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Townships approve even contributions

■ After Rose Township rejects \$920,000 proposal, it and Holly Township okay \$849,926 for NOCFA operating budget

By Sharon Stone

During a special meeting Thursday, June 3, to vote on its budget for the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), the Rose Township Board of Trustees approved a motion by Trustee Glen Noble and seconded by Trustee Patricia Walls to approve an operating budget of \$849,926 as its annual contribution for fire and EMS services.

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“It was a fair balancing act and the full-time employees were understanding of it. They knew that I would do what I could to take care of them.”

Jeremy Lintz
North Oakland County
Fire Authority chief



Employees of The State Bank and members of the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) Pathway organization stand for a photo in downtown Fenton on Tuesday, June 8. Ron Justice, president and CEO of Fentura Financial and The State Bank, presented a check for \$500,000 to help build phase two of the LAFF Pathway. Photo: Hannah Ball

The State Bank Trail

■ Local bank announces sponsorship of portion of the LAFF Pathway

Fenton — The State Bank donated \$500,000 to help develop a non-motorized pathway along Silver Lake Road.

On Tuesday, June 8, The State Bank presented a check to the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) Pathway group. With the sponsor-

ship, this portion of the pathway will be named The State Bank Trail.

“We are so excited to say that we are here to talk about The State Bank Trail,” said Ron Justice, president and CEO of Fentura Financial and The State Bank, on Tuesday to a small crowd of community leaders and government officials in front of the Fenton business.

“When our Board of Directors heard about this opportunity to support such a valued community connection, we had to be

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“We were all in from the very beginning.”

Ron Justice
Fentura Financial
and The State Bank
president and CEO

MDOT updates road, lane closures

■ Bridge and freeway work underway

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced it will have single lanes closed on U.S. 23 from Thompson Road in Fenton Township north to Swartz Creek (south of Hill road) during the week.

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\$1 million scratch-off ticket sold in Fenton

■ Genesee County man so excited he forgets to remove gas nozzle

By Sharon Stone

A 59-year-old Genesee County man, who wishes to remain anonymous, won the Michigan Lottery's Winning Millions recently in Fenton.

He stopped at the Speedway gas station on Owen Road in

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“Thank you to the great staff at Mission Point Nursing Home in Holly. My rehabilitation

went well with the care the dedicated staff provided in a professional manner.”



“Fenton girls soccer played their hearts out this year. It was a season of many

challenges, but you still laughed, smiled, danced, and had fun as we always do. I am so proud of all our girls. Go Tigers!”



“Congratulations to T Mac and the Fenton Tigers. Track team, Division 1 STATE CHAMPIONS Wow! STATE CHAMPIONS!”





The Lake Fenton High School Marching Band performs at Walt Disney World in this 2017 photo. The band, as well as the high school choir learned last week that it was selected to travel to Orlando, Florida next spring to perform again.
Submitted photo

Trip to Walt Disney World announced

■Lake Fenton High School marching band and choir learn they will perform next spring

25, 2022 to Thursday, March 31, 2022.

When asked what the excitement level was about being selected to perform, Gonder said, “I am thrilled that our students get to perform as a part of Walt Disney World’s 50th Anniversary. What an honor for them, especially after such a difficult year.”

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Ryan Gonder
Lake Fenton High School director of bands and choirs

By Sharon Stone

Ryan Gonder, Lake Fenton High School director of bands and choirs, learned Wednesday, June 2 that that Lake Fenton marching band and choir will traveling to Orlando, Florida next March to perform at Walt Disney World.

This will be the band’s fifth (2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017) trip and choir’s first performance at Walt Disney World.

The theme park will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, dubbed The World’s Most Magical Celebration!

Students are signing up now to attend. The trip runs from Friday, March

The group will depart via Bianco Motorcoaches tentatively Friday, March 25, 2022. They’ll arrive at Disney’s All Star Music Resort on Saturday. The group is expected to return to the school Thursday, March 31, 2022.

While staying in Orlando, the groups will have opportunities to visit Disney theme parks and area attractions.

Gonder said fundraising efforts are underway.

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Argentine man giving away Narcan

■ Rise Up Initiative helps those struggling with addiction

By Hannah Ball

An Argentine Township resident is hoping to form more connections with organizations and churches to save people who overdose on opioids and fight the opioid epidemic.

Mike Bolton, creator and executive director of Rise Up Initiative, has 48 cases of Narcan to distribute. He's distributed 348 hours so far. Narcan is the brand name for naloxone, which is a nasal spray that can reverse the respiratory effects of an opioid overdose.

Bolton works in harm reduction and education, as well as violence prevention and youth mentoring. He's looking to partner with business leaders, churches and other organizations to train a few employees in how to use the Narcan and potentially set up more long-term connections in the community.

"Obviously, the overdoses are bad in our area," he said. "There's just not enough people out here working on this. A lot of people get high in business parking lots or church parking lots. I want to focus on communities that are

hot spots."

Bolton said most people relapse within 30 days. There are cases where 2- or 3-year-olds find their parents illegal drugs, or teenagers take their drugs.

"It's horrific," he said. "This is what's killing the kids."

The epidemic has worsened due to the pandemic.

Overdose-related cardiac arrests increased in the U.S. 42 percent in 2020, according to a study in JAMA Psychiatry.

More than 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the U.S. from May 2019 to May 2020, which is the highest number of overdoses ever recorded in a 12-month period, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Overdoses were increasing before the pandemic, but the CDC states that these numbers suggest an "acceleration" of overdose deaths during

the pandemic.

"The disruption to daily life due to the COVID-19 pandemic has hit those with substance use disorder hard," said CDC

Director Robert Redfield, M.D. "As we continue the fight to end this pandemic, it's important to not lose sight of different groups being affected in other ways. We need to take care of people suffering from unintended consequences."

Synthetic opioids, primarily illegally manufactured fentanyl, appear to be the primary drug involved, increasing 38.4 percent from the 12-month period leading up to June 2019 compared with the 12-month period

leading up to May 2020.

Opioids accounted for approximately 75 percent of all overdose deaths in the early months of the pandemic.

One CDC recommendation is to expand the distribution of Narcan and increase overdose prevention education.

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“I think when people are more educated, they can understand how serious this is.”

Mike Bolton
Rise Up Initiative founder

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Sharin' the spotlight

The beautiful Shiawassee River

By Editor Sharon Stone

Now that the weather is summer-like, my husband, Jeff and I need to clean out our kayaks to make sure all of the spider webs, leaves and dust are gone before we take our first adventure of 2021. If I remember correctly, we only took them out once last summer. Sometimes we just cruise around Squaw and Ponemah lakes and sometimes we get together with friends and meander down the Shiawassee River on a lazy Saturday afternoon.

When we kayak the river, we usually start in downtown Fenton by the tennis courts and head to Lake Ponemah. Other times we will start from Squaw Lake and head toward the Linden dam. If we head to Linden, we take a short break in Linden, turn around and paddle home. There's no noticeable current in either direction.

We thoroughly enjoy these spur-of-the-moment trips and know the exercise and sunshine are good for us. One of these days we'll kayak in the

evening for one of the moonlight events as I'm sure that would be fun too.

We have found if you venture out too early in the spring, low water levels and fallen branches can make for a challenging trek.

I cannot thank the Keepers of the Shiawassee and the Headwaters Trails volunteers who work tirelessly to keep this beautiful river at its natural state and open enough just to allow kayakers and canoeists through. After hearing from Chuck Julian, secretary of Headwaters Trails, Inc., these volunteers are on a mission.

