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Work continues on the Linden Gazebo

■ Historic structure being rebuilt; funds raised from donations

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden Gazebo rebuild is underway.

The structure has a new inner ceiling and deck, and the work continues over the next few weeks.

The Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) spearheaded the project and collected donations to redo the Linden Gazebo by the Mill pond. City Manager Ellen Glass said the estimated cost is \$170,000.

Phil Schmelter, owner of Fine Finished Carpentry, said the DDA first approached him last year about the project but it was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Work began in early July.

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Kevin White, from Fine Finished Carpentry, works on the Linden Gazebo on Monday, June 21. The goal is for the structure to be usable by mid-July.

Photo: Hannah Ball

COVID cases continue to decline

■ New daily confirmed cases in Genesee County in the single digits

By Hannah Ball

New COVID-19 cases have decreased substantially in Genesee County over the past few weeks.

From Wednesday, June 9 to Thursday, June 10, there were no new reported cases. From Friday, June 11 to Tuesday, June 15, there were 11 new cases. From July 17-18, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) recorded three new cases.

From June 18 to June 21, there were eight new cases.

This is a significant decrease compared to the height of the

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That's music to my ears — Approximately 70 musicians attended a Fenton Community Orchestra rehearsal Thursday, June 10. It was the first time the group of musicians rehearsed together in 15 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. See story on Page 3. Submitted photo

What do the residents think?

■ Tyrone Township approves survey to gain input on what to do with the historic Town House

By Sharon Stone

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees held a special board meeting Monday, June 21 to approve language for a survey that will be sent to residents.

A draft of the survey was handed to residents at the meeting and after some public discussion, a revised survey was approved.

The board seeks residents' opinions on the future of the old town hall that remains at 10408 Center Rd., following the township offices moving to a new location at 8420 Runyan Lake Rd. in 2019.

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“Great Friday fish Fry at the Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post. Thanks to our community and surrounding area. The membership and great volunteers did an amazing effort again this year. Thanks to all for helping the Post and Auxiliary. Very soon, we can all meet again at the fish fry.”

“I think with all the things going on, we need to make sure to have our Fourth of July parade and fireworks. The people in our community need this. Please make it happen.”

“I am so impressed with Annabeth Carnes and her Girl Scout Gold Award. We need to celebrate our great teens and leaders of the future.”



COVID CASES

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pandemic when the GCHD reported hundreds of new cases a day.

As of June 21, the GCHD reports 33,614 cases and 886 deaths.

"The Genesee County Health Department has reported a continued decrease in new COVID-19 cases," said Ashley Herbig, emergency preparedness coordinator for the GCHD. "We will continue to watch and track trends in COVID-19 cases within Genesee County for prompt and responsible reporting to our community."

Herbig attributed the decline to vaccinations, social distancing, frequent hand washing, adhering to isolation/quarantine guidelines, and other factors.

"Anyone aged 12 and up, living or working in Genesee County, is eligible for vaccination through the health department," according to the site.

Vaccination efforts are ongoing. No appointments are needed for those wishing to be vaccinated. Vaccination clinic information is available at gchd.us/covid19vaccine.

"We continue to work with community partners to ensure that indi-

viduals who present with barriers to access are identified and addressed," Herbig said.

Hospitalizations also are decreasing for COVID in Genesee County.

According to michigan.gov, as of June 14, Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township had six COVID patients, with three in the ICU and a bed occupancy rate of 85 percent. Hurley Medical Center had 10 COVID patients, with three in ICU and a bed occupancy rate of 99 percent.

McLaren Flint had six COVID patients, with one in ICU and a bed occupancy rate of 99 percent.

Genesee County is following a statewide trend of declining cases. Michigan is averaging approximately 176 new confirmed COVID cases a day, which is a decrease from the seven-day average of 282 the previous week. The state

ranks 35 in the nation for average per-capita rates of new cases.

"We will continue to monitor inpatient numbers, hospital capacity, and access to resources. This allows us to coordinate continued efforts in helping our community," Herbig said.

The GCHD is focusing on increasing access to care and resources with vaccinations.

"Communications will continue regarding primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention in order to improve on planning and efforts in Genesee County," she said.

“We continue to work with community partners to ensure that individuals who present with barriers to access are identified and addressed.”

Ashley Herbig
Genesee County Health
Department emergency
preparedness coordinator

Local COVID-19 numbers as of June 21:
Genesee County cases:33,614

Genesee County deaths:886
Argentine Township cases:641
Linden cases:370
Fenton cases:1,064
Fenton Township cases:1,637
Gaines Township cases:487



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

STANDING AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Whenever a plaintiff files a civil lawsuit, the law requires that they show that they have the right to do so. In legal terms, this is known as "Standing."

Standing is a doctrine created by the courts to ensure that only litigants with proper claims and who have been harmed can have them heard.

There are both federal and state standing tests.

In 1992, the United States Supreme Court announced a three-part test for federal standing, which is as follows:

(1) the plaintiff must have suffered an "injury in fact" meaning that the injury is of a legally protected interest which is concrete and particularized and actual or imminent; (2) the injury must be fairly traceable to the defendant and; (3) it must be likely, rather than speculative, that a favorable decision by the court will redress the injury.

Each state has its own standing test, using either the federal test, or one based on state law.

