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## 'We really want him home'

Mother of 20-vearold Linden grad pleads for safe return of son. missing for a week

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### **By Sharon Stone**

The mother of a missing 20-year-old has a message for him, "We love him and miss him. We really just want and need him to come home. We will come to him if he needs us to. We need to know he is safe. We really want him home." These are the words of Sarah Whitson, the mother of Noah Kerridge.

Whitson says directly to her son, "I love you and miss you! We are worried terribly about you and

need to know you're safe. I will come pick you up, please just call us. Josh, Tyler, Caitlyn, and Alexander miss you and love you and want you home too. We all need you home safe, Noah. Your father and grandparents are all worried and miss you too! We love you, Noah!"

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**44**We will come to him if he needs us to. We need to know he is safe. 77 Sarah Whitson Mother of Noah Kerridge



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Noah Kerridge, 20, of Linden, has been missing since April 19. Call Waterford police at (248) 674-0351 if you know his whereabouts.

### **Linden adopts** road plan, future projects

Resurfacing projects discussed for Hickory and Bridge streets and Linden Road

### **By Hannah Ball**

Linden City Council adopted a pavement assessment management plan Monday, April 26. It was the first in-person city council meeting since the pandemic began.

The plan lays out the rating of city roads and future road projects for Bridge Street, Main Street and neighborhood streets.

The plan was prepared by HRC. State law requires that municipalities submit pavement asset See ROAD PLAN on 7

## Fenton DDA buys 'Spiked' sculpture

■ 'The Game' was defaced in 2020; DPW repairs 'Grateful Fred'

### **By Hannah Ball**

The motorcycle sculpture called "Spiked" in front of Andiamo on Silver Lake Road now belongs to the city of Fenton.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) voted to buy the sculpture, which was created by artist Richard Morgan.

Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA executive director, wrote to the DDA that the city will soon have to return the sculptures they rented for fiscal year 2020-2021. The Midwest Sculpture Initiative runs the See SPIKED on 6



### **Fenton Street Experience** is back for second summer

Downtown road closures Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., May 20 – Oct. 15

### **By Sharon Stone**

Fenton City Council unanimously approved an updated emergency regulation Monday, April 26, to allow the Fenton Street Experience to happen this spring and summer in the downtown area. In mid-August 2020, the city implemented its street closure for the Fenton Street Experience to help businesses in the downtown area. It ran until the beginning of October 2020.

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**C** Village Ace Hardware is so awesome. Shout out to Pat for helping me choose a paint

color over the phone during my quarantine. Thank you for offering curbside pickup so that my sister could pick it up without entering the store.'



**C** This is a huge thank you for the wonderful way in which all the staff at Lockwood

Senior Living has cared for us. Many have had to wear several hats to see that our needs are met due to quarantine."

**61** hope that they are not planning to close LeRoy Street three nights a week for the summer. To paraphrase a famous WWII quote: Never before have so many been inconvenienced by so few."



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Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson and Johnell Allen-Bey, a county ambassador, speak last week of the good work being done through the IGNITE program at the Genesee County Jail. **Submitted photo** 

## **Vision Center unveiled**

■IGNITE program at Genesee County Jail announces more success stories, more local involvement

### By Sharon Stone

A new sign for the Vision Center was unveiled Wednesday, April 21 during a press conference led by Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson.

The press conference was held at 5601 N. Saginaw Street at Higher Quality of Life Ministries in Flint to highlight a new facility to assist individuals who have been released from the Genesee County Jail and have had success with the IGNITE program. IGNITE stands for Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education.

The philosophy behind IGNITE is eliminating generational incarceration through education by restoring value, hope, and purpose to our inmate population.

Accompanying Swanson was Steve Dawes, United Auto Workers (UAW) regional director. He thanked Swanson and retired sheriff Robert Pickell for bringing Swanson to the county. Dawes supports the IGNITE program and said that those incarcerated aren't bad people, they've just made bad decisions. "I'm proud of this city," he said. "You matter."

More than 450 Genesee County Jail inmates have participated in the program and more high school diplomas will be given out this week.

Al Peter, principal at Mt. Morris Edu-

cation & Community Center (MMECC) IGNITE Academy/GED spoke of the success he has seen with the IGNITE program. He said those participating have had more than 25,000 hours of instruction and 300 courses. He said 287 have made a one-year gain in their education level.

ELGA Credit Union's award-winning Success Coach, Lori Hawk announced that ELGA is teaching financial literacy for the IGNITE program. She said she jumped at the chance to help the program even before discussing the plan with the credit union. She said of the five groups being taught so far, the inmates/students see hope and trust and are learning how to look at finances the right way.

Robert Matthews, associate vice president of workforce and economic development for Mott Community College, announced Mott's involvement with IGNITE. Those taking classes through IGNITE will have access to job postings. He said a partnership with Consumers Energy will involve apprenticeships for those in IGNITE. He added that they are making scholarships available.

County ambassador Johnell Allen-Bey spoke of life after incarceration. He's a returning citizen and thanked God for this program. "We are doing what we were told can't be done," he said.

Higher Quality of Life Ministries Pastor Ronnie Wiggins applauded the work being done by IGNITE. He said he hopes this local program becomes a model nationwide to make good people. Wednesday's unveiling of the new Vision Center shows reform, hope and dignity.

## **PART I:** The state of our local fire departments

■Fire chiefs agree that they need more trained firefighters

### **By Sharon Stone**

Ask any fire department chief if they need more firefighters and the answer will likely be "yes."

The Times has reached out to several local fire chiefs to assess their own departments for a series on the state of our local fire departments.

Jeremy Lintz, the chief of North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), answered several questions about his department. NOCFA covers Holly and Rose townships, for a total of 39 square miles.

### **Top officers at NOCFA:**

Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz Assistant Chief Matthew Weil Deputy Chief Doug Smith Captain Timothy Seal Jr. Captain Christopher Kettle Sergeant / EMS Coordinator Daniel Miller

Full time employees: 8 Part time employees: 36 Annual budget: 2.2 million Medical calls per year: 710 Structure fires per year: 10



All NOCFA members are cross trained in fire, rescue and EMS.

Traffic crashes per year: 95 Average response time for tier 1 **medicals:** 7 minutes Average response time for tier 2 medicals: 9 minutes Average response time for a structure fire: 7 minutes Average wage of a firefighter: \$20 per hour. Do you have enough employees? No.

Lintz said, "Almost all paid on call departments are struggling to maintain personnel. Trying to sustain continued education and training requirements, and also having to respond to emergency calls has proven to be too much of a time commitment for paid on call employees.

See FIRE DEPARTMENTS on 5



Like many fire departments, the North Oakland County Fire Authority struggles to maintain enough paid on-call firefighters and enough equipment.



trained in fire. County Fire rescue, Authority Chief and EMS.77 Jeremy Lintz

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### MIDWEEK TIMES

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### Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Being the police reporter here at the Times since 2004, I have met many men and women in blue who are dedicated to serving the tri-county area. I have been chatting or emailing with several on a weekly basis to provide police reports and details about crimes and accidents for our readers. I remember talking weekly to the late Linden Police Chief Pete VanDriessche until he retired in 2010. He knew and loved the city of Linden and he protected his city. RIP Pete.