We are always diligent to leave the area along the river better than we found it and it's quite disheartening to see trash left behind from others. I'm just not sure why anyone would leave trash behind. We take a small plastic trash bag with us and dispose of our own stuff when we get home.

Wearing our polarized sunglasses, we often spot several kinds of fish just inches from our kayak. We're

not really into fishing, but we sure enjoy watching the fish swim by.

After living in the Fenton area for 31 years, I felt like I knew the area like the back of my hand. I was so wrong. When we launch from downtown Fenton and head to Squaw Lake by river, you can totally lose track of where you are.

We look for landmarks to tell us where we are. We see sites from a vantage point that are not possible from the roads. Sometimes you forget you are in Fenton. It's much like a mini-vacation.

So, hopefully, we'll get our kayaks, dry bags for our cellphones, a few refreshments and snacks

ready and head to the waterway soon. If you haven't tried kayaking or canoeing the Shiawassee River you might want to put that on your bucket list. We are blessed to have such a beautiful river at our back door.

Be sure to pick up after yourself and thank those volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a national waterway.



Sharon Stone

Hotlines

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BE CAREFUL WITH a full cup of coffee eastbound on the new Shiawassee. Westbound seems better.

PLEASE KEEP THE traffic light at Forest Drive and North Road working during the summer. Hopefully, it will stop drivers from going 40 to 50 mph down a 25-mph speed limit.

NO TRASH PICK up again on Friday. Fenton Township officials not paying the bills with our money again?

HOW CAN CONSUMERS Energy justify a 50 percent rate increase from 2 to 7 p.m.? A company that is 95 percent monopoly and had a \$680,000,000 profit for the year 2019. Criminal. It's 7:01 p.m. now, I can turn on my radio and do the dishes. Thanks, Consumers Energy.

I DON'T FEEL as though we've been lied to. I know we've been lied to.

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

Do your summer plans include attending concerts, sporting events, festivals, parades or other gatherings?

street talk



"As much as possible. I will never take that for granted again."

Marty Borksi
Fenton



"Just enjoy staying home and going on the pontoon — same thing I have done for 21 years."

David Marsh
Fenton



"No. Bonfires at the house, partying with friends and family."

Connie Lewandowski Beebee
Holly



"Definitely."

Sandy Hodson
Owosso

Holly gears up for summer learning opportunities

■Part of school district's commitment to year-round learning for all Bronchos

As we gear up for summer, Holly Area Schools is proud to announce summer learning programs to help keep the minds of all Bronchos sharp year-round. The programs are part of the district's continued commitment to helping all Bronchos achieve and succeed.

"As a school year like none other begins to wind down, we are proud to offer summer learning programs for all Bronchos as part of our continued dedication to preparing all students for bright futures," said Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent. "We are excited that so many families have chosen to participate in these programs to help their students succeed this summer and beyond."

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

SUMMER KIDS

Children age 6 weeks to 12 years old can participate in arts, crafts, sports, games, nature exploration and more. The program includes special field trips on Fridays. Learn more and register at bit.ly/BronchoSummerKids.

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention motivates elementary school students to think, move, explore and create, while utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and reading skills. The program helps build confidence while promoting problem solving and encouraging collaboration with other students. Students use problem-solving skills to design solar-powered crickets, test rubber duck launch devices and more.

INVENTION PROJECT

Invention Project provides the opportunity for middle school students to participate in high-energy, hands-on activities and learn to bring inventions to market using teamwork, communication and collaboration. Projects include developing a personal transportation device, building and programming robots, creating an innovative video game and more.

This summer, current Young Fives to fifth-grade students can enter the

STMath Challenge with Jiji the penguin, and get rewarded with amazing prizes. Everyone wins with this engaging game-based approach to learning important math skills.

Kids Read Now has proven to reverse the summer

reading slide. All current Young Five to third-grade students will receive nine books over the summer to continue their journey to a lifelong love of reading. All books are free and are for students to keep at home in their personal libraries. Students in fourth and fifth grades will have the opportunity to check out summer reading books over the summer.

CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

The district's credit recovery program allows students in grades 9-12 who struggled with virtual learning during the pandemic to recover class credits and stay on track to graduate. Our program uses a project-based learning approach to engage students.

"It has never been more important to prepare our students for the jobs of the future, and our summer learning programs help us advance this goal while avoiding the summer learning slump," Roper said.

To learn more about the district's Summer Learning Programs, visit hask12.org.

“We are excited that so many families have chosen to participate in these programs to help their students succeed this summer and beyond.”

Scott Roper

Holly Area Schools superintendent

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS COMPLAINT

On Thursday, May 20, Genesee County sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in Fenton Township for a threats complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with the mother of the 14-year-old female victim. The victim stated she posted a picture on the social media app Snapchat. The victim did not realize that random users were able to view her picture. The suspect sent several unwanted messages to the victim. This incident remains under investigation.

SMOKE DEVICE TO GET RID OF CRITTER CATCHES DECK, HOME ON FIRE

The Fenton Fire Department responded to a possible

structure fire on McCormick Drive at 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the caller told 911 that the siding on her home was melting and possibly on fire. When the first fire truck arrived, smoke could be seen coming from the eaves and siding had melted on the front of the home. The homeowner told firefighters she was trying to get rid of a nuisance groundhog that was under her deck. She lit a smoke device purchased at a local hardware store and placed it under the deck. She checked on it later and saw flames under the deck and called 911. Cairnduff said his crew found the materials under the deck, which had caught fire. The fire spread under the deck to the front wall of the home. Firefighters had to open up the wall to extinguish the flames. There were no injuries to people, animals or fire personnel. Damage was limited to the deck and front exterior wall. Firefighters cleared the scene at 8:50 p.m.



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COULD SOMEONE TELL me why the state police are always hanging around in Holly when they already have a police department yet the state police are supposed to be covering Rose Township and you never see them there?

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AS MUCH MONEY as Fenton throws around, they need to put a lot more pride in Oakwood Cemetery. Fenton officials should be ashamed.

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BASED UPON MY perfect driving record, my high deductible insurance has become the most expensive operation cost of driving my Chevy Bolt EV.

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WE RECENTLY WENT to Florida. Along the expressway I noticed from Ohio, south almost every ramp area was mowed and there were new trees, plants and mulch. It sure looked nice. I wish Owen Road exit looked like that. It would look a lot nicer than the MOM signs.

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CAN YOU IMAGINE the stories Melinda Gates could tell about that goofy guy Bill Gates? Just look at who he hung out with.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

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judge

The filibuster refresher

Four years ago, I wrote a column on the filibuster. In view of recent developments calling for it to be abolished, I submit the following supplement as a “filibuster refresher.”

In the 1939 movie, “Mr. Smith goes to Washington,” James Stewart played the role of a young United States senator who talked for almost 24 straight hours on the senate floor in order to delay a vote on a corrupt public works bill. His efforts introduced the movie going public to the “filibuster.”

This term comes to us from the Dutch word “vritbuitter” which means “pirate.” One interpretation is because a filibuster holds a legislative body hostage by its verbiage.

It has been defined as when a senator speaks or threatens to speak for hours on end to delay efforts to vote on a bill.

The filibuster dates back to Ancient

Rome when its Senate did not limit how long senators could speak or debate.

Fast forward to the founding of the United States.

Although the filibuster is not part of the United States Constitution, the original rulebooks of both the House and the Senate provided for a simple majority vote to end one.