Michigan has a state law test and standing can be found by a court if: (1) the plaintiff has a specific cause of action or; (2) the trial court in its discretion determines that the plaintiff should have standing.

The importance of standing was in the news recently when on June 17 the United States Supreme Court announced its decision in *Texas v. California*.

This was a case brought by 20 plaintiffs (18 states and two individuals) seeking to have the Affordable Care Act (ACA) declared unconstitutional because of a change in the law.

In 2012, the Supreme Court had found that the penalty for not purchasing health insurance was a "tax," which made the ACA constitutional pursuant to the taxation powers of Congress.

In 2017, an amendment to the statute was enacted which removed the so-called "Penalty Tax Provision" from the ACA mandate to buy health insurance, making it unenforceable.

In the Texas case, the court didn't reach the constitutional questions and instead held that the plaintiffs lacked standing because they could show no injuries as a result of the now unenforceable mandate and the case was to be dismissed.

This was the third attempt to have the ACA declared unconstitutional and some legal experts believe that the Texas decision will make further challenges difficult.

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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Storm and fallen trees knock out power to nearly 2,400 customers in Fenton area

Nearly 2,400 Consumers Energy customers lost power at approximately 6:15 a.m., Monday, June 21. Terry Dedoes, Consumers Energy senior public information director, said their system showed about 2,380 customers served by the Fenton substation lost electric service at about 6:15 a.m. Because of the thunderstorm that swept through the area, trees had fallen on utility equipment causing the outage. At 10:50 a.m., forestry crews were out removing trees so that their electric lineworkers could access the equipment and make repairs. Consumers Energy estimated that customers' service was restored about 3:15 p.m.

They're back making music

■ Fenton Community Orchestra rehearses together for first time in 15 months

By Sharon Stone

After 15 months of no in-person rehearsals, the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) returned to Fenton for an outdoor rehearsal Thursday, June 10. The hiatus was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FCO Conductor Andrew David Perkins said approximately 70 musicians attended the rehearsal. Perkins also is director of music at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton.

"It was great just to see each other again and play through some of our favorite music from past seasons," Perkins said. "We're all excited for this fall and hopefully a return to 'normal' music making."

About the Fenton Community Orchestra

The FCO's purpose is to provide a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by providing an educational and entertaining music program for both its members and its audiences. The FCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Learn more at fentonorchestra.org.



After a 15-month pause, Fenton Community Orchestra Conductor Andrew David Perkins said FCO musicians are excited to be back together rehearsing for upcoming concerts. Submitted photos



“We’re all excited for this fall and hopefully a return to ‘normal’ music making.”

Andrew David Perkins
Fenton Community Orchestra
conductor

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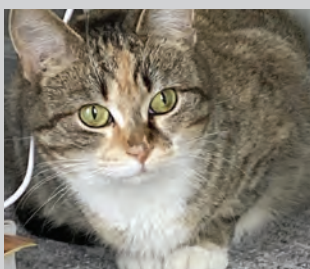
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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

What a weekend we had. Actually it's been a chaotic couple of weeks. My family hosted the 21st annual Brad Stone Summer Classic in memory of our son who died in 2000 at the age of 12.

For the past 17 years, we've held the outing over Father's Day weekend at Fenton Farms Golf Club. Our outing has evolved into a well-oiled piece of machinery with the crew at Fenton Farms bending over backwards to help us pull off a successful outing each year. We'd like to give personal shout-outs to Christopher White who runs Fenton Farms and all of his staff, including Ronnie and Kat.

This year was pretty much back to normal, as far as hosting an event during a pandemic. We held our outing in 2020, but we were forced to postpone it until August. Last year was tricky because of the restrictions, however, those supporting us and Brad's legacy are loyal and generous and we were still able to raise close to \$11,000 for college scholarships to Lake Fenton grads.

We had a full course this year and even had a few teams on a waiting list to play. We haven't finalized all

Brad Stone Summer Classic is a success

of our expenses yet, but we estimate about \$13,000 in proceeds. More proceeds means more scholarships.

As always, Image Projections supplied our customary orange golf hat with this year's embroidered logo. Golfers who have golfed every outing or at least most of them have an assortment of hats now dotting their homes. An interesting tidbit about these hats is that over 21 years and approximately 140 hats being given away each year equals 2,940 hats. Add to that the 10 years we hosted the Brad Stone Fall Classic hockey tournament and there are close to 4,000 hats in circulation, from Alaska to Toronto. If you ever see one of our orange hats, the person wearing it personally supported us.

We've had some very loyal businesses in town who have sponsored Brad's tourney every year, including Roger Sharp at Sharp Funeral Homes. The Sharp family has been steadfast in their support. This year we were surprised with a very generous sponsorship from Joe Gilbert, owner of the Fireplace restaurant.

Our son-in-law, Ed Constable, hosted his annual Fenton Onesie Pub Crawl and donated all of his proceeds



Sharon Stone

to Brad's scholarship fund too. We can't wait to participate in next year's pub crawl.

A staple at the break-fast table are the dozens of Donna's Donuts that Brad's grandparents, Clayton and Theresa Stone, provide each year.

A huge shout-out goes to my 91-year-old mom, Barb Richey, who not only was my golf partner, but who furnished numerous items for our prize table. She has fun finding items to buy on clearance tables all year long and our golfers love her choices.

