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# Midweek \* Imes

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

# Local schools stay open for in-person learning

Despite governor's recommendation of remote classrooms, pause in athletics for two weeks

### **By Sharon Stone**

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Local superintendents send letters to parents saying in-person classes and athletics will proceed as they have been.

See IN-PERSON LEARNING on 8

## **Fenton City** extends lawn care services contract

CJ Callaghan & Sons (ACE Lawn & Landscape) of Fenton will be on the job two more years

### **By Sharon Stone**

During its Zoom meeting Monday, April 12, Fenton City Council approved extending the lawn care and landscape services with CJ Callaghan & Sons (ACE Lawn & Landscape) of Fenton.

In a memo from Michael Hart, assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority executive director, to City Manager Lynn Markland, Hart said for the See LAWN CARE on 5



Brenda McGuire created a gofundme page for her father, Wayne McGuire and his wife, Sandy, to help them with incidental expenses after their Gaines home was destroyed by fire April 7. Submitted photo

# 'I thank my lucky stars no one was hurt'

Daughter creates gofundme page to help her father, a retired fire chief, after his home is destroyed by fire

### **Bv Sharon Stone**

Brenda McGuire created a gofundme page for her father Wayne McGuire and his wife, Sandy, whose Gaines home was destroyed by

fire Wednesday, April 7. According to the gofundme page, "Help Wayne & Sandy after Their Home Burned," Brenda wrote that the fire See **FIRE** on 5

**44**... I never thought I'd witness my own family's house burn. Again, though, I thank my lucky stars no one was hurt. 77

**Brenda McGuire** "Help Wayne & Sandy after Their Home Burned" gofundme page creator



**C** is anyone else creeped out by so many shots given on live TV? What's the purpose? And reporters wearing

masks — I can't understand what they're saying. I stopped watching the local news — all I need to know is in the Tri-County Times."



**C** Thank you, to the nice young man in Fenton Orchards

who stopped and helped my husband take our garbage bucket down the drive."

## The state of **Fenton Township** roads: Part II

■ Roads east of Lake Fenton. around Lake Ponemah mix of 'very poor,' 'poor' and 'fair'

### **By Hannah Ball**

The local roads in Fenton Township east of Lake Fenton and north of CN North America railway line are a mix of "very poor," "poor" and "fair."

These ratings come from a 2020 PASER study, which stands for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating. The system rates paved 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 of a series on Fenton Township roads that were evaluated with PASER in 2020. This article examines roads east of Lake Fenton and north of the CN North America railway line.

### **Very Poor**

- Main Road: rating 2
- Davis Street (dead end): rating 2
- Golden Shore Drive: rating 2
- Golden Circle: rating 2
- Golden Court: rating 2
- Golden Shore Court: rating 2
- Enid Boulevard (from Haddon

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Another great comedy by the Fenton Village Players, 'Don't Mention My Name'

opened April 8."



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HONORING

# **'Devoted Dog Project' established**

■Fundraising efforts continue while waiting for motion hearing, decision on lawsuit

### **By Sharon Stone**

While waiting for a May 12 motion hearing, Melissa Borden and her Devoted Barn in Rose Township are busy fundraising to pay legal bills and to improve the animal rescue property.

According to a Feb. 24 court order by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Leo Bowman, Melissa Borden, owner of Devoted Barn at 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., in Rose Township, had 14 days (March 10) to propose a plantoremove and relocate dozens of dogs from her property in 60 days (April 25). On Feb. 10, the court determined the organization had violated a previous court order to remove 21 dogs from the property.

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

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

Borden said Devoted Barn's attorney has submitted a proposal to the



A volunteer works with rescued dogs at Devoted Barn in Rose Township. The non-profit is in the midst of a lawsuit and is fundraising to cover its legal costs and to make improvements on the property. **Times file photo** 

township, which includes but is not limited to centrally locating the dogs within the property. As of April 5, she had not heard back from the township.

At the May 12 hearing, their attorney Michael Gildner will present the request for a "stay" asking Judge Leo Bowman to allow the dogs to remain on the property throughout the appeals process, which will be held at the Michigan appellate court in Lansing.

In the meantime, Borden said they are working hard on fundraising across the

board. She said her rescue organization seeks to discuss everything with the town-ship and that no options are off the table.

"In fact we would love nothing more than to be proud of the township we are invested in," Borden said. "We want to work with them in the future."

Borden said if nothing can be worked out, in addition to the nearly \$30,000 she has spent on legal fees, it is going to cost each party an additional tens of thousands in attorney fees alone.

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Sharon Stone

## Sharin' the spotlight

# No slowing down for non-profit Snuggle Sacks' founders

By Editor Sharon Stone

ow many people by their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday can say they are CEO and founder of an organization, honored by the Martin Luther King Foundation, the recipient of the Everyday Young Hero Award and be featured on The Today Show, among other things?

Addisyn Goss celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday and dozens of friends and fans wished her a happy birthday on the Facebook page, Snuggle Sacks — Resources for the homeless.

