Holly man killed in highway crash

Livingston County sheriff says distracted driving, congested construction traffic likely cause of crash

By Sharon Stone

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy reported that Timothy Dale White, 70, of Holly, died Monday, Oct. 11 from injuries he sustained in a three-vehicle crash on northbound U.S. 23 north of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township.

Murphy said at approximately 2:31 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to a three-vehicle crash on the highway.

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Fenton City proclaims Oct. 13 as Bonnie Mathis Day

Recognizes township supervisor, business owner for contribution to community

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Oct. 11, Fenton City Council approved a proclamation for Bonnie Mathis Day.

Mathis was elected as a Fenton Township trustee in 1990 and was elected supervisor in 2003, serving on the Board for more than 30 years.

Mathis and her two daughters, Dawn and Debbie, have been local business owners for nearly 40 years, operating the family business, Interiors by Bonnie, located on N. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton.

After retiring in 2020 at the end of her term, Mathis said she looked forward to spending more time with family, especially her grandchildren.

See BONNIE MATHIS on 6

Fenton witches enjoy downtown

Two “witches” walk around downtown Fenton for Witches Night Out on Friday, Oct. 8. It was one of the biggest Witches Night Out in Fenton’s history with food trucks, a balloon artist, music, shopping and more.

See story on Page 8. Photo: Hannah Ball

Schools may use cameras that will record offenders

Dual stop-arm cameras on buses could help prosecute motorists who illegally pass a bus

By Sharon Stone

Motorists are urged to take note of new laws that went into effect Monday, Oct. 11. House Bills 4202 and 4204 authorize automated “photo cop” school bus passing citations.

See CAMERAS on 6

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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"Big shout out to C A Lamont Farms in Holly for being so kind and generous by helping sprinkle joy to the residents at Mission Point in Holly. They absolutely loved the courtyard. Your kindness and generosity won’t be forgotten."

"I can’t wait for the Bottles, Brews and news event this year. Last year the drive-thru was cool, but the tent event with all of the choices is so fun."

"To the person who cares about how things used to be here. Thank you. We have a long and rich history here in Fenton."

"I think this is a great idea that could help us (police) hold drivers accountable for this dangerous situation."

Jason Slater
Fenton police chief
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Silver Lake Road remains two lanes even through population growth

This is part one in a series on Silver Lake Road traffic and population growth

By Hannah Ball

Silver Lake Road, also known as Broad Street, Main Street, and Grange Hall Road, spans dozens of miles across three different counties.

It’s one of the busiest roads in the area and significant population growth since the 1950s has only added to the traffic.

Beginning in the west in Byron, S. Saginaw Street and Byron Road meet and converge to make Silver Lake Road. The Byron section is approximately 3.7 miles, and the road goes east through Argentine Township (4.5 miles), then travels through Linden (2.6 miles) where it’s called Broad Street in the downtown.

The name changes back to Silver Lake Road again when it becomes Fenton Township (approximately 1 mile) and in Fenton (3.3 miles).

It becomes Main Street past the railroad tracks. In Holly Township, and the village of Holly, when it’s called Grange Hall Road, the street is 6.5 miles.

From Byron to I-75, the road is approximately 21.6 miles.

It takes a sharp turn north at McGinnis Road and then heads east again in Groveland Township. The road continues on east and occasionally north, through Ortonville and beyond.

The road has overpasses, exits and entrances for two major highways in Michigan — U.S. 23 in Fenton and I-75 in Holly Township. Except for the overpasses and certain sections, this road has remained two lanes for decades, even through the growth of populations and businesses.

Population increases: (These numbers are from municipal records and the U.S. Census)

**Byron**
459 (1950) to 494 (2019), an increase of 35

**Argentine Township**
1,330 (1950) to 7,091 (2020), an increase of 5,761

**Linden**
933 (1950) to 4,142 (2020), an increase of 3,209

**Fenton**
4,226 (1950) to 12,050 (2020), an increase of 7,824

**Holly Township**
4,030 (1950) to 12,006 (2020), an increase of 7,976

See TRAFFIC on 9

Traffic on Silver Lake Road in Fenton is often congested, especially during rush hours. The construction on the road and U.S. 23 overpass have only added to the problem. Times file photo

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The Alley Cat Club

I love it when businesses get creative to provide new and exciting experiences for their customers. It’s that entrepreneurial spirit that creates a new service to be enjoyed by many and if it’s in the tri-county area, all the better.

