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Fenton City is entering into a multi-city contract to have Wolverine Seal Coating, LLC seal cracks in city streets and parking lots this year for cost savings. *Times file photo*

Fenton to contract seal coating

■ \$60,000 to seal cracks in asphalt surface to prevent water intrusion on city streets, parking lots

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council approved the 2021 Overband/Crack Seal (OCS) Maintenance Program Monday, March 22 and awarded the contract to Wolverine Seal Coating, LLC, the lowest qualified bidder, at a cost of \$60,000.

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The state of Fenton roads: Part II

■ Examines roads east of U.S. 23 and north of railway

By Hannah Ball

The conditions of local Fenton roads north of the Canadian Rail-

way System and east of U.S. 23 are considered to be a mix of "very poor," "poor" and "fair."

These ratings come from a 2020 PASER study. PASER stands for Pavement Surface

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Agriculture today



James MacCaughan poses with his "Best in Show" hen at a 4-H competition. James and his entire family are active with 4-H.

Read their family's story on page 19. Submitted photo



The Genesee County Drain Commission - Division of Surface Water Management (GCDC-SWM) recently completed repairs to the Linden Mill Pond dam. The dam controls the water levels of lakes Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper.

Repairs made to Linden Mill Pond dam

■ Controls water levels of lakes Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper

By Sharon Stone

Longtime property owners on lakes Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper in Fenton Township know that the water level of the lakes is lowered every fall and brought back up every spring.

See **DAM** on 7

Snapchat post reveals large party

■ Up to 40 teens party at Linden home while parents out of town, two taken to hospital

By Sharon Stone

The Linden Police Department is investigating a reported large party that resulted in a male and a female being transported to the hospital for medical attention.

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“I’ll vote yes for Asphalt, ‘IF’ the company paves my driveway, paves all dirt roads in Tyrone Township, and

Center Road for free. Knowing that won’t happen, they get a ‘no’ vote from me, unless the company wants to give back to the community.”



“Turtles are on the move. Please drive slowly around the curves on Middle Road

between Milford and Hickory Ridge. Helped a little guy yesterday get across the road. No chicken jokes, please.”



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The boating season has begun

■ With ice recently melted off of lakes, more boats go in; local marinas say boat inventory is low

By Hannah Ball

People are putting their boats in the water because of the warmer weather, and one local marina is warning that if you're looking to purchase a new or used boat, inventory is way down.

Cody Allen, service mechanic at Lake Ponemah Marina, said they have approximately 260 boats in storage right now, which is nearly 15 percent higher compared to previous years. He said last spring started off rough with the pandemic, but it's been "nonstop" since April 2020. They've been busy all throughout the winter working on boats.

More people were looking to buy boats last summer, and they're seeing the effects of that now. The supply of new boats is down, Allen said, because manufacturers were set back due to the pandemic. They were supposed to receive eight

“There's still a chance we could have freezing temperatures, so boaters need to be aware.”

Patti Smith

Silver Spray Sports co-owner

new boats for their show, but they only had three.

“We've got, like, no inventory left,” he said. It's also hard to find products in the used market.

“Everything is double the value it was a year and half ago. Everything

is just in a high demand. Everyone's staying at home so they want to be on the water or be doing something with the family,” he said.

In the last few weeks, they've put in about a dozen boats. Fishers were calling as soon as the ice melted to get their boats in. The weather has been in their favor as well.

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Cody Allen, service mechanic at Lake Ponemah Marina, works on an engine at the marina on Wednesday, March 24. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

I hope you enjoy reading about some very hard-working families living in the tri-county area who are featured in our Agriculture section in this weekend's edition of the Times. I certainly enjoyed interviewing them and learning about their passion for family and their dedication to the agriculture industry in Michigan.

This is the Times' first Agriculture section and we reached out to a few local families to see what their day-to-day operations are like and how they rely on their families for support. I do admit that prior to this featured section, I had not given much thought to where our crops, meat and milk come from other than knowing we have some of the best sweet corn and farmers markets in the area.

Learning how the entire Gramer family comes together to run a large dairy farm is inspiring to me. While other businesses shut down because of the pandemic, I learned a dairy farm cannot shut down as Albert Gramer Jr. said the cows always need to be milked. Add schooling and sports to the mix and that is a very busy family.

I was unaware that Byron schools has a well-respected Future Farmers of America (FFA) program and nearly half of the student population at the high school actively takes courses in

Agriculture and the families that support it

the program. While 4-H Clubs across the country are community based, the FFA is school based. To hear Jenna Anderson, a junior at Byron High School, talk about her experiences with raising animals and taking on leadership roles, it's apparent why there is so much enthusiasm with this program.

Speaking of 4-H, I was excited to learn that my co-worker Coreena Storms' brother Jim MacCaughan of Fenton has been involved with 4-H his entire life. His parents were involved with every aspect of 4-H, including just about every life skill a person needs, from financial planning, sewing, cooking, maintaining farming equipment and raising healthy



Sharon Stone

animals and plentiful crops. Jim's children are now involved and from the number of awards they have already earned, they are headed in the right direction for a successful future.

I also interviewed Dwight Eichelberg, who owns and runs Eichelberg Farm in Fenton Township. Every summer we routinely buy our sweet corn and tomatoes from his vegetable stand. It's definitely a full-time job for the retired teacher.

Please take a few minutes to read and learn about our neighbors and their families who are part of the second most diverse agriculture industry in the nation just behind California.

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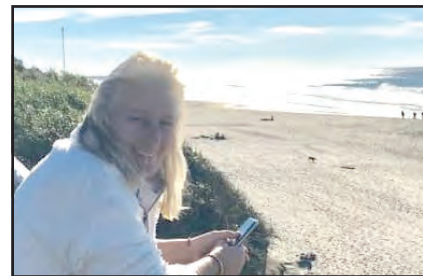
"Right here in Fenton, Michigan. I love this area and my children and grandchildren are here love being close to them. Winter I'm back in Florida don't do the cold anymore."

Patti Zerull Hunt, Linden



"Greece, on the ocean!"

Michele Hornung
Holly



"I would like to travel and see the country. The beauty- when they say God's country, you cannot imagine until you've been there. That's what I want to see before the United States is destroyed."

Connie Lewandowski Beebe, Holly



"UP L'Anse or Grand Marais area on a river."

Julie Ferris Drury
Fenton

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JUST WANTED EVERYONE to know if you need a laundromat, go to Murphy's in Linden. They were so helpful and kind. She went above and beyond helping me with the stain on my new comforter and she put something on it and rewashed it at no charge. Very nice people.

GREAT, FENTON IS scheduled to receive \$1.2 million in stimulus funding. So that's \$1.1 million going to the DDA and the rest for butterfly gardens, downtown flowers and non-motorized pathways.

CRIMINALS OBEY GUN laws like politicians obey the Constitution.

WHAT IS UP with big underage drinking party in Linden this past weekend? Kids are talking about it all over Snapchat. So disappointing.

TO THE FENTON Township Planning Commission members, would you like an event barn in your backyard?

MICHIGAN COURT OF Claims Judge Christopher Murray ruled Secretary of State Benson violated Michigan's Administrative Procedures Act. The guidance she issued with respect to matching voter signatures circumvented the law.

Fenton PD to buy 2021 4WD pursuit-rated Tahoe

■ Replaces 2013 Tahoe with more than 110,000 miles on it

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a 4WD pursuit-rated 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$39,573. An additional \$10,152 for equipment and upfitting, \$606.18 for computer docking station and \$400 for vehicle letter brings the total price to \$50,731.18.

A new patrol vehicle was approved by city council for the fiscal year 2020-2021. This new Tahoe will replace a 2013 Tahoe that has 110,034 miles on it.

Police Chief Jason Slater said purchasing a four-wheel drive option would allow the police department to use the vehicle for daily patrol and provide transportation capabilities in hazardous weather conditions.



The Fenton Police Department will purchase a 2021 4WD pursuit-rated Chevrolet Tahoe similar to the one shown here to replace a 2013 Tahoe that will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

In a memo from Slater to City Manager Lynn Markland, Slater said he received an updated quote from Berger Chevrolet, which purchases off the State of Michigan and Oakland County contracts. The \$39,573 price is based on the State of Michigan MIDEAL Contract.

See **TAHOE** on 10

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Additionally, they should offer suggestions for funding a child's education, ways to finance a second home, etc.

How will you show my progress?

Wealth accumulation is a journey, not a transaction. Your progress, strategy, and cost should be clearly documented and understood every step of the way.

In the end, not all financial advisors are created equal. The wrong advisor can cost you more than just fees. Imagine the confidence you can have in fulfilling your goals by partnering with the right advisor.

If you seek financial advice or would like a second opinion on your finances, visit KaydanWealth.com and click “Get Started” to ask the important questions above.

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DAM

Continued from Front Page

The water level is controlled by the Linden Mill Pond dam.

According to the Genesee County Drain Commission, the recent freeze and thaw weather events caused a clevis fastener on the dam to break. The fastener connected cables at the bottom of the dam wall, adversely impacting the auto control system responsible for maintaining proper water levels.

The GCDC - Division of Surface Water Management (GCDC-SWM) recently completed the repairs to the dam. The issue was identified

quickly by GCDC-SWM staff and repaired before any surrounding residents were impacted.

"Our Surface Water employees are some of the most experienced, dedicated, and attentive professionals in the industry, and responded in the most expeditious manner possible," Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright said. "Their level of knowledge and commitment helps ensure the public safety of this region on a daily basis."

Repair work has been completed, water levels remain at appropriate levels and active monitoring of the dam system continues.

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DEA prepares for 20th 'Take Back Day' in April

■ Comes after collecting record 94,000 pounds during October 2020 event

With opioid overdose deaths increasing during the pandemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced its 20th Take Back Day scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

At its last Take Back Day in October 2020, DEA collected a record-high amount of expired, unused prescription medications, with the public turning in close to 500 tons of unwanted drugs.

