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## Local police departments support crisis intervention training

■Linden, Fenton and Argentine police will take training to better respond to mental health crises

By Hannah Ball

At least three local police departments plan to join a county-wide program that offers crisis intervention training (CIT) to police officers.

Jennifer McCarty, director of clinical services project management at Genesee Health Systems (GHS), said they're in the  
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## White Lake Road to be resurfaced

■Tyrone Township to pay half of \$260,000 project with Livingston County Road Commission

By Sharon Stone

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement to improve White Lake Road between Carmer and Hartland roads, approximately three-quarters of a mile.

The road improvement project includes placing a hot mix asphalt wedge course and hot mix asphalt overlay, altogether with  
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## Developer seeks to build subdivision next to Mueller's Orchard



Lombardo Homes seeks to develop a planned unit development next to Mueller's Orchard in Fenton Township. Shown here is one of the developer's homes in another community.

### Applicant hopes to be on Fenton Township Planning Commission agenda soon

By Hannah Ball

A developer is hoping to build a subdivision behind Mueller's Orchard in Fenton Township with streets connected to Linden and Lobdell roads.

The Fenton Township Planning Commission tabled the application March 11, which included a request for preliminary site plan approval and a

rezoning for a potential 142-unit development south of the Byram Ridge development. Due in part to density issues, applicant Lombardo Homes was advised to revise and resubmit plans, and the company hopes to be on the agenda again in April or May.

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## SPRING CLEANING

A worker performs some unique second-story window cleaning on the new 111 Building on S. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton on Saturday, April 3. Photo: Mark Rummel



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# Volunteers, sponsors needed

## ■ Christmas in Action Holly to spruce up four homes May 1

By Sharon Stone

Christmas in Action Holly is seeking volunteers and sponsors to have a successful workday May 1.

Organizers say they have four homes owned by senior citizens scheduled for this year's workday. One needs a furnace and gutters, one is being done by the Journey Church, one needs a new roof and gutters and one needs some deck help, windows and a lot of yard work.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, they are holding an abbreviated workday, possibly a half day.

Anyone who can come out and help is asked to call the Christmas in Action Holly office at (248) 634-7720 or email Michelle at mredmond@rhlgroup.net.

House sponsors also are sought. If anyone can step up to support CIA Holly, let them know with the contact information above.

The State Bank, Armsteads and the RHL Group plan to be back again this



Volunteers repair a roof for a senior resident in Holly during a past Christmas in Action Holly workday. If you need assistance or want to volunteer with the organization, call the office at (248) 634-7720.

year as house sponsors.

### About Christmas in Action Holly

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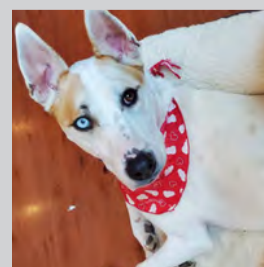


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## Building Brands

**A**s the anniversary of COVID-19 arrived so did my positive COVID-19 test. I have no idea where I got the horrible disease or when I'll be fully recovered, but I can say from first-hand experience getting an illness I've only written about was not how I wanted to commemorate the one-year mark of the pandemic.

While I'm hopeful the illness will leave me without lasting side effects, there is no way to know the lasting impact of this pandemic on anything — families, education, the workforce, our overall health — both mental and physical, but that doesn't stop experts from trying to predict what the future holds.

There are tons of articles out there about how COVID-19 will forever change advertising, for example, and while some of it's interesting to read, the points that stand out for me are about the things that have always been the backbone of great branding.

An article on Nielsen.com points out a few possible changes. One being the obvious COVID fatigue in advertising. It was just a year ago that I wrote my first column about the creative ways brands were addressing the pandemic. Later in the year, I wrote about how consumers were ready for a change. (If I never hear another one-note piano commercial again, it'll be too soon). The article found that COVID-themed ads in the U.S. declined from 18 percent in the second quarter of 2020 to 12 percent and 11 percent in the third and fourth quarters. The article predicts the ads will continue, but with a spin on health safety.

## The future holds a lot of great advice from the past

And while this is interesting and understandable, it was the last few lines of the article that jumped out at me: "When a new challenge arises, use these three guiding principles to stay on course: Be flexible and iterative; Maintain a consistent share of voice; Reach consumers where they are."