As an example, I was thoroughly impressed with a new, but very old, venue in downtown Holly. I’m talking about the new Alley Cat Club in the lower level of the Holly Hotel on Battle Alley. My husband and I were one of the lucky ones who had the opportunity to attend its private opening last Friday night. Based on how busy all of the businesses were and where we had to park, downtown Holly was apparently the place to be with homecoming and a wedding. This coming weekend will be the Alley Cat Club’s public grand opening.

The Holly Hotel was built in the early 1900s and in 1913, it suffered a fire, which destroyed the second and third floors. The owner at that time, Joseph P. Allen of New York, rebuilt the structure in the style of the Victorian period and dubbed it the Allendorf Hotel, imitating New York’s Waldorf fame. The Holly Hotel caught fire again in 1978 and it underwent a two-year renovation to bring it back to its original design.

Those who have been in this area for a long time will remember the Holly Hotel Comedy Club, which is where the Alley Cat Club is located. There’s so much history to this Holly landmark and I was so excited to be part of the opening of the new club. When we walked downstairs and into the room, I immediately thought I was walking back in time, to an era of dimly lit lounges, oversized chairs upholstered in leather, small marble tables with an equestrian flair.

The 1940s-inspired private club will feature live jazz, blues, singers and pianists. The Alley Cat Club also has plans to offer stand-up comedy, which I also am looking forward to. To make the experience more special, the club is going to be See ALLEY CAT CLUB on 9

What is one of your pet peeves?

“PEGAT’s pet peeve is when my inbox floods because someone responds to a group email message using Reply All.”

“People who don’t return their carts.”

“When people who are healthy use the handicap stall in the restroom and all the other stalls are open. I am a handicap person who cannot stand long but I have to wait. Then I see a woman come out completely healthy and I am in pain from standing.”

“People not merging to the right lane on U.S. 23 even with four miles of signs saying the left lane is ending.”

“When someone is blaring videos or games on their cell phone in public. That is for your entertainment not everyone else’s.”

Robin Riddell
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**POLICE & FIRE REPORT**

**NEW HOME DAMAGED**
On Monday, Sept. 27 at 10:10 a.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a residence for a report of malicious damage to windows on a newly built home that is listed for sale. A property manager showed the officers broken windows that appeared to have been shot with BBs. It is unknown to exactly when the damage was done. There are no suspects at this time.

**SPEEDING IN HOLLY**
On Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 11:11 p.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement tracked a vehicle eastbound on Grange Hall Road at 60 mph in a 45-mph zone. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was determined to have a valid felony warrant for unlawful possession of a firearm, held by another police agency. The warrant holding agency met the officer and took custody of the 18-year-old Genesee man.

**FLINT MAN THOUGHT HE COULD OUT RUN HOLLY POLICE**
On Thursday, Sept. 30, at 11:54 p.m., a Holly police officer running stationary radar tracked a vehicle southbound N. Holly Road traveling 86 mph in a 45-mph zone. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver increased speed. The driver eventually came to a stop on Fish Lake Road. The 19-year-old Flint man told the officer he thought he could outrun him. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Oakland County Jail. Charges were issued by the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office for felony flee and elude and reckless driving.

**GRAND BLANC WOMAN ARRESTED IN HOLLY**
On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1:36 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Grange Hall Road. The 33-year-old Grand Blanc woman was found to have a suspended driver’s license. The driver was arrested and processed for the charge.

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**The role of staging when diagnosing breast cancer**

Stage refers to extent of cancer, size of tumor and whether it has spread

A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming, and people who receive such news may be flooded with a wide range of emotions. When delivering such a diagnosis, doctors share vital information about their patients’ disease. Those details can go a long way toward easing patients’ concerns.

Staging is an important component of cancer treatment.

According to the National Cancer Institute, stage refers to the extent of the cancer, including how large the tumor is and whether it has spread, or metastasized. Learning the stage of the cancer, which is typically expressed on a scale of 0 through IV, helps doctors understand how serious the cancer is and the patient’s chances of survival. Staging also is used to plan treatments and potentially identify clinical trials that may serve as treatment options.

The American Joint Committee on Cancer oversees the breast cancer staging system and utilizes the TNM system. Breastcancer.org See STAGING on 17
The proclamation states that Mathis has earned and deserves this public recognition after many years of devoted service to the Fenton community, and more specifically for her professionalism and leadership to Fenton Township.