Over the 10-year span of Take Back Day, DEA has brought in more than 6,800 tons of prescription drugs. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. has seen an increase in overdose deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 83,544 Americans overdosing during the 12-month period ending July 1, 2020, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period.

The increase in drug overdose deaths appeared to begin prior to the COVID-19 health emergency, but accelerated significantly during the first months of the pandemic.

The Detroit Field Division, which covers Michigan, Ohio and parts of Northern Kentucky, collected a record-setting 94,000 pounds during the October 2020 take back event.

"Helping people dispose of potentially harmful prescription drugs is just one way DEA is working to reduce addiction and stem overdose deaths," said DEA Detroit Field Division Special Agent in Charge Keith Martin. "Take Back Day is not only a great opportunity to rid your home of unused medication,

but also is a time to have important conversations about proper use and storage of prescription medication."

The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at collection sites, which will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations in order to maintain the safety of all participants and local law enforcement.

DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, other solid forms of prescription drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

DEA will continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges at its drop off locations provided lithium batteries are removed.

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By Erica Rainer

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Are you or someone you love suffering with chronic pain that is causing you and those around you to miss out on cherished times and beautiful memories?

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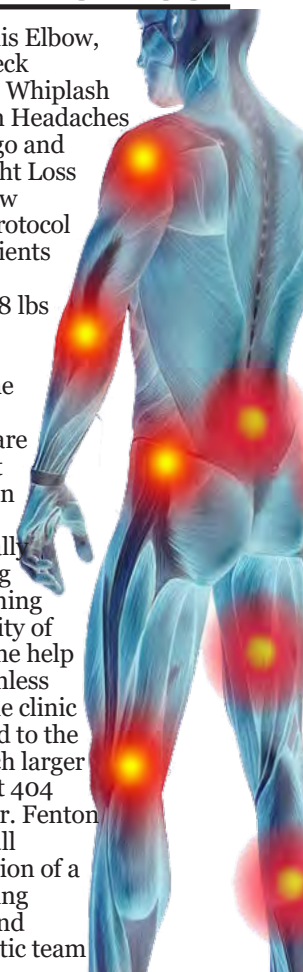
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Hip, Tennis Elbow, Back & Neck problems, Whiplash along with Headaches and Vertigo and now Weight Loss using a new medical protocol where patients are safely losing 5-8 lbs a week. Patients report time and again that they are able to get out of pain while dramatically improving and regaining their quality of life with the help of the Painless Team. The clinic just moved to the new, much larger location at 404 Rounds Dr. Fenton and is a full collaboration of a well running Medical and Chiropractic team



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"The general problem with main stream medical when evaluating and treating joint pain is that we tend to rely on anti inflammatories or surgeries which are only acute care or emergency approaches but in most cases joint pain is a degenerative condition and there are no pills or surgery that will slow down or reverse this sort of degenerative process", the Patient Advocate at the Fenton clinic, Painless Treatment Centers of Michigan, home to Painless Medical & Painless Chiropractic.

The majority of people that suffer rely on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs which attribute to about 16,500 NSAID-related deaths each year with osteoarthritis patients alone, however... if left untreated the condition can lead to further joint or nerve damage, causing the need of a cane, walker or complete loss of the ability to walk, even amputation in some cases.

a good fit for the program and that they will get results. I guess that's why we have such a good reputation." said Kaitlin, head of administration at the Fenton Clinic.

IMAGINE A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN... With recent advancements in insurance coverage, technology and treatment options, clinics all over the are seeing larger success rates and faster results for their chronic, degenerative, joint pain patients. "These new regenerative options, paired with a multifaceted approach, has been life altering for our patients, their families and our clinic. We have only just begun spreading the good word about many of the successful protocols our clinic offers and there has yet to be one that has been anything less then miraculous. Our referrals have tripled due to positive results... It's just really heartwarming to see people so happy." said Courtney the scheduling coordinator.

weekend will count, as long as they can reach you by phone next week.

My advice, don't suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse... If you or your loved one is experiencing swelling, tenderness, degeneration of cartilage or tissues, locking of joints, cracking or popping, decreased range of motion, weakness, pain after activity or after inactivity, discomfort when climbing stairs or rising from a seated position, or any of the other horrible issues or loss that joint pain can cause, take action because it will progress and surgery should always be the last resort. Don't wait, find out if the their Joint Pain Protocols can help you regain the strength and get rid of the pain in your joints!

Over the years the Painless team has made quite the name for themselves. They have successfully helped thousands of patients with chronic conditions of Neuropathy, Sciatica,

working hand in hand to provide our community with the best treatment options available. They will work together with your primary care doctor, as primary care is not a service they offer but in the majority of cases a referral is not needed. The team is well known for tackling chronic conditions and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered and tried other treatment options with no luck, only to have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have credited the Painless care team for giving them their lives back!

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TAHOE

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This new Tahoe will be equipped by Arrowhead Upfitters, which has completed two prior vehicles for the police department.

High Octane Design in Fenton Township will complete the lettering. High Octane has lettered the police department's fleet for several years.

A new computer dock will be added to this vehicle, which will allow them to maintain a computer for the school resource officer.

Slater said that typically the deadline to order a new model is March 30. However, this year, due to the

microchip shortage, the deadline was moved to Jan. 27. Berger Chevrolet routinely orders additional pursuit-rated Tahoes for its lot and Slater was able to place a hold on one of the Tahoes ordered last fall.

Because of the early deadline to order, Slater said he did not consult with the Vic Canever Chevrolet dealer regarding this purchase. Vic Canever Chevrolet will still complete warrant and service work.

The police department's 2013 Tahoe will be deemed surplus equipment and auctioned to the highest bidder via the MITN website that has successfully sold several of the city's decommissioned vehicles.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021, beginning at 7:00 pm via Zoom teleconference. Information to join this meeting will be posted to the Township's website prior to the meeting. The purpose for the Public Hearing is to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: A request by Tony Malinowski for a 7-foot, 5-inch east side yard setback variance in order to add onto an existing dwelling located at 10491 Lakeshore Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430; Parcel ID: 4704-09-402-022. The property is zoned LK-1, Lake Front Residential. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Section 20.10 – Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, and sight lines.

APPEAL NO. 2: A request by Scott and Lana Crain for a 10-foot front yard setback variance in order to build a new single-family dwelling located on Starwood Drive in Fenton, Michigan, 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-30-403-009. The property is zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Section 20.01 – Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height & sight lines.

APPEAL NO. 3: A previously tabled request by Brandon & Alexandria Gaynier for a 5-foot east side yard setback variance, a 5-foot west side yard setback variance, and a 14-foot front yard variance in order to build a new single-family residence located on Ledgewood Drive in Fenton, Michigan, 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-30-101-018. The property is zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 - Section 20.01 Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, and minimum lot width & lot area.

For additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps please contact the Planning & Zoning Department at (810) 629-8631 or via email at zoning@tyronetownship.us Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

LOOKING BACK *at this week in* HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

MARCH 28

1979: At 4 a.m., the worst accident in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry begins when a pressure valve in the Unit-2 reactor at Three Mile Island fails to close. Cooling water, contaminated with radiation, drained from the open valve into adjoining buildings, and the core began to dangerously overheat. The Three Mile Island nuclear power plant was built in 1974 on a sandbar on Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River, just 10 miles downstream from the state capitol in Harrisburg. In 1978, a second state-of-the-art reactor began operating on Three Mile Island, which was lauded for generating affordable and reliable energy in a time of energy crises.

MARCH 29

1973: Two months after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, the last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam as Hanoi frees the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. America's direct eight-year intervention in the Vietnam War was at an end. In Saigon, some 7,000 U.S. Department of Defense civilian employees remained behind to aid South Vietnam in conducting what looked to be a fierce and ongoing war with communist North Vietnam.

MARCH 30

1981: President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr. The president had just finished addressing a labor meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel and was walking with his entourage to his limousine when Hinckley, standing among a group of reporters, fired six shots at the president, hitting Reagan and three of his attendants. White House Press Secretary James Brady was shot in the head and critically wounded, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy was shot in the side, and District of Columbia policeman Thomas Delahanty was shot in the neck. After firing the shots, Hinckley was overpowered and pinned against a wall, and President Reagan, apparently unaware that he'd been shot, was shoved into his limousine by a Secret Service agent and rushed to the hospital.

MARCH 31

1889: The Eiffel Tower is dedicated in Paris, France in a ceremony presided over by Gustave Eiffel, the tower's designer, and attended by French Prime Minister Pierre Tirard, a handful of other dignitaries, and 200 construction workers. In 1889, to honor of the centenary of the French Revolution, the French government planned an international exposition and announced a design competition for a monument to be built on the Champ-de-Mars in central Paris. Out of more than 100 designs submitted, the Centennial Committee chose Eiffel's plan of an open-lattice wrought-iron tower that would reach almost 1,000 feet above Paris and be the world's tallest man-made structure.

APRIL 1

1700: On this day, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

APRIL 2

2005: On this day, John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century, dies at his home in the Vatican. Six days later, two million people packed Vatican City for his funeral, said to be the biggest funeral in history. John Paul II was born Karol Jozef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920. After high school, the future pope enrolled at Krakow's Jagiellonian University, where he studied philosophy and literature and performed in a theater group. During World War II, Nazis occupied Krakow and closed the university, forcing Wojtyla to seek work in a quarry and, later, a chemical factory. By 1941, his mother, father, and only brother had all died, leaving him the sole surviving member of his family.

APRIL 3

1860: The first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. Ten days later, on April 13, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speedy mail delivery. Although ultimately short-lived and unprofitable, the Pony Express captivated America's imagination and helped win federal aid for a more economical overland postal system.

POLICE & FIRE

REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MAN CITED FOR SUSPENDED LICENSE

On Thursday, March 4, a Genesee County Sheriff’s deputy observed a Chevrolet Silverado without a license plate driving on Wiggins Road in Fenton Township. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, a 30-year-old Livingston County man. A records check revealed that the driver had a suspended driver’s license and the vehicle was unregistered. The driver was cited for driving while his license was suspended and driving an unregistered vehicle. He was given a future court date. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was released from the scene.

