City approves water/sewer rate increase

Last rate adjustment was in 2009

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved a rate increase for water and sewer.

Mike Hart, the assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority executive director, said the last rate increase the city had was in 2009. He said, “This is a very long time.” He added that the increase was necessary due to rising costs of chemicals, maintenance and unfunded state mandates.

In a memo from Jon Satkowiak Jr, treasurer for the city of Fenton, to City Manager Lynn Markland dated May 20, Satkowiak said the city administration had been discussing alternatives to increase the water and sewer rate.

The rate study showed approximate 20-percent increase to the average water and sewer portion of the utility bill. Satkowiak said his proposal would bring that increase down to 14 percent during the first year.

Satkowiak said his study showed the average family in the city used between 12,000 and 15,000 gallons of water per quarter. With the rate adjustment, they could see a quarterly increase.
Gas in Flint area averages $2.90 per gallon

GasBuddy predicts prices to come down slightly as people plan Memorial Day travels

Flint gas prices have fallen 1.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $2.90/gallon Monday, May 24, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 212 stations in Flint. Gas prices in Flint are 7.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 92.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Flint was priced at $2.66/gallon while the most expensive was $3.25/gallon, a difference of 64.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.02/gallon. The national average was up 14.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands $1.07/gallon higher than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Flint and the national average going back 10 years:

- May 24, 2020: $1.98/gallon
- May 24, 2019: $2.94/gallon
- May 24, 2018: $3.17/gallon
- May 24, 2017: $2.46/gallon
- May 24, 2016: $2.50/gallon
- May 24, 2015: $2.70/gallon
- May 24, 2014: $3.86/gallon
- May 24, 2013: $3.88/gallon
- May 24, 2012: $3.85/gallon
- May 24, 2011: $3.75/gallon

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Rate Increase

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between $18 and $30. Each customer’s increase is based on their own usage.

Satkowiak said the administration is proposing that Fenton City Council adjust the rates to reflect the following amounts, per quarter:

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**The sewer capital charge was based on the first residential equivalent unit (REU) with any additional REUs being charged at a rate of $30 per REU.

***Will include all sewer REU rates.

Water capital charge per meter size – current

- ¾ inch: $58
- 1 inch: $130
- 1 ½ inch: $250
- 2 inch: $394

Water capital charge per meter size – proposed

- ¾ inch: $40.40
- 1 inch: $101
- 1 ½ inch: $202
- 2 inch: $323

Water meter charge per meter size – proposed

- ¾ inch: $17.60
- 1 inch: $44
- 1 ½ inch: $88
- 2 inch: $140.80

City administration recommended that the Fenton City Council approve the resolution to adjust the quarterly water and sewer rates in accordance with the water and sewer rate study that was completed by PFM.

According to the resolution, there was a demonstrable need for an increase on the quarterly water capital charge, commodity water rate, meter charge for water, and commodity sewer rate, and a decrease of the quarterly sewer capital charge to ensure even and fair distribution of operation, maintenance and replacement costs of water and sewer systems within the city.

The commodity rate for water will be increased from $5.20 to $6.20.

The quarterly capital charge for water per the first REU will be decreased by $17.60.

The commodity rate for sewer will be increased from $3.71 to $5.65.

The quarterly capital charge for sewer per the first REU will be reduced from $20 to $7.
Linden father and son to take The Murph Challenge

To honor uncle and all veterans, and to support the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, May 31, Memorial Day, thousands of people around the globe, including soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen and more will take on The Murph Challenge.

CrossFit in Fenton hosts The Murph Challenge and this year, several will be honoring Stephen John Edwards, a former staff sergeant of the United States Air Force, and the uncle of one of the CrossFit members doing the challenge. Edwards is 71 and a Fenton Township resident.

The Murph is a popular workout created by CrossFit in memory of Navy Lt. Michael Murphy who died in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005. After his death, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery. The Murph Challenge at CrossFit of Fenton. He will be participating in the Memorial Day event with his father Donald Stilson of Linden. Submitted photo

Nathan Stilson practices for The Murph Challenge at CrossFit of Fenton. He will be participating at the Memorial Day event with his father Donald Stilson of Linden. Submitted photo

Known as a Hero WOD (workout of the day), The Murph was first posted Aug. 18, 2006, and is completed every year on Memorial Day by CrossFitters and Navy Seals alike.