The proclamation also states that Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn, on behalf of the city council and the entire Fenton community, offer Mathis their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for her many years of distinguished service and dedication. Because of this, city council proclaims that Oct. 13, 2021 as Bonnie Mathis Day in the city of Fenton.

Fenton Township is having a retirement party for Bonnie Mathis, former supervisor, on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Supervisor Vince Lorraine made the announcement Monday, Oct. 4. The event will take place at the Fenton Township Community Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

“Due to COVID, we weren’t able to give her a retirement party,” he said. “Hopefully, the residents will show up and support the event. Her two daughters put this all together with the people in the township. Hopefully, we’ll see a lot of people there.”

CAMERAS

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HB 4202 was introduced by Rep. Tyrone Carter (D) on Feb. 10 to permit school districts to install cameras on school buses for the purpose of prosecuting motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus, according to michiganvotes.org.

House Bill 4202 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

• Allow a school bus to be equipped with a stop-arm camera system in accordance with the Pupil Transportation Act, which House Bill 4204 would add.

• Require a school that used a stop-arm camera system to provide a video or photograph recorded by a stop-arm camera system for use as evidence in a proceeding for a violation if requested by a law enforcement agency.

• Specify that a photograph or video recorded by a stop-arm camera system would be admissible as evidence in a proceeding for a violation of the Code.

HB 4204 was introduced by Rep. Greg Van Woerkom (R) on Feb. 10, to permit school districts to install dual “stop-arm” cameras on school buses. The purpose is for prosecuting motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus, or contract with a private vendor to install and operate the cameras. The bill specifies the level of detail that must be captured by these cameras. The bill also repeals a provision that authorizes imposing 100 hours of community service for school bus passing violations.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said each year the police department receives several documented incidents from Fenton school bus drivers of vehicles illegally passing the bus. They currently provide registration information as well as a vehicle description.

“We use this information to identify and charge the responsible driver with failing to stop for a stopped bus displaying flashing red lights,” Slater said. “I fully support equipping school buses with a stop-arm camera capable of recording the dangerous practice of passing a bus during the loading or unloading of children.

“The recordings of vehicles failing to stop for the flashing lights would be highly beneficial in court, providing unarguable evidence.”

Slater added that if the video also captured the registration plate, it could help identify the vehicle and registered owner as sometimes police are given a registration plate that was incorrectly recorded.

“I think this is a great idea that could help us (police) hold drivers accountable for this dangerous situation,” he said.

Both bills were passed 102-7 in the House and 35-0 in the Senate. They were signed into law by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on July 13.

The importance of knowing the law

A Michigan case which has been pending for six years and came to an end last week is an excellent example of what can happen when there is a mistake made about the law.

It began in 2015 when the defendant Anthony Owen was stopped by an Ionia County deputy sheriff for driving 43 miles per hour on a street in the village of Saranac. There was no speed limit sign but the deputy mistakenly believed the speed limit was 25 miles per hour.

As a result of the stop he was charged and ultimately entered conditional guilty pleas to operating while visibly impaired and a weapons offense and allowed to appeal.

On appeal he claimed that there was no lawful basis for the stop because as a matter of law the speed limit on this street was actually 55 miles per hour.

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However the Village had never adopted any of these speed limits and there were no speed limit signs on the subject street as the MVC required.

As a result, the maximum speed limit automatically became 55 miles per hour under Michigan’s “general speed law.”

The defendant was right.

The stop was declared to be unlawful even though the deputy honestly thought the speed limit was lower.

The court said that law enforcement officers are required to know the law and here, although the deputy was not required to be perfect, his mistake of law was not one of a reasonable law enforcement officer.

The convictions were reversed and on Oct. 4, the United States Supreme Court rejected the prosecutor’s appeal.

This is a case with unique facts. However it does show the importance of knowing the law and confirms the legal maxim of “ignorance of the law is no excuse.”

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Well-known author Johnathan Rand attends event, signs books

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Witches Night Out has become a popular event for municipalities during the month of October to celebrate Halloween, and Fenton continued the tradition this year Friday, Oct. 8.

People dressed as witches walked around downtown, visited local stores and enjoyed the nice weather.