DAVISON WOMAN CITED FOR SUSPENDED DRIVER’S LICENSE

On Thursday, March 4, a Genesee County Sheriff’s deputy observed a Honda Accord without a license plate driving on Thompson Road near Mott Community College in Fenton Township. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, an 18-year-old Davison woman. A records check revealed that the driver had a suspended driver’s license. She was cited for driving while her license was suspended and was given a future court date. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was released from the scene.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES TRESPASSING COMPLAINT

On Saturday March 6, a Genesee County Sheriff’s deputy responded to the River Oaks subdivision, located off Silver Lake and Hogan roads in Fenton Township for a trespassing complaint. Contact was made with the homeowner, who said he had a video of juveniles running their bikes into his garage door. The bike left a tire mark on the door. Similar incidents of this nature have occurred in the area. This incident remains under investigation.

DEPUTIES ASSIST WITH FENTON TOWNSHIP GRASS FIRE

On Saturday, March 13, a Genesee County Sheriff’s deputy was dispatched to 11000 block of Fairbanks Road in Fenton Township to assist the Fenton Township Fire Department with a grass fire. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the homeowner, who said he was burning some sticks and shrubs. The homeowner said the fire got out of hand and he call 911. There were no injuries reported.

THIEVES STEAL RIMS FROM BROKEN DOWN TRUCK

On Saturday, March 20, a Genesee County sheriff’s deputy responded to southbound U.S. 23 south of Thompson Road in Fenton Township for a larceny report. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, a 21-year-old Fenton Township man. The victim said his truck broke down and he left it on the shoulder of U.S. 23. When he returned the next day he discovered the passenger side window and all four rims were missing. This incident remains under investigation.

Domestic violence reported

Fenton Township man charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder

By Sharon Stone

Daniel Provenzola, 38, of Fenton Township, was arraigned March 24 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony and one count of domestic violence third offense, a five-year felony.

Sgt. Andrew Snyder said the charges stem from an investigation by the Genesee County Sheriff’s

Office on Sunday, March 21.

Sheriff’s deputies responded to the 6000 block of Bluefield Drive in Fenton Township for a domestic violence report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the victim, a 38-year-old Fenton Township woman. She reported that she was in bed talking to her boyfriend. She alleges he snapped and started to hit and strangle her.

The suspect, identified as Provenzola, fled the residence. He was located and arrested by Livingston County Sheriff’s Office.

Provenzola was given a \$40,000 cash surety bond and must be placed on tether.

NOTICE “TO ALL OWNERS, AGENTS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY:

Notice is hereby given that after May 15 of this year the provisions of Holly Townships Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article VI, Noxious Weed Ordinance will be enforced.

No owner of any parcel of land within the township or the occupant or agent of such owner shall permit on such parcel of land or upon any sidewalk abutting the same, or upon that portion of any street or alley adjacent to the same between the property line and the curb or traveled portion of such street or alley, any growth of weeds, grass or other rank vegetation to a greater height than six inches on the average, or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush. No such owner or agent shall permit on such land poison ivy, ragweed or any other poisonous, noxious or unhealthful growths.

If after May 1st an owner, agent or occupant has failed to cut or cause such noxious weeds to be destroyed it shall be the duty of the commissioner to abate the nuisance, either utilizing township employees or private contractors which may enter upon such land and destroy by cutting, with or without mechanical equipment, any such weeds and all expenses incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner of such land. The township shall have a lien upon land for such expense, to be enforced in the manner prescribed by the general laws of the state providing for the enforcement of tax liens.

(d) Means of abatement.
If an owner, agent or occupant has failed to cut or cause such noxious weeds to be destroyed after receiving notice as hereinbefore provided in subsection 6(b), it shall be the duty of the commissioner to abate the nuisance, either utilizing township employees or private contractors which may enter upon such land and destroy by cutting, with or without mechanical equipment, any such weeds and all expenses incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner of such land. The township shall have a lien upon land for such expense, to be enforced in the manner prescribed by the general laws of the state providing for the enforcement of tax liens.

(e) Exclusions. This Article does not apply to weeds in unimproved lands, designated open space, open fields or fields devoted to growing small crops such as wheat, oats, barley, or rye. In the case of an easement or public property such as a forest preserve, and all other land as to which definite ownership is not known to the commissioner and cannot be established the county board of commissioners shall cause the destruction of noxious weeds in accordance with Public Act 359 of 1941.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 17, 2021
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Roll Call: G. Kullis, K. Winchester, M. Freeman, D. Burton and S. Ruth.
- Approved: Agenda Approval.
- Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.
- Approved: 2021 Gravel Program.
- Approved: Spring and Fall Cleanup – May 8 and October 2, 2021.
- No Action: 2020 Planning Commission Annual Report and Workplan.
- Approved: RCOC ROW Acquisition Request for Fish Lake Property.
- Approved: Declaration of Emergency – Proposed Resolution 2021-04.
- Approved: Proposed Amendment to Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Land Divisions, Subdivisions and Development Design Standards, Section 14-32 Definitions.
- Approved: Appointment of Land Division Designee – Chuck Stoner.

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ROADS

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Evaluation and Rating, and it's a system that rates roads on a 1-10 scale with a rating of 10 being the best. It's used by municipalities and road commissions across the state.

This is part two in a series evaluating the ratings of Fenton roads from PACER. Part one was published Sunday, March 21 in the Times. Part two examines local roads east of U.S. 23 and north of the Canadian National Railway until the city limits.

One street can have multiple ratings. For example, Third Street has three different ratings depending on the section of road.

Failed

- Dartmouth Street (from south of Bly Road): rating 1

Very Poor

- Howard Street (from Main Street to Third Street): rating 2
- Orchard Street: rating 2
- Center Street (south of Main Street): rating 2
- Ann Street (from Frank Street to Main Street): rating 2
- Frank Street: rating 2
- East Caroline Street: rating 2
- First Street: rating 2
- Second Street (from Thurber Street to North East Street): rating 2
- Third Street (from North East Street to Thurber Street): rating 2
- Fourth Street: rating 2
- Fifth Street (from North Lemen Street to dead end): rating 2
- Sixth Street: rating 2
- North East Street: rating 2
- North Walnut Street: rating 2
- North Oak Street (from First Street to Sixth Street): rating 2
- North Lemen Street (from Main Street to Sixth Street): rating 2
- Beach Street (from Canadian National Railway to Wood Street): rating 2
- Wood Street: rating 2
- Worchester Drive: rating 2
- Newport Drive: rating 2
- Briarwood Lane: rating 2
- Forest Drive (south of North Road): rating 2
- Elmwood Drive: rating 2
- Westwood Drive: rating 2
- Woodbine Drive: rating 2
- Southwood Drive: rating 2

- Southwood Court: rating 2
- Trealout Drive: rating 2
- Bly Road: rating 2
- Dartmouth Street (from Bly Road north to city limits): rating 2
- Swanee Beach Drive (north of South Long Lake Road): rating 2

Poor

- Ann Street (off of Frank Street): rating 3
- Bloomingdale Street: rating 3
- Center Street (north of Main Street): rating 3
- Second Street (from North East Street to North LeRoy Street): rating 3
- Third Street (from North LeRoy Street to North East Street, from Thurber Street to Howard Street): rating 3
- Parkview Street (from Carriage Hill Drive to Millerway Drive): rating 3
- Fourth Street (from North Walnut to North East Street): rating 3
- North Oak Street (from Main Street to First Street, from Sixth Street to Ninth Street): rating 3
- North Lemen Street (from Canadian National Railway to Main Street): rating 3
- Thurber Street: rating 3
- Lincoln Street (from Canadian National Railway to Jefferson Street): rating 3
- Jefferson Street: rating 3
- Oak Park Drive: rating 3
- Mary Court (from Oak Park Drive to Forest Drive): rating 3
- Granger Street (from North LeRoy Street to Lee Street): rating 3
- Wass Street (LeRoy Street to Lee Street): rating 3
- Dauner Road: rating 3
- Appletree Lane: rating 3
- Swanee Beach Drive (south of South Long Lake Road): rating 3
- Orchard Lake Drive: rating 3
- Blue Heron Drive (from Blue Heron Court to dead end): rating 3

Fair

- Howard Street (from Canadian National Railway to Main Street): rating 4
- Second Street (Howard Street to Thurber Street): rating 4
- Third Street (from Howard Street to Carriage Hill Drive): rating 5
- Carriage Hill Drive: rating 4
- Millerway Drive: rating 4

- Ridgecrest Drive: rating 4
- Parkview Street (from Millerway Drive to Eddy Lake Road): rating 4
- Andover Woods Drive: rating 4
- Andover Woods Court: rating 5
- Eddy Lake Road: rating 4
- Fifth Street (from North LeRoy Street to North Walnut Street): rating 5
- Fifth Street (from North Walnut Street to North Lemen Street): rating 4
- Forest Drive (north of North Road): rating 5
- Mary Court (east of Forest Drive): rating 5
- Charluene Drive: rating 4
- Granger Street (from Lee Street to Wass Street): rating 5
- Wass Street (east of Lee Street): rating 5

rating 5

- Dauner Road (a few yards off of North LeRoy Street): rating 5
- Blue Heron Drive (from South Long Lake Drive to Blue Heron Court): rating 4

Good

- Second Street (from Howard Street to dead end): rating 6
- North Oak Street (from Ninth Street to dead end): rating 7
- Ninth Street (from North East Street to North Oak Street): rating 6
- Ninth Street (from North Oak Street to North Lemen Street): rating 7
- North Lemen Street (from Ninth Street to dead end): rating 7
- Lee Street: rating 6

NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday April 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd to consider the following Variances:

Appeal #2021-1

Keith and Sandra Charron, 16371 Whitehead Dr is returning with a few changes to the original request. They are requesting Variances for 24' Rear and 8' Side Yard Setbacks along with Coverage 8% and Lakeside Variance of 3.3'. They have demolished the home that was there and they would like to construct a new home. Described as 01-35-526-166, 16371 Whitehead Dr, Lot 301 Argentine Park, Lobdell Lake

Appeal #2021-4

Richard St. Louis, 16377 Whitehead Dr, is requesting Variances for a Side yard and Rear Yard to provide garage space for 2 cars and storage workspace for tools and projects. Described as 01-35-526-167, Lots 302 And 303 Argentine Park Lobdell Lake

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office by appointment, please call (810) 735-5050 or email argentineoffice@argentinetownship.com.

