

## One motorist critically injured

■ Multiple vehicle crash on southbound U.S. 23 Monday morning closes highway for seven hours

By Sharon Stone

**Fenton Twp.** — Two crashes less than 100 yards from each other on southbound U.S. 23, south of Lahring Road in Fenton Township, resulted in

two injured motorists, one critically.

The first crash at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, April 12, involved a truck and a flatbed truck hauling shipping containers. The loads tipped over and spread across all lanes. The axle and tires could be seen in the ditch close to North Road. The driver of one of the trucks sustained

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The driver of this car is hospitalized after being critically injured in a crash Monday morning on southbound U.S. 23 in Fenton Township. First responders with the Fenton Township Fire Department remove the injured man.

Photo: Sharon Stone



## ‘...negative feedback and resistance...’

■ Developer withdraws special land use application for proposed asphalt plant in Tyrone Township

By Sharon Stone

Capital Asphalt will not seek a special land use permit from Tyrone Township to develop an asphalt plant in the township.

Capital Asphalt sent a letter to Tyrone Township this past weekend withdrawing its application to construct an asphalt plant within Tyrone Township.

On Monday, April 19, Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, “They mentioned the negative feedback and resistance toward the proposed

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## Argentine church and food bank give groceries to those in need



Volunteer Beth Carr, a member of the Argentine Church of the Nazarene, grabs a box of food Saturday, April 17. The church partnered with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to give food to low income families and individuals. See story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Linden to say good-bye to retired police chief

■ Pete VanDriessche’s funeral set for Friday, April 23 in Linden

By Sharon Stone

The Linden community is mourning the death of the former long-time police chief, Peter (Pete) VanDriessche, who died Sunday, April 18. He was 72.

VanDriessche began as a reserve officer for the city in 1970 and went full-time in 1981, later becoming chief.

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Pete VanDriessche

“I never leave the driver’s seat without taking the key to the ignition and never go more than a few feet away without locking the vehicle doors. I urge all drivers to do the same and there would be far fewer stolen vehicles or stolen items from the vehicles.”

“The U.S. Government has no plans to make vaccine passports mandatory. But (at least for awhile) airlines, stadiums, and other venues with people crowded together will likely require some proof that you are either vaccinated or have had a recent negative test for COVID-19.”

“I think all of us should tip our waiters and waitresses a little extra during this pandemic. These young workers restore my confidence in the human race. They are in almost as much danger as our medical workers and make less money, yet they always remain pleasant and courteous.”







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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is making repairs on the Owen Road bridge over U.S. 23 in Fenton. Work should be done mid-June.

## Owen Road bridge work expected to be completed in June

■ MDOT repairing numerous bridges in Fenton and Fenton Township

By Hannah Ball

The Owen Road bridge in Fenton that travels over U.S. 23 is likely to be under construction until the summer.

Keith Brown, construction engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), said they're doing maintenance work on numerous bridges in Genesee County.

People driving through Fenton and traveling on the highways will be impacted. After the Owen Road bridge is done, MDOT will begin work on the Silver Lake Road overpass. MDOT also plans to complete maintenance on the Thompson Road bridge, Torrey Road bridge, Lahring Road bridge and approximately a dozen other bridges in Genesee County as part of a \$12.3-million investment.

Brown said they're replacing the barriers on the outside of the bridge, doing repair work on some of the steel beams underneath, doing deck replacements,

repairing the joints on top and more. They also will complete an epoxy flood coating on the whole surface of the bridge in the summer of 2022, which is expected to help when it rains.

Motorists can only use the three middle lanes on the Owen Road bridge as employees work on the outside barriers. Once they complete work on the barriers, MDOT will close the middle lanes and motorists will be able to use the outside lanes.

Construction started Monday, April 12. Brown estimates they'll be done working on the Owen Road bridge by the middle of June.

Then MDOT will start repair work on the Silver Lake Road overpass.

This work is part of MDOT's investment into bridges in Genesee County that includes 16 bridges that go over U.S. 23: Hill Road, U.S. 23 over Swartz Creek, Grand Blanc Road bridge, Torrey Road, Baldwin Road, Thompson Road, Lahring Road, U.S. 23 over the Shiawassee River, Silver Lake Road and Owen Road.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THANKS HOLLY ACADEMY** director for pointing out how stupid education has become. We need more teaching, not testing. Too much government control shows the slippery slope we are on. Many people don't seem to grasp that concept. It's a simple breakdown: Democrats want more government in their lives. Republicans don't.

**WHO NEEDS GM**, Ford or the unions to tell them how to vote?

**DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW.** Really?

Why is it that you are not allowed to use your GPS while driving but the carmakers and cell phone people don't disable while the vehicle is moving? Oh, because they would lose money if they made a car with that little chip that didn't work.