Every year we wonder if we can and want to plan an outing for the next year, but when we look at Brad's younger brother, Jake and sister, Laura, we realize these outings are just as much for them as they are for us. These outings are like family and class reunions for many of us. So, stay tuned for when we announce plans for our 22nd annual Brad Stone Summer Classic.

Thank you to the entire Fenton community, our families and closest of friends, our golfers and are very generous sponsors. We're exhausted but in a good way. #BradStoneForeverInOurHearts

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■■■
THANK YOU FOR your coverage of the Powers Catholic track team. I've been asking for the local kids from that school be recognized for years now.

■■■
WOULD LIKE TO thank Losey for his years of service on Linden's school board. You will be greatly missed. You were a voice of reason for those of us who aren't as vocal and those of us who were willing to give the changes in the school year a chance.

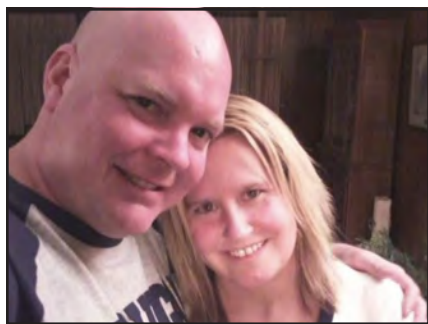
■■■
I WOULD LIKE to recognize the Linden Boy Scout Troop 111 for their community service during their graduation at Linden Park. I asked them to keep an eye out for our lost dog and a number of them went out in search of him. A true example of what scouting teaches.

■■■
TO ALL THE dog owners. I know dogs bark, but when it carries on for 15-20 minutes don't you wonder what they're barking at? I can't go outside without hearing somebody's dog going off and the owners just don't care. I'm sick of it.

■■■

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

What was your best or worst vacation ever?



"Going to Hamilton Ontario. To watch a Canadian Football League game! The Canadians are very nice and fun people to welcome into their country!"

Ann Rogulsky
Fenton



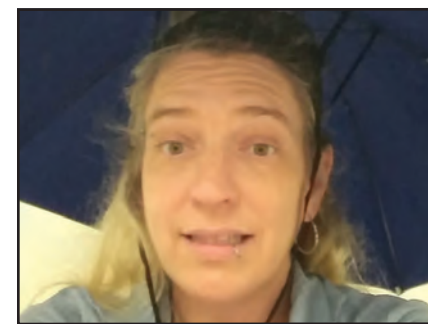
"The best was a week aboard the Great Lakes freighter Algoway as a passenger."

Don Schmid
Fenton



"Best vacation would be a toss-up — Hawaiian Cruise or Alaska. Worst vacation would be any camping trip — it always rained!"

Laurie Schupbach
Fenton



"My worst was one year when I went to Bike Week in Daytona. Someone stole my shoes. My feet got eaten alive by fire ants!"

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Fenton Township accepts bid for new website

■Board interested in codification process, making search engine more efficient

By Hannah Ball
Fenton Twp. — On Monday, June 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees accepted a bid from Municode to build a new website for the township. Municode costs \$16,500 for website design, development and implementation, \$4,000 for first year hosting, maintenance and customer support (\$20,500 in first year costs), and \$4,000 in annual costs for hosting, maintenance and customer support. The current website has been used for 18 years. Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said they receive thousands of hits a month on the homepage and assessing page. Out of three bids, Supervisor Vince Lorraine and Broecker favored Municode. The other two options were

Revize, which costs \$10,600 in the first year and \$2,400 annually, and Pixelvine, which costs \$7,815 in the first year and \$3,840 annually. At an earlier June meeting, the board decided to wait to vote until the trustees had more time to review the cheaper proposals. Broecker said Municode offers a higher volume of content migration, which is up to 1,500 webpages and five years of meeting information. The company also offers 80GB of disk storage space and up to 1 TB of data transfer per month. They also offer a one-hour response time for support requests. Standard features of these sites include a mobile friendly design, search engines, social media integration, online job postings, photo album slideshows, event calendars and more. The board is interested in the codification process. On June 7, Gregg Huggins, with Municode, said everything on the website, See **WEBSITE** on 8

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Board approves split, rezoning request for café, self-storage

■ Not all board members in favor of approving more self-storage units

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — On June 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a split and rezoning request for a parcel on Torrey Road, across from North Long Lake Road, that will have a café in front and self storage in the back.

The vote was 5-1. Trustee Kade Katrak was absent and Clerk Robert Krug voted against it.

Adam Shoemaker, owner of Unlimited Offroad, asked to split off 1.113 acres of residential land at 11394 Torrey Road to combine it with 11428 Torrey Road and change the zoning from R-3, single family residential, to C-3, general commercial. The property to the west of this area is also zoned commercial.

With this change, their commercial property in that spot is 4 acres, which meets the minimum requirement for self-storage in the C-3 zoning district. The change is consistent with the master plan and the future land use classification for



The owners of the property, Creekside Properties Development, plan to have self-storage units in the back of the area and a rented property in front that will hold a café and bakery. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

the area. The owner of the property listed on the application is Creekside Properties Development, Inc.

Michael Deem, zoning administrator, said it's consistent with the master plan and the Planning Commission has passed on a favorable recommendation.