The House still has this rule, but in 1806, the Senate eliminated it and allowed filibusters to continue until the speaker was finished.

This practice continued for more than 100 years until March 8, 1917, when the Senate adopted Rule 22, which allowed a two-thirds majority vote of lawmakers to cut off debate. This is called “cloture” and was in response to a filibuster, which killed a World War I naval defense bill.

In 1975, the Senate reduced the number of votes needed for cloture to 60.

There is an exception to this rule called the “nuclear option,” which provides that all executive-branch cabinet appointments and judicial nominations can proceed in certain circumstances with a simple majority of 51 votes.

Finally, there is a “stealth” filibuster when at least 41 senators signal their intent to filibuster. This is enough to keep a bill off the floor without a senator saying a single word.

At this point in time, it appears that filibusters will be with us for the foreseeable future. If there is a change, it will be considered historic to say the least.

NARCAN

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He’s worked with the Argentine Township Police Department to train and pass out Narcan, and he praised the department for being proactive.

“We need more of that. I think when people are more educated, they can understand how serious this is,” he said.

He’s worked in this community for years, and his goal is to continue to do so. He hosts Tuesday meetings from 7-8 p.m. at the Argentine Church of Nazarene on S. Seymour Road in Argentine Township for those seeking help.

His number is (248) 459-9465, and his email is riseupcommunity@outlook.com.

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Correction

In the Wednesday, June 2 article, “Hundreds gather at Lakeside Cemetery,” it should have stated that the 2020 Karl Richter award was presented to Brendon Kreft. The 2021 award went to Jeffrey Preston. The Livings Brothers Scholarship went to Benjamin Wilson for 2020 and Drew Hignite for 2021. The 2020 awards were announced publicly this year because last year’s service was canceled due to the pandemic.

\$1 MILLION

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Fenton and decided to buy a ticket. He scratched off the ticket while pumping gas and when he saw that he won \$1 million he started shouting in disbelief. He was so excited about winning that he forgot he was filling up his car with gas and drove away with the gas nozzle still in his car.

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BUDGET

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This motion came after Clerk Debbie Miller made a motion to approve NOCFA's original proposed operating budget of \$920,000, meaning Rose Township and Holly Township would each contribute an even split of \$920,000 annually.

Currently, each township contributes \$818,000 annually.

Rose Township has two NOCFA millages, 1.3096 and 0.7229 for a total of 2.0325 mills. They expire Dec. 31, 2021.

Holly Township has a NOCFA millage of 3.85 mills. The township board approved the \$920,000 operating budget for NOCFA at its May 19 meeting.

There was no support to Miller's motion, which meant it failed.

Miller said the Rose Township board never discussed the NOCFA budget before voting against it at their May 12 meeting.

The NOCFA board had previously approved taking the \$920,000 annual contribution proposal back to their respective township boards for a vote.

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.

On June 3, Miller said NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz submitted the operating budget that he needed. She said Lintz gave reasons for the increase and a detailed report. "Everything costs more," Miller said. She added that if they ever had a fire or medical emergency, who would they call. "I'm very concerned," she said.

Walls said she is not a "newbie" on the fire authority board and that she has been taking minutes for years and attends all of the meetings. She said she would have preferred to see three options for the townships to vote on, rather than one proposed budget. "I'd be the first to give them more money, but right now under our circumstances, we should hold back a bit."

In response, Miller said prices are rising and the township needs to keep its firefighters. "It's very scary," she said. "It's not like we can't afford it. We can afford it."

Noble said the fire department has morphed into an EMS organization.

Scheib-Snider said she did not expect the NOCFA budget to double in five years. She said they're supposed to pay 50/50 for equal services but station 3 needs more coverage.

Station 1 is at 5051 Grange Hall Rd. It is headquarters for NOCFA. It was built in 2009 and is staffed 24/7.

Station 3 is at 280 W. Rose Center Rd. It was built in 1983 and is staffed 24/7.

"The doubling floored me, when we're not covered," Scheib-Snider said. She added that personnel should bring their equipment and set up to provide more coverage for station 3.

Gambka said there is room for discussion in the upcoming months regarding the budget. "We need a budget and this is the best we have at this time," he said.

A roll call vote was taken on Nobel's motion to approve an annual contribution of \$849,926. Voting in favor were Walls, Gambka, Nobel and Scheib-Snider. Voting against the motion was Miller.

Special Holly Township meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021

By a vote of 5-0, the Holly Township Board of Trustees voted to approve a motion to approve an annual contribution of \$849,926 to the NOCFA operating budget. The meeting lasted 12 minutes.

NOCFA fire chief responds

Lintz said NOCFA will be able to get by with the budget that was approved by both boards. He said the two biggest items that did not get funded were the additional full-time position that was requested and the anticipated annual wage increase for the seven full-time employees.

"The full-time position was requested due to the short of paid on-call personnel that continue to plague us," Lintz said. "As a result of the wage increases not being funded, the full-time employees petitioned and were accepted into the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) union."

Dort Financial Credit Union announces scholarship winners

■ Ten win \$1,000 scholarships

Dort Financial Credit Union has selected the recipients of the 2020-2021 \$1,000 Student Scholarship Award.

"We were thrilled to receive 49 submissions for this scholarship," said Beverly Kittle, Board director and chairperson of the Community Involvement Committee.

These 10 students were selected based on a variety of criteria. All applicants were asked to submit transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a brief essay describing what "Being Financially Responsible" means to them.

"The essays that were selected were very thoughtful and exceptionally well written" said Wayne Natzke, chairperson of the Board. "These students were grateful and excited to receive this scholarship."

Dort congratulates all the students on their scholastic achievements and wishes them much success in achieving their future goals and dreams.

This year's recipients are Kamryn Almasy, Anne Marie Atanga, Morrigan Fifield, Stuart Johnston, Katie Lazarz, Hayden Shinabarger, Michael Sly Jr., Shelby vonLinsowe, Elizabeth Williams and Elise Willingham.

When asked what joining the IAFF union would do for the full-time NOCFA firefighters, Lintz said, "Well I don't have a lot of experience with bargaining agreements. However, as I understand it, the Fire Board will have to be involved in negotiations and depending on prevailing wages, benefits and other employment factors personnel costs may increase significantly."

Lintz went on to say, "I support the employees' decision to organize. Over the past five years as we brought on more full-time employees, I have attempted to offer them good wages and benefits that were somewhat com-

parable to other municipal bargaining agreements, while keeping in mind that we are a smaller, rural community with a tight budget.

"I kept pace with those points in mind by slowly increasing wages and adding new employment incentives each year. It was a fair balancing act and the full-time employees were understanding of it. They knew that I would do what I could to take care of them.

"Now that I have somewhat lost control over administering wage increases for them, it only makes sense that they try and protect themselves by organizing."

BOARD SEAT VACANCY FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

is seeking candidates to fill a vacant board of education seat. The open vacancy is to fill the remaining term of Mrs. Kimberly Gruber, whose term expires in December 31, 2022.

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Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Mr. Keith Reynolds, Board President
Email: Kreynolds@FentonSchools.org

Mr. Keith Reynolds, Board President
c/o Michele Wilson
Fenton Area Public Schools
Administration Building
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810-591-4703

**“I’m very
concerned.”**
Debbie Miller
Rose Township clerk

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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TO TEACH IN Michigan, I obtained a BS degree, teaching certificate with student teaching and was not equipped for the challenges. To be a police officer carrying a gun and making life and death decisions, only 14 to 16 weeks of basic training is required.