The Times began writing about Addisyn in 2015 when as a student at Linden Elementary School, she led a fundraiser in memory of her cousin, Nash Schupbach, who had just died as an infant. Addisyn donated the proceeds to the Shelter of Flint.

Becoming an activist and fundraiser came naturally to her. Later, Addisyn started Snuggle Sacks with her older siblings Sheridan and Jaxson, and with the help of their mother, Stacy Daul, after meeting her estranged grandfather who was homeless and then living in a home for veterans.

Addisyn has worked tirelessly gathering supplies and delivering the snuggle sacks (homeless survival kits) to the homeless. This is in addition to all of her school activities. In 2018, she traveled to Atlanta, Georgia after learning she would be honored by the Martin Luther King Foundation. Not letting up on her mission, in November 2018, Addisyn and Snuggle Sacks were featured on The Today Show and in 2019, she was the recipient of the

Everyday Young Hero Award.

Most recently, Snuggle Sacks posted April 5 that they became aware of a new need. Two 17-yearold girls had been abandoned by their mom and left with their nonbiological dad, who took them in and making sure they are cared for. Snuggle Sacks is helping these girls and asked for gift cards so that they could shop for shoes, clothes and personal hygiene items since they had none.

To find out how you can help provide essential supplies to the homeless in

mid-Michigan, go to snugglesacks. org. There you will find a complete list of items Snuggle Sacks includes in their survival kits. There are links to donate monetarily or to purchase items to donate. Snuggle Sacks has acquired a new warehouse in downtown Linden and will be opening a retail boutique in the front portion to help support the non-profit side since donations are down. They hope to open in the coming weeks.

In 2019, 61,832 individuals experienced homelessness across Michigan, according to the Ending Homelessness in Michigan annual report, which was released this past January.

Kudos to Addisyn, Sheridan, Jaxson, and their mom Stacy Daul and the work done so far by Snuggle Sacks. More details about their new warehouse and boutique store will be forthcoming.

Hotlines

IT IS SUCH a shame to watch

by today's standards.

people judge things from the past

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# Which activities make you lose track of time?



"Talking with my mom on the phone. Two hours can go by without us even realizing it."

**Kelly Fairbanks Miller** 

Fenton



"Walking in the neighborhood. Everyone comes outside. We start chatting, walking together and ultimately in someone's yard playing cornhole. It's the best."

Julie Orleman Gilbert Fenton



"When I am reading my Bible, and spending time with the Lord. It is the only thing in life that can truly make you content with this life. While you focus on him, and forget about the crazy world around you."

Chad Peck, Gaines



"When I am out on the trails with my utv. Lots of nature to see. Turkeys, deer, blue jays, cranes. Also, the people you meet when you stop to eat are so friendly. Everyone talks to one another and shares places to ride." **Steven Van Tol**, *Flushing* 

# street talk



"Cruising in my old cars."

Bob Hitchings Fenton



A home in Gaines was destroyed by fire Wednesday, April 7. The homeowners also lost two vehicles in the fire. **Submitted photo** 

## **FIRE**

### **Continued from Front Page**

started in the garage and moved so fast, that her father didn't even have time to grab his shoes. No one was injured, and they have insurance (although only one vehicle was fully covered); however, they are going to need help with incidentals and those things insurance won't cover.

Brenda wrote, "If anyone knows my dad, Wayne McGuire, they know he's always helping others (including his 30-plus years as a former firefighter/ chief/Shiawassee County Mutual Aid Coordinator, retiring from Durand after 23 years."

Insurance adjusters will be inventorying everything in the next couple of weeks. The couple has been set up with a place to temporarily live and they are making arrangements to get a vehicle.

Brenda wrote, "Growing up hearing him talk about all the various fires and then covering fires and such for the newspapers, I never thought I'd witness my own family's house burn. Again, though, I thank my lucky stars no one was hurt."

# HOT LINE CONTINUED

SUPERINTENDENTS, WHY SO much COVID testing on our kids? The CDC says that after you have recovered from COVID, do not get tested for at least three months because you will likely be shedding dead virus cells. This will result in false positive results.

I FIND IT amusing how many people are now worried about the nation's deficit. I didn't hear much about it when the last administration cut taxes and upped defense spending. The debt steadily rose and not too many said much about it. I wonder why?

# **DOES ANYONE REMEMBER** the nefarious 'Roy, aka Tan Man, aka Merle' from the late '70s? If you are

reading this, you were The Man! **CONFUSED. SCHOOLS CONTINUE** to be in-person (with no room for social distancing) with entire student body, but can't have an in-person Academic Award Ceremony (with portion of student body) due to increase in COVID cases? Doesn't make much sense.

## LAWN CARE

**Continued from Front Page** 

last three years, CJ Callaghan's has provided the city and DDA lawn care and landscape services. Hart said the company has done a "very good job" in providing these services. He added that the company has addressed any and all issues that have arisen during their threeyear contract with the city and DDA.

By staying with CJ Callaghan & Sons, Hart said the company would keep its prices the same for two more years with the same terms and conditions per the signed agreements of 2018.