“Today has been fabulous. The weather cooperated. If you could see all the people around town, it’s crazy. It’s just a wonderful time to do Witches Night in downtown Fenton. I couldn’t be happier,” said Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton’s Open Book and event organizer. She and local author Brenda Hasse spearheaded the event.

Hundreds of people came out for the one of the most well attended Fenton Witches Night Out. Because it took place during Street Experience, the public could walk down the closed road and play cornhole, connect four and other games.

Well-known author Johnathan Rand, who wrote the Michigan and American Chillers series, had a booth as well. He signed hundreds of books for children and their parents.

Piacentini said getting Rand to attend was “perfect” for Witches Night. She contacted multiple school districts about his attendance.

“I called Johnathan Rand because the city wanted a big author to do these Thursday and Friday night Street Experiences. He couldn’t do it this summer, so he said he would do Witches Night,” she said. “We’ve already sold out on a lot of his books but we always will get more in. He’s a perfect author for a perfect night. I wouldn’t have changed anything.”

A balloon artist was set up near Fenton’s Open Book to make balloon creatures and hats for kids. A magician walked around and performed tricks for onlookers. One new activity this year was the Witches Ball, which took place in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

“It’s just fun to see people and families get together for this in the costumes,” Piacentini said. “Some people are regular customers and a lot of people are not. For the Street Experience, I don’t know if everyone realizes how many people come from outside of Fenton to come here. They wish their community, their city would do this. Fenton is very, very lucky to be able to do this for the people not only in Fenton, but throughout other communities.”

She said it’s “very fun” to meet new people and hear about where they’re from.

Piacentini thanked Hasse, the city of Fenton and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation for their help and support.

Local resident Rachel Rozario brought her son, Maxwell, 5, for Street Experience and was excited to see it was Witches Night. He painted a pumpkin outside of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

“We were excited to come downtown and see what was going on,” she said. Maxwell said he liked “pretty much all of it.”
TRAFFIC
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Village of Holly
2,088 (1950) to 5,997 (2020), an increase of 3,909
Groveland Township
4,030 (1950) to 5,912 (2020), an increase of 1,882

This is a population increase of 39,194 people from 1950 (25,341) to 2020 (64,535). These numbers don’t include population information for Tyrone Township and Rose Township, which don’t have direct access to Silver Lake/Grange Hall, but still contribute to traffic.

One 2018 traffic study found that approximately 20,000 vehicles drive on Silver Lake Road from Silver Parkway to LeRoy Street every day. It also found that the movement of the two U.S. 23 entrance/exit ramps at Silver Lake Road nearest the Eclerics store operates at a level of service (LoS) of F.

Linden resident Craig Newberry is voicing his concerns with the growing populations but stagnant traffic patterns. “What happens when all these people come? We need more schools. We need more churches. We need more grocery stores. We need more everything that’s included in infrastructure. One of the most important parts of infrastructure is roads. Roads have not kept up,” Newberry said. “When I started driving, almost 60 years ago, I was driving on the same traffic patterns that we still have.”

He said Fenton Road and Grand Blanc have not improved either. “Those roads don’t traffic nearly the quantity of cars every day that we do on Silver Lake Road to Grange Hall Road,” Newberry said. “The quantity of traffic that unloads onto Silver Lake Road/Grange Hall Road is amazing. It’s bumper to bumper on Grange Hall Road when you get off 75 all the way over to Fenton on a Friday afternoon. A lot of traffic is dumped here in Fenton.”

The expansion of U.S. 23 and I-75 in the 1950s meant more families settling roots in the Fenton, Linden and Holly areas but work in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Southfield and other larger cities. With the construction on Silver Lake Road in Fenton this past summer, along with the work done on the U.S. 23 overpasses, traffic has been more congested compared to past years.

See part two in the next edition of the Tri-County Times.

ALLEY CAT CLUB
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available only for Holly Hotel Dining Club members and their guests. For people who regularly go out, signing up as a club member opens the door for discounts and specials and who doesn’t like to be in on the discounts and special events?

While my husband and I tried the complementary appetizers and cocktails Friday night, we were entertained by crooner Ryan Dehues and Marla Moore. Their duets were awesome. Imagine listening to the soulful voices of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Perry Como live in concert. That’s what we heard Friday night.