A very close friend of mine reached out to me and another friend who is married to a retired police officer. My friend had sad news to share about her nephew who is a police officer in Bradenton, Florida. Turns out her nephew was recently diagnosed with stage four renal cancer. He's young, married and has two very young daughters. It's heartbreaking. My friend said her nephew has been collecting "challenge coins" for years and she figured I might know of some police officers that might be willing to share a challenge coin with her nephew. For some reason, I had not heard of these coins before so she sent me a photo of his collection. His collection boosts his morale and motivates him in his line of work.

I reached out to my contacts and immediately I heard back from Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe, who told me that he would arrange to drop off a coin by the end of that day. My law enforcement friends understood what my friend's nephew is going through and without hesitation

**Challenge** coins

wanted to lend support. Undersheriff McCabe came through in record time and had a colleague drop off two beautiful coins that have made their way to Florida.

Shortly after hearing from him, I got a phone call from Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson. When I told him the wife of my friend's cousin wanted to surprise him with a challenge coin every time he goes to the hospital for a cancer treatment, he too did not hesitate with finding a few coins to share. Sheriff Swanson stopped in town on his way home from work and actually shared six challenge coins he had been given over the years, including two from Florida and one from Canada. He also had a beautiful coin representing his sheriff's office.

Last week, I met with my girlfriend to give her the coins. She just lit up with a big smile knowing what

these coins will mean to her nephew. Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater told me he would be sending over a coin just as soon as more came in.

After a bit of research on these coins, I learned these military challenge coins are rooted in the history of civilization from the Romans to the American colonials. In more recent years, they are given to those facing a challenge or to enhance morale.

I'll keep everyone posted on my friend's nephew and his expanding challenge coin collection.



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

### Who would you want to narrate your life and why?



"Tim Allen, because I love all the Pure Michigan commercials."

Angela MacCaughan White Lake



"George Karlan, because humor and sarcasm has gotten me through life."

Sue Brisbane Flushing



"Gilda Radner, because I think she'd have appreciated all my zany craziness and sarcasm."

Cherie Henryes Smith Fenton



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THE BEST THING about the construction on Saginaw Street in Holly is it gets rid of the ridiculous bike lane to nowhere. I hope they never put them back.

SHOTS ARE GIVEN on live TV to point out the lunacy of those who are actively spreading fear and lies about the vaccines for political gain. My wife and I will see to it that she didn't spend the last year holding the hands of dying patients for nothing.

WHY DOES THE government want the taxpayer to bear the burden of electric car plug-ins? When we shifted from horse to car, the taxpayers did not pay for the gas stations. Let private business pay for the electric plug-ins.

HOW CAN A city as small as Fenton have every major road messed up at the same time, probably for the entire summer?

THE ONLY BILL that Congress and the Biden administration should focus on is term limits. Maximum of 12 years of service in either the House and/or Senate. No more professional corrupt politicians. There are plenty of Americans who can and will serve our country with pride and dignity.

## streettalk



"Gilbert Gottfried."

### **City renews storm water management contract**

Genesee County Drain Commission will provide services annually for \$3,680

### **By Sharon Stone**

On Monday, April 26, Fenton City Council approved a resolution to approve an amendment to the Genesee County Phase II Regulations Storm Water Management System Contract.

With approval, the services will be provided by the Genesee County Drain Commission (GCDC) for \$920 per quarter, beginning April 1 and ending Oct. 1, 2026.

The city of Fenton has facilitated the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements for storm water management under Genesee County Act 342, where 16 municipalities in Genesee County contract with the GCDC for storm water management services.

This program began in May 2001 and was renewed in 2008 and 2015. It expired in October 2020.

The renewed contract began April 1. The city of Fenton will be billed on a quarterly basis of \$920 (\$3,680 annually). This renewal will expire Oct. 1, 2026.

The purpose of this contract is to provide for the joint effort of Genesee County municipalities to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements for the clean water act Phase II storm water regulations.



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### Genesee Health System hosts Community Mental Health Millage town hall

Genesee Health System will host an in-person town hall Wednesday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. to provide information and answer questions about the Community Mental Health Millage on the May 4 ballot. The town hall will be held under tents in the parking lot of the Friends of Bertson Field House, 3300 Saginaw St., Flint. The GHS team will outline the plans for millage money and answer questions about the importance of community mental health services in Genesee County. Free COVID-19 testing and vaccines will be available during the town hall. Masks and social distancing will be required. Masks will be provided at the event. For details, visit geneseethefuture.org or call (810) 424-6090.

### FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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"These men and woman usually already work a primary, full-time career and are raising families. Many of them eventually come to the realization that they cannot maintain this lifestyle and end up leaving.

"The younger recruits that get hired end up leaving after a year or two for career fire departments that pay much higher wages and provide benefits. The paid on call firefighter is quickly becoming a thing of the past and communities need to start planning and investing into transitioning their fire departments to career ones."

Are you lacking any equipment? Yes.

Lintz said, "We lack funds to purchase replacement apparatus for our aging fleet. We are in need of replacing our ambulances, brush trucks, and our heavy rescue truck."

### Are you hiring? Yes.

"We are always accepting applications," Lintz said.

### What would be your assessment of the strength and services you provide to your community?

Lintz said, "All of the men and woman that serve on NOCFA are cross trained in fire, rescue, and EMS. Their level of skill and professionalism allow them to perform all of their tasks with confidence and manage any type of emergency service that we provide to our communities."

### MISSING

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Kerridge is a 2019 graduate of Linden High School. She said he's been living with his father in Waterford for about a year.

The 20-year-old is 6-feet, 4-inches tall and approximately 185 pounds. He has long brown hair and blue eyes. He ran cross country and was on the robotics team for a short time at Linden High School.

Kerridge was last seen Monday, April 19 at approximately 4:50 p.m. His mother said he's not responding to his phone and no one has seen him.

If anyone has any information on Kerridge's whereabouts, please contact the Waterford Police Department at (248) 674-0351. His case number is 21-11198.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

#### HAVE A HAPPY RETIREMENT

Vera Hogan. I'll miss your Just Sayin' column.

THE TCTIMES WILL never print complaints about municipal complaints that you have in our area. I know for fact that I've complained with no action and it's just a matter of some pothole filling, which I have complained to the municipality with no resolve

been missing since April 19. Call Wa-

terford police at (248) 674-0351 if you

know where he is.

#### **DID I READ** that right in the TCTimes? Once MDOT finishes the Owen Road bridge, they're going to tear up the Silver Lake Road overpass and then the Lahring and Thompson road bridges? It's going to be a struggle driving through Fenton the entire summer.

### MIDWEEK TIMES

### **SPIKED**

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program in which municipalities can rent artwork for a year and have the option to buy the pieces.

This spring, they expect to receive nine new sculptures for placement around downtown. The DDA decided

to buy this sculpture before it would be moved to another municipality.