The pricing for lawn care is \$59,730 (\$52,580 city) and landscape is \$11,820 (\$9,720 city) annually.

With City Council's approval, Hart will go to the DDA Board for approval per its portion of \$7,150 for lawn care and \$2,100 for landscape annually.



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# Genisys Credit Union raises awareness for financial literacy

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April is National Financial Literacy Month in an effort to raise public awareness about the importance of financial wellness.

Genisys Credit Union is partnering

with local libraries during Money Smart Week, April 10 - 17, to promote financial education to those 18 and under.

"We place a focus on being a resource to our communities for financial education," said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. "Financial knowledge and capability are key in empowering an

individual or family to reach their goals for financial freedom and choice — it's never too early to start that education."

The credit union is working with libraries in White Lake, Highland Township, and Springfield Township to support their "Money Smart Story Time," where the kids participating receive a free book, Give It! by Cinders McLeod, which explains basic financial principles through the eyes of "Chummy the Bunny."

> The Michigan Credit Union Foundation supports this initiative by working to partner credit unions with libraries and providing supplemental materials.

> In addition to partnering with local libraries, the credit union works with area high schools to host Reality Fairs for students to get hands-on, interactive experience to advance

their financial understanding through realistic approaches to budgeting.

Since the program began in 2019, Genisys has hosted 20 fairs in various school districts such as Orion, Chippewa Valley, Vassar, and Rochester. See **GENISYS** on 15





# The defense of insanity in criminal cases — Part II

Michigan uses the fourth variation called the "Substantial Capacity Test," which provides that a person is legally insane if, as a result of mental illness or intellectual disability, the person lacks substantial capacity either to appreciate the nature and quality or wrongfulness of their conduct or to conform their conduct to the requirements of law.

When a defendant has been found not guilty by reason of insanity, they are committed to the custody of the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry for an initial period of 60 days to be evaluated for mental health treatment.

If it is determined that treatment is not required, they will be discharged.

This is unlikely and assuming further treatment is necessary, a petition is filed with the probate court for hospitalization.

One of the most well known examples of this defense being successfully used was in the John W. Hinckley Jr. case.

Mr. Hinckley was obsessed with both actress Jodie Foster, who was in the 1976 movie "Taxi Driver," and the movie which centered around the relationship that a taxi driver (Travis) played by Robert De Niro, had with Ms. Foster's character (Iris), and his attempt to assassinate a presidential candidate.

Hinckley wanted to impress Foster and tried on numerous occasions to have meaningful contact with her. He was unsuccessful and came to believe he could impress her by copying Travis and assassinating President Ronald Reagan.

On March 30, 1981 in Washington, D.C., Hinckley shot a pistol six times at Reagan. He did not kill him, but the president was wounded as well as three others.

He went on trial in 1982 in federal court after pleading insanity as a defense.

The expert witness testimony differed as to Hinckley's state of mind.



### **SPEEDER ARRESTED FOR OWI**

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4, a Fenton police officer observed and clocked a vehicle traveling 65 mph in a 30-mph zone on Main Street, near Eddy Lake Road. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver said he thought he was traveling at 40 mph. Suspecting the driver had been drinking, the officer administered field sobriety tests and a breath test, both of which indicated the driver was intoxicated. The driver, a 27-yearold Grand Blanc man, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the Genesee County Jail. When sober, he was released with a court appearance ticket for OWI.

### UNKNOWN WOMAN SMASHES MAN'S VAN WINDOWS ON SWANEE BEACH DRIVE

At 5:54 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, a witness called Fenton police to report an incident occurring in the 14000 block of Swanee Beach Drive. The caller told police that they witnessed a female enter a vehicle, pull out of a driveway and smash into a 1997 Dodge conversion van that was parked in the road. The driver then got out of her vehicle and proceeded to smash every window out of the van. She then drove away. The owner told police he had no idea who the female is or why she smashed his van.

At the conclusion of his defense, the Taxi Driver movie was played for the jury to show them Hinckley's reaction to it, how he identified with Travis, and how delusional he was.

Ultimately, the jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity.

The verdict was controversial and led to federal law being changed in 1984 to make proving insanity more difficult.

In actuality, the defense of insanity is rarely used because of the difficulty in proving it. Nationally, it is raised in one out of every 100 cases and successful only 25 percent of the time.