If you have a special anniversary coming up or want to create a special memory with an important person in your life, check out the Alley Cat Club. Owners George and Chrissy Kutenios have put decades of sweat and tears into the Holly Hotel and it shows.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
OH, PLEASE EXTEND the bike trail onto Fenton Road. That road is so dangerous for bicycles because of all the curves. If a vehicle does not see a bicycle around the curve, it is so serious for both driver and the person on the bike. Owen Road is straight and wide so I think that one can wait.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Linden City officials. You have survived another year without repairing Main Street. I know that you want everyone to be upset at the potholes and pass your BS road millage. Resign and let someone take office who cares.
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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Both the driver of the GMC Savana van and Chevrolet Impala were uninjured and refused treatment at the scene. All drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

The roadway was closed for approximately four hours during the investigation and cleanup.

Deputies were assisted on the scene by city of Fenton Fire Department and Livingston County Sheriff’s Office.

FREE BREAST SCREENINGS
Free breast screenings will be offered by Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute (GHCI) on Thursday, Oct 14 from 5 to 7 p.m., at 302 Kensington Ave. in Flint. Screenings are open to women and men ages 18 and older. No appointment or registration is needed – walk-ins only. A physician will conduct the screening. For more information, call (810) 762-8226.

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HOT LINE

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WITH ONE COVID-19 infection in August, New Zealand implemented a strict national lockdown. Now with 1,300 additional cases, they are eliminating restrictions. Reality finally overcame propaganda as New Zealand learned the lesson we already knew — lockdowns do not work.

WHY ARE PEOPLE so worried about illegal immigrants but not the Chinese people in China who are treated terribly. And the rich people who invest millions there instead of in the USA. Start investing here. Small businesses start-ups. And the unions have turned their backs on America. They’re hypocrites.

IF YOU GO to a school board, before you speak, ask if FBI agents are present, and to identify themselves.

WEDNESDAY WAS COUNT day at our schools. I wonder if the information will include students who left because of mask mandates with no clear direction regarding outbreaks. Online home schools are seeing a sharp increase daily. My grandson loves his online school.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT wants to give free this, free that. Nothing’s free. How about incentives to work. We need people with skills. Open some trade schools.

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Fenton swimmers post strong times at MISCA meet

By David Troppens

Anyone wondering just how good the Fenton varsity girls swim team is found out Saturday at the MISCA Meet held at Calvin University.

In what is basically an all-star meet among all state swimmers in all divisions, the Tigers had their greatest showing ever at the meet, recording four school-record times and three first-place finishes en route to one outstanding team performance.

The Tigers opened the meet by breaking a Fenton school record, a state-qualifying time and a first-place finish in the opening event, the 200 medley relay. The team of Sophie Stefanac, Tess Heavner, Gracie Olsen and Sana Saab won with a

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It’s a Fenton vs. Lake Fenton Metro League title contest

Tigers take two days and overtime to defeat Linden in classic rivalry game, 36-34

By David Troppens

Fenton — It was everything one expects out of rivals. It had ups and downs. It had great plays and mistakes. A title was on the line as well.

Now add to the story line that the game extended over two days and an overtime session with today’s pandemic, COVID-19, playing a roll and it’s easy to see why this year’s version of the Fenton-Linden football rivalry won’t be forgotten by anyone anytime soon.

In a game that started Friday but was suspended early in the third quarter due to lightning and finished on Saturday, the Tigers scored a TD and a two-point conversion on two broken plays and then stopped the Linden Eagles on their game-tying two-point TD with an interception by Nolan Alvord. Those overtime plays earned the Fenton Tigers a 36-34 victory at Fenton High School.

The win means the tri-county area could see another classic in less than a week when the Lake Fenton Blue Devils host the Fenton Tigers in a battle for the Flint Metro League Championship contest Friday at 7 p.m.

“It feels great, Lake Fenton, it’s a huge rivalry and I have to give a lot of credit to Linden because they came out with a lot of energy.”

“It means a ton. We had a lot of adversity and it was a lot of fun.”

“I think everybody playing understood what had to be done and I think that’s what happened,” Fenton’s Daniel Mott said. “We lost five guys yesterday and See TIGERS on 15

Devils’ defense leads LF to 14-12 win vs. Martians

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — A year ago the Lake Fenton varsity football team had its issues.

The Blue Devils finished the season with a 3-5 record and player-on-player accountability was very low. This year’s senior class saw that and knew things had to change.

Something has changed.