"I believe that 'Spiked' is a beloved piece of sculpture art work and appreciated by many people," Hart wrote.

The published price for the sculpture was \$6,500 and the negotiated price is \$5,200.

The DDA has bought a few sculptures previously from this program. This includes "Rubik's Cube" in front of The Laundry and "Grateful Fred" by city hall.

Hart said the DDA set money aside for sculpture purchases, and they made

the decision to buy the sculpture before it was removed.

In the past year, the city has dealt with repairs and a theft in regards to sculptures.

In the fall of 2020, someone pried off the coins from "The Game" sculpture. The piece shows men playing a game

of poker as a nod to the history of how Fenton got its name.

Hart said the city is continuing repairs on the piece because of this defacing. The coins have to be recast.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) also recently completed repairs to the "Grateful Fred" stat-

ue, which is located next to City Hall.

The microphone stand was made with thin piping, Hart said, and it was rusting at the bottom. The DPW was able to do structural repairs to make it stronger, and they buffed and cleaned the microphone.

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**Michael Hart** 

Fenton assistant city manager,

Downtown Development Authority

executive director





management plans on a regular basis to the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council. The city was notified in January they did not have a file on plan and could potentially lose road funding in the amount of \$440,000.

"This is not set in stone. It's one of those check marks that we've got to hit in order to be compliant," said City Manager Ellen Glass. "It's a good start."

Linden is responsible for maintaining 17.79 miles of public roads, according to the plan, and the city also owns and manages 0.8 miles of unpaved roads. Linden collects PASER data every two years on all federal-aid-eligible roads. PASER stands for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating. Due to COVID, many ma-

jor roads were not rated in 2020. A rating of 10 means "excellent" and 1 is considered "failed." **2020 state of city** 

### major roads

As of 2020, the city major road network has 5.4 percent of roads in the good condition category, 62.7 percent in fair and 31.9 percent poor.

**Goal:** The report states that the goal for city major roads is to have 10 percent rated "good," 60 percent rated "fair" and 30 percent rated "poor." The strategy involves preventing the "good"

and "fair" road from becoming "poor," and moving 8 percent of the paved roads out of the poor category.

#### 2020 state of city minor roads

The paved city minor road network has 12.9 percent in the good category, 41.5 percent in fair and 45.6 percent in poor.

**Goal:** The goal is to have 20 percent rated "good," 50 percent rated "fair" and 30 percent rated "poor." The strategy involves keeping more roads from becoming "poor," and moving 16 percent of minor roads out of the "poor" category.

"Treatments and strategies that counter pavement-damaging forces include reconstruction, structural improvement, capital preventive maintenance, innovative treatments, and maintenance," according to the report.

With unpaved roads, the report indicates that their condition can "rapidly" change, which makes it difficult to obtain a consistent rating. The goal is to maintain or improve road conditions network-wide

### at 2020 levels.

The report outlines different treatment options and the estimated years of life with each. Crack filling is estimated to extend a road's life by one year, seal coat may add five years of life, and different non-structural overlay plans could extend a road's life by five to 18 years. Reconstruction can add 18-20 years to a road's life.

#### Plans

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**Aaron Wiens** Linden city councilor

The city is planning the construction and maintenance projects for 2021-2023. The total cost of these projects is approximately \$412,600.

Projects planned for 2021 include crack sealing for neighborhood streets, such as Haystack Drive (rating 8), Ridgewood Court (rating 8), Rockway Drive (rating 8), Saddlebrook Drive (rating 8),

Saddlevalley Court (rating 8), Sunflower Drive (rating 8), and Tickner Street (rating 6).

Another 2021 project is resurfacing Hickory Street, which has a rating of 4, and Bridge Street and Linden Road, which both have ratings of 5.

olutely<br/>at the<br/>roadW. Rolston Road is<br/>scheduled for reconstruc-<br/>tion in 2022. It has a rating<br/>of 3 and 2. Main Street is<br/>scheduled for reconstruc-<br/>tion work with a rating of<br/>2, except for the section<br/>from E. Broad Street to<br/>Tickner Street. That sec-<br/>tion has a rating of 6 and<br/>is scheduled for crack sealing.

The city plans to spend \$134,400 on city major networks, according to the report, and it plans to spend \$278,200 on city minor network roads.

Councilor Aaron Wiens said, "As a new city council person who hasn't spent a lot of time thinking about roads, I was absolutely shocked at the cost of road repair and road maintenance."

Crack sealing costs approximately \$18,000 per lane mile and overlay/reconstruction costs approximately \$530,000 per lane mile.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "I know that it's hard to explain to residents how expensive roads are when they say, 'you should fix all the roads,' and you look at what our budget is ... having this plan available to show our residents I think is going to be a huge step forward as we move on with our road plan."

Glass said their goal is to educate the residents more on road funding.



#### Anonymously reporting a suspected drunk driver

Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court released its opinion in the case of People v Pagano, addressing the question of when a police officer may lawfully stop a driver on suspicion of drunk driving based only upon an anonymous cell phone tip.

In Pagano, an anonymous caller phoned 911 and stated that the defendant appeared to be intoxicated while standing outside her car and yelling at her children. The caller further indicated that the defendant then drove off and supplied the direction and the car's description.

Within 30 minutes of the call, an officer observed the defendant's vehicle and followed it for a short time to determine if there was improper driving. He observed none and pulled the defendant over based soley on the anonymous tip.

The defendant was subsequently charged with operating while intoxicated with a child as a passenger.

The question presented to the court was did the officer have sufficient information under the law to have made an

#### investigatory stop?

The Supreme Court answered "no," because the law requires that there be "a reasonable and articulable suspicion of illegal activity," which wasn't present here.

The mere fact that a person has a "belief" that a defendant is intoxicated is insufficient.

The court added that if the caller had indicated that they had seen improper or dangerous driving, the stop may have been proper under the 2014 United States Supreme Court decision in Navaratte v California.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has previously held that less information is required from an anonymous citizen's tip as to contemporaneous incidents of erratic or potentially dangerous driving, thus justifying a stop, because of the state's strong interest in ensuring safe roadways.

Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court John Roberts once said that if officers can't act on anonymous drunk driving tips, thus granting drunk drivers "one free swerve," it will be difficult for an officer to explain to the family of a motorist killed by that swerve why the driver wasn't stopped, even for a quick check.

When all is said and done, if you see erratic and/or possible drunk driving contact the police and give them as much information as possible. They will take it from there. Your call may save someone's life.

### Advertisement to Bid

Holly Area Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement for 2021 Renovations at Patterson Elementary School and Holly Elementary School". These projects will be completed in July 2021, prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of exterior windows with asbestos caulk and sinks with asbestos undercoating materials. Bids will be RECEIVED until 11:00 a.m. local time Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement - Asbestos Abatement for 2021 Renovations at Patterson Elementary School and Holly Elementary School; Attn: Ms. Jessica Kimmel, Facility Director; Holly Area Schools Administration Offices, 920 Baird Street, Holly Michigan 48442, The OPENING of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, www.archenvgroup.com, starting Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Holly Area Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.