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HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS Maintenance Facility

Holly Area School District will receive firm prime contractor bids for the Holly Maintenance Facility project located in Holly, Michigan.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by GMB Architecture + Engineering, 85 East Eighth Street, Suite 200, Holland, MI 49423. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Jill Price or Shawn Debo at AUCH Construction, 248-334-2000, if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of AUCH Construction., 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI, 48342, 248-334-2000, on or after June 9, 2021.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the project site, located at 800 Elm Street, Holly, MI 48442 on **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM.**

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly Area Schools Maintenance Facility" and "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open". The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Wednesday June 30, 2021** to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or AUCH Construction. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to AUCH Construction or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$25,288.00**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on June 30, 2021.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Linda Blair
 Secretary Board of Education
 Holly Area Schools

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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JUNE 6

1944: Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower gives the go-ahead for the largest amphibious military operation in history: Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of northern France, commonly known as D-Day. By daybreak, 18,000 British and American parachutists were already on the ground. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion. At 6:30 a.m., American troops came ashore at Utah and Omaha beaches.

JUNE 7

1913: On this day, Hudson Stuck, an Alaskan missionary, leads the first successful ascent of Denali (formerly known as Mt. McKinley) the highest point on the American continent at 20,320 feet. Stuck, an accomplished amateur mountaineer, was born in London in 1863. After moving to the United States, in 1905 he became archdeacon of the Episcopal Church in Yukon, Alaska, where he was an admirer of Native Indian culture and traveled Alaska's difficult terrain to preach to villagers and establish schools.

JUNE 8

1968: Three days after falling prey to an assassin in California, Senator Robert F. Kennedy is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, just 30 yards from the grave of his assassinated older brother, President John F. Kennedy. After JFK's assassination in 1963, Robert joined President Lyndon B. Johnson's

administration but resigned in 1964 to run successfully in New York for a Senate seat. He became a leader of liberal Democrats in Congress and voiced criticism of the war in Vietnam.

JUNE 9

1973: With a spectacular victory at the Belmont Stakes, Secretariat becomes the first horse since Citation in 1948 to win America's coveted Triple Crown: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes. In one of the finest performances in racing history, Secretariat, ridden by Ron Turcotte, completed the 1.5-mile race in 2 minutes and 24 seconds, a dirt-track record for that distance.

JUNE 10

1752: Benjamin Franklin flies a kite during a thunderstorm and collects ambient electrical charge in a Leyden jar, enabling him to demonstrate the connection between lightning and electricity. Franklin became interested in electricity in the mid-1740s, a time when much was still unknown on the topic, and spent almost a decade conducting electrical experiments. He coined a number of terms used today, including battery, conductor and electrician. He also invented the lightning rod, used to protect buildings and ships.

JUNE 11

1979: John Wayne, an iconic American film actor famous for starring in countless westerns, dies at age 72 after battling cancer for more than a decade. The actor was born Marion Morrison on May 26, 1907, in Winterset, Iowa, and moved as a child to Glendale, California. After finding work as a movie studio laborer, Wayne befriended director John Ford, then a rising talent. His first acting jobs were bit parts in which he was credited as Duke Morrison, a childhood nickname derived from the name of his beloved pet dog.

JUNE 12

1987: In one of his most famous Cold War speeches, President Ronald Reagan challenges Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down" the Berlin Wall, a symbol of the repressive Communist era in a divided Germany. In 1952, the border between the two countries was closed. In August 1961, the Berlin Wall was erected by the East German government to prevent its citizens from escaping to the West. Between 1949 and the wall's inception, it's estimated that more than 2.5 million East Germans fled to the West in search of a less repressive life.

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involved,” he said. “The State Bank Trail will be a permanent reminder of our commitment to put the good back in banking by being actively engaged in developing, strengthening, and energizing the communities that we live in. Our goal is to build a great place to live, work, raise families, and where small businesses thrive.”

LAFF Pathway Inc., and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation have worked together to develop the second phase of the pathway, which will go from the Linden city limits at Triangle Park, along Silver Lake Road and Silver Lake, and it will connect to the Fenton sidewalks in the city.

After many years of negotiations and coordination with eight governmental agencies, a non-motorized pathway will connect communities. Detailed plans run from Argentine Township, through Fenton Township and Linden to Fenton, connecting to city sidewalks and multiple parks, lakes, river-access, and local businesses in all four communities.

Phase 1, connecting Argentine Township to Linden, is complete and phase 2, from Fenton to Linden along Silver Lake Road, is a pivotal link in the trail system that has a Tier 1 priority-designation from the county.

As one of the premier businesses in our communities, it makes sense that The State Bank wants to lead in this



Ron Justice, president and CEO of Fentura Financial and The State Bank, speaks to a small crowd Tuesday, June 8 about the value of pathways and how they were honored to have this opportunity. Photo: Hannah Ball



Fenton Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Lockwood gives a speech Tuesday, June 8 after The State Bank announced a donation of \$500,000 to help build a non-motorized pathway along Silver Lake Road. The pathway will be called The State Bank Trail. Photo: Hannah Ball

area, Justice said.

“Opening up the efforts to put The State Bank Trail on the ground with this level of support and commitment is incredible,” said Ed Koledo, LAFF Pathway Inc. chairman and SLPR executive director. “When we put together the plan to provide matching funds for the \$1.8 million in federal and state grants received by the city of Fenton and SLPR for this project, we looked at The State Bank first because of their history in our community and the level of support they’ve shown throughout the years; they were all in.”

Justice said from the first moment the LAFF Pathway group approached him, he was “very excited” about the opportunity. He took the matter to his senior staff and board.

“We were all in from the very beginning,” he said.

Justice talked about the value of pathways in the community and how it’s an honor to help develop them.

“I want to thank the pathways group and the municipalities and in this particular instance, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden for identifying us as a potential donor, approaching us and believing in us and allowing us to participate. It’s a true honor,” he said.

“The community collaboration is a major factor for the many grants that have been designated for this project,”

said Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn, “All of the municipalities involved in The State Bank Trail are to be congratulated for working together in the best interest of our regional community. I want to thank Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Lockwood, Ed Koledo and the LAFF Pathway Inc. Board for their leadership to make this project a priority. I especially want to thank The State Bank for making this project a reality.”

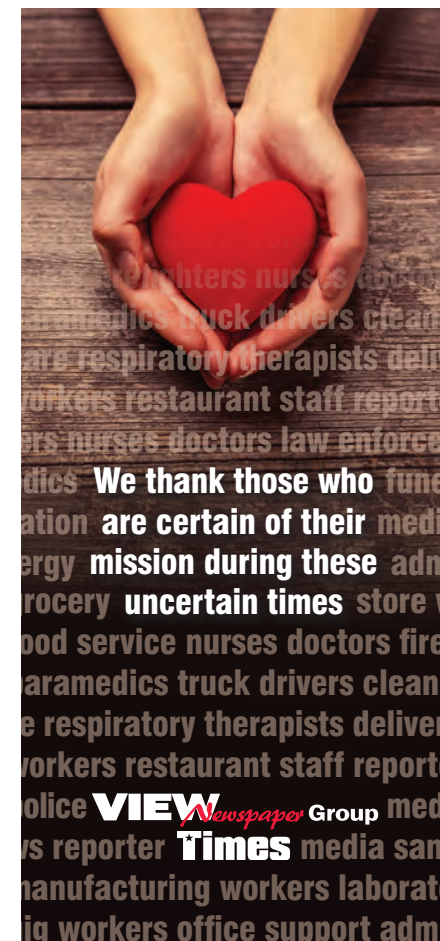
Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro-tem who’s also involved with LAFF, spoke about the “opportunities for recreational activities abound around pathways, family adventures, health improvements, the beauty of discovering all that nature offers in Michigan, the coming together of all generations on trails to adventure” and more.