Donald Stilson, 47, of Linden, is the nephew of Edwards and he will be participating in the Memorial Day event with his 18-year-old son, Nathan.

The challenge will require participants to perform a one-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats, and another one-mile run all the while wearing a weighted military vest. Stilson said he and his son have been practicing the workout and will be wearing the military vests weighted with 20-pound body armor.

Stilson said typically 200 or so people will participate in the Fenton CrossFit event and this year approximately 10 will be taking the challenge to honor his uncle. He said his uncle, who is in poor health, will be in attendance at this year’s event. “It will be an hour of suffering for him,” Stilson said. “It’s a crazy workout. My uncle is going to be so amazed, beside himself, when he sees all of us.”

Some of the event, which begins at 9 a.m., will be outside in the parking lot of CrossFit and some will be inside that facility, which is open to the air.

When participants sign up at TheMurphChallenge.com, their fee goes to the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

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To submit a veteran, email information and photo to news@tctimes.com

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I recently announced the winners of this year’s Brad Stone Scholarship. Just like last year, I had to submit a video announcement because of COVID restrictions. Lake Fenton High School played my short two-minute video at Senior Awards night. The school live streamed the event and I watched as the winners came up on stage when their names were announced. It made my heart feel glad to see their happy faces.

We have a selection committee at the school choose the winner. My husband and I host an annual golf outing each year, and the Community Foundation of Greater Flint told us that we had enough funds this year to award a $12,000 scholarship. The selection committee determined they had a tie and told us Aubrey Fray and Sydney Johnson came out on top of all the other very deserving seniors who had applied for the scholarship.

I recognized Aubrey’s name from all of the sports stories we have published in the Tri-County Times. In addition to having a 3.9 GPA, she played three varsity sports, cross country, soccer and basketball. She also was a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council and Yearbook Editor. I peeked at Aubrey’s essay, which touched our hearts. Although Brad has been gone longer than she has been alive, she had read about him and understood his energy, love of family, love of sports, adventure and being part of a team. We wish Aubrey all the best as she begins her journey at Michigan State in the fall as she works toward becoming a nurse anesthetist.

Sydney also has a big heart and big goals. She will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall with a goal of becoming a Physician Assistant. She had a 3.94 GPA all while playing varsity volleyball, softball and competitive cheer. She also worked part time, and was a member of the National Honor Society and Kiwanis Club. She’s been a member of the Wyldlife Youth Leadership, mentoring hundreds of younger kids.

As we are passing the one-year anniversary of the death of Lexi Simon who died in a boating accident May 24, 2020, Sydney wrote about the impact of her dear friend, Lexi, and a young boy she never met had on her life in her essay. Yes, I peeked at her essay too. She compared how Lexi was so outgoing and lit up any room she entered. Sydney had heard how outgoing Brad was and felt the connection.

The Stone family wishes Sydney all the best as she starts her next journey at Grand Valley.

We’d also like to thank Duanita Bailey, the Lake Fenton High School counselor, who works so hard to make sure every senior applies for every scholarship they are eligible for. Over the years, Duanita has done a great job for our Lake Fenton students.

Although we were not in attendance for the Senior Awards because of the restrictions on gatherings, our hearts were there and we are proud to see so many talented and good kids at Lake Fenton.

**Sharin’ the spotlight**

By Editor Sharon Stone

Senior Awards at Lake Fenton

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**What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?**

"Not so much for the ‘weekend’ but for the Memorial Day holiday I will be placing flags on the gravesites at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan."

**Tracy Morris**

Flint

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"Graduation in Fenton then dinner with family."

**Delila Brown**

Fremont

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"Silver Lake cookout with the family."

**Kyle Livingston**

Fenton

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"Getting my yard work done."

**Mona Hamilton Flannery**

Linden

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**Street talk**
American Legion Family 119 Linden hosts National Poppy Day fundraiser May 28, 29

By Sharon Stone

With the support of Congress, Friday, May 28, 2021, is designated as National Poppy Day.

In 1920, after World War I, the poppy became the memorial flower of the American Legion family. It’s a symbol of hope and remembrance for the sacrifices made in service to our country. Wearing the poppy pays tribute to the fallen and the future of living veterans, active duty military and their families.

Pin on your Poppy to honor the fallen and show support for the living.

To honor all who gave everything for us, the American Legion Family commits to assisting those veterans, active duty military and their families who need our help.