Shoemaker said they purchased the existing building, which used to be a machine shop, last May with the anticipation of expanding their Jeep and truck customization company, which is Unlimited

Offroad on Thompson Road. They did a complete remodel inside and outside. They plan to use the rear of the building for their company and they rented out the front to Alisa Antonangeli, who started the café and bakery.

A few members of the board expressed discontent with approving more self-storage units in the township.

Krug said he spent the last few weeks driving around, looking at storage units.

"We have more storage units than any

other community in Genesee County. We have a fill rate based on the monstrosity that was built on Torrey and Thompson," He said. "They have so many spaces there and unoccupied units, that if I live another 20 years, I'll never see them fill up."

He said there are storage units on Lake Shore Drive that were built to look like homes. There are storage units on Margaret Drive as well. Krug said in November 2020, they turned down a rezoning request to turn garages into self-storage at the North Shore Condominiums on Bowles Road.

"If you have friends coming south on 23, if this goes through, here's the directions on how to get to the township hall. Get off 23. At the storage units, stop at the light and turn left. Go to the stop light, turn right at the storage units on the left," Krug said. "Hurriedly go south on Torrey Road, but you got to slow down because you got to turn left onto North Long Lake Drive at the storage units."

Trustee Christine Reid said they frequently have residents who want to build larger accessory structures and they don't want to use the commercial self storage units.

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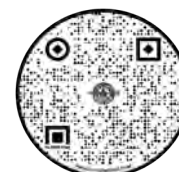


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LAKE FENTON AND Fenton high schools should explore consolidating. Little sense anymore in two Fenton high schools just five miles apart. Their combined enrollment (1,800) would be equal to Bloomfield Hills High School, the state's 40th largest. Still a far cry from supersized Grand Blanc High School's 2,800.

■■■■
TO THE PERSON on/ near Cole Road. Please stop burning your trash in the morning, I can't breathe.

■■■■
I'M GOING TO go out on a limb and assume the two adults that did the 'Dine and Dash' at a Holly restaurant June 12, were the parents of the two children accompanying them. May your children never realize what losers you are.

■■■■
'KEEP YOUR MIND on your driving. Keep your hands on the wheel. Keep your goofy eyes on the road ahead.' No truer words were ever spoken or sung.

■■■■
JUST DROVE SOUTH on Linden Road to Grand Blanc Road, looks like the 'roundabout' is finished. Just awaiting the reopening. Today is June 21, 2021, the first full day of summer.

■■■■
IF THE TEENAGE girls on 5th Street continue to lay in the road and egg people to run them over we will call the Fenton police next time.

■■■■
I WISH THEY would pick up our recycle containers every week. I am doing my best to recycle and this container gets filled up more quickly than my trash since so much can now be recycled.

■■■■
CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN on Silver Lake Road, sure to bring traffic to a stop and tempers to the max. Linden Road still closed at Grand Blanc Road, U.S. 23 north still a slow-moving nightmare, construction began in Baldwin Road. Fenton should postpone the Silver Lake Road project until after summer.

■■■■
TO THE MAN in the shiny black SUV in Shiawassee Shores. I saw you plow into the family of Canadian geese...and the broken wing that followed. So sad.

■■■■
IT IS TOTALLY disingenuous for Fenton leaders to keep pushing the same ole streets millage plan again, again and again. Listen up; we said 'no.'

■■■■
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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

LAWN MOWER CATCHES FIRE

The Linden Fire Department responded to a grass fire Sunday, June 20 at 2:15 p.m. at Hyatt Elementary's baseball field. Fire Chief Brian Will said once firefighters arrived, they saw that a commercial lawn mower had caught fire, which caught the grass around it on fire. There were no injuries or damage other than the mower and a spot of grass.



TOWN HOUSE

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The old historic Town House was moved there from its original location on Hartland Road as part of Bicentennial Celebrations in 1976. It was partially restored in 2017 after years of disuse or providing storage for unused items. The junk was removed, the furnace was replaced, the exterior was painted, and floors were redone.

The building has not been used since that time.

The Township wants feedback from the residents on the options below. Residents can circle choices ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Options listed on the survey:

- **The old historic** Town House should remain at its current location, 10408 Center Rd., conveyed to the new property owner who will maintain it consistent with its historic nature and make it available for Township residents to use and enjoy up to four times per year and use it as part of a new church at that location.
- **The old historic** Town House should be sold to the Tyrone Town-

ship Historical Society for \$1. The Historical Society can then raise funds and move the building to any location they desire, including 8420 Runyan Lake Rd. They can maintain it, use it, and make it available for public use.

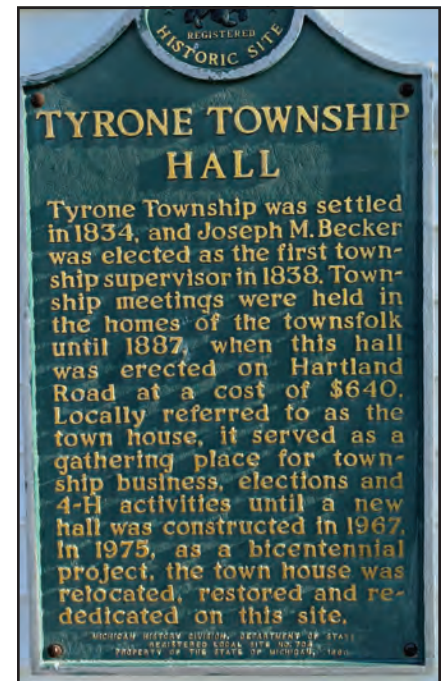
- **The old historic** Town House should be moved by the Township to the new Township Office location using funds from township, private/public group or a combination of both. Such a move would cost roughly \$100,000 to \$200,000, but may cost more.