Similar advice stood out in an AdAge article also on the topic of how COVID-19 "has changed marketing forever." After a lot of speculation on what COVID-19 trends will stick around (streaming video, online shopping, curbside pickup and casual clothes), this line grabbed my attention, "Creating the best customer experience is critical to reinforce or rebuild brand loyalty."

Just like the tips in the Nielsen piece, the AdAge advice would serve any brand at any time.

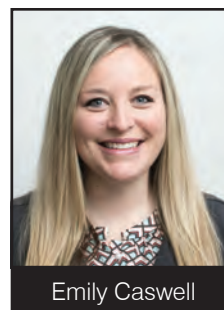
Those stand-the-test-of-time market-

ing rules are what has kept our team and our clients going through a difficult year.

While it's human nature to wonder what the future holds, nothing will beat being there for your customers with great customer service when they need you — and letting them know you are there with a well-planned, consistent marketing message that reaches them where they live.

Another stand-the-test-of-time rule: Nothing beats a milkshake when you're sick.

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



Emily Caswell

## Hotlines

*Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 500-777-5298*

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**REMEMBER, ALL THESE** trillions of stimulus money, while nice to receive now, is government U.S. debt that will have to be paid back by our grandkids in the future, not the politicians in Washington.

**WHY WOULD I** give my stimulus check back? It is my money, I've been working for 40 years and if they're going to fritter it away to everyone, then I'll take mine. The U.S. debt is approaching \$30 trillion. That is an amount that will never be paid back.

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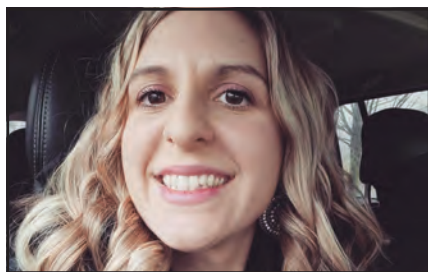
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**Amy Jackson, Fenton**



"Maple and Main in downtown Linden. I would rather drive on a dirt road after a rainstorm."

**Elizabeth Glen  
Fenton**



"Runyan Lake Road between Center and White Lake. Seems like everyone is playing chicken with school buses and garbage trucks. Only a matter time until there's a head on accident on that road."

**Alex Momot, Fenton**



"3rd Street for sure! We just moved on to the street and man, it's rough on our cars."

**Stacie Brady  
Fenton**

## streettalk

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



## TRAINING

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planning stages of creating this program, which would train officers to better help someone in a mental health crisis. The program also includes having a co-responder who specializes in mental health training ride along with officers and assist on calls when someone is in a crisis.

"The training for the officers will provide them with greater insight into the needs of the mental health community and also allow them to interact with persons who may be experiencing a mental health issue," she said. "The co-responders will provide them with a solid tool in helping them get that person linked to treatment."

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter, who's been involved in planning, said, "The team would be a partnership between GHS, local law enforcement agencies, health care organizations, advocacy groups, and the community with the purpose of providing assistance to those individuals with a mental illness and improving the safety of our officers and community members."

In May, the Genesee County Chiefs

Association will meet with representatives from GHS to talk about the crisis intervention team program and discuss a memorandum of understanding.

"This is a program that is very much needed and the Linden Police Department supports this partnership," he said.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said their understanding is that the program will start in May or June.

"We as a department will be going to the training when available. I do think it will be beneficial. Any training that will make us better as officers is a plus," he said.

The Argentine Township Police Department also is involved. Police Chief Daniel Allen and Sgt. Doug Fulton are certified hostage negotiators, and they're both becoming CIT certified through a Wayne County initiative this month. It's a 40-hour training program that follows the Memphis Model, which Allen said is the standard for CIT. They both support

the GHS initiative as well.

The Genesee County CIT program is in the planning stages. McCarty said they received a federal grant funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to get the program up and running. The community-wide planning group has been conducting research on CIT and connecting to other mental health resources that could be utilized under the program.

"It's really an amazing opportunity for our community," she said. "The grant allows us to put in place the key elements to get the program running."

When the planning stage is complete, they will hire a CIT coordinator.

The goal is to provide officers with free CIT training. However, McCarty said they're hoping the mental health millage passes May 4 to provide the program with long-term funding.

This millage would be a 0.94-mill property tax with funds going to the

GHS to help with mental health programs in the county.

