goodrich scored on its next possession on a Kalen Williams lay-up, but the Blue Devils would go on to score the final eight points of the quarter, taking a 12-2 lead entering the final eight points of the quarter. The Blue Devils would go on to score the first bucket of overtime.

Lake Fenton’s Savannah Fellenbaum (left) prepares to attempt a shot during the Blue Devils’ victory against Goodrich. Photo: Mark Bolen

By David Troppens

The season has included learning a new coach, delays due to COVID-19, a suspension of practices and play early in the season due to COVID-19 and then the process of catching up to other teams because of that suspension. But after losing its first three games, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is starting put together a run of strong basketball. Lake Fenton won its third game in 11 days, defeating the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks 67-60 in overtime on the road Saturday.

“It definitely was a good old fashioned barn burner classic high school basketball game.” Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. “It was back-and-forth. We really held control the game for the majority of it. We got off to a hot start, hit some shots early and held the lead the majority of the game. The first time we were losing was in overtime. But then they scored the first basket of overtime.” The Blackhawks may have scored the first bucket of the OT, but the Blue Devils dominated most of the overtime, scoring 12 points in the four-minute session. Francis Senter had a big overtime, netting six points, including hitting 4-of-6 free throws. The Blue Devils actually iced the game from the charity stripe, netting 8-of-12 from the free-throw line during the extra session.

The Tigers did a little more than win a league crown for the 10th time. The Tigers broke five meet record times and posted pool and varsity records in two relays. Also, the Tigers had four swimmers qualify for the state meet in nine events.

“With the season being cut short, we were excited to get started and certainly now we are excited about winning the league and going to the state finals,” Fenton varsity swim coach Brad Jones said. “Everyone was excited to get in the water and get back at it.”

The Tigers won nine of the 12 events titles. Jack Fries, Max Haney and Gavin Crews earned the right to say they were four-time event league champions. The trio combined with Kaz Sieja to win two relays. The 200 freestyle relay team posted a meet-record time and a state-qualifying time of 1:29.43. The four swimmers also accomplished all of the same feats with a time of 3:16.96 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Haney had meet- and state-qualifying times in both of his individual event victories. He won the 200 individual medley (1:57.63) and the 500 freestyle (4:48.18). Fries and Crews had state-qualifying times in each of their individual event wins. Fries won the 200 freestyle (1:48.66) and the 100 backstroke (54.42) while Crews won the 50 freestyle (22.08) and the 100 freestyle (48.83).
McLaren provides vaccine update

Furthers partnership with Walgreens to provide more vaccination appointments

McLaren Health Care has administered more than 100,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to employees and patients since vaccines first became available mid-December 2020.

During that time, Walgreens played a key role by vaccinating tens of thousands outside their medical centers while McLaren continued to battle the virus at record levels. Now, McLaren and Walgreens are expanding this vaccination partnership to further protect eligible residents from COVID-19.

Beginning this week, McLaren will redistribute its Michigan-based allocation of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to Walgreens. Through this exclusive partnership, McLaren will further expand vaccination efforts across the state of Michigan into safe, accessible, and conveniently located community Walgreens stores.

At this time, McLaren will transition COVID-19 vaccine scheduling to Walgreens. All eligible Michigan residents who have not been vaccinated can now visit the Walgreens COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Site at walgreens.com to find nearby available appointments.

McLaren officials encourage those looking for appointments to visit this site frequently, as appointments are regularly updated based on available vaccine and eligibility guidelines.

McLaren is pleased to further its exclusive vaccination partnership with Walgreens to help protect Michigan residents from COVID-19.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MICHIGAN’S PREVAILING WINDS travel from the southwest to the northeast. Residents of the city of Fenton, just a few miles north of us in Tyrone Township, beware of the proposed Capitol Asphalt plant.

BE PROACTIVE. REGISTERING for a vaccine isn’t enough. Waiting for ‘them’ to contact you is fine if you’re not in a hurry or serious need. Ask a neighbor to schedule you if you aren’t connected with technology. I’ve scheduled for two of my neighbors not online.

CAN’T MAKE MYSELF feel sorry for these multi-millionaire pro athletes who insult our country and flag before every game. If living in America has been so terrible for them, maybe they should leave. I will be watching no pro sports.

THE WAY THE Democrats are going they will have this country bankrupt before summer.

I AGREE WITH any and all people who are against changing our clocks twice a year. It makes no sense and is just a problem. Nearly all if not all people would rather not have to put up with it. Get on the bandwagon to oppose this crazy thing.

WILL BIDEN AND his administration be investigated and prosecuted for the next wave of COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.? I AM CURIOUS AS TO why the residents of the neighborhood didn’t get a vote on The Scoop becoming the latest bar downtown? Enough with the bars already.
MIDWEEK TIMES

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**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Concern about the plight of the less fortunate could be on your mind, Aries. You may have many questions about humanitarian issues and be wondering how to get involved.

**TAURUS** Apr 21/May 21
You normally are a very active person, Taurus. Figure out ways to channel that activity into something for the greater good as well as something that can benefit you.

**GEMINI**
May 22/Jun 21
This week you will enjoy a break where you can relax and decompress for a change, Gemini. Maybe you can use it as an opportunity to be introspective and forward-thinking.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 21
This week you will enjoy a break where you can relax and decompress for a change, Gemini. Maybe you can use it as an opportunity to be introspective and forward-thinking.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Try to find things that can keep you occupied at home while you wait for an appointment or spend a lot of time indoors, Leo. Home projects may be an option.

**LIBRA**
Sep 22/Oct 21
Do not fight the thoughts or feelings that are running through you this week, Libra. Some may not pan out, but something may come through that sets a new course for you.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 22/Nov 21
Sometimes you can be a bit vague when it comes to relationships, Scorpio. Be clear about your intentions if you are thinking of getting into a new relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22/Dec 21
Learning how to read other people’s emotions can help you learn to interact with and support those around you, Sagittarius. Practice your skills of perception.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, even though you have a solid game plan in place, you may experience a few challenges along the way. Use these experiences to learn from your mistakes.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 21/Feb 18
This week you may have a conversation with someone who opens your eyes to entirely new possibilities, Aquarius. Embrace this exciting time.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Don’t avoid conflict at all costs, Pisces. Rather, learn effective ways to face any and all events that come your way. You’ll be more well-rounded.
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