She said the pathway is an example of regional recreational activities that unite municipalities with the goal of serving constituents and working with business partners to support their patrons to create a positive impact that will affect future generations.

“On behalf of the communities of Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden, we are honored and deeply appreciate The State Bank for not only their financial commitment to this endeavor, but to their trust placed in connecting communities, creating positive change as citizens work toward common goals,” she said.

About the LAFF Pathway

LAFF Pathway Inc. held numerous community meetings as well as public hearings with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Genesee County Road Commission, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the local southern Genesee County governmental units to facilitate the placement of non-motorized trails. This project is funded through several grants as well as local donations. As the Act 51 Road Agency, the city of Fenton is the sponsoring governmental entity for the project. The city is working in partnership for this project with the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Commission (SLPR), Fenton Township and the city of Linden. With SLPR involved, this multijurisdictional non-motorized trail can be constructed through the municipal boundaries of southern Genesee County and has the support and collaboration of the city of Fenton, Fenton Township and city of Linden to spearhead The State Bank Trail. More details can be found at laffpathways.com.



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WHO ELSE THINKS that Mark Zuckerberg looks like the most unhealthiest person? That guy needs to pull himself away from his laptop, get outside and then and soak up some vitamin D. Maybe use some eyedrops too to get rid of the redness.

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BIDEN DID NOT 'shut down' the Keystone Pipeline; it doesn't exist. He shut its construction. This means the loss of temporary jobs during construction, but you can also argue that the same number of jobs might be created in construction of green energy projects.

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BEING FULLY VACCINATED does not make you immune to COVID-19; it makes you less likely to catch it and protects you against serious illness and death. Though it is less likely to happen, you still could catch it and then spread it to others, including those who are not vaccinated.

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ALL VETERANS ARE qualified to get a white stone at Great Lakes. Some may be there before others. Forced protection has always been an issue in the military; it should be in civilian society.

MDOT

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Keith G. Brown, P.E., construction engineer, said they should have the northbound lanes open Friday and Saturday and the southbound lanes open on Sundays, unless they run into some unforeseen circumstances as they complete the work.

To open it up like this they will need to shift traffic at some of the bridges. Those traffic shifts will remain in place over the week-ends, but two lanes will be open.

At Owen Road in the city of Fenton, MDOT workers are moving to the middle lanes. This will include the left through lanes in both directions and the left turn lane. This started Monday, June 7 and should be completed by the end of the month.

At Baldwin Road, MDOT closed the bridge down Monday, June 7 and it will be closed until the end of the month.

At Grand Blanc Road, there could be intermittent lane closures in each direction, but the second lanes will remain open.

MICHIGAN VOTES**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, May 28.

House Bill 4448: Prohibit limiting government open records disclosures during emergency

To establish that an executive order, proclamation, or directive issued under the law that authorizes the governor to declare an emergency may not lengthen the required government agency response times or otherwise limit the scope of a public body's duties to provide records requested under the state Freedom of Information Act. Such an order was imposed in April 2020 and rescinded that June.

Passed 21 to 15 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)

Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

YES

YES

YES

NO

YES

Senate Bill 457: Ban emergency orders that mandate minors get vaccination

To prohibit including a mandate in an epidemic-related state or local health department order that requires minors to get a coronavirus vaccination.

Passed 20 to 16 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)

Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

YES

YES

YES

NO

YES

Senate Bill 400: Make certain drunk driving convictions eligible for expunction

To permit a first drunk driving convictions to be "expunged" or removed from an individual's record after five years.

Passed 91 to 18 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4256: Let service animal trainers use public accommodations

To revise a law that requires facilities open to the public ("public accommo-

dations") to permit the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, so that it also requires them to allow trainers to use the facility to train or socialize a service animal.

Passed 94 to 14 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4293: Ban union bargaining over substitute teacher jobs

To add the employment of an individual as a substitute teacher to the list of prohibited subjects of collective bargaining between school districts and teacher unions.

Passed 56 to 52 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4294: Let current school employees work as subs without degree or credentials

To allow a school district to hire a current employee as a substitute teacher even if the individual does not have a college degree or otherwise meet the legal requirements to be a substitute teacher. The person would get a raise if their current pay was less than a substitutes' pay but would not get a cut if it was more. This would expire with the 2021-22 school year.

Passed 56 to 52 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4501: Refund employer fines levied under "unlimited" emergency law ruled unconstitutional

To require state regulators to refund civil penalties they imposed on employers for violating emergency orders issued under a 1945 emergency powers law that has been ruled unconstitutional because it let a governor declare a state of emergency with no time limit and use it to govern unilaterally.

Passed 74 to 34 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

House Bill 4132: Make absentee ballot interference a felony

To make it a felony to knowingly submit an absent voter ballot application containing false information or a forged signature, or fill out and submit an absent voter ballot application in another person's name, or submit an absent voter ballot application with the intent to obtain multiple absent voter ballots.

Passed 66 to 43 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

YES

The advertisement shows a collage of various coupons and website navigation elements. At the top, there are links to 'NEWS', 'SPORTS', 'LIVING', 'CLASSIFIEDS', 'BUSINESS/COUPONS', and 'VIDEO'. Below these are specific coupon categories: 'National Coupons', 'Local Coupons', 'Marketplace', 'Today's Print Ads', and 'Digital Inserts/Grocery ads'. A large orange banner in the center reads 'PRINTABLE COUPONS!'. Other visible coupons include a '\$9' coupon for a pizza, a '\$85' coupon for a car wash, and a 'FREE CRAZY BREAD' coupon. The myfenton.com logo is prominently displayed at the bottom.



Linden's D2 state title girls 400 meter relay team consists of (in no particular order) Lani Manners, Lauren Goodman, Kennedy Hoose and Victoria Osmond.

Linden 400 relay team captures D2 state championship

By David Troppens

About halfway through the season, Linden varsity boys and girls track coach Ben Cox started to realize that his girls 400 meter relay team had some potential.

"About halfway through the season we realized they had something good going,"

Cox said. "At Williamston they took a full second off their personal best and we kept the relay members the same from then on, and they continued to take little bits of time off every single time."

That trend continued right down to the Division 2 state meet. The Linden girls 400

meter relay team of Lani Manners, Lauren Goodman, Kennedy Hoose and Victoria Osmond captured an event state championship with a time of 50.36 seconds, .26 seconds ahead of Parma Western's second-place team.

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Sports Times



Fenton boys track finishes mission as D1 team state champs

By David Troppens

Two years ago the Fenton varsity boys track team placed 10th in the state.

That was the seed the Fenton Tigers needed.

"My sophomore year we had a good group of guys (and placed 10th in the state)," Fenton senior Noah Sage said. "We had so many guys returning in 2020 that we knew we had a chance (at a team state championship) in 2020."

That didn't happen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But it still planted a seed in the team's mind what may be possible, and when the 2021 track season began those seeds started to create some strong roots.

Jump forward to Saturday's Division 1 state meet and it's apparent those seeds have blossomed.

The Fenton varsity boys track and field team recorded state runner-up finishes in four events and earned All-State honors in five, leading the Tigers to their first-ever Division 1 boys track and field team state championship in school history. The Tigers' 34 points tied Rockford for the championship.