**I SEE THE** mayor and city council of Flint wants more money to hire more, better train and raise the pay of police officers. Finally, a common-sense approach to the raising crime rates. Why can't the leaders of the 10th largest cities in the USA see this?



# Argentine church and food bank give groceries to those in need

■ Food Bank of Eastern Michigan representative says they might plan more events at church

By Hannah Ball

The Argentine Church of the Nazarene partnered with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to feed hundreds of low-income families and people Saturday, April 17.

More than 30 volunteers set up tables and boxes of thousands of food items in the church parking lot. People drove up and did not have to get out of their cars as volunteers put boxes and bags of food in their vehicles.

There were 20-24 pallets with approximately 20,000-25,000 pounds of food.

Pastor Robert Lindsay said anyone, not only Argentine Township residents, could come get food. They didn't ask for proof of income, and people could pick up groceries for other people who needed help.

Food included eggs, milk, bread, deserts, canned goods, oranges, healthy snacks, frozen foods, potatoes and more.



Myra Boyd, volunteer, carries bags of groceries to a car Saturday, April 17. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan brought approximately 20,000 to 25,000 pounds of food. Photo: Hannah Ball

"It's a blessing to be able to help the community," he said. With the stimulus money going out to people, they've had fewer requests for help from individuals.

"We're here and we're available," he said.

Kelly DelReal, outreach coordinator/retail procurement at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, said Lindsay reached out to her weeks ago to plan the

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“We’re really looking forward to having an ongoing relationship with Mr. Rob, and I’d love to see a monthly distribution out here.”

Kelly DelReal

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan outreach coordinator/retail procurement

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## Building Brands

**A**t the end of a busy week, I heard my email notification go off after 5 p.m. People who work for newspapers don't quit working at 5 p.m., so really the only reason I noticed the time is because my better half had already started cocktail hour. I opened the message from our publisher to find a copy of a thank you card one of our newsrooms received.

The note was from a reader thanking everyone for their hard work on a recent edition. That email, that card was the best thing I've seen in weeks.

I know we're all sick of hearing this, but the reality is, we've been in a pandemic for more than a year. The New York Times recently published an article titled "We Have All Hit a Wall" detailing the ways people are experiencing burnout and its effect on our ability to work.

From the piece, "Malaise, burnout, depression and stress — all of those are up considerably," said Todd Katz, executive vice president and head of group benefits at MetLife. "The company's most recent Employee Benefit Trends Study, conducted in December and January, found that workers across the board felt markedly worse than they did last April.

"The study was based in part on interviews with 2,651 employees. In total, 34 percent of respondents reported feeling burned out, up from 27 percent last April. Twenty-two percent said they were depressed, up from 17

## A thank you can go a long way in today's world

percent last April, and 37 percent said they felt stressed, up from 34 percent."

Not great statistics.

I've been working from home for more than a year and for the most part I've enjoyed it, but as the days tick on, I'm ready for real life to start again.

One bright spot of spending more time at home has been watching "CBS Sunday Morning" each week. A couple of weeks ago, the show did an interview with now retired Washington Post editor Marty Baron. Baron is a newsroom legend having also led the teams at The Boston Globe and The Miami Herald. Under his leadership, those papers won 17 Pulitzer Prizes.

I was hooked on every word of the interview, and thanks to the timing of the email from my own publisher, I was especially drawn to Baron's practice of posting thank you notes and kind

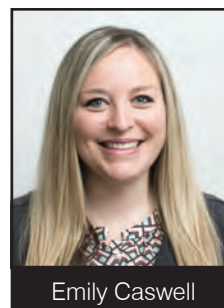
messages on a wall in The Washington Post office.

Baron's response to why he does this, "Our staff has received a lot of threats, a lot of vile emails, and I think it's important that our staff recognize that there's a huge portion of the population that appreciates what they're doing."

While the team at View Newspaper Group does receive some negative mail, we are fortunate to also receive nice notes from readers and clients on occasion and I'm glad we're now in the habit of sharing those.

There may not be any concrete answers as to how to deal with

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Emily Caswell

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**IF YOU LIVE** on the Canada border and are young enough, get out now. I would help you pack and follow you out if I could use my Medicare there.

**TO THE LADY** Friday night that stopped to tell my son and his friends they were not supposed to ride their skateboards on the new path at Hogan and Silver Lake roads. Mind your own business. A sign says no motor equipment — roller blades, skateboards and bikes are allowed.

**I'M LITERALLY IN** tears being frustrated with people that are in denial about the COVID variant in Michigan. I don't understand why vaccinated people think they don't have to wear masks, group up, and ignore CDC warnings. Tell people who have lost loved ones, or in the hospital overflowing with patients.