Joseph Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

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PARTY

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Police Chief Scott Sutter said at 11:27 p.m., Saturday, March 20, an individual in Livingston County called 911 to report a large party they saw on Snapchat or Instagram. They called 911 because they were concerned about large gatherings and COVID-19.

Sutter said from their preliminary investigation, police responded to a home in the 200 block of Rustic Trail on a reported large party and someone needing medical attention.

As police arrived, they observed several teens leaving the home and a resident at the home telling the

partygoers to leave. Sutter said there were an estimated 25 to 40 people at the home and many had fled before police arrived.

One juvenile female and one juvenile male were transported to Ascension Genesys for medical attention. The police chief said the homeowners were out of town and an older brother arrived home after work, saw the party and attempted to make the teens leave.

Sutter said police are continuing to interview the teens and the case remains under investigation. From what they know so far, Sutter said there were no Linden Community Schools students involved.

SEAL COATING

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Dan Brisson, public works director, said over the past two years the DPW has purchased crack fill material from National Highway Maintenance Systems at a cost of 97.5 cents per pound where material pricing includes the use of a trailer mounted melting kettle to apply the material. Four seasonal employees and up to two full-time employees are needed for the rolling convoy that preps and fills the crack with heated rubberized material.

Last year, 67,500 pounds of the material was applied to city streets and parking lots.

Brisson said OCS is a highly effective pavement maintenance product that seals cracks in the asphalt surface to prevent water intrusion, which extends pavement life. This product is highly effective for streets that have a PASER rating of 5 or higher. PASER stands for Pavement Surface Evalua-

tion and Rating.

Through collaboration with other communities that are active in American Public Works Association (APWA), Fenton staff learned of a multi-city partnership to bid OCS and seal coating services. The city of Wixom is the lead agency.

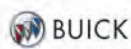
On Feb. 16, Wixom received three bids and Wolverine Seal Coating was the low bid at a cost of \$1.10 per pound, which includes labor, material and equipment to install the material. The material meets Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) specifications.

Wixom officials told Fenton officials that Wolverine's workmanship has been excellent in the past.

Brisson recommended the city switch to the contracted services for the 2021 season to determine if contracting versus in-house better serves the community needs. The proposed contracted price is considerable less costly than the city's current in-house program.

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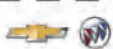
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Rethinking and redesigning instruction and learning

A little over a year ago, we were faced with an unfamiliar challenge ... COVID 19. During the past 12 months, we have had many ups and downs, but we continue to stay strong and push forward in anticipation of better days ahead. We have heard many phrases and terms that some hope they never hear again. Our lives are forever changed, and the face of education may be changed as well.

In the blink of an eye, our students, staff

and parents were forced to embrace new ways of teaching and learning. It has been a long and bumpy road, but I believe our Lake Fenton family has done a great job keeping our children connected to learning.

As summertime approaches, we are making plans for summer school programming and our goal is to provide a unique experience for our students. We want to get students outside and away from technology. We want students

to get their hands dirty, make new friendships and create lasting memories. There will be learning taking place, but it will have a very different look and feel.

As we plan for the 2021-22 school year, we will continue to look at a variety of ways to educate our kids and provide new and different experiences. I believe the pandemic has opened everyone's eyes to the many possibilities that

See **LEARNING** on 17



Julie Williams
Lake Fenton
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To get control, you need to know exactly what you're dealing with — how much money is coming in each month and how much is going out. To get a clear picture, create a budget. There are many apps and online templates you can choose from. Many

of them provide visual images, like pie charts, that help you see how big of a chunk each expense is taking from your take-home pay.

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BOATING

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He said March and April will be “one of our busiest seasons we’ve ever had.” He anticipates being busy this spring summer doing repairs.

It takes them about three or four hours to de-winterize a boat, charge the battery, clean it, check the fluids and then have it in the water. Allen can get about eight to 10 boats in the water a day if the weather is nice.

“We’re roughly about six, seven boats a day. It’s busy, though,” he said.

He expects more boats will be on local lakes this summer due to the increased demand last year.

Jonathan Hamel, owner of White’s Landing, said they haven’t put in that many boats yet, maybe a dozen, because it’s still early in the season. The ice has only been melted for a few weeks.

“Got to give people a chance to get the dock in,” he said. This coming week is when he anticipates to be really busy. The time it takes to put in a boat depends on the boat. Some owners like to have their boat detailed, and others boats have service work that needs to be done.

This season has been “a lot better than last year,” Hamel said, because of the pandemic. State orders forced them to close for a few weeks last April.

“Last spring, we were closed pretty much the whole month of April. Last year I think we started putting in just a few boats around this time and then we had to close. Then we were closed for just about a month and then started putting them in after that,” he said.

He’s hopeful for the 2021 season.

“Water levels seems to be down a little bit, but I don’t think that should be too big a deal on any of the lakes



Cody Allen, service mechanic at Lake Ponemah Marina, said the water level on Lake Ponemah is low right now, but he expects it will rise in April. He said fishers are usually the first to have their boats put in the water. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

around here,” he said. “We haven’t hit the rainy season yet.”

Patti Smith, co-owner of Silver Spray Sports, is warning boaters to be careful that they don’t put their boats in too early. The last ice on Silver Lake melted March 11.

“Generally, people don’t start picking up their boats until we’re out of the danger zone which is when we’re pretty sure we’re not going to have another freeze,” she said. “We’re ramping up, but we’re not there yet. There’s still a chance we could have freezing temperatures, so boaters need to be aware.”

They have put in a few boats, and they’ve also sold more boats to people out of state this year compared to past years.

“This year, it’s been a little different. The market is very strange this year,” she said. They’ve been in business 40 years this coming September, and Smith said she’s “never seen it like this.”

“It’s kind of like a feeding frenzy. People are looking for boats. They

want to get out on the water with their family,” she said, adding that part of it is due to being inside all winter due to the pandemic.

Boats are hard to come by right, new and used. People should look now for a boat if they want one for 2021. “They don’t want to be left on the dock,” she said.

Another concern is the supply of gelcoat, which is a product that goes over petroleum. During the freeze in Texas last month, one of the largest manufacturers of gelcoat in the state and U.S. had issues with production. Smith said it really affected the supply of gelcoat, which is used in many products, from boats to hot tubs to cars.

“That’s a concern we’ve never had to have before,” she said. However, she expects it will be a “great” boating season.

“People are excited to get back out on the water with their families doing something fun,” she said. “I think it’s going to be a long, hot summer.”

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The fourth annual Fenton Onesie Pub Crawl is Saturday, April 10, from 2 to 7 p.m. Organizer Ed Constable said this fun afternoon out is to support The Brad Stone Memorial Scholarship and another local charity that is still to be determined. Constable is Brad’s brother-in-law and married to Brad’s sister, Laura. Come join the 4th annual Fenton Onesie Pub Crawl for a fun afternoon while raising money for Michigan families. Six colorful buses will run in a continuous circuit and you can hop on/off/skip whichever bars you’d like. Constable encourages everyone to check-in early to avoid the crowds. Tickets are \$25 or \$30 on the day of the event. Onesies are optional, but highly encouraged. Attendees will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Center parking lot before the pub crawl. COVID-19 policies will be acknowledged. More information: <https://www.edconstable.com/fenton-onesie-pub-crawl/>

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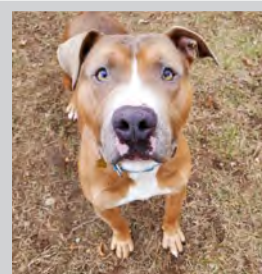
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It's so much more than just participating at county fairs

By Sharon Stone

4-H is the largest youth development organization in Michigan, with more than 200,000 youth between the ages of 5 and 19 participating. It is part of the Michigan State University Extension.

Jim MacCaughan of Fenton has been activity involved with 4-H his

entire life. His older brother showed chickens and rabbits, his dad was involved and now his four kids are involved.

Some people tend to think that 4-H activities center around county fairs. MacCaughan said, "4-H is way deeper than county fairs. It's about family. It's something I grew up with. Parents are

involved." He said showing animals at a county fair is just a small aspect of the 4-H program.

Years ago, students were able to take home economics courses that taught sewing, cooking and more. He said those life skills aren't being taught in schools and if you don't

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Michigan FFA is growing future leaders

Prepares students to fulfill the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture

By Sharon Stone

With nearly half of the student population enrolled in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program at Byron High School, it's easily deemed a successful educational program.

FFA was founded by a group of young farmers in 1928. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. They taught us that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it's a science, it's a business and it's an art.

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

Tate Forbush teaches the FFA program at Byron High School. Since the school district welcomed the FFA program in 1934, Tate is just its fifth advisor. He said the program was tough to maintain during World War II, but since

that time, it's been stable and holding its own.

Right now, 110 of the total 260 high school students are taking FFA classes.

Forbush said while 4-H Clubs are community based, the FFA program is school based with leadership and agriculture education.

The three components are classroom time, hands-on experiences and leadership. He said all three are important. Byron offers six classes in agriculture education so that the students can take them all four years.

Forbush said the old saying of "cows, plow and sows" has evolved. FFA has the land and equipment to farm, manage crops, and to learn safety. They

have begun a five-week contest for raising chickens to compete against other FFA chapters. The students will learn experiments and compiling data.

The group has baby pigs (sows) that are three weeks old. Forbush said the students will care for them until August when they feature them at the Shiawassee County Fair. "It's a great experience of caring," he said.