Brandon Miller took two seconds with one coming in the 100 meter dash (10.84) and the other in the 200 (21.36). Meanwhile, Noah Sage was the runner up in the 400 (47.41) and finished seventh in the 200 (22.58). The duo also teamed up with Donovan Miller and Evan Koch to finish second in the 800 relay (1:28.23).

"It's like indescribable. It's amazing," senior Brandon Miller said. "I knew the team we had

this year was really special and I'm so thankful we could pull it off. Early this year I knew we had a few kids that wanted to do it, wanted to be better and with the proper drive in practice knew we could have a good season."

"It's crazy for our school has never done this," Sage said. "It felt great. I will remember this the rest of my life. We could be the only team that ever does. ... I will remember that moment forever."

"It's exhilarating," Fenton varsity boys track coach Anthony McMillan said. "It's a dream come true. We had a goal of trying to accomplish this. ... It was really an honor to be able to compete in a meet of that magnitude and come out on top. We are the little dog in the fight with a lot of big dogs and we got to the top



(Immediately above) The Fenton varsity boys track and field team's state competitors celebrate their Division 1 state championship, the first in school history. (Top right) Noah Sage competes in one of his events at the event.

of the mountain. It's humbling and I'm elated what these guys were able to accomplish. But if we didn't push for the goal we couldn't have achieved it. They

wanted to leave a legacy at the school. They worked their tails off to accomplish that legacy forever."

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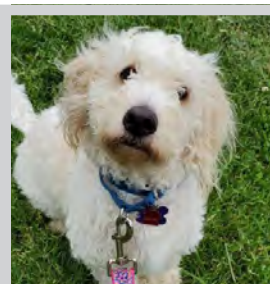
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Linden Eagles defeat Blue Devils in final, capture D2 district title

By David Troppens

The Clio Division 2 softball district turned out to be a good ol' tri-county rivalry battle.

The Linden varsity softball team captured a D2 district title by defeating the Lake Fenton Blue Devils 7-5 in the championship game of the Clio district.

Both teams won semifinal contests. Linden easily defeated Clio 21-6, while Lake Fenton defeated Powers Catholic 12-1.

The seventh-ranked Eagles advance to the Clio regional, hosted Saturday. Linden plays at noon against Imlay City in one semifinal contest. The winner of that game will play either Essexville Garber and Frankenthum at approximately 2 p.m.

The Eagles (32-6) used a three-run third to take the lead for good in the district championship contest against the Blue Devils.

The inning started with a single by Hannah Bollinger

and continued with an Emma Mossing double. Haley Ludwig walked and that loaded the bases. Cassie Sylvester followed with an RBI off a booted by the Lake Fenton defense, and Mikayla Timm followed with a two-run single. Linden led 5-2.

The lead grew to 6-2 in the fifth when Timm hit a solo home run. Lake Fenton matched that run in the bottom of the fifth. Macy Phillips doubled and two outs later scored on Camryn McMillan's RBI-single. The Blue Devils trailed just 6-3.

Linden added its final run in the sixth. Bollinger hit a single that eventually scored Maddie Morse from second base. Linden led 7-2.

The Blue Devils tried to mount a comeback in the seventh. Phillips walked and Addison Fitzgerald hit a two-run home run, but the next three batters went out in order, ending the contest.



The Linden varsity softball team celebrates its Division 2 district title earned at Clio High School. The Eagles return to Clio for regional action on Saturday.

ing the contest.

Linden scored its first two runs in the top of the first when Morse and Bollinger singled, setting up Mossing's RBI-double.

Bollinger also scored on the throw. Lake Fenton matched those two runs with two of its own runs in the bottom of the first. Kaylie Terburgh walked

and Camryn McMillan singled, setting up the threat. Both scored on a Linden infield error off of Caleigh MacNeill's bat.

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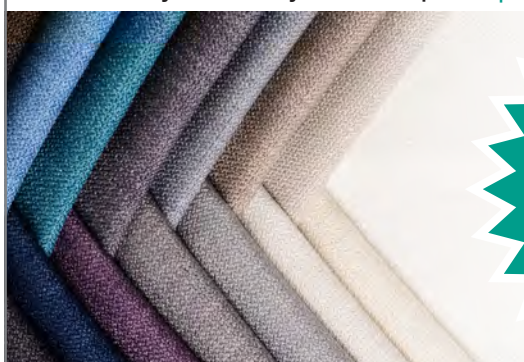
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Holly softball loses heartbreaker vs. Oxford

By David Troppens

Grand Blanc — It looked like the Holly varsity softball team was on its way to defeating a 25-win Oxford squad in the semifinals of the Grand Blanc district Saturday.

The Bronchos scored two runs in the top of the fourth to take a 2-1 lead and were able to hold on to that lead for pretty much the rest of the game.

Well, the Bronchos did until the bottom of the seventh. That's when Oxford answered back, scored two runs and earned a 3-2 victory.

With Maggs Boehm pitching a strong game and the defense playing pretty solid behind her, the Bronchos looked poised to record a big victory against the Wildcats entering the seventh. However, a pop fly that landed within the infield by Oxford batter Kiersten Irlke started a threat. After a sacrifice by Emma Morris, the tying run was on second base. Alexis Cardona responded with an RBI-double, and a passed ball advanced her to third base. The Bronchos intentionally



Holly pitcher Maggs Boehm throws a pitch in the Bronchos' 3-2 loss against Oxford. Photo: David Troppens

walked the bases loaded and Caroline Mash responded with a bunt single, earning Oxford the 3-2 victory.

Oxford scored the game's first run in the bottom of the third inning.

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Fenton softball dominates field, collects D1 district crown : LF baseball falls to Goodrich

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team entered its Division 1 district tournament at Swartz Creek understanding they were the favorites.

To say the Tigers took care of business may be an understatement.

The Tigers crushed their district foes, defeating Flushing 7-1 in the semifinal and then defeating Swartz Creek 15-0 in the title game, earning the squad the district title.

"We had energy throughout the week and the looseness and fun," Fenton varsity softball coach Ken Brant said. "This entire group had each other's backs."

"You never know what tournaments can bring, as many of the top teams did not advance. This group is definitely led by our captains Cadyn Reger and Jess Dunkel, and its important with a young team."

The Tigers went 4-0 between the squads during regular season action, but that can mean little during tournament play where it is one off game and a squad is done. The Tigers made



The Fenton varsity softball team celebrates its Division 1 district title earned at Swartz Creek High School with some silly string. The Tigers compete in the Bay City Central regional on Saturday.

sure that they didn't allow any upsets, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning of the semifinal contest against Flushing. The inning started with a walk to Lily Turkowski and an error off of Sophie Collins's bat, plating Turkowski. Madi Best hit an RBI-single and Jessica Dunkel followed with a single. An out later, Lauren Miller and Megan McDermott hit back-to-

back RBI-singles, giving the Tigers a 4-0 lead.

Flushing scored a run in the fourth, cutting the gap to 4-1, but the Tigers scored two more in the bottom of the fourth. The rally started with two out. Turkowski singled, Collins walked and Best walked, loading the bases. Dunkel followed with a two-run single. The final Fenton run was plated in the sev-

enth. Miller plated Dunkel, who singled, with her RBI-single.

Jordyn Bommersbach went the distance on the mound, allowing just the one run over seven innings.

The Tigers needed just three innings to earn the 15-run mercy rule against the Swartz Creek Dragons in the district championship contest.

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By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team got some strong pitching in its district semifinal contest versus Goodrich on Saturday.