"The mental health millage would drastically allow us to expand the CIT program and really allow for us to provide the training in a really expanded way to officers and remove any barriers they may have in sending officers to training," she said.

This program also is aimed at jail diversion. McCarty said police sometimes take people struggling with mental health to jail or the hospital because there are no other resources. They want to have a CIT certified officer on every shift in every department.

**“Any training that will make us better as officers is a plus.”**

**Jeff Cross**  
Fenton Police Department  
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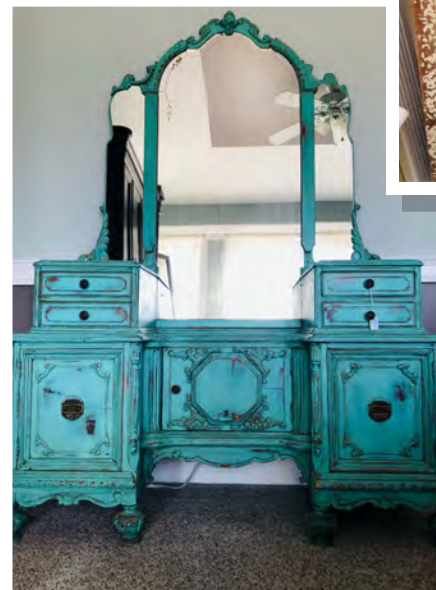
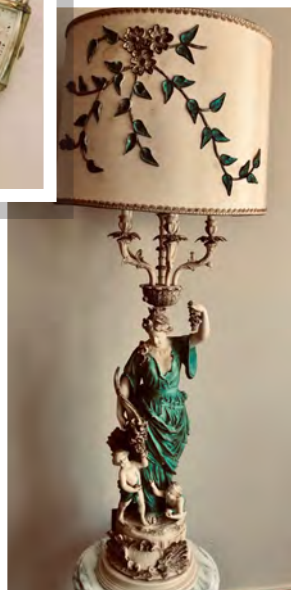
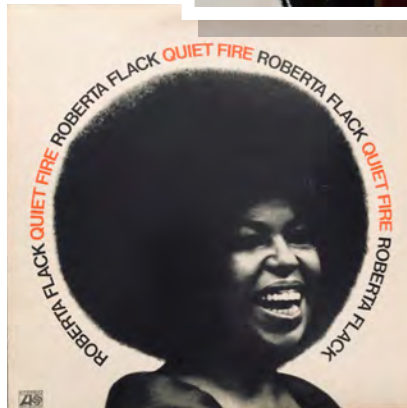
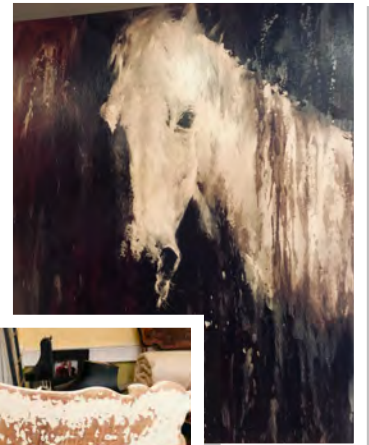
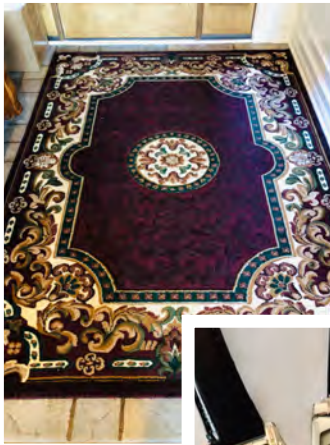
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**RESURFACED**

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the necessary related work. The work will be completed within the current contract year, unless the parties otherwise so agree.

According to the engineering report, the estimated cost is \$260,000.

Tyrone Township will pay the Liv-

**OUR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION** project has slowed down as it is difficult to get people to work since some would rather stay home and collect unemployment and supplemental benefits. Is available work no longer a reason to be denied unemployment?

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ingston County Road Commission 50 percent of the cost of the project, not to exceed \$130,000. The remaining balance will be paid by the road commission.

The road commission will furnish the township with a final breakdown of its actual expenses upon completion of the project.

vaccinated who tested positive for the virus — they, too, have the antibody protection. Let's finally get it right.