Other activities include maintaining a greenhouse, planting hanging plants and flats for a plant sale this spring, landscaping, as well as agriculture business, personal finance, credit, loans investing and marketing courses.

FFA classes are appropriate for every student. Forbush said

“It's definitely a lot of fun and it's made my high school experience better.”

Jenna Anderson

*Byron High School junior,
FFA member*

Byron's program is evenly divided with girls and boys. He's noticed the boys are more hands on while the girls are taking on leadership roles.

Jenna Anderson, a junior at Byron High School, has been active with FFA since the seventh grade. "I've learned a lot of leadership skills,"

she said. "I used to be shy, but with opportunities for contests, I've gotten more outgoing."

Anderson raised five pigs and two goats. She also has a Continental Giant rabbit, which weighs approximately 30 pounds. She plans to show it at the Shiawassee County Fair this summer. The pandemic affected the program more at the beginning prompting fundraisers to be canceled. She said it's better now.

She sees herself going into a con-



Jenna Anderson, a junior at Byron High School, has been active with FFA since the seventh grade. She's raised pigs, goats, rabbits, chickens and turkeys. **Submitted photo**

servation type of profession, maybe a conservation officer with the DNR. She's also exploring options at Michigan State University since it has a well known agriculture program.

"It's definitely a lot of fun and it's made my high school experience better," she said.

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No shut downs on a dairy farm

Gramer Farms in Deerfield Township adapts, grows despite a year-long pandemic

By Sharon Stone

For 66 years, the Gramer family of Deerfield Township has owned and operated a dairy farm. They currently own about 600 acres and farm on a total of 1,200 acres.

Albert Gramer Jr. said right now they have anywhere from 475 to 500 cows ranging from one day old to full grown.

Gramer said the dairy farm is run by family. From his parents Albert Sr. and Tammy Gramer and his uncle, Roy Gramer and a host of siblings, cousins and children, the farm produces approximately 15,000 to 16,000 pounds of milk per day.

Gramer said he and his brother Matt

Gramer do most these days since his parents and uncle are semi-retired and live south during the winter months. His sons, Jack, a freshman at Linden High School and Owen, 10, work weekends doing whatever is needed. His 8-year-old daughter Evalyn and his wife, Courtney, are the calf feeders. Also working the dairy farm are cousin Josh Ochs, family member Jacob Wright and one non-family member Adam Lott.

The Times interviewed Albert and Matt Gramer in 2019 when there was much in the news about milk prices. Currently, he said milk prices have not really changed in the past

four years. He said milk prices usually follow gasoline prices when they go up. "We're not really seeing it. We'll be okay," he said. They can receive anywhere from \$12 to \$15 per 100 pounds of milk produced. While consumers

“Helping out is a huge part of us.”

Albert Gramer Jr.

Gramer Dairy Farm of Deerfield Township



The Gramer Farms in Deerfield Township has between 475 and 500 dairy cows. The family run dairy farm produces 15,000 to 16,000 pounds of milk per day.

Submitted photo

buy milk by the gallon, farmers are paid by the pound.

To keep costs down, Gramer said they grow all of their own feed. That is typically the biggest cost for a dairy farm. He said everything is done in-house.

All of the milk produced on the Gramer farm goes to the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), a co-op that they belong to in Ovid. From there, it all depends on supply and demand. For example, when schools are

in session, milk is cartoned and shipped to the schools. Heavier creamers go to where it's needed.

And if cows could talk, they'd tell you that they didn't notice any pandemic.

When asked about the COVID-19 pandemic and running the dairy farm, Gramer said, "Our lives don't change." He said they did stay together and kept to themselves to run the farm, but nothing changes for a farm. "You have to

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Owen Gramer, 10, works around the dairy farm on weekends. Here he is using a Bobcat to push feed up to the cows. Submitted photo

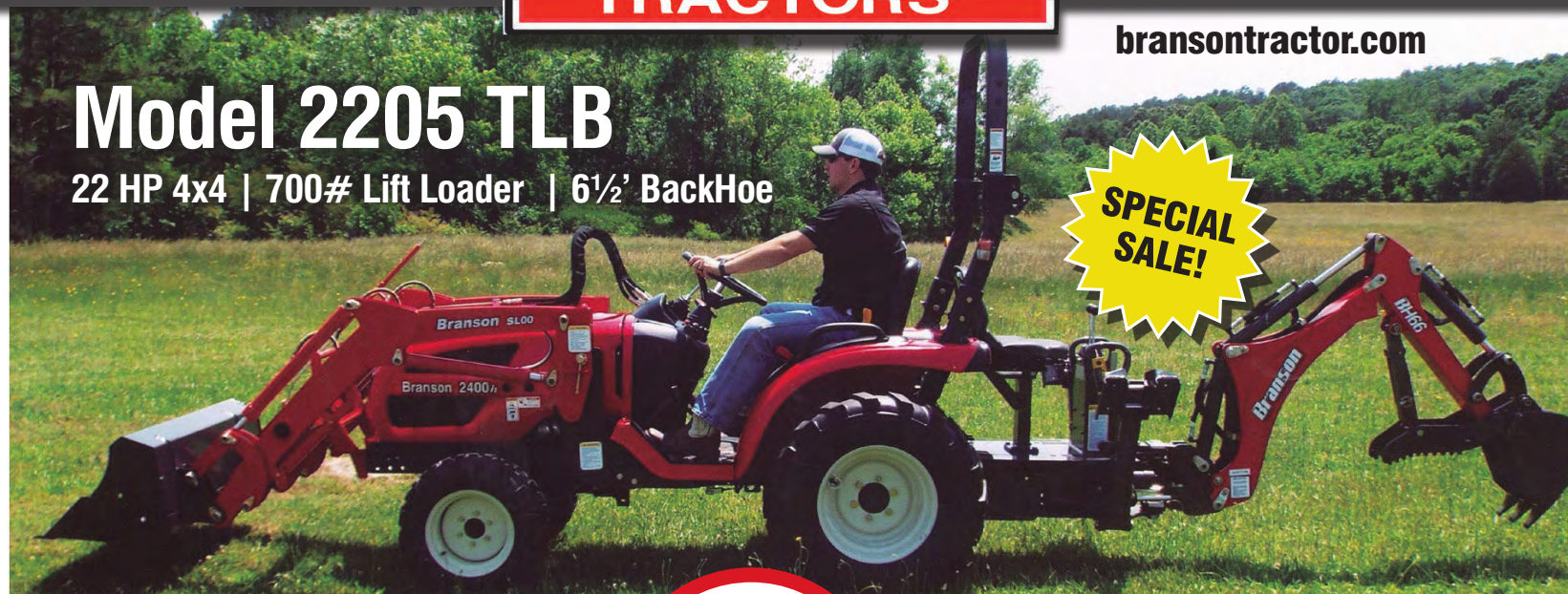
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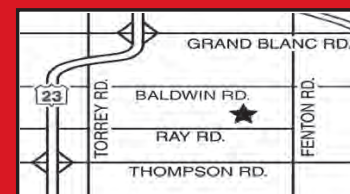
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Granges

Historically, they have served as a center of rural life in many agricultural communities

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Local granges serve as a center of rural life in many agricultural communities. People who live outside such communities may be unfamiliar with granges, including what they are.

The most basic definition of a grange is an outlying farm or land with a manor building on the property. When first developed in 12th century Britain, granges were properties that may have been owned by a lord, who chose to live on the property or leased it to others. Other granges were held by the church, mainly by monasteries.

The grange definition and system was modified when the concept was brought to North America. After the Civil War in the United States, Oliver Kelley, the commissioner of the Department of



The Atlas Grange Hall on Perry Road in Atlas is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Submitted photo**

Agriculture, realized while touring the region that poor farmers in the South bore the brunt of the war's devastation. Kelley noted outdated farming practices that were disorganized and largely ineffectual. He considered an organization that could bring farmers together across the country with a spirit of mutual agricultural cooperation.

Out of this idea the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (also called The Grange) was established as a nonprofit organization in 1867. The goal was helping rural American families with a strong emphasis on issues related

to agriculture.

The first grange (Grange #1) was founded in 1868 in Fredonia, New York. Other granges soon sprung up across the country.

The organization operates on four tiers: community, county or district, state, and national level. It is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it has membership in the hundreds of thousands.

According to The Grange, their mission is to "strengthen individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness."

In addition to agricultural advocacy, The Grange has been involved with a number of legislative and practical initiatives. For example, it currently is aiming to find ways to reduce the cost of Medicare as well as helping to reform the U.S. Postal Service.

It also is advocating for open auctions of spectrum frequencies used for wireless technology to provide greater access to high-speed wireless technology to rural areas.

Various grange halls and centers are located across the country, and these facilities host events and provide gathering spots for families.

Tracing their origins to 12th century Britain, granges remain a central component of agricultural life in the 21st century.

Michigan is home to one grange, the Atlas Grange Hall in Atlas. It's on Perry Road and has served as a Grange Hall, a town hall and a post office. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. According to landmarkhunter.com, its period of significant was 1850 to 1874.

Michigan 4-H introduces virtual embryology series

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Spring is the perfect time to introduce youth to embryology, the study of the development of embryos.

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GRAMER DAIRY

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milk the cows,” he said. “We still have to do everything. We have to feed and clean them. Selling milk, it’s all essential. It’s dairy. There are no shut downs.”

Trucks did come to the farm every day to pick up milk and this supports the five families running the business.

Gramer has seen pros and cons with using the internet more for Zoom meetings and ordering parts. While doing things online saves time and fuel, the in-person connection is lost on Zoom meetings to learn about new products and procedures. He’s also seen the down side of kids in general not interacting with other kids.

Having a high-schooler and a 10-year-old, he’s seen the school closures first hand. He added that his son, Jack, started back in person four days a week beginning March 8 and they were grateful for that. His younger son and daughter have gone more in-person, but alternating schedules with other students have kept some of their cousins missing each other at school.