American Legion Family 119 volunteers will be at Alpine Marketplace and ACE Hardware in downtown Linden on Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29, distributing poppies to the community from 10:00 to 4 p.m.

One-hundred percent of all donations raised are used exclusively to assist and support our veterans, active duty military and their families with financial and medical needs.

Through your generous donations, American Legion Family 119, Linden, provided financial assistance during 2020.

Assistance went to:
• a local veteran and spouse facing medical hardships
• a local veteran whose home burned down
• a local veteran facing shutoff of their families utilities
• support the Battle Creek VA Medical Center veterans recreation fund and veterans Christmas program
• support Fisher House — a comfort home near VA Hospitals for veterans and their families
• purchase Valentine window clings
• decorate veterans windows at Symphony and Argentine Care Centers

If you miss the volunteers, donation boxes are located at The State Bank, Linden Hotel/Crow’s Nest, Shirley’s Café and Grill, UB Station Café, and Leo’s Coney Island throughout the month of May.

American Legion Family 119 Linden volunteers (from left) are Larry Arrol, Betty Smith, Alida Smith and Ben Hughes. Members will be at Alpine Marketplace and ACE Hardware in Linden on Friday and Saturday distributing poppies. Submitted photo

Donations can be sent to:
American Legion Family
4459 Harp Dr.
Linden, MI 48451
Constitutionally selecting a jury – Part I

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that in all criminal prosecutions the defendant has certain rights. Among these is the right to a trial by an “impartial jury” of the state and district where the crime was committed.

Although the phrase impartial jury is not defined in the Constitution, over time courts have found that it requires two separate conditions to be met.

First, that the jury be selected from a representative cross section of the population where the alleged crime occurred.

Second, that there are assurances that the jury chosen is unbiased and willing to decide the case on the basis of the evidence presented.

Procedural rules have been developed to meet these conditions and the following is a brief general summary.

A criminal trial starts with the selection of a jury when the prospective jurors who have been called to jury duty (the jury panel) are questioned by the prosecutor, the defense attorney and the judge in what is known as “voir dire.” This is a Latin phrase, which means speak the truth. This allows the attorneys to obtain important information about the prospective jurors’ attitudes, beliefs and experiences to determine if they can fairly decide the case.

After the voir dire, the attorneys then decide who they want to be on the jury and who they don’t.

For those who are to be excused, each side can exercise two types of challenges on an alternating basis.

The first type is a challenge for cause, which means that there is a legally valid reason why the person cannot serve.

The second is a peremptory challenge, which allows a juror to be excused without the attorney giving any reason.

Each side has an unlimited number of challenges for cause and the judge decides whether to allow each challenge.

As to peremptory challenges, each side has a specific number depending on if it’s a felony or misdemeanor case.

When all of the peremptory challenges have been exercised or any unused challenges waived, and there are no other challenges for cause, the jury is seated by being sworn in by the clerk and the trial continues.

Next week — Part II — Peremptory challenges might not be all that they seem to be — the Batson case.

TRASH/RECYCLING
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Jon Satkowski, city treasurer, said customers in the city are paying $18.12 per month for trash, recycling and yard waste pickup.

Once negotiations are complete, a draft of the contract will be presented to Fenton City Council on June 14 for review.

The city of Fenton undertook a thorough and comprehensive Solid Waste & Recycle bid process initiated in 2020 with the culmination of bid submissions Dec. 21, 2020. The city received five qualified bidders from the process and the bids were extensive in nature with multiple options for the city to consider.

Bids were submitted by Republic Services, Priority Waste, Emterra, Waste Management and GFL Environmental.

In order to have a comprehensive process to the city’s residents’ benefit, Hart explained that they believed it was in the best interest to provide for a nine-month interim agreement with Republic Services, while the bids are analyzed and compared. This time frame would provide time for a possible transition.

After the vetting process was completed by the Solid Waste Committee including city administration, two companies stood out as being the most competitive including service capabilities.

The two companies were GFL Environmental and Priority Waste. Each had the most competitive cost, would utilize best practices including state-of-art technology in their trucks for tracking job completion. Each company also indicated they would deploy a personnel team to service the city including onsite supervision that would interact and communicate with city officials directly and in real time.

Due to the depth of GFL Environmental’s proposal and strength of their company, Hart recommended that City Council move forward with them to draft a comprehensive service agreement to provide solid waste, recycle and yard waste services for the city of Fenton.