**MOST COBBLESTONE** roads I've been on are better than Fenton's and last much longer.

**THE MAYOR OF** Fenton and Fenton Township supervisor need to step up

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$12,250, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and/or electronically via Zoom, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday April 19, 2021.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be file with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

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### The defense of insanity in criminal cases – Part I

Whenever a person is charged with a crime and in order to obtain a conviction, the prosecutor must prove that a crime was committed and the defendant committed the crime.

Over time, the law has come to recognize certain defenses to criminal charges. Among these is the defense of insanity.

This concept traces its roots back to Ancient Greece and Rome.

The first recorded recognition of the insanity plea or defense was in 1581 by an English Judge, Justice Tracy, when he held that if the defendant understood the crime no better than an infant, a brute, or a wild beast, he could be acquitted by reason of insanity.

Although we certainly don't use this test today, the idea that a person should not be responsible for their actions if they didn't know or couldn't control what they were doing, forms the basis of the modern insanity defense.

In the United States, 46 states and federal law recognize insanity as a defense. Montana, Utah, Kansas and Idaho do not, but it is allowed to lessen responsibility.

Generally speaking, there are four variations of the defense with each state and the federal government having their own specific versions. They are as follows:

**M'Naghten Insanity Defense** — This is named after a famous English case from 1843. This is the most common insanity defense in the United States and requires proving two elements. First, the defendant must be suffering from a mental defect at the time they committed the criminal act. Second, the trier of fact must find that because of the mental defect, the defendant did not know either the nature and quality of the criminal act or that the act was wrong.

**Irresistible Impulse Defense** —

## SUBDIVISION

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Lyle Winn, development compliance manager at Lombardo Homes, said the reason they chose Fenton Township is because they had an opportunity to buy the property from the previous owner.

"We looked at the community, saw there were some very good school districts, and the lakes out there provide good opportunity for recreation," he said, adding that they try to promote open spaces in their projects, and Fenton Township is supportive.

"It turned out to be a good fit for us," he said.

The request is to rezone the property, which is currently farmland, from R-3, single family residential, to planned unit development (PUD), which would allow for an open space development. The original application was for 142 single family homes on 67.5 acres. The lots were proposed to be 60 feet by 130 feet, and the proposed layout preserves 43.7 percent of the open space.

On March 11, Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said the applicant proposed too many units that would be allowed in the area.

Based on the density bonus and the minimum lot size set under this zoning, a 67.5-acre property with 43 percent open space would be allowed 95 lots. The proposed 142 lots exceed the ordinance by 47 lots. The minimum lot size for a development with 43 percent open space would be 12,000 square feet. The majority of the proposed lots are 7,800 square feet. The minimum lot width for an open space development is 75 feet where 60 feet is proposed.

This requires a showing of the first element of M'Naghten (a mental defect) and that the defendant could not control their conduct because of their mental condition. This defense provides that the conduct is excused even if the defendant understands it is wrong. This is a lesser standard than M'Naghten.

**Durham Insanity Defense** — Only New Hampshire uses this defense which is "an accused is not criminally responsible if their unlawful act was the product of mental disease or defect." This is considered the easiest standard.

Next week Part II - Michigan's test.

Deem said that the proposed site plan is consistent with the Byram Ridge PUD to the north, and the proposed landscape plan meets the tree lot tree requirement and landscape entryway requirements. His recommendation was to have the applicant revise and resubmit plans.

Winn said they're working on reducing the density and plan to resubmit the plans to the Fenton Township Planning Commission after they have a meeting.

"We're still coming back with a planned unit development with essentially the same style of open space," he said. The road pattern is similar but with a reduction in density with larger lot sizes.

According to the plans, the wetlands in the southern portion of the area would not be disturbed. Plans include two detention basins for stormwater.

The original plan includes a 50- to 100-foot buffer along the perimeter of the property, and the applicant said it's designed to preserve as many of the perimeter trees as possible. Plans also include sidewalks, walkways and a park area to create a "sense of neighborhood," according to the meeting minutes.

By March 11, multiple residents sent

in emails with objections to the township.

"All of the parties collectively related to noise, traffic, wildlife value of their homes, the density of the project, sewer availability, stormwater and entrance way, buffer, proximity to farm operations, history of pesticides and well water," according to meeting minutes.