The Blue Devils have been the surprising team of the Flint Metro League this season and that continued Friday night as the Blue Devils became the Flint Metro League Stars Division regular season champions by recording a tight 14-12 victory against the Goodrich Martians. The Blue Devils ended up co-champions with Goodrich, but by beating the Martians, the Blue Devils will host area rival Fenton in the Flint Metro League championship contest Friday at 7 p.m.

“Our senior leadership stepped it up this year,” four-year senior quarterback Reid Shumaker said. “We held people accountable at the beginning of the year. It’s different. If you are late, you run. It’s accountability. If we make a mistake, we bounce back. It’s all about the bounce-back mentality and we don’t break.”

“We went all in,” senior lineman Max Muenzer said. “We held people accountable at the beginning of the year. It’s different. If you are late, you run. It’s accountability. If we make a mistake, we bounce back. It’s all about the bounce-back mentality and we don’t break.”

“We went all in,” senior lineman Max Muenzer said. “No one let up all year and we played together every single snap. We got it done.”

Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski gives all the credit to his

See DEVILS on 15

Photo: David Troppens
Tennis teams unable to advance to state

The Fenton and Holly varsity boys tennis teams saw their seasons come to an end at the D2 regional meet last week. Fenton placed fourth while Holly finished sixth, meaning both teams were unable to qualify for the D2 state meet.

Fenton had six flights advance to the semifinals. They were Sheldon Hand (No. 1), Josh Brott (No. 2) and Remy Book (No. 3) in singles flights and Parker Money and Quinton Monty (No. 1), Joe McCarthy and Trey Hajec (No. 2) and Isaac Gurnsey and Noah Gurnsey (No. 3) in doubles action.

Book came the closest to advancing to the finals with a 7-6(4), 6-4 loss in his semifinal match.
Holly swimmers fall in battle with Brandon/Goodrich co-op

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls swim team recorded four firsts against the co-op team from Brandon and Goodrich, but were unable to sneak past the co-op in the Bronchos’ 99-82 loss.

Ella Althaver continued her strong showing during the season by earning a first in the 200 freestyle (2:16.00) and the 100 butterfly (1:06.24). The other individual first was earned by Evelyn Wolleson in the 50 freestyle (28.20). Finally, the 200 freestyle relay team of Althaver, Megan Hollopeter, Katie Sanders and Wolleson earned a first as well (1:57.22).

The Bronchos had four individual seconds. They were earned by Caelie MacDougall in the 200 individual medley (2:57.38), Megan Dahlin in diving (179.60), Hollopeter in the 100 butterfly (1:23.83) and Sanders in the 100 freestyle (1:05.18).

The Bronchos travel to Owosso on Thursday.

Holly football falls to Kearsley Hornets, 42-6

By David Troppens

In short, Kearsley’s offense was too potent for the Holly varsity football team Friday night.

The Hornet’s scored four first-half touchdowns and jumped to a 21-0 lead early, eventually earning a 42-6 victory against the Bronchos.

Kearsley scored on its first possession, scoring on a four-yard run by Bradyn Weidinhammer. Weidinhammer would finish the game with two TD runs and two TD passes.

The Bronchos (1-6) tried to respond and drove the ball to the Hornets’ 19. Facing a fourth-and-2 at that spot, however, the drive ended with an incomplete pass.

Kearsley followed that defensive stop with its second scoring drive. Extending the drive into the second quarter, the Hornets scored on a 25-yard completion to Darrick Phipps. The Hornets led 13-0.

Kearsley also scored on its third possession of the contest. Kearsley drove 70 yards in 11 plays, scoring on Weidinhammer’s one-yard run. Weidinhammer also ran in the two-point conversion and the Bronchos trailed 21-0.

Holly’s only scoring drive of the contest started with 3:03 remaining in the half. The Bronchos drove 55 yards in six plays, scoring on Boston Curtis’s 28-yard TD pass to Jacob Chereson. The extra-point kick was no good and the Bronchos trailed 21-6 with 1:15 remaining on the clock. That was enough time for Kearsley’s offense who needed just two plays to score on a 31-yard TD completion from Weidinhammer to Donovan Harrington. Kearsley led 28-6 at the half.

Holly actually put together a quick drive in the final 52 seconds of the half, but a pass was intercepted by Darkari Neeley on the third-and-2 play from the Hornets’ 22.

Kearsley scored two more TDs in the second half. One came on a Phipps’s eight-yard run and the other on a 45-yard TD pass from Weidinhammer to Gavin Malenfant.