GFL’s bundled package for solid waste, recycling and yard waste removal would cost each customer $11.75 per month during the first year of the five-year contract. Year two would cost $12.10, year three would cost $12.46, year four would cost $12.84 and year five would cost $13.23, per customer, per month.
This year, Lake Fenton High School has 153 graduating seniors. This past school year was marked with shutdowns and occasionally online school, and Principal Kate VanHouten said they were happy to put on the parade to give students a final send off. Photo: Hannah Ball

‘I’m glad they had this experience’

LFHS holds parade for graduating seniors

By Hannah Ball

The weather was warm and sunny during Lake Fenton High School’s parade for graduating seniors Friday, May 21.

The 153 seniors sat or stood in the parking lot of the high school and waved to vehicles as they passed by. Friends and family members decorated their cars with posters and window paint, and some participants threw candy.

Thursday was the last day of school for graduating seniors at LFHS after a school year with intermittent shutdowns and online learning for some students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seniors were able to gather together Friday when they took a bus to all the other schools and then had a cookout.

“This was a community event just to give them a final send off, allow them to have some fun because obviously this year has had its struggles,” said Kate VanHouten, principal of LFHS. “This was by far the best event ever. To see all the kids, to see them smiling. It’s a beautiful day, and to have all the family and community and teachers and staff members come out and cheer them on is a very good thing.”

VanHouten said parents were happy to have this event, too.

“This is a great group of kids and I’m glad they were able to have this memory. This is the first time we’ve done this and I can’t promise we’ll do it again,” she said. “I’m glad they had this experience.”

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“In the lead up to Memorial Day, we haven’t seen gas prices come down much, though with oil’s recent move lower, we should start to see some drops at the pump materialize in the days ahead,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “With the Colonial Pipeline situation continuing to improve in Southeastern states, fueling up for the holiday weekend shouldn’t be too challenging, save for a few pockets in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, where outages remain a bit higher than neighboring states. For those hitting the road, we should see prices inch lower in the coming week through at least Memorial Day, so motorists need not rush to fill their tanks as the drop in oil prices should manifest into lower gas prices as we begin the summer driving season.”

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades.

GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.


HOT LINE CONTINUED

MR. ELECTRIC CAR proponent. So if the projected mileage is only 300 miles for a truck and some cars, how are you going to recharge on a 500-mile rural trip? Ludicrous.
FOOD TRUCK

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In the last few months, the council has had multiple discussions on how food trucks should operate in the city.

City Manager Ellen Glass said they incorporated most of all of the feedback from the last meeting.

This ordinance does not pertain to food vendors operating at public or community events approved by the City Council prior to the event, and it doesn’t apply to outdoor food sales operated by an existing brick and mortar restaurant on the same site as that restaurant.

The ordinance requires food vendor operators to apply for a permit and pay a fee for regular vending. Existing brick and mortar restaurants will not have to pay a fee to operate a mobile food vehicle in the city.

A private business can apply for a special event permit to invite a food truck. With this type of permit, multiple rules in this ordinance do not apply. The city can approve special event permits for one day only.

The ordinance states, “No special event may be conducted within a public street or other property owned by the city of Linden without approval from the City Council … No special event permit may be issued to the same individual, business or institution and/or for the same property more frequently than once every sixty (60) days.”

The city may require a submitted plan for where and how a food vendor would operate in relation to existing driveways, lanes, parking areas and walkways.

Except for special events, food vendors cannot operate in a public street or area or on private property without permission from the owner. Vendors operating on private property can only operate on property zoned LS, GC, or CBD District.

Previously, the council discussed not allowing food vendors to operate within 500 feet of existing brick and mortar restaurants while that restaurant was open. This has been revised. The current ordinance states except for special events, vendors operating on private land shall not operate within 250 feet of an existing brick-and-mortar restaurant during the hours when such restaurant is open to the public for business.

The ordinance includes these regulations for mobile food vendors:

• Mobile food vendors cannot cause unreasonable or excessive noise, such as loud music, other high-decibel sounds, horns, or amplified announcements.
• No mobile food vehicle vendor shall operate between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., April through September, and between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 a.m., October through March.
• In addition to signage placed on mobile food vehicles, one A-frame sign may be permitted during operating hours.
• No flashing or blinking lights or strobe lights are allowed on mobile food vehicles or related signage when the vehicle is parked and engaged in serving customers.