Lombardo Homes held a public meeting with neighbors by Zoom on Feb. 2, and developers made adjustments afterward, which included a larger buffer area and moving the entrance on Linden Road. Winn said they always hold meetings with affected neighbors to work on any issues before they take it to the municipality.

Lombardo would pay for any necessary upgrades to the sanitary sewer system.

Winn said the price point for homes could be in the \$200,000-\$250,000 price range, but it could change based on the increased cost of building materials. Minutes state that the goal is to provide affordable homes in Fenton Township.

Planning Commissioner Mark Mustola said during the Master Plan process, they found that Fenton Township has a lack of affordable home inventory.

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# Linden resident Heethuis notches first individual state title

By David Troppens

Drew Heethuis came close a year ago to his ultimate wrestling goal.

During his sophomore season this year, the Linden resident got more than close. The Detroit Catholic Central wrestler accomplished his ultimate goal.

Heethuis completed an undefeated sea-

son by capturing his first-ever individual Division 1 state championship, earning the 112-pound title at the state meet Saturday at Kalamazoo's Wings Event Center.

Heethuis defeated Howell's Zach Phifer in the state championship match by a 9-5 decision.

"This championship is pretty much one

of the main goals of what I have been working toward my whole career," Heethuis said. "To be able to finally capture that goal is pretty special and a great feeling to have.

"The (state championship match) was pretty simple really. I had four takedowns and an escape while he had five escapes for

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Drew  
Heethuis

## Sports Times

# Holly's Gonzales captures second straight state crown

By David Troppens

It was a battle of undefeateds, yet Jacob Gonzales was pretty certain of what the end result was going to be when he faced off against St. Joseph's Jacob Halsey in the 152-pound D2 state championship match on Friday at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

"We knew each other," Gonzales said. "I saw his scores and knew my scores so I knew I was going to win. He wasn't there to win (the state championship match). He was just so excited to win in the semifinals (beating Croswell-Lexington's Xzavier Suess in that match) and I had pinned (Suess in the district championships), so I knew I had him."

Don't doubt Gonzales when he says something like that.

Gonzales went on to win the district title match by a comfortable 4-0 decision score.

"I got up and I just didn't let him score," Gonzales said. "He really didn't have any defense for anything I threw at him. I could've scored more points if I wanted to."

Gonzales was one of two Bronchos to place at the state meet. Jeff Preston (160) also competed and placed eighth.

The title was Gonzales's second in two seasons, as he improved his record to 21-0 for the season.

"I feel great," Gonzales said. "Winning the first one (last year) felt way better, This one was kind of felt 'eh.'"

The Bronchos had a challenging wrestling season. At a time when other programs were

beginning their season, Holly had to sit on the sidelines due to COVID protocol. That put the team a couple of weeks behind.

**See GONZALES on 11**

Holly's Jacob Gonzales (right photo) stands with Holly varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood moments after Gonzales won his D2 152-pound state individual championship on Friday.



Lake Fenton's Jack Conley competes in a recent match. Conley placed second in his weight class at the D2 state wrestling meet. Photo: David Troppens

## LF's Conley earns runner-up finish at state meet

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton wrestler Jack Conley didn't qualify for the state meet his freshman year.

So when the sophomore was looking at goals for the Division 2 individual state meet, placing was a nice one — maybe reaching the top four.

So when Conley defeated

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## HEETHUIS

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him. I just got to my attacks and executed them to the best of my ability and it all worked out in the end.”

Fenton’s Philip Lamka also competed at the Division 1 state meet.

Heethuis started the meet with an 11-3 major decision victory against Grand Haven’s Hefzur Rahman in the opening round. In the quarterfinal, he defeated Stoney Creek’s Cade Odrobina by tech fall. In the semifinal, he edged Dakota’s Orion Wilson by a 7-1 score, earning him a spot in the title match. A year ago, Heethuis earned a third-place finish in the 103-pound class. This year’s tourney was held on just one day.

“Having the tournament in one day definitely gave the whole state meet a

different feel, and kind of made it seem smaller than it really was, so that sort of helped me with the nerves of the post-season and made it easier to step onto the mat,” Heethuis said. “I wouldn’t say that changed anything in the aspect of how I approached the tournament, but it definitely changed how I rested through the day, and what I would do during the breaks in between matches.”