With the farm, Gramer said they feel fortunate that the kids were all out interacting with family members and helping as usual.

“Helping out is a huge part of us,” Gramer said. “Family is number one.” He said because they are all family, when one part of the family needs a vacation, the others are willing to help out. “We (Albert and Matt) alternate weekends to get time off. We do spring break. We still go out,” he said.



Brothers Albert Gramer Sr. and Roy Gramer established the Gramer Farms 66 years ago. **Submitted photo**



Cows at the Gramer Farms in Deerfield Township eat feed, which is grown on the family’s farm. **Submitted photo**

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have a family member to teach you those things, where do you turn? He said this is where 4-H comes in. Girls and boys can learn all of those life skills.

MacCaughan always enjoyed the opportunity to go to MSU for Expo Days, where kids could stay a few days and take classes. There would be 4-H kids from across Michigan there.

MacCaughan was very involved with showing birds, such as chickens, pigeons and waterfowl. When he was just 16, he was approached at a fair to be a judge. That took his interest to the next level. The pay was next to nothing, but he realized judges judge for the love of the kids.

Currently, he has a couple hundred chickens and between 100 and 150 pigeons. All four of his kids, ranging in age from 10 to 16, are active with 4-H, which makes for busy days when you add in sports that they participate in.

"It's unbelievable what 4-H can do for kids," he said. Without realizing they are learning how municipal meetings work, the kids are attending meetings with an agenda where topics are proposed, dis-



(Left photo) Grace MacCaughan and her brother, Leo, hold their champion pigeons. (Right photo) Isabella MacCaughan shows off her sewing award, which are golden scissors. Submitted photo



cussed and voted on.

For kids that don't have access to farms or livestock, MacCaughan said they can learn to show dogs and cats. "4-H teaches kids responsibility. That's the goal, to make good, productive citizens of the U.S."

If you or your children would like to get involved with 4-H, every county in Michigan has MSU Extension agents that can help. You could check out Michigan 4-H on Facebook. Locally, MacCaughan said those interested could stop by Tractor Supply Company (TSC) off Owen Road or Family Farm and Home on Silver Parkway to find out more about 4-H. He's at Family Farm and Home so much the employees know his name. He said he's also taught clinics there.

"4-H, it's beyond just a county fair," he said.

For more information on joining a local 4-H club, visit canr.msu.edu/4h.

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Work ethic, drive make for successful farm

■ Dwight Eichelberg shares history of farm and popular Eichelberg corn, pumpkins

By Sharon Stone

You'd be hard pressed to find someone from the tri-county area who hasn't had an ear of Eichelberg Farm corn. Since 1978 when he first started planting corn on his Linden Road property in Fenton Township, Dwight Eichelberg, 77, has gained a reputation for himself and his expanding vegetable stand.

Last year he farmed on 18 to 20 acres. He's using more land this year, up to 25 acres to keep up with demand. Last year's growing season was up 50

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“If you have no drive, forget it. It's a business. You've got to stay on top of things, deal with the weather.”

Dwight Eichelberg
Eichelberg Farm owner



(Above) Dwight Eichelberg, owner of Eichelberg Farm in Fenton Township, shows off his pumpkin patch. (Below) Eichelberg repairs a fence to help keep the critters out of his cornfield.



A hearty and colorful display of extra long handled pumpkins can be seen from the road as you drive by Eichelberg Farm in the fall.



(Above) Dwight Eichelberg loads up a tractor full of sweet corn. (Below) Second only to the sweet corn are the tomatoes grown at Eichelberg Farm.



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or gym membership). If money is tight, cancel non-essential subscription services temporarily. You can always restart them when things get better. The silver lining of this pandemic is that since most of us are practicing social distancing to minimize contagion, you may already be saving money by not going out.

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percent and Eichelberg attributes that increase to more people cooking at home because of the pandemic.

Last summer, there were days when his parking lot wasn't big enough for all of the customers.

Eichelberg's sweet corn is the number one crop, followed closely by tomatoes and pumpkins. They also grow green beans, squash and peppers. Eichelberg's extra long handled pumpkins in all sorts of colors are his favorite items to grow and sell.

Eichelberg has not always been a farmer. He was a teacher for Flint schools for 31 years. He said one of his best art students was Terry Crews, actor, activist and artist among other things.

He and his wife Marlene moved out to the country (Fenton Township) in the late '70s and he retired from teaching in 1996. His vegetable farming started small and has grown steadily to what it is today.

In the late '80s, he installed an irrigation system and in 2002, fencing was added.

When he first started selling sweet corn, it was 65 cents per dozen. He will be selling a dozen for \$7 this year. He said farms on the west side of the state are selling corn for \$10 per dozen and in Rhode Island, corn is selling for \$12 a dozen.

It takes Eichelberg and a handful of people to maintain the farm. His daughter and two sons have helped over the years, but he does not expect any family to take over Eichelberg Farm when he wants to retire. Eichelberg admits to doing most of the work and doing a lot of picking and spending time working on his knees.

He planted a small two-row section of sweet corn insulated with plastic sheeting. He doesn't sell this corn,

but gives it to his closest friends and family. He will start planting corn to sell around April 15. Staggered planting will continue throughout the summer to keep the corn coming in. It takes between 70 to 80 days for corn to be ready for picking.

Eichelberg grows 10 varieties of corn and uses only the best varieties he can find. His used to have a favorite that came from Peru, but it's no longer available. He said all of his varieties are "pretty good."

Being a small farm, technology over the years has focused on fertilizers, which has improved and become more specific to needs. Fungicides have become more available, less toxic and more organic. No GMOs (genetically modified organisms) are used at Eichelberg Farm.

One product Eichelberg is excited to test out this year is for bird control, which has always been a major problem. It's a \$20,000 experimental machine that interrupts the communication between flocks of birds and they fly away, with no harm to them. "The bird pattern has gotten better, but some years it was horrible," he said.

Eichelberg is happy with how his extra long handled pumpkins have become so colorful and popular. He's said he's proud of the fall decorations he has displayed at the Fenton Township hall. He said last year's harvest was the best and he's noticed older people really tend to like all of the different colors of pumpkins.

Looking ahead to this season, he said he can already work the ground since it's been so dry and we've had a lot of sunshine. He compares the current weather to that of South Dakota. He remembers the flooding of 2019 when he was nearly drowned out and couldn't start his planting until May of that year. "That was a horrible, rough year," he said.

When asked if he would advise anyone to get into farming, Eichelberg said that person would definitely have to have the right work ethic and drive. "It's a lot of work, with books to keep," he said. "If you have no drive, forget it. It's a business. You've got to stay on top of things, deal with the weather."

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Devils' basketball teams earn spots in district title games

■LF boys crush Chesaning in third, win 75-34 in semifinal

By Dale Smith

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team turned what appeared to be a close game into a rout Thursday night against the Chesaning Indians at Lake Fenton High School. The Devils used a 33-2 advantage in the third quarter to win 75-34 in a district semifinal game.

Both teams are young. Chesaning started only one senior and Lake Fenton two. The two teams battled throughout a turnover-prone first half. But, two early three-pointers from Lake Fenton senior Carter Foerster was only a small slice of what was to come. He had eight points in the first quarter and junior Max Muenzer hauled down four rebounds



Lake Fenton's varsity boys and girls basketball teams earned spots in district championship games during the week. These photos are from recent games against Goodrich. (Left) Carter Foerster scored 34 points in the Lake Fenton boys' victory against Chesaning. (Right) Savannah Fellenbaum scored seven points in a win against Owosso. Photos: Mark Bolen

to give the Devils a slight edge at 15-14.

In the second quarter, both teams struggled to score and two free throws from Chesaning's freshman, Mason

Struck, finally broke the ice. A steal and an easy basket by Muenzer put the Devils up 23-19 with 1:25 left in the half. Lake Fenton took a 25-23 lead into the locker room.

And then, there was the third quarter. The Devils turned up the full court pressure to their advantage. An "and one" from Foerster

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■LF girls looking to win second straight, defeat Owosso

By David Troppens

For a quarter, Owosso was able to keep up with the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team's uptempo style.

The result was a competitive 18-14 score after the first quarter, with the Blue Devils enjoying a slight edge.

But the tempo eventually got to Owosso in the middle two quarters as Lake Fenton outscored its foe 48-13 during those periods, eventually earning the Blue Devils a 77-43 Division 2 district semifinal victory at Owosso High School.

The win means the Blue Devils will play in their third straight district title game in three seasons when they face Corunna Friday at 7 p.m. at Owosso High School.

"They came out running with us and matching us basket for basket," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "Their point guard Kendall Anderson doesn't score a lot but when it comes to handling the ball, they are a very different team when

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Lady Eagles show progress during 2021 season

By David Troppens

Linden — One can forgive Wednesday's district semifinal contest against the Hartland Eagles.

The Hartland Eagles are a team looking to win a state championship. The Linden Eagles are trying to re-establish a history of winning with second-year varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling.

And while no team wants to lose a district contest 51-6, as Linden did against the Hartland Eagles, the contest can't change what the Eagles have done this season.

Linden beat teams they haven't defeated in a long time. They defeated the Fenton Tigers, the Holly Bronchos twice and Flint Kearsley.

"We've had some success. This was the first time we beat Fenton in what I believe was the first time in six years, so that was an amazing game," Darling

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By David Troppens

Linden — It was a first half that the Linden varsity boys basketball team would've liked to forget.

Playing a D1 district semifinal contest on their own home court, the Howell Highlanders came out pretty free flowing and comfortable against the Linden Eagles Thursday night.

The results of their intensity and comfort was reflected by the scoreboard. Linden trailed just 17-13 after a layup by Matthew Wisniewski. However, the rest of the half was Howell as the Highlanders finished the half on a 16-5 run taking a 33-18 lead into the half.

However, the Eagles didn't give up. Led by Blake Lund's 33-point performance Linden overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half to earn chances to tie the contest or even take the lead. However, Howell held on down the stretch to earn a 66-62 victory against the Linden Eagles.