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### Ascension Michigan has selfscheduling vaccination clinics

### Schedule appointment on hospital's website

Community members can now selfschedule a vaccine appointment for the Ascension Michigan community vaccination clinics located at:

 Ascension Genesys Conference and **Banquet** Center

805 Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc • Ascension St. Mary's Health Education Center

800 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw

The clinics are open to all community members who are eligible to receive vaccines, which is every Michigan resident age 16 and older.

"The need to reach all Michiganders with COVID-19 vaccines is critically important, especially now that we're experiencing a surge," said Michael Wiemann, MD, president of Ascension Medical Group. "We expect to administer 1,200 first doses a week at the Ascension Genesys vaccination clinic and 1,000 first doses a week at the Ascension St. Mary's clinic as we do our part to help achieve community immunity."

Appointments are required and can be made at ascensionhealth.inquicker.com/vaccine.

Vaccinations must be scheduled in advance, and walk-ins will not be accepted. Persons without an appointment will not be eligible for vaccination at this time. Individuals who are 16-17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent and will need to make sure they select the Pfizer vaccine when setting up their appointment.

Once you click on the self-scheduling link, if no open appointment slots are displayed, all appointments have been filled for the current schedule. Continue to check back as more appointment schedules are added.

In addition to the community vaccination centers, Ascension Michigan hasbeenactivelysettingupvaccination "pop up clinics" in communities across the state, including rural and underserved areas where social vulnerability is high.

"It's vital for all of us to build com-

munity immunity to COVID-19, particularly to protect those most at risk," Wiemann said. "A key to achieving community immunity is ensuring that everyone receives a vaccine against this virus as soon as it's available to them — to protect not just themselves, but their loved ones, friends and neighbors as well."

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED PLEASE STOP GRADING McCaslin

Lake Road unless you're going to chloride it. The dust is unbearable and makes it a health issue for people with asthma. Have some consideration for your community. 

THE CDC FINALLY decides to tell people that transmission of the virus outdoors is miniscule. Anyone with half a brain knew that. If you're still wearing one outdoors or forcing our kids to wear one outdoors (or indoors), you, my friend, have been

brainwashed. Think for yourself.

### 

**UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS NEED** to stop now. With vaccines readily available, there is no reason to have any business shut down or have any restrictions. Employees need to return to work instead of just relaxing at home accepting an unemployment check using my taxpayer money. 

STOP ASKING IF I got my COVID vaccine yet. It is none of your business if I have or if I am going to get it. That is a personal question, people.

## **Great Lakes Grills**

Supplying outdoor cooks with everything they need from unique grill brands, accessories, fuel, spices and more

### By Sharon Stone

furniture or fireplaces, this is not your place. If you're looking for the best and unique selection of grills, smokers, spices and accessories for outdoor cooking, look no further than Great Lakes Grills.

Owned by Bob Kuerbitz, Great Lakes Grills has opened it's showroom at 14305 N. Fenton Rd., in Fenton Township. It's next to Sears Hometown Store and across from Sagebrush Cantina. He has four employees to help you with all your grilling needs.

Kuerbitz's shop focuses on two major themes - outdoor cooking equipment and to carry brands and items that are not readily available at other nearby stores.

"Supplying outdoor cooks with everything they need is our slogan," Kuerbitz said.

While Kuerbitz carries brands that aren't available elsewhere locally, he made an exception with the Weber brand. "Weber is such an iconic brand in the grilling industry, it's hard to have a store without them," he said. One eye-catching Weber grill is the 37-inch Ranch Kettle grill, which would be perfect when grilling for a large gathering.

Other brands available at Great Lakes Grills are Blaze, CookShack, Primo Grills, Kamado

Joe, SunFire, Memphis Grills and Breeo Fenton Twp. — If you're looking for patio Great Lakes Grills carries gas and propane grills, charcoal grills, pellet grills, smokers, fire pits, pizza ovens and built-ins.

Browsing around the showroom, Kuerbitz's customers can touch and learn about the numerous grills on display. As examples, below are a few items available.

Great Lakes Grills' most portable ceramic charcoal grill, Kamado Joe Jr., offers 13.5 inches of cooking space. Weighing only 68 pounds, this Kamado ceramic grill is the perfect sidekick for anyone on the go, a quick weeknight meal for two, or any new ceramic griller.

His SunFire 38-inch freestanding Grill offers quality you can afford. Constructed in stainless steel and designed with careful precision to ensure optimal airflow and even heating, this grill gives its higher-priced competitors a run for their money in both durability and grilling performance. The SunFire will impress the most discriminating of grillers.

Kuerbitz's Cookshack smokers flavor food with small wood chunks smoldering over an electric heating element. Use this smoker year round outside in your garage, driveway or patio to smoke or cold smoke a variety of foods; or use the oven without wood. It is easy to move on its four lockable casters. It is easy



Great Lakes Grills owner Bob Kuerbitz and the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for his new business on N. Fenton Road in Fenton Township at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. Photos: Sharon Stone -PAID ADVERTISEMENT -



to clean, and the grills and racks go into the dishwasher.

Kuerbitz offers Breeo smokeless fire pits with a sear plate, which you can grill an assortment of foods on the plate that surrounds the pit. It has the ability to sear steaks at 1,000 degrees.

Now that you have your meat and vegetables or other food items selected to grill, be sure to check out Great Lakes Grills' BBO sauces, seasonings, rubs and more. A popular line of seasonings is the Billy Bones brand.

Great Lakes Grills also has all of the accessories you will need.

Choosing the Fenton area was easy for Kuerbitz. "I think Fenton is a great market and opportunity for a store like this.

"Fenton has so many lakes in the area that there is a lot of outdoor living. And usually when people are active outdoors, they like to cook outdoors."

Kuerbitz said he hopes people like the uniqueness of the brands he carries and the quality of the products and services he provides.

"As for services, we will be providing assembly and delivery of grills, as some of these grills can be pretty big and heavy," he said.

Open now for several weeks. Kuerbitz said he's hearing from customers that they prefer to shop at a small local store rather than the big box home improvement stores.

Check out Great Lakes Grills products at greatlakesgrills.net, stop by the showroom or call (810) 215-1059 if you have any questions.

## Kentucky Derby is May 1

Get your Derby Hat and Mint Juleps ready to watch two-minute long thoroughbred horse race in Louisville, Kentucky

### By Sharon Stone

Since 1875 when Aristides won the Kentucky Derby with a time of 2:37 minutes, the tradition continues in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Derby is always the first Saturday of May. Tune in beginning at 12 p.m., Saturday, May 1, on channel NBCSN.

### The Race

The Kentucky Derby, presented by Woodford Reserve, is a top rank, Grade I stakes race for 3-year-old Thoroughbred horses. The race distance is 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles long, and it is run on the dirt racetrack at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Twenty horses will compete.

The Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May every year, and typically draws a crowd of 155,000 people. It is the longest continually held sporting event in America, and it is one of the most prestigious horse races in the world. Often called "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."