## ROADS

Continued from Front Page Street to Pontiac Street): rating 2

- North Horrell Road: rating 2
- Horrell Court: rating 2
- South Horrell Road: rating 2
- Ripley Road: rating 2
- Torrey Beach Drive: rating 2
- Ponemah Drive (from North Road to
- Roberts Drive): rating 2

### Poor

- Belle Glade Court: rating 3
- Davis Street (fromWiggins Road to
- Park Avenue): rating 3
- Ruth Road: rating 3
- Torrey Grove Court: rating 3
- Crane Road: rating 3
- Cranewood Drive: rating 3
- Crane Ridge Drive: rating 3
- Crane Ridge Court: rating 3
- Lake Shore Drive (northern portion):

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Davis Street): rating 5

• Water Green Court: rating 5

• Saint Andrews Way: rating 5

• Fenton Creek Lane: rating 5

• Fenton Creek Court: rating 5

Way to dead end): rating 5

• Patrick Drive: rating 5

• Judith Court: rating 5

to first left turn): rating 6

• Neal Court: rating 6

Road): rating 7

Excellent

Good

• Lake Shore Drive/Golden Pond: rating 5

• Tupper Lake Drive (from Tupper Lake

• Golfview Circle (from Torrey Road

• Jennings Road (north of Lahring

• Golfview Circle: rating 5

# HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE CANNOT WAIT for the day when Gretchen Whitmer wakes up from her blind power grab and announces that she is stepping down as governor from our Great Lakes State of Michigan. She can take her lieutenant governor with her. He's no better.

SOROS, BUFFET, BLOOMBERG, Dorsey, Bezos, Zuckerberg and the rest of the lefts' extremely wealthy will always have tax loopholes and offshore money. The middle class will always pay the price, get ready for inflation too!

# PARENTS, PLEASE CONFIRM

with you children that if they have contact with the police, it is: 'Yes sir, no sir / hands visible / no fast moves.' Police have a right to come home alive after their shift.

## • Grove Park Road: rating 3

• Haddon Street: rating 3

rating 3

- Enid Boulevard (north of Pontiac
- Street): rating 3
- Swanee Beach Drive: rating 3
- North Road (north of Rolston Road): rating 3
- Jennings Road (south of Lahring Road): rating 3
- Breeze Point Court: rating 3
- Minnetonka Drive: rating 3
- Mohawk Drive: rating 3
- Tupper Lake Drive: rating 3
- Tupper Lake Way: rating 3
- Eastview Drive: rating 3
- Landings Way: rating 3
- Ponemah Drive (west of Roberts Drive): rating 3

### Fair

• Wiggins Road (Off Torrey Road until • Margaret Drive: rating 9

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE SILVERCREST CHANNEL ON SILVER LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON. GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWN-SHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on motion of the township board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on the Silvercrest Channel of Silver Lake consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

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:

### Lots 1-14 of the Silver Knoll Estates Platted Subdivision & Parcel 06-33-100-013

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 on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held electronically via Zoom, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday April 19, 2021. [www.zoom.us/join; Meeting ID: 889 2979 6418; Passcode: 479638]

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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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### IN-PERSON LEARNING Continued from Front Page

Holly Area Schools

In a letter to Holly High School parents, Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper addressed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's news conference last week when she strongly encouraged high schools and athletics to voluntarily close for two weeks following spring break.

In the April 9 letter, Roper wrote, "School Leaders across Michigan were caught off guard this morning with news from the governor's office which encouraged school districts to voluntarily close high schools and athletics for two weeks following spring break.

"There was no advance notice or dialogue with school leaders prior to this press conference. School districts should not be asked to make health decisions for the governor, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and/or local health departments.

"We insist that the governor, MD-HHS, and our local health departments step up and fulfill their responsibility to make clear and concise decisions regarding health and safety for the citizens of Michigan. MDHHS and county health departments have the authority to mandate closures. Putting these decisions on school districts is completely irresponsible and unacceptable.

"Unfortunately, there is also a disconnect in this morning's message regarding that many districts have already returned from spring break. We will continue with our previously scheduled assessments for next week as recently communicated by high school administration. At this time, athletics will also continue unless there is a specific mandate made by the health departments and/or MHSAA to pause."

Roper continued by telling his district's parents that more than 50 percent of the students are full-time remote/ virtual students and that the full-time in-person population continues to follow all required protocols and mitigation measures.

"Like all school districts across Michigan, we will continue to enforce quarantine protocols

when alerted by a positive COVID-19 case," he wrote. "It is important to understand that the district does not have control over issues related to positive COVID-19 cases outside of the school district that result in the quarantine of students. Therefore, we will continue to monitor the number of positive cases and num-

ber of quarantined students across our district to determine if there is a need to shift programming to remote/virtual learning at any of our buildings."

### **Fenton Area Public Schools**

Fenton Area Public Schools made a similar announcement Friday, April 9. Superintendent Adam Hartley sent a letter to his district's parents.

He wrote, "This is not a mandate, rather a recommendation based on statewide data and would be a voluntary decision made at the local level. Fenton High School, along with our other buildings, will remain open for in-person learning at this time. Aside from continuing to assess the five fo-



cus areas listed below, we continue to work with the local health department and follow the guidelines they have set forth based on both the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) and state guidelines.

"Since returning to in-person instruction in January, we have maintained our extended learning plan and continue to mitigate exposure by cohorting our elementary classrooms and limiting the

numbers of classes for our secondary students to three per day, not six. We have added personnel to our cleaning and sanitizing crews and many of our staff members have been vaccinated.