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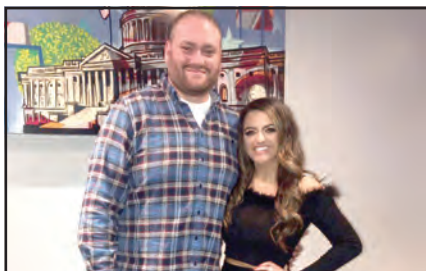
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## What's one thing you wish you invented?



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**Drew Shapiro**  
Fenton



"A device to convert my hot flashes to energy that charges my smart phone and fitness tracker."

**Sherlynn Everly**  
Holly



"A T-rex with a saddle. It would make my commute to work more interesting."

**Chris Keller**  
Argentine Township



"Batteries, everyone uses them."

**Patti Zerull Hunt**  
Linden

## street talk



**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**DOES ANYONE KNOW** why I put bids in on 10 houses and didn't get one? I bid almost 10 grand over what they sold for. What's the trick?

■■■■  
**HEY HEAVY-THINKER**, cool selective memory you have, conveniently forgetting that Michigan led the nation

a year ago while Whitmer had unlimited COVID powers. Your assertion that 'loose controls' caused current surge is pure speculation and a purely partisan talking point.

■■■■  
**LET'S BE HONEST**: police aren't the problem. Police are the report card for the problem. Why is a 13-year-old out at 2 a.m. shooting at a car with people

in it? If protesters got half as outraged at the things that are causing the police encounters, perhaps things would get better?

■■■■  
**WE'RE ALL SCREWED**. Saw Whitmer on NBC claiming it's going to take 'all of us' to address the current surge in Michigan. Bummer, Whitmer's 'us' will never include me. I'll never support her

efforts. She burned too many bridges last year and is no longer a legitimate governor.

■■■■  
**WHAT DO THEY fear?** What caused planners to cancel the Freedom Festival? Yes, I read the 'official' excuse. It's baloney: 1,000 people are never in dense proximity to each other during the festival. Must be some other reason.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet on Monday May 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 829 4312 2556; Passcode: 607123**) for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the Fenton Township office and on the Fenton Township website at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org) from now until after said hearing. Protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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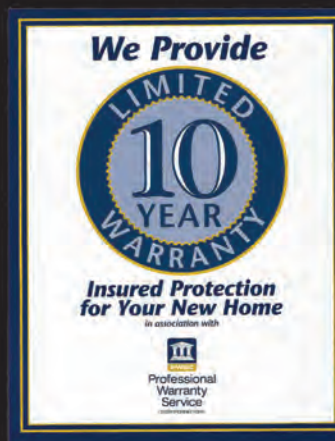
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## CRASH

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minor injuries. He was transported to the hospital where he was treated and released.

The secondary crash involved a large Penske box truck and a small Ford sedan.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the preliminary investigation indicates the driver of the sedan drove around the first crash and struck the Penske truck. The sedan crashed into the back of the truck and went underneath the truck. Initial dispatch reports indicated a male driver was entrapped and bleeding from the head. Rescue

crews extricated the critically injured driver and he was transported by ambulance to Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

U.S. 23 traffic has been slow through the Fenton area since last week when the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began work on the Owen Road bridge in Fenton City.

Because of the crashes Monday morning, southbound traffic was detoured from the highway while large tow trucks responded to the scene. The mangled trucks and shipping containers were eventually uprighted, and debris was removed from the crash sites. The southbound lanes were reopened at approximately 5 p.m.



Signs popped up all over Tyrone Township to show opposition to a proposed asphalt plant. The developer withdrew its special land use application citing negative feedback and resistance from the residents. **Submitted photo**

## GROCERIES

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event. She said they'd been looking for three years to find a location like this in Argentine Township. Their goal is to reach corners of the county where people don't think there's much need.

They delivered a full semi load of food, which can feed about 350 people or more depending on how people dis-

persed the food.

"We really felt that we were getting good coverage. When we look at our numbers through COVID, the need is there from Flint and outward," she said. "We're really looking forward to having an ongoing relationship with Mr. Rob, and I'd love to see a monthly distribution out here. We'll see how things go today and go from there."

## ASPHALT

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plant as the main reason cited for withdrawing."

In the letter, Capital Asphalt thanked everyone for their efforts and they were very appreciative.

In mid-February, the Tyrone Township Planning Commission had been requested to rezone vacant land for the plant and warehouses. The preliminary review was held via Zoom on Feb. 9.

Concerned with the prospect of an asphalt plant so close to their homes, more than 100 people attempted to join the first online planning commission meeting, which had an initial cap of 100 people. Future meetings allowed for all those interested in watching and providing feedback.

The property is zoned Farm Residential (FR) and is owned by Newman TTP, LLC. The prospective buyer of the property, Jon C. Sawyer of Lansing, was asking the township to rezone the vacant land to Heavy Industrial (M2).