"This is a senior led team and they realized their backs were against the

wall," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Lance Belill said. "They came out and fought. It was nothing I said. It was them deciding to play hard. We came out and got smacked in the mouth a little bit with their intensity, but we didn't fold and for that I'll be forever grateful."

"We came out timid," Linden's senior leader Lund said. "We knew what we had to do. They made adjustments and we couldn't adjust to those adjustments, and at half-time we got it all together and got it ready to go."

Lund was held scoreless in the first half, but Lund couldn't be stopped in the second half. He hit his first shot



Blake Lund scored 33 points in the Eagles' district semifinal loss to Howell Thursday night. Photos: Mark Bolen

of the second half, but the Eagles still trailed 38-21 after a post hoop by Howell's Danny Hokala with 6:11 left in the third quarter. Lund wouldn't be denied.

Tigers fall to Howell in regional semi

By David Troppens

Linden — Fenton's first-year varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchev isn't a first-year coach for many of the players on his squad.

Kutchev has been with the Tigers' program for 20 prior years in all sorts of positions. And with this year's senior class, he has a great relationship with them. Why? Let's let Kutchev explain why.

"I'm so glad I had this group as my first year as a varsity coach," Kutchev said. "We've been through a lot together. I was their seventh-grade coach, their freshman coach and now their varsity

coach. I will never forget how hard they work. They put so much into this game and it shows. They don't turn the motor off. They just keep going, going and going, and I'm very proud of them."

Kutchev's first year as the Tigers' mentor ended Wednesday during a D1 district semifinal contest against the Howell Highlanders at Linden High School. Fenton lost 55-17.

Fenton (11-7) enjoyed two leads, with both coming very early. Fenton led 2-0 after Mallory Lehmann assisted a layup by Kyla Lynch. About a minute later, Adrie Staib assisted Korryn Smith's layup. She was fouled on the shot and Smith also converted the free throw, giving the Tigers a 5-2 lead. However, the Highlanders finished the quarter with a 10-2 run, taking a 12-7 lead entering the second quarter. Howell's Maeve St. John dominated the second quarter. She scored 10 points.

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Competitive cheer squads compete at regional events

By David Troppens

The run to the state meet has ended for the tri-county's remaining three competitive cheer teams.

Fenton and Linden competed in a D2 regional and Lake Fenton competed in a D3 regional, but none of the area schools were able to qualify in the top four and earn a spot into the state tournament.

The Flint Metro League champion Fenton Tigers finished eighth in the Walled Lake Western regional, posting a three-round total team score of 725.54, about 31 points less than needed to place fourth and qualify for the state meet. Linden placed 11th with a 698.06. Lake Fenton competed in a D3 regional at Novi and 11th with a score of 682.20.

The Tigers posted a 225.00 Round 1 score, placing them in a tie for seventh at that time. A 214.54 in Round 2 improved the Tigers to sixth place with a 439.54. However, a 286.00 Round 3 score wasn't enough to get the squad into the top four positions.

Linden started with a 216 Round 1 score and followed that up with a 193.06 Round 2 score. The Eagles finished competition with a 288.90 Round 3 score.

Lake Fenton posted a 220.30 in Round 1 at their regional but had a 199.00 score in Round 2. An eight-point penalty dropped them to a 411.30 score after two rounds.

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Tigers win battle of rivals in district opener vs. Holly Bronchos, 61-50

By David Troppens

Howell — Seth Logan enjoys just going to a basketball rim and shooting free throws.

"I always see how many I can make," Logan said. "I haven't quite gotten to my dad's record yet. I think his is in the 90s and mine is in the 70s."

Anyone who has watched Logan shoot free throws wouldn't be shocked if he owns the family's consecutive free throw record pretty soon.

Logan scored a game-high 22 points and nailed a perfect 9-of-9 free throws leading the Fenton Tigers to a 61-50 Division 1 District semifinal victory against the Holly Bronchos at Holly High School Tuesday night.

Really, Logan's free-throw shooting was one of the secondary stories of the game. The primary story was the Tigers' sizzling shooting in the first half. After humbling start that saw the Tigers turn the ball over seven of their first nine possessions, Fenton trailed Holly 6-3 after a layup by the Bronchos' Samuel Fleischer with 5:17 left in the first quarter. However, that's when the Tigers (6-8) started to relax. From that point, the Tigers nailed 8-of-15 shots with five of them being three-pointers the rest of the half to change their fortunes around. The Tigers took the lead for the first time at 10-8 on a steal and fast break layup by Ja'Hion Bond. A 25-foot jumper by Connor Luck at the end of the first quarter gave the Tigers a 15-11 lead.

In the second quarter, the Tigers

hit on 4-of-8 shots with three of them being treys. The quarter began with a three-pointer by Logan and continued later on when Logan hit a trey and was fouled. He hit his first of nine free throws, giving the Tigers a four-point play and their first double-digit lead at 23-13. Holly would cut the lead to 32-16 on a trey by Bryce Goins, but Gavin Shepherd hit two free throws with 11.8 seconds left in the half, giving the Tigers a 34-26 halftime lead.

"We have a pretty young team and districts and the state tournament is a whole different animal," Logan said about the initial early game issues. "We got over the early hump in the first quarter and we got rolling."

Fenton's lead bounced around eight to 10 points for most of the third quarter, but occasionally the Bronchos would make a run.



Fenton's Seth Logan gets hammered by Holly's Jacob Welch while Logan tries to get a shot off in the Tigers' victory against the Bronchos. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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Lake Fenton's Noah Hall earns a pinfall in the Blue Devils' victory against Owosso in a regional semifinal bout. Photo: David Troppens

LF wrestlers advance to regional final, fall to Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team entered the season looking at it as one to earn some key experience for the future.

With 15 freshmen on the roster, it's easy to see why the Blue Devils' future looked promising, but one would think that promise may take a year to build toward.

Apparently not.

The Blue Devils took a young team and came within 14 points of winning a team regional title Wednesday. Facing a strong wrestling power, Goodrich, in the championship match at Lake Fenton High School, the Blue Devils won six matches and gave the Martians a strong battle before losing 35-21 in the title match. Prior to the championship match, the Blue Devils defeated Owosso 69-6 in the regional semifinal match.

"The kids wrestled tough," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corco-

ran said. "We had three matches within a point or two that we lost. If we win those matches, we're up 30-26. Goodrich is a very good program and we were able to tighten up the score from the last time we wrestled them.

"You know we have a very young team and they all wrestled their hearts out. I can't say anything bad about their efforts. We'll have the offseason to get back at it and I hope to really improve for next season. I'm really looking forward to it."

The Blue Devils, who finished second in the Metro League's Stars Division, lost its previous bout with Goodrich 42-22. The Blue Devils lost the first two matches with one being a forfeit in the title match. However, Lake Fenton then made a run of three straight wins. Ty Johnson (125), Zack Hall (130) and Drew Corcoran (135) each earned decision victories, cutting the Martians' lead to 10-9.

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said. "Honestly, we took second in the Metro. That may not be official. We still had Swartz Creek and Kearsley, and if we could've played those teams and won, we would've finished second in the Metro League. And that's a huge accomplishment for our girls. Of course, we are reaching for first place, but this is a great start."

Actually, win percentage wise, the Eagles did finish in second. Their 5-3 mark represents the second-best win percentage in Metro League Stripes Division play.

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Linden's Olivia Mawhinney dribbles with the ball during the Eagles' loss against the Hartland Eagles. Photo: David Troppens

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Puzzle Answers

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MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

SORRY, BERRY, POETIC, DEBATE

Answer: The clever Hungarian exterminator named his new company — "BOOT-A-PEST"

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

MEDIAL, FREIGHT, SAVORY, PEDAL

Answer: EMPLOYED

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 22 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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GIRLS

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she's out there. As soon as the second quarter started, she got tired. And when she came back out, she didn't seem any fresher. That was key. We scored 27 points in the second quarter and I'm pretty sure that's our quarter high for the season. We got everyone involved, moved the ball well and shot really well."

Christina Lamb led the offense with in the second quarter with 10 points, while Amaya Smith netted nine points during the quarter.

Lake Fenton's young post players Savannah Fellenbaum and Cola Sisk played strong defense as well while also grabbing the key defensive rebounds.

"They've been playing well during the last part of the season until now," Van-Buren said. "Both played pretty well. They both keep their arms straight up, try to bother shots but don't really try to block shots. They don't leave their feet for headfakes. They hold their own."

The Blue Devils led 55-20 at the half, and then iced the game for sure with a 21-point third quarter that saw eight players score.

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Tigers' season ends with loss vs. Hartland Eagles

By David Troppens

Howell — For about 12 minutes, the Fenton varsity boys basketball teased its fan base against the Hartland Eagles.

Hartland entered the D1 district semi-final contest at Howell High School as the clear-cut favorite, but the Tigers had a strong opening quarter.

A Gavin Shepherd three-pointer gave the Tigers a 4-0 lead just 1:25 into the contest. Hartland responded with a three-pointer by Cole Lamberger and then a breaking layup by Spencer Bulhuis, giving the Eagles a 5-4 lead. Fenton answered back with two converted free throws by Connor Luck, giving the Tigers a 6-5 lead.

It ended up being the Tigers' final lead of the contest. But at the time that wasn't evident considering a baseline layup by Ja'Hion Bond cut the Eagles' lead to just 11-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Fenton also trailed quickly 17-10 in the second quarter, but were able to put together a seven-point run — capped by a Luck three-pointer off a Brendan Alvord assist — tying the contest at

17-all with 4:50 left until halftime. However, that's when the Eagles took over. Fenton turned the ball over on its next two possessions resulting in breaking layups. The hoops sparked a 10-2 Hartland lead, giving the Eagles a 27-19 halftime lead.

The Tigers entered the half still with a fighting shot, but that ended in the third quarter with Hartland's 27-point stanza. Hartland hit on 10-of-14 field goals, with five of those hoops being treys while Fenton hit on just 4-of-16 field goals. By the time the quarter was over, the Tigers trailed 54-28.