"Our spring sports season began this week and beginning this Monday (April 12), all of our middle school and high school student

athletes will be tested on Monday mornings. If a student tests positive, we will not have to contact trace within the school buildings due to the close contact 48-hour window occurring over the weekend.

"This is the turning point for the 2020-2021 school year and we need everyone to do their part, in and out of the school environment. Our staff, and our families, have worked hard to make it back for in-person teaching and learning and to provide this opportunity for our students. Our intentions are to focus on the areas below, continue our working relationship with the Genesee County Health Department and to remain open, for in person instruction, at this time."

### **Linden Community Schools**

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski sent a letter to Linden families. In his letter he wrote, "Again, these are recommendations and not part of a new order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services."

Linden Community Schools will remain in its current learning environment.

• K-8: In-person cohorted model, Monday thru Friday.

• 9-12: In-person learning (4 day or 2

day instructional option), Monday thru Thursday with Friday being a remote learning day.

• K-12: Linden Virtual School (100 percent virtual option).

"Linden Community Schools will continue to run athletic events and competitions as planned and scheduled. We are, and will continue to follow the MDHHS Emergency Order that requires student-athletes, ages 13-19, to be CO-VID-19 tested at least once per week.

"Our Athletic Department tests our student-athletes on Monday mornings.

"While we respect the governor's position, we feel that our students need the academic and non-academic support that Linden Community Schools is able to provide, and therefore will not alter our current educational environment.

"Linden Community Schools will continue to implement mitigation measures to help reduce exposure to CO-VID-19. These measures include social distancing, sanitization of high touch areas, wearing of facial coverings, personal hygiene, and more."

Additional information, including the LCS COVID-19 dashboard, can be found on the district's COVID-19 webpage.

### Lake Fenton Community Schools

Superintendent Julie Williams said, "Lake Fenton Community Schools will continue to provide in-person learning for all students in grades  $PreK - 12^{th}$ grade.

"We have been fortunate enough to have the technology infrastructure in place to provide students with remote learning opportunities this entire school year. We have been able to provide our families with learning platforms that meet their individual needs. In addition, we have provided flexibility for our students and families and have allowed students to participate remotely, when they were not comfortable attending in-person. We understand that some families may choose to have their children attend remotely for the next few weeks and we will accommodate those requests.

"In addition, we will continue to offer sports for our student athletes. We are conducting antigen testing on all athletes, every Monday, in compliance with executive orders and to limit the spread of COVID-19."

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**Julie Williams** 

Lake Fenton Community

Schools superintendent



# FLaX Heat improves to 3-0 with win vs. Holly/Brandon

### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton/Linden FLaX Heat girls varsity lacrosse team is as hot as any tri-county spring team right now.

The Heat (3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Flint Metro League) captured their third victory of the season in about a

Redhawks 18-6.

The team's top goal of the game was set up when Olivia Szpak carried the ball up the right wing. She dodged her defender but was still blocked from net. However, teammate Emilee

week, defeating the Holly/Brandon Guertin drew the last defender from her path and Szpak scored the goal.

> Five Fenton/Linden players scored three or more goals. Szpak was one of five Heat players to score at least three goals. She scored three goals while See FLAX on 11

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Fenton/Linden's Kaitlyn Mossett

# **Eagles soar past Goodrich Martians in 5-0 victory**

### **By David Troppens**

**Goodrich** — The Linden varsity girls soccer team has had its share of adversity already this season.

The squad has played its first two games with a large chunk of girls out due to COVID protocol and with a decent chunk of those players expected to be eventual starters.

One week into the season, the schedule hasn't been kind either. The Eagles have had to face the two teams expected to be their biggest competition in the Flint Metro League race — first a nonleague game against Fenton and then Monday's league contest at Goodrich.

So far there's been no problems. If anything the adversity seems to be making the Eagles shine. A couple of days after

beating Fenton 1-0, the Eagles officially started the Flint Metro League season by crushing Goodrich 5-0, improving to 2-0 on the season.

Using sheer aggression, the Eagles held Goodrich to just two shots (only one decent scoring chance) while Linden controlled the ball for most of the contest. When the Eagles didn't have it, they fought to get it back, making life miserable for the Martians all night long.

"With the seven people missing it has been hard, and they are all good players, but we are making up for it," Linden senior Molly James said. "We are working as a team, bonding as a team and that's the biggest thing this year. We are working harder as a team rather than individually."

See EAGLES on 11



Linden's Molly James (left) had two goals and played strong defense, helping the Eagles earn a 5-0 victory against Goodrich. Photo: David Troppens

# : Linden baseball records twinbill Metro League sweep

### **By David Troppens**

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The Linden varsity baseball team finally got a chance to start its 2021 season, and did so victoriously.

The Eagles swept Corunna in a Flint Metro League doubleheader, winning the first game 7-4 and the second contest 10-4.

The opener wasn't going terribly well

- early on with Corunna taking a 3-0 lead
- with three runs in the bottom of the third. However, Linden scored four in the top
- of the fourth and then took the lead for
- good with two more runs in the fifth.