### **Garland of Roses**

The rose garland, now synonymous with the Kentucky Derby, is the source of the nickname "Run for the Roses" and has a history almost as long as the Derby itself.

Each year, a garland of more than 400 red roses is sewn into a green satin backing with the seal of the Commonwealth on one end and the Twin Spires and number of the race's current renewal on the other. Each garland is also adorned with a "crown" of roses, green fern and ribbon. The "crown," a single rose pointing upward in the center of the garland, symbolizes the struggle and heart necessary to reach the Derby Winner's Circle.

### **My Old Kentucky Home**

In the world of sports, there is not a more moving moment than when the horses step onto the track for the Kentucky Derby post parade and the band strikes up "My Old Kentucky Home" and 160,000-plus people sing along.







#### **Derby Hats**

Part Southern tradition, part spectacle, the Kentucky Derby hat parade is much of what makes "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" one of the greatest people-watching events in the world.

### **Mint Julep**

The Mint Julep has been the traditional beverage of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby for nearly a century. Each year, almost 120,000 Mint Juleps are served over the two-day period of Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby weekend at Churchill Downs Racetrack. This requires more than 10,000 bottles of Old Forester Mint Julep Ready-to-Serve Cocktail, 1,000 pounds of freshly harvested mint and 60,000 pounds of ice.



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### White Cane Drive a success

Members of the Linden Lions Club would like to thank the community for supporting their successful White Cane Drive. These donations go to support the Leader Dogs for the Blind. Shown at right is Linden Lions Club member Dan Embury collecting donations April 24. The Old Forester Mint Julep Recipe 3 oz. Old Forester Mint Julep 0.75 oz. Simple Syrup 8-10 mint leaves 3 mint sprigs, far garnish Pack mint julep cup with crushed

ice. In a mixing

glass, combine



bourbon, syrup, and mint leaves. Lightly bruise mint leaves with a muddler, strain contents into julep cup. Garnish with 3 generous sprigs of mint. \*Make sure to slap mint and insert straw into ice near mint.

### 2020 Kentucky Derby winner

Authentic Jockey: John Velazquez Trainer: Bob Baffert Owners: Spendthrift Farm LLC, MyRaceHorse Stable, Madaket Stables LLC and Starlight Racing. Time: 2:00.61

Source: Kentuckyderby.com





### Wolves capture weekend tourney title, defeat Swartz Creek Dragons

### **By David Troppens**

The Linden/Fenton varsity boys co-op lacrosse team is having a pretty successful season.

In recent days, the team's success has been elevated. The Wolves went 4-0 in two days, beating Swartz Creek in Metro competition and they followed that up by winning the Bay City Central Tournament on Saturday.

'We've been able to play a lot of games and been able to practice a lot in between

games and the guys are starting to jell," Linden/Fenton boys lacrosse coach Steve James said. "There is a lot better on-field communication and it's resulting in more scoring, and our defense is doing better.

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**Sports** Times

## **Bronchos earn sweep vs. Blue Devils**

#### **By David Troppens**

**Lake Fenton** — Playing tri-county rivals has been challenging for the Lake Fenton varsity softball team.

Three days after being swept by Fenton, the Blue Devils were swept by the Holly Bronchos at home Monday.

The first game was close. The Bronchos won the first contest 6-5 and won the second game 8-3.

The contest was tied 5-all entering the seventh. In it, Bella Lockitski hit a oneout single and moved to third on two wild pitches. Maggie Boehm followed with a suicide squeeze play, plating Lockitski with her bunt.

Lake Fenton had a great chance to either tie the contest or win it in the bottom of the seventh. Christina Lamb singled and moved to second on a ground out by Macy Phillips. Sydney Baker followed with an infield single just above Holly starting pitcher Boehm's head, putting

runners on first and third. However, the threat and game ended on a pop out.

The Bronchos took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. The big hits were an Audrey Combs RBI-single and a three-run double by Hunter Weeder. The lead grew by another run in the top of the second inning. With one out, Autumn Lewis walked, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Lockitski's double.

lead and they eventually tied

it. In the bottom of the second, the Blue Devils scored their first run. Phillips started the threat with a walk and advanced on Baker's single. She eventually scored on a wild pitch. The Holly lead was 5-1.



The Blue Devils spent most Holly's Alivya Boehm slides into third against Lake of the game cutting into the Fenton's Hannah Hooker. Photo: David Troppens

> In the third, the Blue Devils scored two more runs. With two out, Kaylie Terburgh singled, and went to second . ing with Noah Sage, Donovan Miller and on a passed ball. She scored on Lamb's • See BRONCHOS on 15



Fenton's Mike Crane hands off the baton to teammate Aiden Brzezinski. Photo: David Troppens

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### Fenton boys track wins at Tri-County Invitational By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity track program had a strong showing at the Tri-County Invitational.

The boys won the male side while the Fenton girls took third on the female side.

The Fenton boys collected seven event firsts with Brandon Miller being involved in four. Individually, Miller won the 100 (10.98) and the 200 (22.52) while team-Evan Koch to win the 400 relay (44.04) See FENTON on 12

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### FENTON

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and the 800 relay (1:31.55). Other Fenton boys that earned individual firsts were Sage in the 400 (49.49), Orion Schwiderson in the pole vault (10-6) and Justin Miller in the high jump (6-6). The 3,200 relay team of Samuel Cox, Nathan Katic, Mike Crane and Aidan Brzezinski (8:52.16) also won. For the girls Victoria Henson won the high jump (4-10) while Libbie Maier won the pole vault (6-6).

The Fenton girls also had five individual top-three performances. They were earned by Taylor Huntoon, second in the 400 (1:02.75); Sophia Crane, third in the 100 (13.83); Emma Dube, third in the 200 (29.03); Nina Frost in the 3,200 (12:15.84) and Isabella Henson, third in the long jump (14-8 3/4).

Other Fenton boys to earn individual top-three efforts included Sage, second in the 200 (23.23); Cox, third in the 1,600 (4:47.32); Crane, third in the 3,200 (10:24.85); Schwiderson, third in the 110 hurdles (19.00), Josh Thompson, second in the shot put (42-3 1/4); Lance Cho-dacki, second in the pole vault (10-0); and Chase Gibson, third in the pole vault (9-0).

## **Eagles earn sweep of area rival Blue Devils**

### By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It was a battle of two strong tri-county softball teams on Friday when Linden faced off against Lake Fenton. The Eagles came away with an impressive doubleheader sweep defeating the Blue Devils 5-4 and 14-3.

The first game was a pitchers' duel for a long time between Linden's Jordyn Hobson and Lake Fenton's Camryn McMillan. The opening run wasn't scored until Linden's fourth inning. Maddie Morse walked and Emma Mossing singled. With two out, Morse scored on a wild pitch.

The score remained 1-0 until Linden's sixth when Morse and Hannah Bollinger hit back-to-back singles. On Bollinger's single, an error enabled Morse to score, making it a 2-0 lead.