The Institute had concerns with the 500-foot rule, and Gildner suggested they do 250 feet instead to “level the playing field,” he wrote. The Institute claimed that mobile vendors should be able to operate on any private property, but Gildner said vendors are for commercial use and the city has limits in particular zoning districts.

The last issue raised by the Institute was that the city’s proposed ordinance gave a “privilege” to religions and charities. Gildner said this later version does not do this.

Councilor Aaron Wiens asked for clarification on the differences between a special event permit and regular vending. He asked if Ace Hardware wanted to have a taco truck on Friday, would that be a special event or regular vending?

Gildner said the business would be allowed to request the special event permit. If the taco truck wishes to use the parking lot for business, they would have to get permission from Ace, make sure they’re not within 250 feet of an existing restaurant during operation hours and they would need a yearly permit from the city.

Read the full ordinance at lindenmi.us. Linden attorney Michael Gildner wrote a letter to the council about concerns raised from a letter they received from the Institute for Justice that raised issues with the mobile food vending ordinance.

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This gathering violates her mandate. So what does she do, she lifts the mandate and attempts an apology to show she is human and makes mistakes. You just can’t make this stuff up.

THE RESTAURANTS IN Holly are excellent and much easier to get to on Thursday and Friday nights if you are stuck in the Fenton gridlock.

THANK YOU, NICE to see more numbers. Not enough to extrapolate but more is better. I was surprised at the 144,000,000 Americans not paying federal taxes. I thought it was more. Obviously, had they paid federal tax it would have impacted the 40 percent figure. Now, name the 55 corporations.

GOTCHA, HOOK, LINE and sinker. You’re all in with ‘green’ propaganda. The electric vehicle you love and brag about is more accurately called a coal car. Do just of little independent research. There are zero environmental benefits from coal cars.
Holly tennis figures a way to qualify for state despite injuries

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls tennis team has gone through its fair share of challenges this season.

The squad has lost key members due to injuries and it has changed their starting lineup dramatically.

However, it didn’t change what the Bronchos do — that’s perform well consistently year in and year out.

Despite the issues, the Bronchos figured a way to qualify for the D2 state meet by finishing in a tie for second at the South Lyon Regional.

Dexter easily won it with 30 points, but there was a great battle for second place.

Holly (13) and South Lyon East (13) tied for second and earned state spots, just edging out Swartz Creek and Walled Lake Western who each finished with 12 points.

“It’s a miracle we qualified,” Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophiea

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Tigers dominate field, earn D1 track regional crown

Miller, Sage lead Fenton boys impressive performance

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys track team are regional champions.

The Tigers are more than that. They have proven what a lot of prep track enthusiasts thought from the start of the season — the Tigers are one of the elite teams in the state.

Fenton recorded regional championships in six events and the Tigers established themselves as legitimate potential state champions in those events as they captured the regional title at the Division 1 Lake Orion regional on Friday.

The Fenton girls had a state qualifier and placed seventh at the meet while the Holly girls had one state qualifier and placed 14th overall. The Holly boys placed 15th and won’t have any competitors at the state meet.

The Fenton boys were the story at the meet with Brandon Miller being the biggest star. Miller broke a school record while winning regional championships in the 100 (10.60) and the 200 (21.25) He also helped both sprint relays earn regional championships. The 400 relay team of Donovan Miller, Noah Sage, Christopher Piwowarczyk and Brandon Miller posted a school record time of 42.54 seconds en route to a regional championship. Miller also teamed with Donovan Miller, Sage and Evan Koch to win the 800 relay (1:28.80).

Sage also earned an individual event regional title to go with his two relay championships. He broke a school record in the 400 with a first-place time of 47.69 seconds.

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Two of Fenton’s top performers at the D1 regional meet were Brandon Miller (left) and Noah Sage (right). Both will compete in four events at the D1 state meet. Photos: David Troppens

Lady Eagles place second at regional meet

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity track program will have plenty of competitors at the Division 2 state meet.

That’s because the program earned its share of D2 state

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Fenton softball splits contests vs. Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team had a couple of low-scoring battles with Goodrich on Monday, resulting in a split with Goodrich. The Tigers lost to Goodrich 6-3 in one game but defeated the Martians 4-1 in the other contest.