Linden's four-run fourth started with singles by Brenden Sinn, Danny Rodie and Gavin Wildeman. With two out, Brandon Green walked in a run and Cooper Conn doubled in three runs. See BASEBALL on 10



# Tigers tied up with Dragons, 2-2

Fenton's Madie Engle kicks the ball during a recent Tigers' game. Fenton tied Swartz Creek 2-2. Photo: David Troppens



Twice, the Fenton varsity girls soccer team took a one-goal lead against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

Twice, the Dragons were able to sneak back into a deadlock to earn a 2-2 tie.

Celeste Hindmon scored a firsthalf goal and Korryn Smith scored one in the second half, earning the Tigers the one-goal leads at 1-0 and 2-1.

Hindmon's goal came on a free kick from 40 yards out. Mallory Lehman was fouled, setting up the free kick.

Lehman assisted Smith's goal, but Swartz Creek scored off a corner kick with about three minutes left.

"It was a really good game," Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "Both teams went on a couple of runs and momentum shifts. It was a good game."

The Tigers (0-2-1) travel to Grand Blanc for a non-league contest today.



# Linden softball continues early season domination, sweeps Corunna

### **By David Troppens**

The Linden varsity softball team has been completely dominant so far during the 2021 spring season.

How dominant? In four games (and just 20 innings of work), the Eagles have outscored their opponents by an eye-popping 72-3 margin.

The Eagles opened Flint Metro League action on Monday, earning victories by scores of 16-2 in six innings and 18-0 in four innings against Corunna.

In the first game, the Eagles did all their offensive damage in two innings. They scored six runs in the second inning and 10 runs in the sixth. In the six-run second, Hannah Ballinger had the first of her two doubles, a three-run two-bagger. Earlier in the inning, Jordyn Hobson hit a two-run single.

In the sixth inning, the Eagles had seven hits and three walks. The biggest run-producing hit of the inning was Maddie Morse's two-run single that gave the Eagles a 13-1 lead at the time. Later that inning, Emma Mossing also had a two-run single.

Hobson and Bollinger had three hits each while Morse and Cassi Sylvester chipped in two hits each. On the mound, Hobson went the distance, allowing three hits and no walks while striking out 10 in six innings of work.

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# Fenton pitchers shut out Owosso twice

### By David Troppens

If pitching wins league titles, the Fenton varsity baseball team is in good shape.

The Tigers (2-1-1 overall) opened the Flint Metro League season with two shutouts against Owosso.

Eddie Briand pitched five innings of one-hit ball and Brett Jackman pitched two innings of shutout ball, leading the Tigers to a 3-0 victory in the opening game.

In the nightcap, Nolan Alvord pitched three innings of two-hit ball while striking out three, leading the Tigers to the 12-0 win in five innings. Gavin Diamond

Holly captures one win, ties another vs. Clio

The Holly varsity baseball team is unbeaten in Metro League action so far.

Holly defeated the Clio Mustangs 10-4 in the opening contest, but were tied at 1-1 in the second game when it was called.

The Bronchos trailed 2-0 but then scored three runs in the top of the third. Clio retook a 4-3 lead with two runs in the bottom of the third, but Holly scored three runs in the top of the fourth, three more in the top of the sixth and one in

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Linden led 4-3.

Corunna scored a run in the bottom of the fourth, tying the game at 4-all,

pitched two innings of one-hit ball while striking out three in the second game.

In the opener, Briand struck out 12 batters and walked just two. Meanwhile, Jackman struck out four and walked none.

The Tigers were pretty good offensively in the second game as well.

Brendan Alvord had a strong game, collecting a two-run home run. He had two hits and three RBI. The third run was scored with an RBI-ground out.

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the seventh.

Consecutive singles by Drew Hignite, Chris Walton and Mason Clark loaded the bases for Holly in the third. An out later, Mason Yoder singled in Clark and a walk to Jacob Hild loaded the bases. A dropped third strike allowed Weston Syjud to reach base and enabled Sells to score. Jeffrey Preston then walked to give the Bronchos a 3-2 lead.

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but Linden took the lead for good in the fifth. Keagen Watson walked and Monte Keener singled to set up the rally. Sinn singled in both runners, giving Linden a 6-4 lead.

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# Fenton softball splits games vs. Hartland, Owosso

### **By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity softball team had some good news and some bad news during its doubleheader against Hartland on Saturday.

The Tigers won the opening game 5-4 in eight innings, but lost the second contest 9-0.

The same pattern followed suit during the Tigers' first two Metro contests of the season on Monday. The Tigers split games at Owosso, losing the first 4-0 but then bouncing back to win the second game 12-4.

The opening contest against Hartland was a pitchers' duel for seven innings. Fenton trailed 2-1 entering the top of the seventh, but scored a run in the seventh.

With one out, Lauren Miller singled and moved to second on an error. Coral

Lefever doubled in Miller to tie the game at 2-all entering extra innings.

The eighth inning started with a runner on second base for each team. Cadyn Reger hit a bunt single that plated Madilyn Best from second base. Jordyn Bommersbach followed with a one-out single and Miller singled. Lefever walked, making it a 5-2 Fenton lead.