The lead grew to 5-0 in the top of the seventh. Haley Ludwig, Cassie Sylvester and Mikayla Timm hit consecutive singles loading the bases. Liv Burke hit an RBI-single and Megan Widner followed with a sacrifice fly. Hobson singled, and an out later Bollinger hit a two-out RBIsingle.

Anyone thinking the game was over entering the bottom of the seventh was dead wrong. The Blue Devils put together a great rally, giving themselves a shot to possibly tie or win the game. Sydney Baker doubled and an out later, Addison Fitzgerald hit an RBI-single. Caleigh McNeill singled and Mc-Millan followed with an RBI-single. After a Christina Lamb single, the lead was down to 5-4 with the game-tying run on base. on a ground out.



However, the game ended Linden's Madison Morse (right) slides into home as on a ground out. Lake Fenton pitcher Camryn McMillan waits for the Until the seventh, Hob- ball to make a tag attempt. Photo: David Troppens

Until the seventh, Hob- b son was dominant on the

mound. She went the distance, allowing eight hits and three walks while striking out nine. McMillan also went the distance for Lake Fenton and struck out nine.

The nightcap was all Linden. The Eagles scored five runs in the first, four in the second and four in the fourth and led at one time 13-0.

### FLaX Heat dominates Swartz Creek, 17-8

### **By David Troppens**

It was a battle of undefeateds in Metro League play when the Fenton/Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse team faced off against Swartz Creek Friday night.

The FLaX Heat proved why they are the defending league champions by crushing the Dragons 17-8.

The contest was tied 1-1, but soon after that the Heat had two four-goal bursts, blowing the game open during the opening half. The Heat led 9-3 with 1:15 left in the opening half. By half-time the squad led 12-3.

The second half was more balanced but that's all the Heat needed it to be considering they were up by nine goals entering the second half.

The defense played well. Swartz Creek had averaged 16 goals in its previous three Metro contests, but was held to half of that. Defenders like Kyla Lynch, Holly Fijolek, Maggie Cates and Sam Enright had strong games, as did goalkeeper Lauen Gangwer. Gangwer saved 12 of the 20 shots she faced.

Offensively, Lara Kemp had a strong game, scoring six goals and dishing off



Fenton/Linden lacrosse player Hannah Ludwig works on getting a loose ball. **Photo: David Troppens** 

four assists. Hanna Ludwig also dished off four assists while scoring two goals. Kaitlyn Mossett had five goals while Jordyn Bliss had three goals. Daisey Horne had a goal and two assists while Emilee Guertin had a goal.

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## LF baseball returns to action; Holly sweeps twinbill

#### By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It's been a frustrating season for the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team.

Due to COVID-19 issues, the squad couldn't start competing until Saturday.

However, the Blue Devils are trying to catch up with most of the state and played their second and third games of the season at home against one of the hottest teams in the state, the Holly Bronchos.

The Bronchos won their ninth and 10th straight contests defeating the Blue Devils 10-1 and 13-1.

The opening game remained close for about half of the contest. Holly jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the second. Logan Winstead and Nolan Jenkinson hit RBI-singles to produce the runs.

The Blue Devils scored a run in the bottom of the third. Kam Wright walked, Mason Cook reached base on an error and Zac Hempsall singled, loading the bases. The run scored on Kenny Wright's RBI-fielder's choice grounder.

Holly added a run in the top of the fourth when Chris Walton singled and



scored on Jenkinson's single. It was the fifth that started blowing the contest open when the squad scored four runs in the fifth. The run-producing hits of the stanza were a Walton RBI-single and a Jacob Pittenger two-run single.

The final Holly runs came with three in the top of the seventh. Jenkinson, Christian Sells and Mason Yoder had consecutive RBI-singles during the stanza. Jenkinson started on the mound and got the victory for Holly. He tossed 4 1/3 innings of one-run ball, striking out four and allowing three hits. Clark tossed 2 2/3 innings of shutout relief, allowing two hits and striking out one.

Holly dominated the nightcap as Yoder and Clark combined to toss a onehitter over five innings.

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### Linden soccer remains perfect in Metro, defeats Holly

### **By David Troppens**

The Linden varsity girls soccer team is nearing the midpoint of the Flint Metro League season, and the Eagles are still undefeated.

The Eagles remain the only perfect team in the Metro after defeating Holly 4-0 Monday.

It was a battle of undefeated Metro squads, but due to COVID-19 issues, the game was the Bronchos' second league contest while Linden was playing its fifth.

Aubre Moffatt led the Eagles with two goals while Alexis Mawhinney and Melanea Strauss had a goal each.

But maybe more important than the goals, the Eagles have yet to allow a goal in Metro competition. They have allowed just one all season long.

The Eagles (5-0 in league play and 7-1 overall) return to action today with a road contest against Owosso at 6:15 p.m.

# Fenton bats dominate in Tigers' twinbill sweep vs. Brandon

#### **By David Troppens**

For most of the varsity baseball season, the Fenton Tigers have struggled trying to score runs.

That wasn't a problem on Monday.

The Tigers (4-2 in the Metro and 4-5-1 overall) collected 15 hits in both games of a doubleheader, crushing the Brandon Blackhawks 15-4 in five innings in the first game and an 18-2 victory in another five-inning contest in the second game.

Fenton jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the opening game. The run-producing hits were an RBI-single by Connor Luck and a two-run single by Brenden Phillips. The Tigers followed the first with a four-run second. Eddie Briand hit an RBI-single while Kyle Crow followed with an RBIdouble. Brett Jackman also drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Fenton led 7-0.

Brandon scored a run in the bottom of the third, but the Tigers followed with four more runs in the top of the third. Luck hit a two-run single and Peyton Jackson drove in a run with a bases loaded walk. Jake Durant plated the final run with a sacrifice fly. Fenton led 11-1.

Brandon scored two more runs in the third and another in the fourth, cutting the gap to 11-4, but Fenton helped set up the five-inning, 10-run mercy rule with four more runs in the fifth. Crow and Gavin Diamond each doubled in a run while Spencer Luck hit an RBI-single. The final run scored on a walk to Luck with the bases loaded.

Crow and Connor Luck had three hits each while Lance Barkholz, Briand and Spencer Luck had two hits each. On the mound, Barkholz pitched the first four innings and got the victory. Spencer Luck pitched a shutout inning of relief.

The Tigers always led in the second game as well. A two-run single by Brendan Phillips gave Fenton a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

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### MIDWEEK TIMES



### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, you have a unique perspective, and sometimes you appear uninterested in the opinions of others. But this week it is best to be humble and accept other thoughts.

### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, you routinely put caring for others ahead of caring for yourself. This compassion is commendable, but you can't offer help if you aren't in top form.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, let others bring up issues with you rather than prying. You willingness to lend an ear is well-known, and others will come to you on their own.

### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22 It may be tempting to slack off when supervisors are not looking, Cancer. However, a lack of discipline now may have a trickle-down effect in the future. Stay focused.

### LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 You may not be sure if you should pursue an opportunity that is before you, Leo. Consider your skills and talents and be honest with what you are capable of accomplishing.