Heethuis and his DCC teammates also had an exciting trip through the team state tournament as well. Detroit Catholic Central ended up finishing as the state’s D1 runner-up squad. In the quarterfinal round, the Shamrocks defeated Wyandotte Roosevelt 67-3 and then defeated Hartland 55-13 in the semifinal round. Davison defeated DCC in the title match by a tight 29-24 score.

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## GONZALES

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“(COVID) definitely made me work harder, sooner. You have the whole season to improve,” Gonzales said. “I started early and practiced as much as possible, and worked as hard as I can

every time on the mat.”

“It’s how Jacob carries himself,” Holly varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood said. “He’s very confident but his confidence is not abrasive. It comes off silent but deadly. When he is in the room, you know he’s there because he carries a huge presence.”

## CONLEY

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the undefeated top seed, competed in the state championship match and finished as the 145-pound state runner-up, it’s fair to say the grappler was pretty pleased with his performance.

Conley was one of four Lake Fenton wrestlers to compete at the D2 state meet and one of two Blue Devils’ placers. Zack Hall (130) placed fourth while Jorge Marvin (103) and Ty Johnson (125) each competed but didn’t place.

“I really wanted to take third or fourth, but I kept performing well,” Conley said. “I kept performing to the best of my ability and things took off. I beat the No. 1 kid in the state and made it to the finals. It felt amazing.”

“He wrestled the tournament of his life,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “He was peaking at the right time. He’s one of those kids that battles day in and day out. He’s like a Jarrett Trombley. He pushes hard and never gives up. It was just a great day of wrestling.”

Conley, who finished the season with a

31-5 overall record, qualified for the state meet by placing just third at the regional meet, which suggested he’d have a tough track to take on if he was going to even place at the state meet. And nothing did come easy for Conley. He won his first match against Fowlerville’s Jimmy Buurma by a 4-0 decision score, and pretty much all of his other matches were just as, if not closer. In the quarterfinal he faced Temcuseh’s Rolando Robison and won a 5-3 sudden victory, earning him a spot against previously undefeated and Sparta’s No. 1 seed Logan Slominski. He ended up edging Slominski by a 7-5 score. Conley trailed early, but took over as the bout went on.

“In the second period, he tried to throw me and I put him to his back for four points,” Conley said. “I stayed on defense the last few minutes of the match.”

Conley’s run ended in the title match with a 7-2 decision loss to Edwardsburg’s Jackson Hoover.

“It was probably my worst match, but the kid was pretty good on top,” Conley said. “He was a really good wrestler.

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Drew Heethuis celebrates his D1 individual state title.

Gonzales started his state experience with a pinfall of Melvindale’s Chris Sokolowski in just 44 seconds in the opening round. In the quarterfinal round, he defeated Grand Rapids Northview’s Jailen Tatum by technical fall.

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## Powers’ Owens records runner-up effort at state

Fenton resident and Powers Catholic sophomore wrestler Connor Owens came within a match of an individual state championship last weekend.

Owens competed in the Division 3 160-pound weight class and advanced all the way to the state championship match against Dundee’s Tyler Swiderski. However, Swiderski defeated Owens in the championship bout by a 7-2 decision, giving Owens just his first loss of the season. Owens finished the season with a 24-1 record.

Owens opened up the tournament with a pinfall victory in 3:23 against Lake Odessa’s Kyle Petrie, and followed that win with an 18-6 major decision victory against Hart’s Thomas Tanner. In the semifinal, he defeated Niles-Brandwine’s Hunter Heath by a 11-3 major decision, earning his spot in the state championship bout.

Owens placed fourth in the 140-pound class last season.

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# Obituaries

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## Charon Lee Wilson

1935 - 2021

Charon Lee Wilson - age 85, of Fenton, died Friday, April 2, 2021. A funeral service will be held 1 PM Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake



returned to school to earn her G.E.D. She continued her education to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from University of Michigan in 1993. Then she began a second

career as a social worker at Livingston County Department of Mental Health. She was also involved in Alanon and Alateen. Surviving are daughter, Wendy Franks of Liberty Hill, TX; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Martinez. She was preceded in death by daughter, Shelly Reece; son, Michael Wilson; husband, Howard Wilson; granddaughter, Tracy Franks; great-grandson, Alex Brewer; three sisters; and a brother. Online tribute may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

career as a social worker at Livingston County Department of Mental Health. She was also involved in Alanon and Alateen. Surviving are daughter, Wendy Franks of Liberty Hill, TX; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Martinez. She was preceded in death by daughter, Shelly Reece; son, Michael Wilson; husband, Howard Wilson; granddaughter, Tracy Franks; great-grandson, Alex Brewer; three sisters; and a brother. Online tribute may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Mildred "Millie" Adelaide Agnes Riley