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# LF girls soccer captures first win of Ghoujeghi era

### **By David Troppens**

It took Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Evan Ghoujeghi more than a year to get his first victory as the mentor for the Blue Devils.

Yet, he's actually perfect for his career as coach as well.

That's because he was hired prior to the 2020 spring season, which, of course, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

So when the Blue Devils competed against, and defeated Corunna 8-0 Monday night, it marked his first game as . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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"And we are only going to get better as the year goes on," Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "Everyone (every team) should get better as the year goes on. I was a little concerned about this game going in. We can't have any slipups. We have to bring it, hold our fort down until the other kids come back. Once we get them back. I think we will be better defensively, and I think we will be better offensively because we have a mix of kids that can play on both sides."

minutes to take the lead for the Martians. Photo: David Troppens good. The Eagles had a free

kick from about a 45 degree angle from about 30 yards out and James took the shot. She hit the far corner for the Eagles' first goal. It remained just 1-0 until there was 5:35 left in the opening half. Maryn Rettenmund scored her first goal on a vertical pass from Melanea Strauss for a 2-0

varsity coach and it marked his first victory as well.

"We made a joke that everybody is a freshman. Everybody was playing their first high school game today," Ghoujeghi said. "We have two seniors and everyone else was playing high school soccer for the first time."

The Blue Devils had three players score two goals each. Ava Roy led the Blue Devils with two goals and three assists. Bella Reitano had two goals and an assist while Savannah Reese had two . . . . . . . . . . . . .

goals. Makenna Dreyer chipped in a goal and an assist while Chloe Polzien had a goal. Jayden Rainney and Addison Reitano had an assist each.

In net, Savannah Fellenbaum made one save and earned the shutout.

"The girls have been working really hard, and we are going to have bigger challenges," Ghoujeghi said. "We don't want to get complacent because we won just one game. We are going to keep working and keep growing. We are a work in progress."



Fenton/Linden's Hannah Ludwig picks up the ball during a recent game. Photo: **David Troppens** 

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controlling three draws and forcing two turnovers.

"She saw double-teams and then calmly passed it to open teammates," Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse coach Roger Ellis said.

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Linden's Haley Wasilewski (left) battles with Goodrich's It took Linden about 15 Lauren Cherry during the Eagles' 5-0 victory against

> lead. The Eagles held that lead entering the half.

> Goodrich never could get back into the game in the second half, never getting even a single shot in the final 40 minutes against Linden keeper Ashtyn Gocha.

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### ARIES

### Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, if you feel like every day is the same thing, then figure out a way to add some spark to the week. Invite friends for an adventure or embrace a new hobby.

### TAURUS

### Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, find ways to entertain your family and yourself without breaking the bank. Recreational centers and parks are often free and have many possibilities.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, explore more creative pursuits in the days to come. You can find many great ideas and starter kits for arts and crafts projects at your local craft store.

## CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22 Don't pressure yourself into taking on more than you can handle, Cancer. Even though you may feel up to the challenge, there's no shame in accepting help.

# Horoscopes

### LEO Jul 23/Aug 23

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

work out for the best

Leo, this week you may find yourself looking inward, which is not necessarily the norm for you. Try connecting with others as it may do you some good.

A new relationship could start

this week, Virgo. Don't try to put

on airs; just be yourself and you

will likely find that everything will

### LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Financial uncertainty has you rethinking things this week, Libra. Just be sure you are not being pennywise but dollar foolish. Make cuts across the board.

### SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, when another person confides in you, it is up to you to keep his or her secret, unless you believe doing so would be harmful to that person. Maintain your trustworthy reputation.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't rush ahead on a project, even if you think you are ready to move forward. Give it a few more days of careful consideration before diving right in.

### CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, as tedious as research can be, it is ultimately necessary if you are planning a big move or a change in your financial situation. Seek professional advice, if necessary.

# For the week of April 12, 2021

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, some details are still up in the air about a potential trip or adventure. But that doesn't mean you can't get excited about the prospects.

## PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, if you are being too critical of yourself, change your way

of thinking. Others do not view you in the same manner.



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### MIDWEEK TIMES

# Obituaries

Her Legacy... Carmel J.

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# Times



Dale (Jerry) Sawade

Jerry you're still all around us everyday. Everywhere we look we see something you built or fixed for us.

Thank you for every second, every minute, every hour, every day, every week, every month, every year, thank you for everything.

Always our Hero, always the Greatest, always Boss. Always there for us.

Jerry and Patty, you are sadly missed by your entire family and dear friend, Jim.