Parcel 47-4-17-40-007 is 30 acres and sits just north of Center Road and west of Old U.S. 23. This would have been the southern most portion of the Capital Asphalt project.

To the north of the above parcel is parcel 47-4-17-40-001. It is approximately 75 acres. The developer had requested the southern most 54.5 acres of the 75 acres be rezoned to M2. They

had requested the northern most 20 acres be rezoned RM1 (multiple family residential) to act as a transitional zoning and buffer to the development.

The sale of the property was contingent on the rezoning.

Several residents spoke out with concerns of heavy truck traffic, noise and odor. Soon after the rezoning request was made, a Facebook group called Citizens Resisting Asphalt Plant was created and drew more than 3,000 followers.

On Monday, April 19, Cunningham said there was still an application pending on the rezoning request and the township has not heard from the land owner's agent yet on the rezoning and what their intentions are.

Tyrone Township resident Donna Fialka is a member of the Facebook group opposed to the asphalt plant. Upon hearing the news that the developer withdrew the special land use permit application, she said, "I am thrilled about Capital Asphalt's decision to withdraw their application. The community rallied together and our voices were heard."

"We haven't heard about the rezoning request yet, so we aren't completely out of the woods at this point. We need to stay involved and diligent."

"Going forward, as the Master Plan is updated, the community's participation will be crucial. The Master Plan is what will ensure we aren't faced with a similar situation in the future."



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Distracted driving has been defined as any activity that diverts attention from focusing on the road.

At the top of the list of activities that cause distracted driving is the use of a cell phone.

Studies have shown that a person who texts while driving is eight times more likely to get into a crash. A person talking on the phone is four times more likely.

Nationally in 2019, there were 3,142 people killed in distracted driving accidents and over 400,000 injured. It is a serious problem and there are laws, which prohibit distracted driving in all states.

For example in Michigan, texting while driving is a civil infraction with a fine of \$100.

When distracted driving causes death or injury, Michigan law considers it a criminal offense and the penalties are more severe including possible jail time.

Our statute provides that it is a crime when a person commits a moving violation while operating

a vehicle, which causes death or a serious impairment of a body function of a person. A “moving violation” is an offense punishable by a fine.

Distracted driving can result in moving violations such as running a red light or rear ending another vehicle.

I have had moving violation causing death cases in my court and one especially stands out.

It involved a semi-truck driver going northbound on a winter's day on a very icy U.S. 23 in Fenton. He was talking on his cell phone and didn't realize that the traffic up ahead of him had stopped due to an accident. By the time he did, it was too late, as although he had slammed on his brakes, he couldn't stop in time and ran over the back of a small car killing a young wife and the mother of two.

The entire incident was captured on audio and video from the inside of the driver's cab, with the driver's last words being “I think I just killed somebody.”

I won't add to that except to say to all drivers — stay focused and remember to keep your eyes on the road, your hands upon the wheel. Be safe.

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## GOOD-BYE

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When he retired in 2010, he told the Times that, “It's been a good ride. I've met a lot of good people and I've enjoyed my career here. Linden's a good place to live.”

In December 2010, VanDriessche was selected to be the grand marshal of the Linden Holiday Happening parade. He rode in the lead car, accompanied by his wife of just over a year, Becky, who owns Shirley's Café and Grill in Linden.

VanDriessche was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Vietnam War.

A private funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Friday, April 23 at Sharp



A memorial wreath for retired Linden Police Chief Pete VanDriessche is on display in front of a Linden Police Department vehicle. VanDriessche died Sunday, April 18. **Submitted photo**

Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel. It also will be live streamed on VanDriessche's obituary page at [sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://sharpfuneralhomes.com).

## City of Fenton, Water Main Flushing, May 3rd thru May 7th.

**Fenton, MI:** The City of Fenton Water Department will begin water main flushing in quadrants 1 and 3, beginning May 3rd and continuing through May 7th. Water main flushing will be performed from 10:00PM through 4:00AM to minimize water pressure disruptions.

Flushing water mains removes minerals and sediment that naturally accumulate in the water distribution system. Fire hydrants are used for the flushing process which allows Water Department personnel to operate each hydrant to ensure proper function for fire protection.