The defense struggled, however. Goodrich used errors in both innings the Martians scored in to capture a 5-2 victory against the Blue Devils.

An error started Goodrich's threat in the bottom of the third. It was followed by three consecutive singles. Goodrich led 1-0. The lead grew to 2-0 with a sacrifice fly (what could've been the third out) and the final run scored on a throwing error. Goodrich led 3-0.

An error with one out started Goodrich's two-run threat in the fourth inning. It was followed up by a single and a sacrifice fly, making it 4-0. The other run scored on a wild pitch.

Lake Fenton scored single runs in the top of the fourth and sixth innings. The fourth inning started with a double by Zach Hemsall.

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Lake Fenton soccer falls to Clio in shoot out

By David Troppens

Linden — The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team has accomplished quite a bit this spring season.

But the Blue Devils were hoping to accomplish one more goal and that was a Division 2 district title.

Lake Fenton came a little short of accomplishing that goal, losing a heart-breaking 2-1 verdict against the Clio Lady Mustangs in a contest decided by penalty kicks. Clio won the PK shootout 6-5.

But what a season the Blue Devils had. With a roster existing of just three seniors and 15 players on their roster, Lake Fenton finished in third place in the Flint Metro League, their first time competing in the league. They finished with a 10-4 record overall and advanced to the district final before losing to the upset-minded Mustangs who made a



A clutter of players fight for a loose ball in the Clio goal box during the Blue Devils' 2-1 shoot out loss to Clio. Photo: David Troppens

habit of beating more potent squads. Two days before earning the title, Clio

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HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 14, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at 920 Baird Street, Holly, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Holly Area School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2021-2022 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 920 Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Linda D. Blair
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Midweek Jumble

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Horoscopes

For the week of June 7, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

This week's agenda is a clean slate, Aries, and that gives you plenty of time to rest and recharge. Spend a few moments each day to think only about yourself.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

The nature of a relationship with a close partner may get a bit confusing this week, Taurus. Do not react quickly to a situation without processing your thoughts first.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, focusing on spiritual things this week can help you get your priorities in order. It also may help you to slow down and smell the roses for a change.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Your success and receptive attitude may make people skeptical of your purpose, Cancer. Some may even feel jealous. Continue to forge ahead with your plans.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Sometimes it is difficult to make up your mind, Leo. However, this week you will be at peace with all of your decisions and will not second-guess them at all.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you are feeling a little uncertain about things at the moment, you may just need a new perspective. Run some ideas by someone you can trust.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you will be confronted with a big decision this week. You should take the time to think about it and maybe mull over a few opinions from trusted friends.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may need to feel free of some burdens before you can focus on the best version of yourself. There are some obstacles arriving that stand in the way, but they can be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, share your vision of life with others who have similar goals. The camaraderie that results will help you to make a list of your collective priorities.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Life has taken a few twists and turns over the past few days, Capricorn. Luckily you have been able to go with the flow and change your plans on the fly.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, another peaceful and stress-free week is on the horizon. Even though things may not be taxing, take a day off if you can spare it and spend it having fun.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, before you can reach the summit, you have to cover a lot of ground and may stumble backwards a few times. Dig in your heels.

Fenton district hopes fall short, lose to Grand Blanc in final

By David Troppens

Grand Blanc — The Fenton varsity baseball team’s senior class enjoyed its share of success with the program.

Two years ago the squad won the program’s first-ever Division I regional championship.

This season, the squad had to weave through the adversity of COVID-19 and figure a way around that adversity. It worked pretty well with the Tigers finishing the season with a 24-10-1 overall record.

But what the team hoped for was a long tourney run once again this season, and that tourney run finished a little shorter than hoped when the Tigers lost to Grand Blanc 5-2 in the district title game at the Grand Blanc District on Saturday.

At the end of the game, the seniors — Jake Durant, Brendan Alvord, Gannon Welch, Logan Angel and Eddie Briand — had to reflect on their careers after

the contest.

“It’s been everything,” Angel said. “It’s not about my career. It’s about the team, the team, the team. That’s my hardest good bye, not seeing the guys every day.”

“It all comes back to the team. Every bench guy to every starter, everyone contributed in their own way.”

“This group has changed what we’ve done and who we are, and you can’t say enough about what they’ve meant to us as coaches and the school,” Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence said. “They take care of business on the baseball side, the personal side and the school side. They’ve been very significant for us with what they’ve done. So there are no words you can put into what they’ve meant to us.”

The Tigers opened the day with a 7-3 semifinal victory against Swartz Creek, earning them their spot in the champi-



A Grand Blanc player is tagged out at home by Fenton catcher Logan Angel. Photo: David Troppens

onship contest. However, the game didn’t start out the way the Tigers had hoped. Grand Blanc started with a walk and a hit batter, and scored the first run of the game on a sacrifice fly. The Tigers trailed 1-0. That deficit grew to 4-0 after Grand Blanc’s

three-run third. In that inning, two errors helped spark the threat. An RBI-single plated one of the runs and a RBI-ground out that included another error helped plate the final two runs.

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LAKE FENTON

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also shocked the top-seeded Linden Eagles by winning that game in a shootout after leaving Linden’s potent offensive squad scoreless for 100 minutes.

Clio used the same equation to defeat Lake Fenton. Lake Fenton enjoyed a 26-4 shot edge in the contest and dominated possession. However, the Lady Mustangs’ defense only broke once. That came when Lake Fenton’s Makenna Dreyer took a cross from Savannah Reese and scored from 25 yards out, getting the shot just inside the near-side post with 27:29 left in regulation. It looked like that may be enough to earn the victory. However, Clio finally got its break and scored its first goal of the game about 11 minutes later. Clio’s Arizona Cray got the ball on a breakaway and scored, tying the game at 1-all.

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LINDEN

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Goodman also placed eighth in the 800 (27.69) and in the boys’ event, Linden’s River Meckstroth placed sixth in the 1,600 (4:25.10) among other area placers at the D2 meet. However, the relay was the top story. The 400 relay team had the top seeded time coming out of regionals.

“We really didn’t know what to expect at this meet, so being able to follow through on where we were seeded felt good,” Goodman said. “Seeing Victoria Osmond on that last stretch and seeing her pull off from the other girl was the best feeling in the world. Right after the race, I ran to Lani Manners to give her a hug because this is her senior year and this is what she had been striving for her whole high school career.”

“It’s still sinking in, but I’m finally realizing how cool it was,” Cox said.

Goodman, who has been known to run with a smile on her face during her events, had something to smile about in the 200. She was seeded 20th, but placed eighth in the prelims (27.03) to earn a spot in the final.

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Linden’s Lani Manners hands off to Kynleigh Copeland during the 800 meter relay. The Eagles took eighth in the event at the state meet.

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**Marilyn
Jane Ward**
1935 - 2020

Marilyn Jane Ward - age 85, of Fenton, died Thursday, December 17, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at Tyrone Memorial Gardens on White Lake Rd. in Fenton. All family and friends are welcome to attend as she is laid to rest next to her husband Dave and son David. Marilyn was born September 20, 1935 in Peoria, Illinois the daughter of Frank and Lucy Lohmier. Marilyn married David Ward on September 10, 1961 in Reno, NV. Surviving are: three sons, Dennis Ward, Erick and wife Jennifer Ward, and Steven Robin; seven grandchildren, Rachel, Tiffany, Angela, Jeremy, Tyler, Patricia and Erick Jr.; four great-grand children, Makenzie, Skylar, Alivia and Oakley. She was preceded in death by her husband David and sons Michael Cortez and David Ward. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries pages at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Perry Ann Owen (nee Walther)

1947 - 2021

Perry Ann Owen (nee Walther) - age 74, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at her home in Fenton.