Curtis completed 11-of-26 passes for 126 yards for the Bronchos.

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time of 1:46.96.

Olsen and Heavner had outstanding individual meets as well. Olsen took two firsts and recorded state-qualifying and school record times in two individual events. She won the 200 individual medley (2:02.85) and the 100 freestyle (51.06). Meanwhile, Heavner, a freshman, had two individual seconds. She gave the Tigers a 1-2 finish in the 200 individual medley with a second-place effort (2:05.85) and earned the runner-up spot in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.91), earning a Fenton school record and state times.

That wasn’t the end of the top-three efforts. Stefanac had a state-cut and a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke (58.56). Finally, the 400 freestyle relay team of Stefanac, Heavner, rose Haney and Olsen took third in the 400 freestyle relay with a state-qualifying time of 3:37.37.

“It was definitely nice to see the girls swim that fast this early,” Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. “We started our Hell week (Monday) morning and they know they have more in them for November. The next five weeks will be really exciting as we begin to focus on the Metro League and state meets.”

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Eagles win five-set thriller vs. Lapeer

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team had a non-league tuneup on Monday before returning to Flint Metro League action on Wednesday, and had themselves an entertaining match against Lapeer.


The Eagles’ offense was pretty balanced between Olivia Nester and Gracie Pierscinski. Nester had 14 kills while Pierscinski collected 12 kills. Kara Bigelow also chipped in five kills. The women at the net also were pretty effective blocking, with Pierscinski and Bigelow providing seven blocks each. Defensively, Nester also had 12 digs while Pierscinski had six.

The Eagles (16-9-3 overall) return to Flint Metro League Stripes Division action when they travel to Holly. Linden is 5-1 in division action and remains just one match behind the first-place Flushing Raiders (6-0).

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Lake Fenton’s defense was stifling all night long in the Blue Devils’ 14-2 victory against the Goodrich Martians. Photo: Mark Bolen

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said about the key defensive play on the two-point conversion attempt. “I knew the quarterback was probably going to pull it in. I got the work done back behind the line and we just had the better defense and the better team.”

Goodrich had the game’s first great chance to score. The Martians had a second-and-goal situation from the Lake Fenton 4, but the ball was fumbled by Easton Phipps. The Blue Devils recovered and the contest remained scoreless with 11:52 remaining in the first half.

The defensive stand seemed to motivate the Blue Devils as they drove 98 yards during 10 plays for the game’s first score on the contest’s next possession. A 40-yard completion from Shumaker to Decker was one key play and a 14-yard completion on a third-and-15 play to Luke Simmons was another one. It set up a fourth-and-1 play from the Goodrich 4. Lake Fenton scored on a four-yard TD pass from Shumaker to Conley. Ashton Hunter made the extra-point and the Blue Devils led 7-0 with 6:41 left in the opening half.

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Fenton’s Seth Logan (top) threw three TD passes in Fenton’s win against Linden. (Below) Linden’s Austin Alfen makes a TD catch. Photos: David Troppens

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today we had two more losses. We were kind of looking for numbers, looking for people to step up and they did. It was great.”

The game was decided in overtime. Fenton got the ball first and scored on a 10-yard pass from Logan to Mott in the corner of the end zone.

“It was pretty exciting. I was trying to make sure I had my feet inbounds,” Mott said. “The game was kind of on the line right there.”

On the extra-point, the snap wasn’t cleanly handled by Logan and he got up and ran with the ball, getting the two-point conversion instead.

“We audibled and it didn’t go our way and we had a broken play,” Logan said about the touchdown. “(Being a broken play) helped us. (The two-point conversion) was a little botched snap. I really didn’t get it clean and I was going for the pylon and got it in. It felt great.”

Fenton led 36-28, but the Eagles still had their chance with the ball at the 10.

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notes that three clinical characteristics, referred to as “T, N, and M,” are used to calculate the stage of the cancer:
• The size of the tumor and whether it has grown into nearby tissue (T)
• Whether the cancer is in the lymph nodes (N)
• Whether the cancer has spread, or metastasized, into other parts of the body beyond the breast (M)

Additional characteristics were added to the AJCC’s TNM breast cancer staging system in 2018. Though this has made determining the stage of breast cancer more complex, Breastcancer.org notes that it’s also made staging more accurate. That improved accuracy increases the likelihood that doctors will choose the most effective treatment plan for their patients, which should ease those patients’ concerns as they begin treatment.