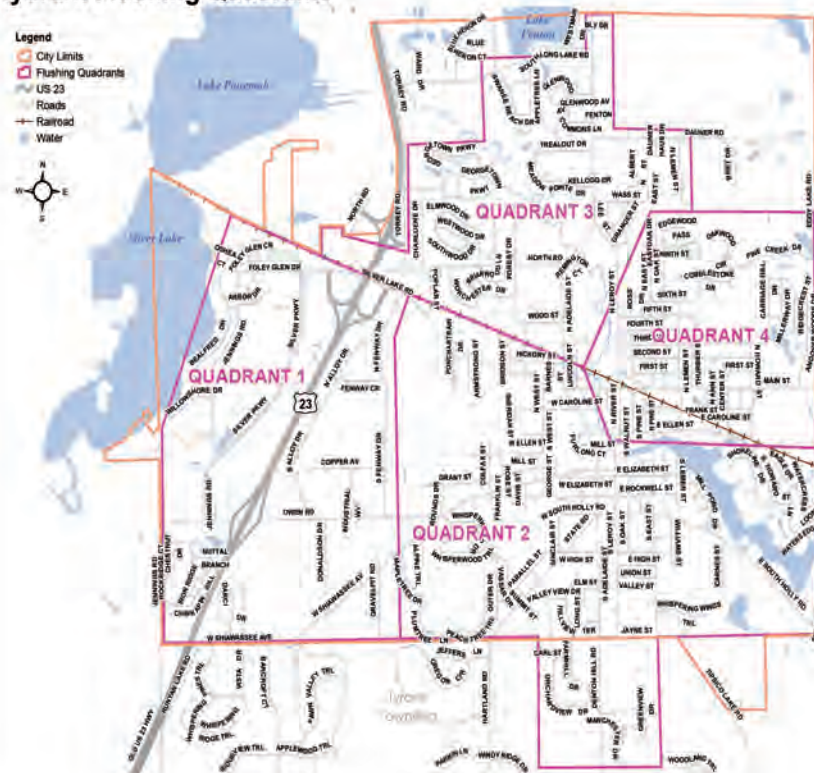
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If you are experiencing discolored water after at least five minutes of cold water flushing at all faucets in your home, please contact the City of Fenton Water Department at 810-629-6347 for assistance.

**Please refer to the attached map where QUADRANTS 1 & 3 will be flushed the week of May 3rd through May 7th from 10:00PM to 4:00AM.**

Additional information on the city's Water Flushing Program is posted on the city website, [www.cityoffenton.org](http://www.cityoffenton.org).

## Hydrant Flushing Quadrants







# Bronchos sweep Corunna during Monday Metro League twinbill

By David Troppens

**Holly** — The Holly varsity softball bats were pretty dominant in the Bronchos' twinbill against Corunna on Monday.

The Bronchos (2-2 overall) scored 30 runs and swept the Cavaliers 17-6 and 13-3 in two five-inning contests.

At the start of the twinbill, it looked like Holly could be in trouble as Corunna scored three runs in the top of the first inning. However, the Bronchos scored the game's next 15 runs by the time the third inning was over. Autumn Lewis opened Holly's first with a single and scored on

Bella Lockitski's triple. Delaney Jenkinson walked and Maggie Boehm hit a ground ball that was booted, resulting in another Holly run. Holly trailed 3-2.

Audrey Combs was hit by a pitch and Chloe Magalski walked, loading the bases. Kirstin Barsegian walked in a run and

Danielle Lennon singled in two more runs. Holly led 6-3.

Walks to Lockitski and Jenkinson started another rally in the Holly second. Boehm and Combs hit back-to-back RBI-singles, raising the gap to 8-3.

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Holly's  
Bella  
Lockitski

## Sports Times

### Eagles collect comeback victory vs. Holly

By David Troppens

**Linden** — The Holly and Linden varsity baseball teams competed in a pretty entertaining doubleheader Friday.

In a back-and-forth game, a Cooper Conn bunt scored Jimmy Roti in the bottom of the eighth inning, earning the Eagles a 6-5 home victory in the opener. The second game ended after five innings as a 7-7 tie.

Holly scored five runs in the top of the fourth of the opening game to take a 5-2 lead. The threat started with a Jacob Hild double, and he scored on Mason Clark's single, cutting the Linden lead to 2-1. Two outs later, Chris Walton singled and Nolan Jenkinson hit an RBI-double, tying the game at 2-all. Christian Sells followed with a two-run single, and Sells

stole home making it 5-2.

Linden cut the gap to 5-3 with a run in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, Brandon Green singled, Conn doubled and Reese Ungvarsky walked, loading the bases. Green scored from third on a fielder's choice play.

In the bottom of the seventh, Linden tied the contest at 5-all. Green doubled and Conn singled him in. Ungvarsky followed with a single, and two out later Spencer Goodman hit an RBI-single.

Brenden Sinn pitched three innings of shutout relief to get the win. He walked just one and allowed just one hit while striking out one.