- **I would support** a millage rate increase, special assessment, or other revenue increase for the Township to move, repair, and maintain the old historic Town House at the current Township office location.

- **I would support** reduction in other Township expenditures, such as roads or general government, for the Township to move, repair, and maintain the old historic Town House at the new Township office location.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said that the surveys will be mailed with the tax bill on June 30. One survey will be mailed to each parcel that receives a tax bill. Cunningham said approximately 4,400 surveys will be sent out.

The township board would like the survey to be returned to Carlisle Wortman Associates, the Township's planning consultants, by Monday, Aug. 2. At that time, the planner will tabulate the results and present the findings to the Board.



Property owners in Tyrone Township will receive a survey with several options for what to do with the old historic Town House that sits vacant on the property of the former township offices. **Submitted photo**

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including the ordinances, would be indexed and tagged so it can be easily found with the search engine. He said they use a high level of optimization in order to make the search engine efficient.

The majority of the board spoke in favor of codifying the ordinances. At the June 7 meeting, the board requested more information on the costs of this process alone.

Municode offers two versions of this: A full ordinance codification, with legal review and processing of all amendments and updates, in which they compare the township's ordinances to state

law. This costs \$8,950 for conversion and publication and software licensing, plus \$395 for online hosting. Total costs in the first year would be \$9,345 and an additional \$395 in annual costs.

The second option for ordinance-related services is compilation, in which they convert the information into code format with self-publishing software for updates. This option costs \$2,664 for conversion and publication, plus \$2,995 for software licensing and hosting in the first year. Total first year costs would be \$5,659 and annual costs would be \$2,995.

The township also plans to hire an employee to manage the social media. They're also discussing ways to better communicate with residents.



The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team is No. 9 on our 2021 Terrific 10 list for the spring.

Photo: David Troppens

Spring Terrific Top 10 filled with many quality squads

By David Troppens

Somehow, we made it through the spring sports season.

After seeing COVID hit the end of winter sports season hard, the start of spring remained a struggle. Teams were quarantined for periods of time and so were athletes.

But as the spring season went on, life became closer to normal. Eventually masks left the landscape and as the seasons came to an end, all of our tri-county squads were competing.

And by the end of the season, it almost seemed like life back to what it felt like two springs ago when those seasons ended. That was a welcome relief.

Through all of the craziness it ended up becoming a pretty successful spring for tri-county area prep teams. Eight area teams won or shared Flint Metro League crowns, and a couple of the area's top teams didn't even win league crowns.

So now that the spring season is over, it's time to look back and figure out who our top 10 teams of the spring were, of

course, based on the sports staff's educated opinion. So here is the first installment of our 2021 Spring Terrific Top 10.

Honorable Mention: The **Holly/Brandon and the Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse teams** shared the Flint Metro League championship with each team earning a victory between each other. The Holly/Brandon squad finished the season with a 9-5 mark and the Linden/Fenton team posted a 12-8 mark. Both teams lost in

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Sports Times

Linden Spread Football Camp is a sign of returning to normalcy

By David Troppens

Linden — Life is back to normal for Denny Hopkins and the rest of the Linden football program, and that's exactly how he likes it.

Through Linden Community Education, the Linden football program ran its annual Linden Spread Football Camp, and did so with 110 students ranging from the seventh-grade to next school year's seniors. It was something the program couldn't do a year ago due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"It's nice being back," varsity football coach Hopkins said. "We have 110 kids, 47 varsity kids, and we have JV, freshmen and some

middle school kids. It's nice. The kids are excited to be back. That's the nice thing about it."

The two-day camp began Thursday and runs for about eight hours each day at Linden High School's football field. At approximately 1 p.m. on Friday the Eagles were returning to the football field after lunch poised to begin its final session of the two days. The enthusiasm was apparent. Before coaches made it to the field, players were having fun running their own running pass routes while joking around. Energy remained at high levels when the drills began as well.

"Things are going well. We've accomplished a lot, probably a

little more than we had hoped, which is a good thing," Hopkins said. "And we have a great turnout."

The camp has plenty of practice sessions and drills for every unit on the football field.

"We want to teach our terminology and stuff like that," Hopkins said. "We want to get it so the kids understand once football starts. They have some idea of what we want to do which is super. We can get all that in, all of our base stuff in, all of our blocking rules and all of our passing concepts. This is huge for us, these two days. It's 14 hours of football."

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The Linden football program hosted its annual Linden Football Spread Camp last week. (Above) Linden's Brandon Green throws the ball downfield. (Far left) The Linden linemen work on practicing some of their blocking assignments. (Immediate left) Some players take a few seconds off to have some fun.

Photos: David Troppens

Fenton trap shooting team wins its third state championship

By David Troppens

The Fenton trap shooting team has been a strong program for years.