In the 4-1 victory, the Tigers scored three runs in the first inning. With one out, Sophie Collins walked, Lauren Miller doubled and Lily Turkowski walked, loading the bases. Madie Best followed with an RBI-walk and a wild pitch scored another run. Jordyn Bommersbach followed with a walk and Jessica Dunkel drove in another run when she was hit by a pitch. The Tigers led 3-0.

Fenton scored its fourth run in the fifth when Collins walked and eventually scored on Turkowski’s RBI-single.

In the 6-3 loss, the Tigers trailed 6-0 until scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

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Fenton’s Kyle Crow had two hits in the Tigers’ 8-6 first-game victory against Gabriel Richard on Friday. Photo: David Troppens

Tigers earn sweep in non-league DH vs. Gabriel Richard

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity baseball team is picking the right time to get hot.

The Tigers improved their current winning streak to seven games with a doubleheader sweep of Gabriel Richard on Friday.

The Tigers won the first game 8-6 and won the second 6-4.

In the opener, the Tigers trailed 6-5 entering the seventh, but scored three runs in the top of the seventh. Kyle Crow, Logan Angel, Spencer Luck and Seth Logan began the inning with four straight singles. Luck’s single drove in a run and the bases were loaded with no out. The Tigers got a sacrifice fly from Jake Durant to take a 7-6 lead, and an error gave Fenton their eighth run.

Luck led the offense with two hits and three RBI. He provided a two-run home run in the Tigers’ four-run fifth. Eddie Bridand, Kyle Crow and Angel had two hits each.

Fenton used five different pitchers with Luck and Peyton Jackson each tossing an inning of shutout relief. Luck pitched the sixth and got the win. Jackson tossed the seventh and needed just six pitches to earn the save.

The second contest was tied at 4-4 until the Tigers scored two runs in the top of the fourth and then held on to earn the 6-4 five-inning victory.

The fourth started with Colin Lawrence reaching base on an error. Two outs later, Durant singled and Brendan Alvord tripled in Durant. The Tigers scored the other run off a defensive error.

Alvord had three hits and drove in two runs to pace the offense. On the mound, Jackson tossed 2 1/3 innings of one-hit shutout relief to earn win. He struck out two batters.

LF baseball begins busy Metro week with split vs. Clio Mustangs

By David Troppens

While many Flint Metro League teams have a game or two they may have to complete to conclude the league season, the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team entered this week with a lot of games remaining on their schedule.

The Blue Devils played two of those games that remain on Monday, earning a split against the Clio Mustangs.

The Blue Devils won the first game 6-3 but then lost the second 7-4.

In the opener, the Blue Devils jumped to a 4-0 lead with a run in the top of the third and three more in the top of the fourth.

Lake Fenton set up scoring its first run when Sam Shumaker started the third with a single. An out later, Cam...
Bronchos pitch well, sweep Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity baseball team won’t win the Flint Metro League title this season, but the Bronchos are going to finish pretty high in the standings.

The Bronchos (22-9-2 overall) improved to 14-4-2 in Flint Metro League action, sweeping the Flushing Raiders 8-5 and 3-2 on Monday.

In the opener, the Bronchos trailed 5-3 entering the fifth, but the Bronchos scored three runs in the top of the fifth and two more in the top of the sixth to earn the victory.

The fifth inning started with walks to Nolan Jenkinson and Jacob Hild. Mason Yoder drove in the first run with an RBI-double by Chris Walton singling. Jenkins followed with an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-all. After back-to-back strikeouts, Yoder singled in the Bronchos’ final two runs.

On the mound, Jenkinson pitched a strong contest. He used just 97 pitches (58 were strikes) to earn the complete-game victory. He struck out five.

Offensively, Yoder led the Bronchos with two hits, driving in two runs and scoring two runs. Pittenger also had two hits and drove in two runs. He scored one run.

On the mound, Mason Clark relieved and tossed seven innings of three-run ball for the win. He allowed two walks and eight hits while striking out five.

In the second game, the Bronchos only scored in the sixth, scoring all three of their runs during that stanza.

The sixth inning rally started with Clark getting hit by a pitch and Chris Walton singling. Jenkins followed with an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-all. After back-to-back strikeouts, Yoder singled in the Bronchos’ final two runs.

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qualifiers at the regional meet held at Corunna High School, Friday. The Lake Fenton boys also had a state-qualifier.