Horoscopes

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 Even though it can be risky to express your true feelings, especially when you go against popular opinion, don't shy away from being true to yourself.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Your head is pushing you in a practical direction, Libra. Yet your heart wants you to go a different way. Try to find a balance between both scenarios.

#### SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, others are ready and willing to offer advice if they sense you need it. While you can be open to suggestions, don't follow others' dreams if they aren't your own.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21 You may be conflicted about telling someone you need a little personal space, Sagittarius. But it's not good to suffer through situations that make you unhappy.

### CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you cannot please everyone, you can do what is necessary to make yourself happy. Make this your primary goal this week.

### For the week of April 26, 2021

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, people may misunderstand your intentions when you start a new project. You don't have to please everyone right now. The end result will be met with positive responses.

#### PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Moving on from an emotional situation can be taxing, Pisces. But it may be necessary right now and could make you stronger in the long run.

### BRONCHOS

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single. Hannah Hooker followed with a single and Phillips hit an RBI-single. The lead was cut to 5-3.

In the fifth, Hooker hit a solo home run, knocking Holly's lead to 5-4. Finally, in the sixth, Gracie Kaye singled and eventually scored on Caleigh McNeill's single. The game was tied at 5, setting up the seventh inning.

Lake Fenton took an early 1-0 lead in the third inning. With two out, Kaye singled and scored on Alayna White's RBI-double. Holly tied the contest up with a run in the top of the fourth. With one out, Lockitski reached base on an error and scored on Libby Boehm's **RBI-double**.

Lake Fenton regained the lead with two runs in the fourth. With one out, Lamb reached base on an error and

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### WOLVES

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The Wolves (7-5) won the tournament by beating Bay City Central 13-3, Sault Ste. Marie 10-3 and Holly/Brandon 9-2.



Lake Fenton's Hannah Hooker is welcomed at home plate after hitting a home run. Photo: David Troppens

went to third on Hooker's double. Phillips walked, loading the bases. Maddie Spears followed with a two-out two-run single. Lake Fenton led 3-1.

Holly scored runs in each of the final three innings.

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. . . . . . . Mitchell Luck and Chase Everhard were the offensive leaders at the meet.

The Wolves had Luck score three goals in the victory against Swartz Creek while Everhard had two goals.

Against Clio, Rylan Sheffield scored

The Bronchos scored eight runs in

the second inning of the first game

and ended up winning 15-7 in six in-

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Kynleigh Copeland finished in second in the high jump (4-foot-3) while the sprint medley relay team of Kennedy Hoose, Victoria Osmond, Lani Mannera and Lauren Goodman (2:03.74).

> Holly at Lapeer Invitational: The Bronchos had three performers earn individual top-four finishes. Aniya Semer took second in the high jump (5-2), while Wilson Tschirhardt took third in the pole vault (9-0) and Matt Weisdorfer placed fourth in

#### the 1,600 (4:46.57). BASEBALL

**TRACK AND FIELD** 

Linden at the Chelsea Relays: Both

Three Linden boys relays placed second.

They were the 3,200 relay of River Meck-

stroth, Kyle Eberhard, Jacob Monaghan and Casy Cohen; the 400 relay team of

Garrett Wagner, Brenden Shingleton,

Brandon Pennington and Owen Wcisel

Gomez, Alex Duprey, Mason Bothwell

and Nathan Alger (49.14).

(46.32); and 400 fresh/soph relay of Ethan

The Linden girls also had two seconds.

Linden track squads finished in fourth.

**East Lansing 5-5, Fenton 4-1:** Jake Durant had two hits (one being a double) and an RBI to lead the Tigers in the opening game. Connor Luck had a double and an RBI while Lance Barkholz had a single and an RBI.

Peyton Jackson pitched 2 2/3 innings

of shutout relief on the mound, striking out five batters. Gavin Diamond pitched an inning of shutout relief as well.

In the second game, Barkholz had a double while Gannon Welch and Colin Lawrence had a single each. Barkholz allowed one hit over four innings. He struck out four.

► Holly 5-9, Oakland Christian 0-3: The Bronchos swept another twinbill with strong pitching performances. In the opener, Tyler Young pitched a completegame four-hitter to lead Holly to a 5-0 win. He struck out seven and walked one. Mason Clark and Logan Winstead had the team's only two hits.

In the second game, Drew Hignite pitched 5 1/3 innings of strong relieve to earn the victory. He allowed two hits and four walks while striking out eight. Hignite also had two hits and a double while Jacob Hild hit two doubles and two RBI. **BOYS GOLF** 

#### Fenton 182, Corunna 222: Dylan Davidson won medalist honors with a 44 at the Coyote Preserve. Evan Brown carded a 45 while Charles Hundzinski shot a 46. Carter Will carded a 47.

Linden 179, Owosso 233: Andrew Skellinger was the medalist with a 37 and was followed by teammate Brenden Johson with a 46. Aiden Krueger carded a 47 and Baron Smiecinski shot a 49.

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Fenton girls soccer wins third straight contest The Fenton varsity girls soccer team cent wins were an 8-0 victory against Corunna on Thursday and a 3-1 victory

began the season with an 0-3-1 record. However, life is changing for the Ti-

gers. Since that start, Fenton has won three straight games. The two most re-Holly softball squad posts DH sweep vs. Onaway

The Holly varsity softball team's sweep, Saturday. bats showed up against Onaway.

The Bronchos collected 23 hits and 31 runs in just nine innings, earning a non-league doubleheader Owosso's Irelan leads squad past Linden softball

After spending the season rocking opposing pitching staffs into submission, the Linden varsity softball team finally found a pitcher that they weren't able to figure out, on Monday.

That would be Owosso starting pitcher Macy Irelan.

Irelan allowed just one run over two games as the Eagles were swept by Owosso 2-0 and 8-1.

### Lake Fenton soccer shuts down Dragons, 4-0

The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team's strong start to the season continued on Monday.

The Blue Devils won their fourth game out of five this season, defeating the Swartz Creek Dragons 4-0.

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against Clio on Monday.

the game's first goal.

nings.

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### STREET EXPERIENCE

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According to a memo from Michael Hart, assistant city manager and executive director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to City Manager Lynn Markland, Hart said the bulk of the feedback was positive and it was deemed a success.

Hart said one of the takeaways was the appreciation from the public and especially families, to have pedestrian use of the streets on Thursday and Friday evenings, besides helping the businesses.

This summer, the city plans to offer the use of sidewalks downtown for restaurants/bars during the week, and all businesses use of the sidewalks and streets Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m.

With health, safety and welfare in mind, Hart said they have created a number of mini events to supplement the Fenton Street Experience during the four months of operation — from May 20 and 21 to Oct. 14 and 15, in addition to the Farmers Market on Thursdays. **Street closures** 

Impacted streets: Shiawassee Avenue from Adelaide Street to LeRoy Street and LeRoy Street from Shiawassee Avenue to Caroline Street. and any other city streets designated by the city's police chief.