The 2021 spring season was another impressive one. The squad won its conference title and competed at the state tournament during the weekend. While at the 2021 state tourney, the Tigers captured their third team state championship for trap shooting.

The Tigers posted a team score of 478 targets hit out of 500 attempts, seven more than second-place Reed City and third-place Richmond. Hamilton placed fourth with a score of 470.

"It was a good day," Fenton track team coach Kevin Johnson said. "We had a bigger lead (entering the last round) but it was a rainy day and the kids had to shoot in bad weather. But, the kids held their composure."

Fenton's strength was its

depth with four of the team's top five performers finishing within the top eight places. Joey Pierce finished in a tie for second, hitting 97 of the 100 targets he faced. Teammates Drew Carnell, Jacob Gillespie and Stone Kolp finished in a tie for eighth by posting a score of 96. Adam Dickie, Roanan Stellberger and Kaz Sieja finished in a tie for 41st place with a score of 93. No other team competing had four competitors post a score of at least 96 and none had all five scorers post a team score of 93 or better.

Others competing for Fenton were Eric Lawrence Jr. with 89 hit targets, Noah Watson and Cooper Carnell with 83, Josh Pierce with 81, and Dane Jarvis with 79.

"We just had a good group of kids who got along great," Johnson said. "They worked hard in practice and got through all the quarantine mess too, and



The Fenton trap shooting team captured its third state championship in program history at the state meet last weekend.

COVID was a mess. Looking at quarantine lists every week was not fun."

The Tigers dominated the conference season, winning all of their match-ups against the other teams in their league. The team's depth showed during the entire season. Third-place Lake Shore actually had two performers with the highest season average, and three of the top five, but the Tigers had

six of the top 10 and eight of the top 14. Stellberger led the team during the regular season with an average of 24.10. He was followed by Joey Pierce (23.80), Carnell (23.70), Dickie (23.60), Gillespie (23.60), Carnell (23.40), Kolb (23.30), Sieja (23.00), Josh Pierce (21.20), Mitchell (22.00), Jarvis (22.00) and Lawrence Jr. (21.90).

During the season, four ath-

letes had perfect 50-for-50 weeks. They were Joey Pierce who had four of them, Stellberger with two, and Carnell and Lawrence Jr. with one each.

The team is now preparing for the national meet being held at the Mason Trap Association on July 8 to 11.

"We already have two squads going to that event and we have other kids going individually," Johnson said.

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Tanana's first Detroit Tigers' start was a memorable performance

Editor's Note: Sports editor David Troppens has been a Detroit Tigers' fan from his earliest memories during his childhood. Through the years he's collected historical radio and television broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. During the summer, he'll be featuring some of these games through his collection based on the actual date of our current publication.



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

June 23, 1985

Detroit 3, New York 1

Network/Announcers: George Kell and Al Kaline on television station WDIV based in Detroit.

Pregame: Of course, for any child growing up during the 1970s and 1980s, 1984 was the season most of us remember fondly as our favorite of our lifetime, due to the Tigers' 35-5 start, eventual American League championship and World Series championship. On June 23,

1985, Michiganders still had a severe case of Tiger fever. Detroit was in second place, just 2 1/2 games behind the first-place Toronto Blue Jays. Fans were pretty excited as ex-fireballer Frank Tanana was preparing to make his first-ever Major League Baseball pitching start with the Detroit Tigers. Well beyond his fireballer days

when he teamed with Nolan Ryan, giving the California Angels the most feared back-to-back fastball pitchers in baseball during the late 1970s. Tanana, a Detroit native who pitched for Detroit Catholic Central High School during his prep days, was now a junkballer, relying on his curveball and his change of pace pitches.

Tiger Stadium saw 40,920 attend this home contest, which was televised locally by Tigers' Hall of Fame players and

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broadcasters George Kell and Al Kaline. Most people probably didn't expect much from Tanana considering he held a pretty awful 5.91 earned run average during his 13 starts with the Texas Rangers earlier in the season, but it was hoped maybe returning to his home state would re-energize his career, and this game against the Yankees was hoped would be the start of that re-energizing.

Game Summary: The 32-year old lefty veteran made his Detroit Tigers' debut a memorable one, tossing seven innings of shutout ball en route to earning the victory. Tanana shocked the Yankees' hitters by pitching more fastballs than one would expect and kept New York's lineup a little off all game long. That said, the Yankees did put together a few strong rallies, including allowing two singles in the opening inning and another two in the second inning. How-

ever, Tanana got out of both jams without allowing a run.

New York starting pitcher Bob Shirley was tossing a strong contest as well, but the Tigers finally got to him with two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Darrell Evans opened the inning with a single and his hit was followed by a two-run home run by Chet Lemon. It was all the offense the Tigers needed to win the contest. Tanana improved his season record to 3-7 with the seven-inning performance while Willie Hernandez recorded his 15th save, tossing the final two innings. He allowed the only Yankees' run in the eighth. By that time, the Tigers led 3-0 by adding a run in the seventh when Evans doubled and scored on Tom Brookens' RBI-single.

Chet Lemon: Lemon, who was starting in his first game since June 15 due to an injury, had a line shot that would've been a two-run home run during the bottom of the third in-

ning. He ended up striking out, but got his four-bagger later on in the contest.