None of the area teams had more success than Linden’s girls’ squad. The women had qualifiers in three events with Lauren Goodman leading the way. Goodman placed second in the 200 (28.50) and helped two relays to regional championships. She teamed with Lani Manners, Kennedy Hoose and Victoria Osmond to win the 400 relay (51.00) and also teamed with Manners, Kynleigh Copeland and Osmond to win the 800 relay (1:52.31).

Kyle Eberhard also had a nice day for the Linden boys. He won a regional championship in the 1,600 (4:26.36). He was followed closely by his teammate River Meckstroth who placed second (4:27.29) earning Meckstroth a state trip as well. Finally, Lake Fenton’s state-qualifier also came in 1,600 Joseph Gil-

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Bronchos earn 20th win, sweep Everest Collegiate

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity baseball team has collected a 20-win season.

The Bronchos improved to 20-9-2 overall for the season with a double-header sweep against Everest Collegiate (Clarkston) on Saturday.

The Bronchos won the first game by a 25-11 score in seven innings and by an 8-6 margin in the second contest.

The Bronchos led just 14-11 entering the seventh inning in the first contest, but then scored 11 runs in the top of the seventh. The run-producing hits during the stanza were an RBI-triple by Drew Hignite, a two-run double by Jacob Pittenger, an RBI-double by Mason Clark and a two-run double by Chris Walton.

Everest Collegiate pitchers allowed seven walks and hit a batter during the stanza as well. In fact, the Bronchos walked 17 times during the contest. They also collected 19 hits.
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He also had a personal record time of 22.02 seconds in the 100, placing second in the event and earning a state meet invite. The final Fenton regional championship was posted by Justin Miller who won the high jump (6-8).

The Tigers had one more D1 state qualifier. Orion Schwiderson finished second in the pole vault (12-9).

Fenton’s female qualifier was Taylor Huntoon. She placed second in the 800 with a personal-best time of 2:23.24.

Fenton’s Donovan Miller, third in the shot put (43-9); Donovan Miller, eighth in the 100 (10.60); Justin Miller, third in the long jump (21-1 1/2); and Jack Larson, fifth in the high jump (5-11).

The Fenton girls also had five other individuals score top-eight efforts in individual events. They were Emma Dubie, third in the 200 (27.54); Sidney Sahr, third in the shot put (31-6 1/2); Victoria Henson, fourth in the high jump (5-0); Isabella Henson, sixth in the long jump (15-6); and Emma Hall, eighth in the long jump (15-3 1/4).

The D1 state track meet will be on June 5 at East Kentwood High School.

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Reagan Murton played at No. 1 singles for the Holly Bronchos at the regional meet. Photo: David Troppens

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Helped guide her No. 3 doubles squad to the title match with Makenna McGee. They won two matches before losing in the finals against Dexter’s flight 6-4, 6-2.

The Bronchos also won other matches. Grace McAninch (No. 2 singles) and Sarah Fairless (No. 4 singles) won a match each.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 19, 2021
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Roll Call:

Approved:
2021-2022 Holly Township Parks Proposed Budget—Proposed Resolution 2021-08.

Postponed:
New Contract Proposals from Holly Township’s IT Company.

Approved:
2021-2022 North Oakland County Fire Authority Proposed Budget—Proposed Resolution 2021-09.

Approved:

Approved:
Village of Holly Master Plan—Letter from Board of Trustees to the Village of Holly.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk
George A. Kullis
Holly Township Supervisor
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additional special meetings are in the works.

Rose Township approved a motion not to increase its annual contribution. Because the two townships split the contribution equally, the NOCFA Board held its meeting May 18 to discuss the situation. Holly Township held off on a vote when the township board met May 19, but was prepared to vote in favor.

ROSE TOWNSHIP MEETING – MAY 12

During its Wednesday, May 12, meeting the Rose Township Board of Trustees approved the budget for North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), which did not include a proposed increase of $102,000 contribution from Rose Township.

Currently, Rose Township contributes $818,000 to NOCFA. Holly Township also contributes $818,000.

NOCFA had proposed an operating budget, which would have made each township’s equal contribution $920,000 annually, an increase of $102,000 annually per township.

Clerk Debbie Miller motioned the board to approve the $102,000 increase. There was no support from the other board members.

Trustee Glen Nobel provided another motion. He motioned that the board approve the NOCFA budget, without the increase, keeping the annual contribution from Rose Township at $818,000.