Staging is complex, and patients should know that staging alone does not dictate prognosis. The following breakdown, courtesy of the NCI, is a brief description of the five stages of cancer (stages 0 through IV). A more detailed description of breast cancer stages can be found at breastcancer.org/symptoms/diagnosis/staging.
• Stage 0: This is diagnosed when abnormal cells are present but have not spread to nearby tissue. Stage 0 is also called carcinoma in situ, or CIS. CIS is not cancer, but it may become cancer.
• Stages I through III: Cancer is present in these stages. The higher the number, the larger the tumor is and the more it has spread into nearby tissues.
• Stage IV: The cancer has spread to distant parts of the body.

Staging plays an important role in treating cancer. Recognizing the role of staging can help patients better understand their disease and the direction of their treatments.

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Theodore Darin “Ted” Ostapchuk
1964 – 2021

Theodore Darin “Ted” Ostapchuk - age 56, of Fenton, died unexpectedly, Thursday, October 7, 2021. Memorial services will be held 11 AM Friday, October 15, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Ted’s obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday, October 14 from 4 - 8 PM and Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Theodore D. Ostapchuk Memorial Fund, c/o his children. Ted was born October 14, 1964 in Flint, the son of Theodore G., Jr. and Jewell Elaine (McKeen) Ostapchuk. He was a 1982 graduate of Hartland High School. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Science from the University of Michigan; He also attended Michigan State University and Central Michigan University. He was a lifelong resident of Lake Shannon. Ted owned and operated Foresight Security Solutions and most recently co-owned and co-operated with his son, Max Freedom Outdoor Lawn Service. He was a member of the Lake Shannon Sportsmen Club and was a former member of the Fenton Moose Lodge. He enjoyed art, cooking, fishing, bowling, golfing, snowmobiling, and being on the lake. Surviving are his children, Max Ostapchuk and Ana Ostapchuk both of Fenton; sister, Tamra (Gary) McNutt of Fenton; niece, Kayla (Ben Willey) McNutt of Fenton; nephew, Mason McNutt of Fenton; his former wife, Kelly Lance of Fenton; aunt, Olga Mahlstede of Dayton, OH; and several cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Glenda Downer
1941 – 2021

Glenda Downer - age 79, of Fenton, died Saturday, October 9, 2021. Memorial services will be held 11 AM Friday, October 15 at the Linden Free Methodist Church 13274 S. Linden Rd., Linden, Pastor John Price officiating. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Thursday, October 14 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, and 10 - 11 AM Friday, October 15 at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Covenant Hills Campgrounds or Linden Free Methodist Church. Glenda was born November 4, 1941 in Mendenhall, Mississippi, the daughter of Granville Hord and Roma (Rankin) Hord. She was preceded in death by her father, Granville Hord; mother, Roma Hord Bedell; step-father, Ford Bedell; her children, Melanie and Rodney; sister, Jimmie Williams; and step-sisters, Eileen Neilson, Myrna Standridge, and Annette Sharp. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Source: Thefuneralsource.org
Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
There may be a lot of visitors in your life lately, Aries. You might need to play host at work or at home. Keep the mood light and enjoy this chance to reconnect.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this week you may be feeling a little on edge and you won’t be able to pinpoint why. Put yourself into quiet situations where you can unwind and decompress.

GEMINI
May 21/Jun 21
Gemini, you may need a break from the pressures of your life, especially if you’ve felt tired or strained lately. Too much focus on responsibilities can do that.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
You have quite the gift of gab when you feel comfortable with someone, Cancer. Just be sure to come up for air and let the other party get a word in edgewise.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Leo, pay attention to psychic impressions this week as things that seem random may actually be telling you something. Don’t hesitate to lean on others for their interpretations.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Virgo, you may get a call from someone this week that catches you off guard. The conversation may prove inspiring and open doors to new opportunities.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, you may be quick to dismiss insights that come your way via a hunch or a feeling. You tend to value logic, but go with your gut on this.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Scorpio, you have a plan and it includes new friends, a new attitude and a new location. It may take you a little while to achieve all of this, but remain patient and focused.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18
Confusing signs could be coming from friends or coworkers, Aquarius. Don’t be afraid to seek some clarity. Others will appreciate your honesty.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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