More on Tanana: After making an acrobatic play, Kaline reminds the audience that Tanana was an All-State basketball player during his prep days as well. After making the play in question, Kell said, "He just picked off a rebound that saved a base hit." Ehh, the basketball analogy really didn't work.

Rickey Henderson: Baseball's all-time greatest base stealer gets a walk to start an inning and they mention how he has 28 stolen bases during the season, while only being thrown out one time. He also was averaging 82 stolen bases a season. Kell quickly says, "That's more than I stole in my career." He was right. Kell had 51 stolen bases for his career, 31 fewer than Henderson was averaging each season at that time in his career. Henderson was almost picked off by Tanana, but did steal second and third eventually.



Millions of Detroit Tigers' fans grew up listening to Al Kaline (left) and George Kell announcing games on state television networks. They worked together for 21 years, ending with the 1996 season.

Trivia question: During this era a trivia question for free Tiger tickets would be asked by Kaline. This game's question was, "What former New York Yankee said when I was a kid I wanted to be a baseball player and join the circus. With the Yankees I accomplished both."

During the game five people would be called and given the

chance to answer the question. Meanwhile, Kaline was known to basically give away the answer. In this case, Kaline hinted he was a third basemen now playing with the San Diego Padres, pretty much giving away the answer of Craig Nettles. Kell remarked after the hints, "You are just going to give the answer now."

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the opening round of tourney play.

The **Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team** finished its season with a 10-4 record and competed for a Metro title right until its final league game, a 2-1 loss to Linden. In district action, the Blue Devils defeated Fenton 2-0, but lost in the title game against Clio 2-1 in a shootout.

No. 10 - Fenton girls track: The Tigers captured their fifth straight Flint Metro League crown by earning a share of the Metro League Stripes Division title with the Flushing Raiders.

The Tigers cruised through the dual portion of the Flint Metro League season, winning all five Stripes Division duals, winning each by at least 22 points. What kept the Tigers from an outright title was Fenton finishing third overall at the league meet and second to the Raiders in the Stripes Division portion of the meet. What kept the Tigers from posting a higher spot was their regional performance, finishing seventh among 15 teams at their Division 1 regional meet.



The Fenton varsity girls track team is No. 10 on our 2021 Tri-County Terrific 10 poll.

No. 9 - Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse:

The Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse team has been the dominant squad in the Flint Metro League ever since the conference has honored a league champion, earning its fifth championship this season.

But the Heat's dominance goes much deeper. The squad has never lost a contest in league play during that run, and, of course, didn't lose one again this season, winning all eight matches by at least eight goals, and a few by more than 20 goals.

The Flint Metro League team included six first-team players from the squad and two earned Division I All-State Honorable Mention honors — Kyla Lynch and Lara Kemp.

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Pat Bubnes works on the Linden Gazebo on Monday, June 21. They plan to redo the old stairs and install new banisters. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

GAZEBO

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There have been a few challenges with working on a structure built decades ago. The plaque in front of the gazebo gives thanks to the volunteers and businesses that donated time, money and effort to build the original gazebo. When they installed the new footings, which Schmelter said were built in the late '70s, they found old glasses and coins.

"The volunteers that did it 40 years ago did a fantastic job," he said. "It lasted for a long time."

Schmelter said they had problems with the old footings and with sag. They had to jack up all the old beams.

"Once they were up, we were able to level things out with the new footings," he said.

The gazebo is also not a true hexagon. Schmelter said it may have shifted over the years, requiring them to get separate measurements for each section, which was challenging.

"Other than that, it's held up really well," he said.

Workers took off the decking and installed a new floor. Schmelter said it should last a "lifetime."

They also updated the electrical system. Sections of the original steps have been taken out and they will be rebuilt with sturdier material. Workers will install cable handrails.

"It's going to be 99 percent maintenance-free," he said, adding that they'll

need to clean it every once in a while, but other than that, "I think it's going to be beautiful."

There's more work to be done, such as skirting, installing a new metal roof and more. The gazebo area also has two new footbridges that cross the small stream, which were made as an Eagle Scout project.

The Linden Historical Commission approved the upgrades. The city's goal is to have this project completed in time for the city's 150th birthday celebrations and plaque dedication ceremony, which is also Riverfest from July 16-18.

In May, DDA member Michelle

Robins said they chose Schmelter for this project because they thought he would be a "great fit with his love of Linden."

"He was in touch with many who volunteered their time and materials to build the original gazebo. There is a lot

of love that went into back in the '70s. Between Phil, Ted from Iverson's Lumber and myself we have spent a lot of time planning for this to take place," she said.


Schmelter, who's volunteered at Linden summer events for a dozen years, is from Fenton and moved to Linden in 1989. He commended the city and the community on the small town feel of Linden.

"From there, I fell in love with the small town," he said. "It's a beautiful little setting. Everybody takes care of each other here."

“The volunteers that did it 40 years ago did a fantastic job.”


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The community is invited to Fenton's Street Experience in downtown Fenton to support our local businesses and stroll the downtown streets, enjoying the numerous planned entertainment happenings, children's games, farmers market, and fun events.