### **Carmel J. Huntley** 1932 - 2021



Canada to Ugo and Angelina (Acciavatti) Toffoli. She married the love of her life, Leo Conrad Huntley, April 24, 1954 in Sault St. Marie, Canada. Carmel owned and operated ServiceMaster in Fenton for many years. She enjoyed cooking and loved being outdoors, especially gardening. Her greatest joy was spending time with her husband and family. She will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother. Her Family... Carmel will be missed by her son, Jason (Heather) Huntley; grandchildren, Victoria, Amelia, Conrad, Scarlett and Audrey; brother, Ron

(Judy) Toffoli; nephews, Rob (Karen) Toffoli, Craig (Tricia) Toffoli and niece, Carmel (Tim) Thomlison. She is preceded in death by her husband Leo; and her parents.

Her Farewell... Carmel's family and friends will gather Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 4 -8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel in Howell. Her Community Farewell will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11 AM(gathering at 10AM) at Bible Baptist Church, 2258 E. Highland Rd. Howell. Pastor Tim Christoson will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to Bible Baptist Church. Please leave a message of comfort for Carmel's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www. borekjennings.com

# **Robert Arnold Landers**

1929 - 2021



boating and spending time at his cabin up north. Robert also was an active volunteer at Great Lakes National Cemetery with maintenance of the Avenue of Flags. Surviving are

children, Penny (John) Lucia, Bonnie (Bill) Wentz, Teresa (Walter) McCurdy, Kenneth Landers, Robert Landers, Laura Thomas, Thomas (Diane) Landers, John (Diane) Landers; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Florence Schuneman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene; son, Steven; and brother, Kenneth. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.





Fenton, died Wednesday, April 8, 2021.

Private family services will be held with burial at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed at 2 PM, Friday, April 16, 2021 on

Robert Arnold

Landers -

age 91, of

Robert's obituary page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice or Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council, P.O. Box, 227, Holly, MI 48442 for the Avenue of Flags. Robert was born September 2, 1929 in Detroit, the son of James Monroe and Maria J. (MacIntosh) Landers. He married Marlene Hawkins in 1949 and she preceded him in death in 2018. Robert retired from General Motors / AC Spark Plug. He enjoyed his Harley Davidson motorcycle,

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT DO YOU think — is it ignorance or arrogance driving Fenton and Freedom Festival official's decision to cancel? Do they really think we won't celebrate the 4th? Get real. Canceling the festival will do nothing to keep people from gathering in large groups. Should have kept the festival.

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I AM SO grateful the Michigan High School Athletic Association rejected Whitmer's call to suspend high school sports. Common sense has finally prevailed over fear mongering. Thank you MHSAA, job well done.

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**IF A NATION'S** economy can be powered by wind and sun light, it has no economy.

## DOG PROJECT

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To help with expenses, Borden said they started the Devoted Dog Project "DDP" for everything pertaining to the dogs, such as building a state-of-the-art sound-proof facility, relocating the dog program, and attorney fees.

"Relocating the dog program or worse would simply be devastating," she said.

The Devoted Barn is seeking personal and corporate sponsorships.

Donations can be made at the devotedbarn. org and https://gofund.me/184eba15

Borden encourages everyone to follow them on Facebook. "We have upcoming events, fundraisers, and digital stories which really show what we are all about," she said. "We also ask interested parties to voice their letters of support during the public comment section of the Rose Township open board meetings."

Due to COVID, Rose Township continues to conduct virtual meetings. Under the open meetings act, they must publicly post the dates and links of the meetings in advance. To be added to the email list to receive the meeting virtual link, email Clerk Debbie Miller at clerk@rosetownship.com.

Borden said, "The support from the local community and everyone in general has been overwhelming. We have had a huge spike in visitors showing their support in recent weeks. We would like to thank each and every one of you for sharing your love, dedication, and support."

Dianne Schieb-Snider, supervisor of Rose Township, did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

## GENISYS

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When the program began, the Fairs were hosted in person, but have since successfully transitioned into virtual versions to meet the needs of each district.

Outside of financial education for students, the credit union also has a Financial Wellness Center at genisyscu.org.

The Wellness Center offers tools and information about budgeting, spending, saving, managing debt, retirement planning, and more. This resource, for both members and nonmembers alike, offers a "financial toolbox" with links to ebooks and videos, budget calculators, webinars, subject quizzes and more.

## INVITATION TO BID RFB-COF-04-06-21-001

### TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICES CITY OF FENTON

The City of Fenton, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196 for tree trimming and removal services for the City of Fenton until <u>Thursday, April 29, 2021 at</u> <u>11:00 a.m.</u>

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room of the Fenton City Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, Bid submissions shall be received by the City Clerk's Office in sealed envelopes plainly marked "TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICES – CITY OF FENTON."

Bids are being solicited only from responsible, established and qualified bidders who agree to perform the work requested under the terms set forth in this Request for Bids ("RFB"). Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary experience, capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may also be required. A bidder's current knowledge of the City is not necessary, but will be considered valuable in determining qualifications.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of qualified bidders at the Fenton City Offices, 301 South Leroy Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed bid proposal must be submitted on the bid form furnished by the City in the bid specifications. (Page 11 thru 13 of this document)

The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or errors in the bids, negotiate with any bidder, or to select the bid(s), or portions thereof, most advantageous to the City.

Lynn Markland City Manager, City of Fenton

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