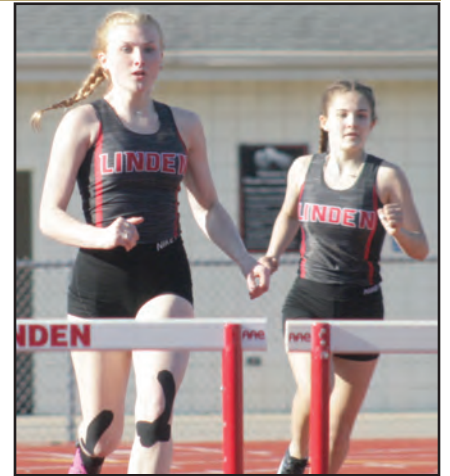
Linden scored the game's first two runs in the first inning. Conn was hit by a pitch, Ungvarsky singled in a run and

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Holly's Jacob Hild slides safely into home plate during a doubleheader against the Linden Eagles.

Photo: David Troppens



Katelynrose Birchmeier and Madison Gerszweski have had strong starts to the season. Photo: David Troppens

### Linden, LF track competes at Davison

By David Troppens

The Linden and Lake Fenton varsity track and field programs competed at the Davison Invitational and both programs had their fair share of athletes who had strong performances.

The Linden girls placed fifth and had two individual firsts and had 13 individuals finish within the top five of their

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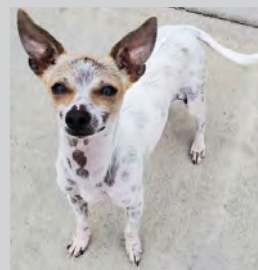
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Holly's Jacob Pittenger was one of many Bronchos who had RBI-hits against the Corunna Cavaliers on Monday. Photo: David Troppens

# Holly baseball sweeps Cavaliers in Metro action

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity baseball team may have been the busiest diamond squad in the state of Michigan in recent days.

The Bronchos played their third doubleheader in four days Monday, sweeping the Corunna Cavaliers 9-1 and 8-4 at Holly High School.

In the opener, the Bronchos (5-2-2 overall and 3-1-2 in the Metro League) gradually grew its lead with two runs in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth and three in the fifth. By then, the Bronchos had a comfortable 9-0 lead, with Corunna only scoring a harmless run in the top of the seventh.

In the second inning, Mason Clark and Jacob Pittenger hit back-to-back two-out RBI-singles, giving the squad a 2-0 lead. Mason Yoder hit an RBI-double for Holly's run in the third inning. In the fourth, Jonah Kalish hit an RBI-single while

Christian Sells hit a two-run double. The lead was up to 6-0.

In the fifth, Clark and Pittenger had RBI-singles, with Pittenger eventually scoring himself on a wild pitch.

Jenkinson had a strong game on the mound. He pitched six innings of two-hit, no-walk ball. He needed just 73 pitches to get through the six innings, striking out five and throwing 47 strikes among those 73 pitches. Clark pitched the seventh.

The Bronchos actually did trail at one time 4-0 in the second game when Corunna scored two runs in the top of the fourth and two more in the top of the fifth. However, Holly scored eight runs in the bottom of the fifth to take control of the contest.

The Holly fifth started when Sells singled and Yoder walked. An out later, Jacob Hild walked to load the bases. Drew Hignite responded with a two-run double, cutting the gap to 4-2.

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## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS LACROSSE

► **Holly/Brandon 17, Lake Fenton/Goodrich 4:** Morgan Ignash had three goals for Lake Fenton/Goodrich while Faith Kent had one goal. Danielle Jackson had 18 saves in net. No results were reported for Holly/Brandon.

### BASEBALL

► **Saginaw Heritage 5-13, Linden 2-3:** In the opener, Brandon Green, Reese Ungvasky and Gavin Wildeman had two hits each to pace the Eagles' offense. Ty Kenyon struck out three batters in one inning of relief.

In the second game, Danny Rodie, Zack Hemphill and Wildeman had a hit and an RBI each. Kenyon also pitched 1 2/3 innings of shut-out relief to lead the Eagles on the mound.

### BOYS LACROSSE

► **Powers 13, Linden/Fenton 2:** Mitchell Luck and Michael Polk scored for Linden/Fenton.



The Fenton varsity boys golf team placed fourth at the Lapeer Tune-Up Invitational.

## Fenton golfers place fourth at Lapeer Tune-up Invitational; defeat Owosso

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys golf team competed at the Lapeer Tune-Up Invitational and had a pretty strong performance at the event at the Metamora Golf and Country Club.

Fenton placed fourth with a team score of 343. Lapeer won its own tournament with a 330 and was followed by Oxford in second (332) and Lake-lard (334).

Fenton also traveled to the Owosso

Country Club on Monday and beat Owosso 181-225.

Fenton's Dylan Davidson led the Tigers with a 77 in the 18-hole Lapeer tournament. Lapeer's Mason Cooper was the medalist with a 72. Evan Brown placed seventh with an 82.

The rest of Fenton's golfers were Carter Will with a 91, Andrew Hutchins with a 93, Caden Crandell with a 98 and Ethan Bright with a 108.

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## Heat remains perfect in Metro, defeats Flushing

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team looks like the squad with the inside track to another Flint Metro League title this season.