Noble’s motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Miller casting the dissenting vote.

During public comment, Chester Koop, who was supervisor of Rose Township from 1998 to 2008, spoke and said he was “astonished” by the board’s vote on the NOCFA proposed budget.

Koop also said he appreciated Clerk Miller’s motion. He had been on NOCFA’s board for 10 years when he was supervisor and said that NOCFA is one of the most responsible departments in Oakland County.

“You need to show some support,” Koop said. “I do not want to be in your seat when the fire authority breaks up. I am really worried.”

Capt. Tim Seal of NOCFA also addressed the board. “I’m slightly disheartened by the vote,” he said. He said he wished there had been more discussion at the fire authority meetings about the proposed budget. He said the proposed increase was approved unanimously by the NOCFA board to bring the proposal back to each municipality.

The NOCFA board is comprised of two Rose Township Board of Trustee members, two Holly Township Board of Trustee members and one citizen at large. Representing Rose Township are Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider and Treasurer Paul Gambka. Representing Holly Township is Clerk Karin Winchester and Supervisor George Kullis. The citizen at large is Peter Stouffer of Rose Township.

Seal said on average an independent fire authority has an annual budget of $1.4 million. This compares to a proposed $920,000 budget. “This is a huge discount,” he said.

Another resident spoke during public comment and said she thanked Koop and Seal for their service. She also said, “We need fire protection.”

Resident Steve Ghostley told the board he was disappointed by the board’s vote. He said the level of service he’s had at home has been “outstanding.”

He added, “They should be taken care of by the one they represent. I applaud Clerk Miller for her vote and budget.”

NOCFA BOARD MEETING – MAY 18

During the May 18 NOCFA Board meeting, Winchester said she was disturbed and that Rose Township had ample opportunity to tell the NOCFA Board what they didn’t like about the contract. “Nothing was conveyed to NOCFA with problems of the budget,” she said. “$900,000 is the biggest and most important thing for a township and there was no discussion (at the Rose Township meeting May 12).”

During the May 18 NOCFA meeting, Gambka said Rose Township covers its shortfall from its millage using $70,000 from the general fund. He said they’ll have to use $375,000 from the general fund to make the increased contribution, had it passed. Rose Township’s current millage expires next year. Rose Township has two millages, 1.3096 and 0.7229 for a total of 2.0325. They expire Dec. 31, 2021.

Scheib-Snider said despite the Rose Township representatives voting in favor of taking the original proposal back to the township for approval, discussion was not necessary at the Rose Township meeting and each official voted based on their own reasons.

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis said, “We have fought three years to save the fire department and the flow of people leaving. We’ve raised salaries. We have to be responsible. We have a responsibility to this board.”

Kullis said Holly Township was prepared to approve it.

On May 18, the NOCFA Board voted 3-2 to have Chief Lintz put together a new proposed budget maintaining the current $818,000 contribution from each municipality. Representing Holly Township on the board, Kullis and Winchester voted no. Lintz said he would attempt to put together a revised budget proposal prior the next meeting.

Following the Rose Township meeting and the NOCFA Board meeting, NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz, said, “I like many others am confused as to why the two Rose Township Board members that are on the NOCFA Board chose not to discuss the proposed budget during the March and April NOCFA meetings and then approved it to go to their Township Board where again there was not a single word of discussion about it.

Although the result of Rose Township not approving the budget has caused some tension within the Board and the department, I am confident that we can all come to a resolution before June 30th. It is important to keep the residents needs in our best interest.”

NOCFA BOARD MEETING – MAY 25

The NOCFA Board held a special meeting to discuss the budget May 25 at 11:30 a.m. Once the NOCFA Board agrees on a proposed budget to take back to the two municipalities, Rose and Holly township boards will conduct another vote.

After more than two hours of discussion on May 25, the NOCFA Board voted to send back to the townships a new budget proposal to vote on, which would result in an annual contribution of $849,926 from each township. Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester voted no and said she had concerns over the negative impact of the cuts. “It’s a mistake,” she said.

Read NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz’s FY-2022 Budget Proposals, including three new options that were presented at the May 25 NOCFA Board meeting, with this story online at tctimes.com.

To view the entire board meetings online, go to YouTube and search for North Oakland County Fire Authority and Rose Township. All meetings are videotaped and posted for public viewing.

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