Perry Ann Owen was the beloved wife of Dr. James Owen for 32 years. Loving mother of Ashley Keeney (Amy), Michael Owen (Ann), Kurt Owen (Cari), and Kristina Andrews (Scott). Dear grandmother of Jacob Andrews (Kendall), Renee Owen, David Owen, Bradly Andrews, Nicholas Andrews, Jack Owen, and Benjamin Owen. Proud great-grandmother to Grayson Andrews. Loving sister to Rita Price (David) and sister-in-law to Joyce Lanning (Walter). She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Perry Ann was preceded in death by her parents Edwin and Mildred Walther. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM, Monday June 14, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N Adelaide Street, Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan or Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Perry Ann was born and raised in Bay City. She went on to earn her BA at Central Michigan University and furthered her education at Michigan State University



earning her Masters Degree in Education. After moving to the Flint area in the late sixties, she taught English and Journalism at Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools for 26 years. After

retirement, Perry and Jim spent the next three decades traveling the world. Perry had many accomplishments to her name, including Michigan State University Master Gardner, Member of the 20th Century Club, and Member of the Founder's Board of the Flint Institute of Arts. Her interests included reading, gardening, traveling, and enjoying the wildlife on the marsh in her own backyard. Perry Ann welcomed big and loved even bigger. She would protect you like a ferocious tiger. She was the friend you wanted, the life partner you dreamed of, and the mother you can't believe that you had. Perry Ann was the definition of grace, class, loyalty, joy, wit, generosity, devotion, and kindness. She was the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Walter Paul Schmidt

1934 - 2021

On the morning of Saturday, May 29, 2021 Walter Paul Schmidt of Linden died at the age of 86. Walt was born in Detroit to Walter and Helen Schmidt in 1934. He graduated from Northern Central High School and



attended Flint Junior College. He was a real estate broker and then the president and owner of an appraisal business in Flint. Three sisters, Virginia Daggett, Betty Dunlap, and Donna Elliott; as well as a baby son; ex-wife, Patricia Eriksson; and wife, Beverly Schmidt predeceased Walt. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; his three children, Carey Schmidt (Sherry) of Fenton, LeAnn Yannelli (John) of NY, Craig Schmidt (Carolyn) of Linden; grandchildren, Matthew (Laura), Corey (Chelsea), Aaron, and Casey Yankee (Kyle); three great-grandchildren; three nieces; and two nephews; stepchildren, Bob Boka (Gail) of Burton, Darin Boka (Tammy) of Lapeer, Shayne Daup (Curt) of Genesee; several step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. He was a

member of the Linden United Methodist Church, where he sang in the Choir for many years; a founding member of the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity; a long time member of the Kiwanis Club of Flint;

and a Mason. He enjoyed playing golf, bowling, boating and had a special affinity for woodworking, furniture making and antique cars. In addition to making many pieces of furniture for his friends and family, he fully restored a 1928 Franklin, which he later donated to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity in Walter Schmidt's name. <https://www.geneseehabitat.org/donate.html>. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, June 9 from 11 AM until 1 PM followed by a memorial at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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Donald Ralph McLane

1937 - 2021

Donald Ralph McLane - age 84, of Fenton, died Friday, June 4, 2021. Funeral mass will be celebrated 12 Noon Friday, June 11 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton, Interment in Tyrone Memory Gardens, Fenton. Visitation will be 5 - 8 PM Wednesday, June 9 and 2 - 8 PM Thursday, June 10 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 11 AM until the time of the mass Friday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Donald was born January 6, 1937 in Pontiac the son of Roland Carl McLane and Leona (Malloy) McLane. He was a graduate of Fenton High School. He was an undefeated boxer in teens and early twenties. Don married Alice Wietecha on June 30, 1979 in Fenton. Don retired from GM in 1986 with 30 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 35 years as part of the 12th Special Forces Group



Airborne and earned the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He was with the Fenton Police Department for 40 plus years. He co-owned D and A Excavating with his wife Alice for 25 years. He was a member of St. John the

Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are wife of 42 years, Alice; daughter, Debbie Wardell of Fenton; son, Glenn Wardell of Fenton; son, Robert Wardell; brother, Frederick "Tom" (Sharon) McLane of Beaverton; sister, Judy Moyet of Pontiac; sister-in-law, Elaine (John) Messing; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Susan Wardell; sister, Margaret "Peggy" (Arnold) Trevino; brother, Roland McLane; sister, Dorothy Wardell; and brother-in-law, Carmelo "Tati" Moyet. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Stephen Douglas "Beav" Neuville

1963 - 2021

Stephen Douglas "Beav" Neuville - age 57, of Linden, died Saturday, June 5, 2021. A private family service will be held. Public visitation will be held 3 - 6 PM Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St. Linden. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet or Presbyterian Food Bank. Steve was born September 11, 1963 in Anniston, Al the son of Donald Lawrence and Patricia Ann (Gundry) Neuville. He was a 1981 graduate of Linden High School. His favorite sports were wrestling and golf. He loved the outdoors especially hunting, fishing, and camping. Steve worked at Endrekin Co., American Steel Roofs, and Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park. He endured numerous challenges and was considered tough and strong by those who knew him best. He had a very big and generous heart and



people often commented "he'd give you the shirt off his back". He grew up in the Linden Presbyterian Church and during the last few years he constantly requested prayers with family members,

surely he desired victory over all the challenges of his life. Now he is in the hands of the victor over all things. Steve loved deeply those who were his friends and family and is in reunion with many now who've gone before. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia "Pat" Neuville; his gran and pop Gundry; grandma and grandpa Neuville. His is survived by his father, Pastor Donald Neuville; siblings, Jeffrey (Sue) Neuville, Cary Justice, Rod (Tammy) Neuville, Mark (Loretta) Neuville, Jane Palmatier; and many nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary E. Vanvliet

1949 - 2021

Mary E. Vanvliet - age 71, of Fenton, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021. Funeral Services 1 PM Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jay Coldwell officiating. Visitation 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, June 9 and 11 AM until the time of Service Thursday. Interment Tyrone Memory Gardens Cemetery, Fenton. Memorial contributions in Mary's Memory would be appreciated to the family. Mary was born December 28 1949 in Pontiac the daughter of Thomas J. and Eleanor May (Haight) Burnham. She graduated from Walled Lake Central High School. Mary was employed as a Sealer with Ford Motor Company retiring in 2003. She loved caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mary was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Linden. She enjoyed swimming and playing cards with her lady friends from church. Mary is survived by her children, Tina M. (Gregory) Asbury, James A. (Cathy) VanVliet, Tammy J. VanVliet, Tammy L. (Daryl) Beil, William E. (Tiffani) VanVliet, Justin R. (Danielle) Teays; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Lee Burnham, Judy (Joe) Pinter, David (Brenda) Burnham; several nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husbands, David Marsh, and James Arthur VanVliet, Jr.; daughter, Patricia M. Teays-Scalon; grandson, William VanVliet. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



NOTICE: STREET CLOSINGS IN DOWNTOWN FENTON

Beginning Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21, and continuing every Thursday and Friday through mid-October, S. LeRoy Street from Caroline Street to Shiawassee Avenue, and Shiawassee Avenue from S. LeRoy to Adelaide Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 4 to 9 p.m. Detour signage surrounding these closings will be posted.

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