The Heat improved to 3-0 in league play with a 17-2 thrashing of Flushing Friday night.

The draw circle is where games can be won or lost very quickly, and that's where the local co-op dominated action. Fenton/Linden won 17 of the 21 draws, allowing them to jump to a 10-0 lead before the game was 10 minutes old.

After the half, the Heat (3-1 overall) mixed up their lineup and still had success, outscoring Flushing 7-2 even after the 10-0 start.

Lara Kemp continued her strong season with four goals and two assists.

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## Mossing's potent bat sparks Eagles' invitational championship

Emma Mossing and the rest of the Linden varsity softball team continues to tear the cover off the ball early this spring.

The Eagles (6-0) captured the Claire Invitational on Saturday, beating Mt. Pleasant 8-0 and then beating Kingsley 11-1.

Mossing has hit five home runs and driven in 27 runs this season, and did

some more damage at the tournament.

In the victory against Mt. Pleasant, she only had one hit and two RBI, but in the 11-1 victory against Kingsley, she went 3-for-3 with a home run and five RBI. Mossing had an RBI-single in first and second innings and a three-run home run in the fourth inning in the title game.

Linden blew open the championship

game in the first inning. Mikayla Timm provided a two-run single and Haley Ludwig also had an RBI-single in the stanza. Linden led 4-0. In a two-run second, Ludwig followed Mossing's hit with her own run-producing single. In the fourth, the Eagles scored four more runs with Mossing's three-run shot being the big hit.

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## Bronchos sweep eventful twinbill with Bay City Central

By David Troppens

Holly captured its first varsity baseball doubleheader sweep of the season against Bay City Central Saturday.

For those who enjoy offense, they got their money's worth as the two teams combined for 42 runs in the two games. Holly won the opener 16-11 and

then won the second game 8-7.

Bay City Central jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning of the opener, but then Holly scored eight in the bottom of the second and never trailed again. The Bronchos also scored two in the third, five in the fourth and one in the fifth.

The Bronchos (3-2-2) had 14 hits in

the contest, including a home run by Jacob Hild. Hild went 3-for-3 with four runs scored and two RBI in the contest. He also was hit by a pitch. Mason Clark had three hits and drove in three runs while Christian Sells also had three hits and three RBI.

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## Fenton soccer wins first contest of the spring, 8-0

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team had to wait awhile to get its first win of the season, but when the Tigers got it, it was pretty convincing.

Fenton scored seven first-half goals

and beat Owosso 8-0.

Maddie Egle scored Fenton's first two goals and then Evalyn Starasinich scored on a penalty kick. Maddie Deming made it a 4-0 lead just 20 minutes

into the game with a goal. Mallory Lehman had two goals before half while Rylan Sheffield had a goal as well.

Fenton hosts Corunna today for a 6:30 p.m. Metro contest.



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Linden's Kyle Eberhard

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The Linden boys took sixth and had three individual firsts and six overall top-five individual firsts. Lake Fenton's girls also had an individual first and placed eighth. The Lake Fenton boys didn't take any firsts, but did place seventh in the team standings.

For Linden, Kyle Eberhard had two individual

firsts for the men. He won the 1,600 (4:41.10) and the 3,200 (10:18.61). Hayden Bradfield also had a first in the 400 (55.76). The Linden women's firsts were posted by Lauren Goodman in the 200 (29.65) and Colleen Blackwood in the 1,600 (6:02.25).

Goodman had a big day. She also placed second in the 400 (1:08.59) and the 100 (14.40).

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### EAGLES

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Gavin Wildeman hit a sacrifice fly.

Holly led in the nightcap 5-0 entering the bottom of the second, but the Eagles scored four runs in the second and three more in the fifth (Holly scored two in the

top of the fourth) forcing the tie after five innings.

Jonah Kalish hit a three-run home run in Holly's first and an RBI-double in the fourth, providing the Bronchos' biggest bat in the contest. Mason Yoder had an RBI-double in the Holly first.

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Linden's Brandon Green gets Holly's Jeffrey Preston out at second base.



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# Obituaries

Times

## Michael "Tim" Chatterson

1953 - 2021

Michael "Tim" Chatterson - age 67, of Fenton, died Sunday, April 18, 2021 at his residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM, Thursday, April 22, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 1 - 3 and 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, April 21 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM Wednesday. Thursday morning Tim will be taken to church to lie in state from 10 AM until the time of Mass Thursday. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the St. John G.I.F.T. Campaign. Tim was born on October 29, 1953 in Flint the son of John "Jack" and Patricia (Hersch) Chatterson. He graduated



from Fenton High School, class of 1971. Tim proudly served in the United States Navy until his honorable discharge. He worked several years at the GM V-8 in production.