Seth Logan led the Tigers with 12 points and three rebounds while Bond had 10 points and five boards. Shepherd netted six points while Luck chipped in five points.

Fenton finished the season with a 6-9 mark overall with a large chunk of those losses coming in non-league contests. Fenton was 2-5 in non-league games.

Shepherd has enjoyed his senior year with the program.

"I loved my time with the program," Shepherd said.



Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond drives to the bucket against Holly. The Tigers lost to Hartland on Thursday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

Blue Devils win district opener vs. Ovid-Elsie, 42-24

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team has progressively improved each week this season.

And now that districts have come, the Blue Devils are playing their best basketball of the season.

A few days after earning an impressive victory against Swartz Creek, the Blue Devils opened the Lake Fenton D2 district with what was one of its most impressive efforts of the season — a 42-24 thumping of Ovid-Elsie at Lake Fenton High School on Tuesday.

"We had a pretty strong game from

start to finish, got the win and the opportunity to advance to the next round," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "Their NPR rating (the rating the Michigan High School Athletic Association used to rank teams) was stronger than ours but we had the 20-point victory and handed our business from start to finish. We got off to a strong start and never had a dip, slowly ascending as the game continued. We did what we had to do to get the win."

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BOYS

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made it 34-23 at the 5:32 mark of the quarter. Shortly thereafter, he dropped in a three to make it 41-23 and then added a bucket courtesy of a steal from Lake Fenton senior Francis Senter. With just over eleven minutes left in the game, the

rout was on.

Foerster led all scorers with 34 points while adding six rebounds, two steals and a block. Fifteen of those points came from behind the arc.

"The press just set up a couple of things," said Foerster.

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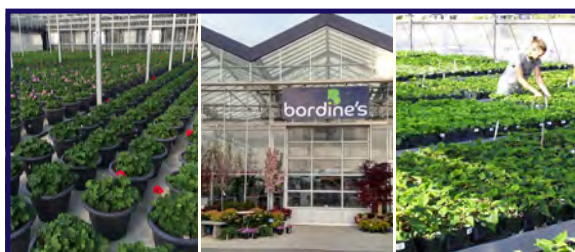
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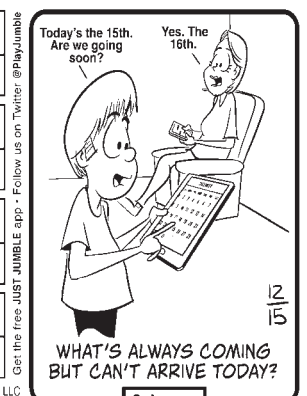
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Obituaries

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David Leo Kelly 1944 – 2021

David Leo Kelly - age 76, of Fenton, died Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Per the family's request cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to his family. David was born May 4, 1944 in Flint, the son of Wayne Lee and Loraine Elizabeth (Lewis) Kelly. He was a 1962 graduate of Fenton High School. He married Celia Ann White March 19, 1965 in Fenton. David retired in 2020 from Charter Communication



as a Construction Coordinator; he also was a Rodeo Announcer and Auctioneer. He enjoyed taking care of his "Bride", Celia. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Celia Ann; daughter, Andrea Kelly of Fenton. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Susan Johnson and Sharon Siebecker; brother, Dale Kelly. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert West

Robert West - age 63, died March 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Janet Boedecker

Janet Boedecker - age 68, died March 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Porn

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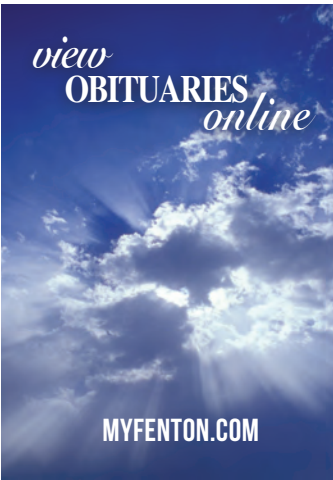
Robert Neumann - age 79, died March 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



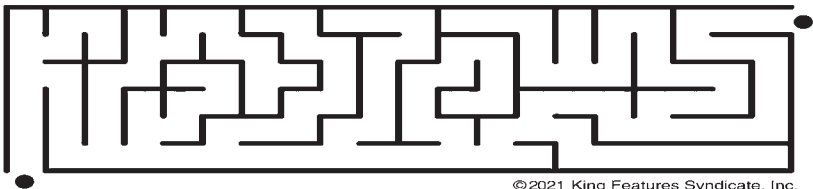
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Weekend Scrambler

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TODAY'S WORD

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Obituaries

Times

Donald Eugene Feldhahn

1928 - 2021

Donald Eugene Feldhahn - age 92, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 20, 2021. Private services will be held. Donald was born June 28, 1928 in Royal Oak, the son of Ernest C. and Rose (Kauer) Feldhahn. He



three children, Susan (Louis) Calandri, David Feldhahn, and Sandy Feldhahn, all of Fenton; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two

brothers; two sisters; and son, Dale Feldhahn. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

was a 1946 graduate of Hartland High School. Donald married Katherine A. Nauss on March 19, 1949 and she preceded him in death on March 15, 2017. Donald owned and operated Mid-State Equipment and Feldhahn Farms for many years. He enjoyed restoring vintage and antique cars and spending time with family. Surviving are



Mary Jo Bentley

1936 - 2021

Mary Jo Bentley - age 85, of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Holly, died Thursday, March 11, 2021. She was born on March 2, 1936 to Melvin and Inez (Measle) Bendle. She is survived by three children, Brian Bentley, Beth Bentley, and Tom Bentley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence "Bo" Bentley; and her son, Kevin Bentley. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Harry "Sonny" Snow Jr.

1929 - 2021

Harry "Sonny" Snow Jr. - age 91, of Oak Harbor, OH and formerly of Argentine, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Riverview Senior Healthcare Campus, Oak Harbor, OH. He was born August 30, 1929 the son of Isabell Bittner and Harry E. Snow, Sr. From a very early age, Sonny was raised by his aunt Emma (Bill) Campbell. Sonny was an artist and liked automobiles and had an extensive collection of model cars. Sonny worked for several years at Riverview Industries and was liked by everyone. Sonny is survived by several cousins. A Memorial Service will be held 11 AM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden. Burial will follow in Clough Hill Cemetery. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Page

Ruth Page - age 91, died March 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Benjamin Shannon

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Carolyn McCoy

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Dale Parks, Jr.

Dale Parks, Jr. - age 65, died March 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edwin "Ted" Hartz

Edwin "Ted" Hartz, of Teanau, NZ, formerly of Holly, died Monday, March 22, 2021 in New Zealand. He is survived by his wife, Mary of 53 years; a sister, Kaye (Hartz) Thompson of Clarkston; and his aunt, Sue (Chamberlain) Vess (Fred) of St Louis, MI. Mary will be returning to Michigan and residing with her brother, John Brummeler in East Tawas. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Remember me...

To the living, I am gone.
To the sorrowful, I will never return.
To the angry, I was cheated.
But to the happy, I am at peace.
And to the faithful I have never left.
I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand up on the shore, gazing at the beautiful sea, remember me.
As you look in awe at the mighty sky and it's grand majesty, remember me.
Remember me in your hearts, in your thoughts and the memories of the times we loved.
The times we cried, the battle I fought and all of times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

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Jennifer Alice (Beno) Hunter

1974 – 2021

Jennifer Alice (Beno) Hunter - age 46, of Linden, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021. A private service will take place immediately, with a celebration of life memorial service to take place at a later date. In Lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to the family for the children's college funds, The Rock Church or the Linden Pay It Forward Project. Jennifer was born on November 17, 1974 in Pontiac, the daughter of George and Patricia (Young) Beno. She was a graduate of Milford High School, class of 1992. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan, Flint. She worked a number of years as a nurse



for Genesys Hospital. Jennifer was united in marriage to Chris Hunter on May 25, 2002 in Milford. She was a member of The Rock Church. In her free time she enjoyed supporting

her children's sporting events, gardening, camping, boating on the lake, and spending time with family and dear friends. She is survived by her husband, Chris Hunter; children, Julia, Seth and Sophia Hunter; parents, George and Patricia Beno; brother, George Beno III; and several aunts; uncles; cousins; and friends. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Allen Loveland

1942 – 2021

Robert Allen Loveland - age 78 of Fenton, formerly of Brighton, passed away from complications of cancer Friday, March 19, 2021 at home surrounded by loved ones. He



was born on April 13, 1942, in Grand Rapids, to George E. and Eleanor L. (nee: Albright) Loveland. Bob graduated from Brighton High School in 1960 and then served his country for four years in the U.S. Air Force. He worked 30 plus years at General Motors in Flint, until retirement. Bob loved playing golf, taking daily walks with his dog and traveling with his wife, Julie. Bob is preceded in death by his parents; son, David A. Loveland; and brother, George

Loveland. He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann; children, Laura(Tom) Rogers, and Jeff Loveland both of Bellaire; daughter-in-law, Karen Loveland of Howell; two step-children, Kristen Miller

of Fenton, and Craig Cox of CA; seven grandchildren, Megan(Jason) Barnett, Marcus Rogers, Lauren(Dylan) Buffman, Joshua Paul, Jeffie Loveland, David Loveland, and Sawyer Miller; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bill(Helen) Loveland of FL, and Cindy(Jerry) McGrain of Harrison. He will be missed by his family and friends. He will be interred with full military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Mikhail Kurkis

Mikhail Kurkis - age 87, died March 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Phillip Benore

Phillip Benore - age 93, died March 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Hutchison-White

Judith Hutchison-White - age 73, died March 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dean Edwards

Dean Edwards - age 19, died March 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Madeline Bright

Madeline Bright - age 95, died March 22, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Deborah Ward

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Michael Gellings

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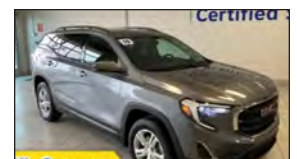
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