Obituaries

Times

Virginia Gene Frappier

1923 - 2021

Virginia Gene Frappier - age 98, of Gaines, passed away peacefully in Clearwater, FL, Friday, June 18, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, June 25, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake

Road, Fenton. Rev. James W. Hawke officiating. A live stream of the service can be found at Virginia's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Burial in Argentine Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday, June 24 from 4 - 8 PM and Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Lions Club Leader Dog Program. Virginia was a life-long resident of Gaines and graduated with 12 classmates from Gaines High School in 1942. She attended General Motors Institute of Technology and retired after 37 years from General Motors where she worked in Payroll. Somewhere along the way after retirement in 1980, she took the nickname of "Ginny" which more reflected her love of fun, laughter and people. She easily made many friends and probably a couple of enemies, "but who counts them?" she was fond of saying. Besides



loving music and the song "I Did It My Way," Ginny loved the outdoors. She was a skater, a skier, a boater and a hunter. She fished and was proud of three sailfish caught in Mexico. She worked in the garden and yard, always

producing beautiful flowers. Ginny and her mother Ella were blessed to spend their winters together in Florida and their summers in Michigan. The summers were divided between their Gaines home and a pretty little cottage on East Twin Lake in Lewiston. She is survived by Wayne Chase and his children, Karen May and husband Leroy and their children, Francis X. Frappier, Jr. and wife Kathy and their children; her helper Diane; as well as many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Francis Xavia Frappier in 1942 at age 57; her mother, Ella Minnie (Markley) in 1992 at nearly 106 years; her brother, Francis Xavia Frappier in 1993; her niece, Ruthella Chase in 2008 at age 67; and a very dear and special friend, James H. Brewer, Sr. in 2002. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Waldemar Van Gorp

1938 - 2021

Waldemar Van Gorp - age 82, of Holly, died Tuesday, April 6, 2021. He was born in Detroit on August 17, 1938 to Waldemar and Mildred (Ulrich) Van Gorp. He served in the US Army while stationed in Korea and was retired from General Motors. He was a member of the Holly American Legion and the Oakland County Amateur Radio Association through which he worked with FEMA, Sky Warn, and the Holly Fire Department. His radio license number was WD8RCH. Walt was a former Holly Police Reserve, a First Responder with GM, and formerly a Crossing Guard for Holly Schools where he was known to the children as Mr. Walt or Grandpa. He is survived by his wife, Martha; six children, John (Rhonda) Van Gorp, Paul (Rebecca)



Van Gorp, Robin (Carl) Garner, Karyl (Shannon) Sanders, Mary (Chris) Anderson, and Mark (Nicole) Van Gorp; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren with two more expected; brother,

Ronald Van

Gorp; and sister, Sharon Van Gorp. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his granddaughter, Aubrey. A visitation will be held from 2 - 7 PM with a time of remembrance and sharing at 6 PM on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Committal service and military honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery at 1:30 PM on Monday, June 28, 2021. Memorial donations may be made to the cancer organization of your choice or the Holly Fire Department. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



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18 Screenwriter's creations

20 Reddish horses

21 "I'm not impressed"

22 Martini liquor

23 Skilled

26 Flood protection

30 Gun the engine

31 Witty one

32 "As I see it," to a texter

33 Sleazy hotel

36 Be nosy

38 Train lines (Abbr.)

39 Aunt, in Acapulco

40 Part of Hispaniola

43 Iced desserts

47 Cinched

49 October birth-

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Words to a back-stabber

In the style of

Alpha follower

Couturier

Christian

"Of course"

Appear

Band boosters

Secular

Computer brand

Tempura

Shoebox

Shoebox datum

Big fusses

Cleaning cloth

Past

Jessica of "Dark Angel"

Flair

Turns sharply

Beam

Favorite

Joke

Canine cry

N.J. neighbor

First lady?

Droop

Life story

I love (Lat.)

Republicans

Existed

Camelot king

French cheese

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		7			6			8
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Wow! It doesn't even faze him.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Horoscopes

For the week of
June 21, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

A setback of some kind may occur this week, Aries. Do not get too worried about it just yet. Adversity can be an excellent avenue toward personal growth.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

It is easy to get carried away with an idea, Gemini. Just do not mistake obsession for focus. You need to pace yourself if you are going to be effective.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may need to postpone a project you were hoping to begin this week. As long as it does not get pushed any further, you should be fine.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, you are on the move this week, but it is ideal to have a plan and not leave things to chance. Look ahead and see if you can pinpoint potential pitfalls.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

It's possible to achieve great things this week, Leo. Your accomplishments will ultimately depend on how much you are able to focus on the tasks at hand.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

A financial windfall or a new job opportunity may be coming your way, Virgo. This will be the breakthrough you need right now after a series of setbacks.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

When someone asks for your help drawing up a travel itinerary, you have plenty of ideas at the ready. Put all of your effort into the task and enjoy the fun.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Responsibilities will be easier to handle very soon, Scorpio. The tasks won't become less difficult, but there are plenty of helping hands ready to back you up.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You could find yourself in a position where you can take on a leadership role, Sagittarius. Do not hesitate to accept this promotion because it can be great for your career.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may be easily swayed this week by a smooth-talking stranger. Figure out if this person can be trusted by offering opportunities to prove his or her trustworthiness.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You may think that an opportunity has passed you by, Aquarius. But don't get too worried just yet. It's possible to regain your momentum quite quickly.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

You may have to admit that the plan you put in place has a few kinks to be worked out, Pisces. These modifications are relatively simple.

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