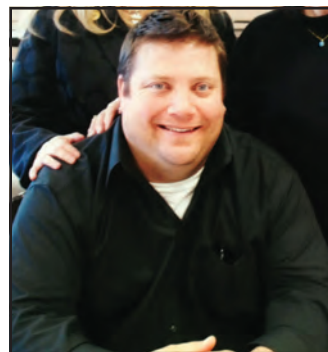
Tim was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He loved his son and family dearly. In his free time he enjoyed playing BINGO and making people laugh. He is survived by his son, Christopher Chatterson; siblings, Tamara (Glenn) Hayes, Denise Dunfield, Patti (David) Zito, Dan Chatterson, Darcey Miller (Jeff Terrain), and Stacey Chatterson; and several nieces; nephews and cousins. Tim was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Mike "Goose" C. Chapman

1967 - 2021

Mike "Goose" C. Chapman - age 53, friend, foodie, BMX legend, accomplished traveler, and motorcycle enthusiast left this earth on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. A private memorial service will be held



and may be viewed on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com) at 1 PM Friday, April 23, 2021. A public visitation will be held 5 - 9 PM Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Mike Chapman Memorial Fund care of Sharp Funeral Homes. Mike was born May 18, 1967, the son of Mary (Bills) Chapman and Alan Chapman. He was raised in Fenton where he attended State Road Elementary, Fenton Middle School, and Fenton High School, graduating class of 1985. Mike was a jack of all trades kind of

man, installing windows, roofing, and building bikes of all kinds are only a small list of the many trades and skills he had on his long list of work and accomplishments. Mike's biggest gift

was being a good friend and having a wonderful sense of humor. He always was kind and one of the most generous people. He always pushed his friends and family to be the best versions of themselves. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary (Bills) Chapman and Alan Chapman; his grandparents; and other family and friends. Mike is survived by his loving family, Theresa Chapman - Mularski, Leslie Trimue, Jordan Follo, and Kendyl Johnson, and other friends and family. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Karen "Sue" (Hudson) Beardsley

1943 - 2021

Karen "Sue" (Hudson) Beardsley - age 77, of Holly, passed away in her home on Sunday, April 18, 2021. Sue was born on October 19, 1943 in Hanford, California to Hubert "HP" and Dorothy "Marion" (Sanders) Hudson. She recently celebrated her 58th wedding anniversary with her husband, Ron Beardsley. Sue enjoyed fishing and observing the wildlife at their chalet in Wolverine. She also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, going on girl trips to the casino and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of the Holly Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Sue is survived by her husband, Ron Beardsley; her three children, Roni (John) Bitters, RJ Beardsley and Tiffani Beardsley; six grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren; her brother, James Hudson (Fannie). She was preceded in death by her parents; husband's parents; brother, Gilbert "GP"; sister, Joyce; and daughter-in-law, Susan Beardsley. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM on Friday, April 23rd at Dryer's Funeral Home. 101 S. 1st St, Holly. Due to Covid-19 and government regulations masks, group capacity and distancing guidelines must be practiced. A private funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 24. Her burial will be held at later date at Andersonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or The Humane Society. A special thank you from the family to The Care Team Hospice for the great care they have provided over the past few months. [www.dryerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhome.com).

## Horoscopes

For the week of  
**April 19, 2021**

### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20  
Some things are entirely out of your control, Aries. You may come up against some such obstacles this week. Focus your energy on the things you can control.

### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, if you're seeking new horizons, establish a game plan and then do your homework. This will help determine if it is practical to make a move.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21  
Your expressiveness and affections are drawn out this week, Gemini. It could put you in the mood to push some limits socially or creatively. Chances are things will work out well.

### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22  
Some focus and harmony enables you to find balance in your personal and professional relationships. You will begin to see eye-to-eye with many people.

### LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23  
It is a good thing to center yourself emotionally because many decisions are heading your way, Leo. You may find ideas and plans center around domestic issues.

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22  
You are inclined to seek some mental stimulation this week, Virgo. Invest in some puzzles or even a recreational pursuit such as an escape room experience.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23  
Take a break from overthinking, Libra. Involve yourself with pleasurable activities that don't require a lot of forethought. Others can join the fun.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22  
This is a good week to focus attention on your personal needs, Scorpio. Perhaps you are looking for personal fulfillment. Try volunteer work.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21  
Others may be elusive this week, Sagittarius. Don't take it as a sign of your relationships being in need of mending. Others are just busy, so enjoy the down time.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20  
People may demand a little more of your time in the days ahead. If you are not sure you can devote extra effort, tell these people as soon as possible.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18  
Disagreements can arise if others are not reading you well, Aquarius. Focus your efforts on effective communication this week to avoid any confusion.

### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20  
You don't need to know every detail of an issue to be able to take a side or a stance, Pisces. Your ability to make choices will improve.





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