During the street closures, no

parking will be allowed on the closed streets. A 12-foot safety lane will be maintained for emergency vehicles at all times.

All businesses using expanded outdoor seating and retail space are responsible for the nightly removal of all trash and debris from the outdoor location they occupied.

Businesses applying for expanded outdoor seating or retail space must possess a valid certificate of occupancy from the city's building department.

To qualify for expanded seating or retail space, businesses must submit an application to the city of Fenton on a form available on the city's website cityoffenton.org and abide by all requirements.



Businesses, families and individuals took to the streets for the Fenton Street Experience in 2020. The street closures provided expanded revenue opportunities for businesses downtown. Times file photo



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# Obituaries

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SILVERCREST CHANNEL LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN SILVERCREST CHANNEL LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within Silvercrest Channel Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2 benefited by the proposed continuation of a lake improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in the Silvercrest Channel on Silver Lake, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$11,617.80.

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 <u>www.fentontownship.</u> 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.)

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK 12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE FENTON, MI 48430-8817

### **Albert John Parks**

1952 - 2021



be from 2 - 9 PM Thursday, April 29, with social distancing restrictions. Albert was born in Holly on August 23, 1952 to Glenn and Mildred (Crosby) Parks. He was retired from Huron Valley Schools, a former employee of George Fischer DISA, and he was the owner of Al's Small Engine Repair. He loved lawn mowers and repairing them, especially John Deere. He also loved clocks, tape measures, casinos, playing cards and poker. Surviving are his wife, Marsha; three children, Albert John (Anna Burns) Parks Jr., DeAnna (Jeff) Bloom, and Andy (Adrianne Messenger) Parks; four grandchildren, Travis, Ethan, Ace, and Anna; sisters and brother, Barbara (Buddy) McLeighton,

Bo (Peggy Sue) Box, and Suzie McKay; and his dogs, Max and Mollie. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Virginia Stewart; and brother, Robert Parks. The family gives special thanks to all the friends that supported Albert through his long illness. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association of Michigan. *www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.* 

### **Robert Andrew Chapin**

1979 - 2021

Robert Andrew Chapin - age 41, of Fenton, went to be with his Savior, unexpectedly, but peacefully on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Private services will be held (the service will be live-streamed at 2 PM Sunday, May 2, 2021 on Robert's obituary page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.





Trollman, Rachel (Garrett Cloutier) Chapin, Debbie (Keith) Tester; niece and nephews, Garett, Brady and Isaac Redmer, Abraham and Samuel Frink, JoJo Trollman, Andrea V. Chapin, Charlie Cloutier, Jacob and Thomas Tester; numerous aunts; uncles; and cousins. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Cherup, Jr.

- age 92, of

away Saturday,

April 24 2021.

Visitation will

Sunday, May

Homes, Fenton

Chapel, 1000

be 1 - 5 PM

2 at Sharp

Funeral

# Obituaries

### **Michael Scott Sekulich**

1964 - 2021

His Legacy... Michael Scott Sekulich - age 57, of Fenton passed away Friday, April 23, 2021. He was born in Pontiac, on March 11th, 1964 to Steve and Mary Lou (Newton) Sekulich. Mike was an exceptional

Hockey player at Hartland High School and after graduation in 1982 took his talents and goals to Ferris State University where he continued to excel in being a teammate and student. His professional career included titles such as Sales Manager for Shakespeare Rods and Reels and charter boat operator. Ultimately Mike discovered his passion for landscape design, management, and sales and eventually became a proud business owner. Mike did not just reshape people's landscapes: he reshaped their life in some way. His knowledge and humor were infectious and when the project was done, you somehow ended up with a new friend. Mike enjoyed a vast number of hobbies. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved playing cards and telling a great story. He had a passion for the maize and blue and sports viewing/listening was a must. He was a gourmet cook who loved to be in the kitchen and arill. Most importantly, he will always be remembered as someone who wanted to give more than he received. His Family... Mike had a passionate love for his family, his fiancée, Kathleen Hatcher; her son, Jeff (Michelle) Hawkins; daughter, Kelly (Adam) Urrutia; and grandchildren, Catalina,



Michael. Berlyn, and Briar, who knew him as "Papa Mike"; and his father. Stephen (Elinore) Sekulich. He is survived by son, Derek (Katv) Summers; his beloved grandson,

Parker Summers: his beloved granddaughter, Emery Summers; his brothers, Mark (Natalia) Sekulich, Brad (Rose) Sekulich; and his sister, Amy (Kevin) Harrington, Mike embraced and loved his extended family in the Upper Peninsula, Brenda (David) Muhlenbeck, Bonnie Harrison, and Penny (Matt) Waccholz. He was a caring Uncle to two nieces, Anna (Joel) Korth and Abigail Harrington; and two nephews. Brad (Brooke) Sekulich and Bailey Harrington. He is preceded in death by Mary Lou (Newton) Sekulich. Dawn Summers Labutte Sekulich, William Sekulich, Mary Sekulich, Eva Hoy. His Farewell...Mike's family and friends will gather from 2 - 8 PM, Friday April 30, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Private funeral services will be held. Mike's service will be live streamed and may be viewed on his obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com at 11 AM, Saturday, May 1. Memorial Contributions may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 12268, Newport News, VA 23612 or charity of one's choice. Online Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Joseph Charles Cherup, Jr.

1928 - 2021



Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Private Funeral Services will be held and may be viewed by live stream at 12 Noon Monday, May 3 at Joseph's page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com. Interment following at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Joseph was born November 24, 1928 in Detroit, the son of Joseph Charles and Rose Lillian (Smarsh) Cherup, Sr. He was a 1946 graduate of Redford High School and a 1955 graduate of Detroit College of Applied Sciences.

He served in

Cocktail Lounge and many other types of businesses including Manufacturing with Revolution DC. He is survived by nieces and nephews, John A. Barnstead of Nova Scotia, Joseph R. Barnstead of Indianapolis, IN, Rose M. Barnstead of Sugar Land, TX, and Patricia A. Barnstead of Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Dolores Barnstead. Online Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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the United States Army during the Korean War and was a life member of the VFW currently with the Fenton Post 3243. Joseph owned and operated The Tradewinds





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### **Edith Mae Miner**

1922 - 2021 Edith Mae Miner - age 98, of Holly died Sunday, April 25, 2021. She was born in Atlanta, MI on July 10, 1922 to Ralph and Winifred (Milner) Wyllys. She was a former employee of the Holly Spring Factory, a member of the Fenton United Presbyterian Church, and she loved traveling, doll collecting, gardening, antiques, and Holly Red Hat Society activities. She is survived by her sisterin-law, Carol (the late Floyd) Wyllys; step-children, Pam and Vernona; nieces, Marsha Juarez and Julie Greenfield; and numerous grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband's, Ed Barbersek and Vernon Miner; sons, Don (Jan) Barbersek and Ralph Barbersek; and brother, Floyd Wyllys. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 PM Friday, April 30, 2021. Private Memorial services will be held at 4 PM Saturday, May 1, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Fire Department. www. dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