1933 - 2021

Mildred "Millie" Adelaide Agnes Riley - age 87, of Linden, (formerly Grand Blanc), died Saturday, March 27, 2021. A family service will take place at a later date. Internment will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America or the American Cancer Association. Millie was born on July 7, 1933 in North Bay, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Robert and Adelaide Falska. After leaving Ontario, she lived in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, Florida, and eventually settled in



Michigan. It was there she became an American citizen, which she was extremely proud of. Millie's hobbies were bowling and reading, and she played softball until age 57. She enjoyed many unique work experiences such as a switchboard operator for Bell

Telephone, toothpaste quality control at Proctor and Gamble, and she worked as a cook on a Great Lakes Freighter. She is survived by her children, Kim (Guy) Pickhover, Mitchell McLaren, Gene (Lori) Morningstar; daughter-in-law, Marge Butcher; half brother, Robert (Chris) Felske; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Millie is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Osborne Riley; son, Glen Butcher. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Theodore "Ted" Coleman

1934 - 2021

Theodore "Ted" Coleman - age 86, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 27, 2021. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, April 9, 2021 at Fairview Cemetery in Linden. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Thursday, April 8 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St. Linden. Ted was born October 18, 1934 in Kelsa, VA, the son of John Wallace and Ida Belle (Hurley) Coleman. He was a graduate of Hurley, VA High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Ted married Myrtie (Ramey) Clevinger on July 21, 1971 in Grundy, VA and she preceded him in death on May 23, 2000. Ted



retired from General Motors in 1994 after 33 years of service. Surviving are six sons, Steve (Helene) Clevinger and Joseph Clevinger, both of Hurley, VA, Michael (Wendy) Clevinger of Grand Blanc; Gregory Coleman, Jeffery Todd Coleman, and Rodney

Lance Coleman, all of Fenton; two grandchildren, Ricky and Carrie; great-grandchildren, Dalton, Tanner, Hunter, William and Trinity; brother, Wallace Coleman of VA. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ida; wife, Myrtie; brothers, Lloyd and Vernon; sisters, Oma Slone, Minnie Dotson, Dolly Gordon, Virginia Justice, and Jean Coleman. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**JUST RECEIVED OUR** absentee ballots for the May 4 election. The last two paragraphs of the Mental Health Millage could have been removed seeing that Fenton and other DDAs are receiving big stimulus money. Think the DDA has enough funds and doesn't need to take it from the millage.

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I took your advice to heart, Doc.

Well, you certainly reduced your risk. Keep it up.

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Horoscopes

For the week of  
April 5, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Now may be a great time to reevaluate your finances. Investments could be the right path for now, but you may want to seek some professional advice.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

A message from a business partner could bring welcome news, Taurus. This might be the break you are waiting for at this juncture in your life. Career changes could be in store.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, expect to engage in a very interesting conversation this week. This person has not crossed your path in a while, and the reconnection sparks new goals.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, frustrations could arise that make you want to vent some anger. Channel your energy into something productive, such as a kickboxing class.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Obstacles at work or home interfere with your ability to work efficiently, Leo. Even though tasks may take you a little longer, don't throw in the towel just yet.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, do your best to lighten the atmosphere around the house this week. Encourage others to kick up their heels and keep the focus on fun and fun alone.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Avoid any drama or chaos that may surround you this week, Libra. Others may seem on edge, but you can remain calm. Quarantine yourself at home and the storm will blow over.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Even though a few setbacks come your way, your financial situation still looks very promising this week. Figure out how to capitalize on this favorable position.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You are usually laid back and calm, Sagittarius. However, when something goes against your beliefs this week you are ready to stand up for morals or concerns.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

This may not be a good week to travel, Capricorn. Look over your itinerary again and try to reconfigure them so you can travel later on instead.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, trust your gut instinct about big financial moves regardless of any advice you're getting from others. You'll likely see that now isn't the time for spending.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

A bumpy start to the week that has you questioning several choices will smooth out, Pisces. The weekend will be very productive.





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