

# Beacon & Bridge redevelopment underway

■ Contractor waiting on state of Michigan for permits

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Construction is ongoing for the Beacon & Bridge redevelopment.

Kevin Berry, owner of Berry Custom Homes and contractor for

the project, gave an update at the Monday, Oct. 11 Linden City Council meeting. He said he appreciates the cooperation from the city.

“It’s a very small site that we’re working on and it’s a big building going on there. There’s a lot of work going on,” he said. They’re currently doing masonry work.

The convenience store is now at

the north end of the property and the gas pumps will be at the southern portion.

After work is done, the convenience store will be 2,592 square feet and there will be eight pumps located on the south portion of the property. Plans for redevelopment were approved in 2020.

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Construction workers are busy working on the Beacon & Bridge redevelopment on Tuesday, Oct. 19. When completed, it will be a 2,592-square-foot convenience store. Photo: Hannah Ball



**HAPPENING IN LINDEN PULLS OFF SUCCESSFUL ZOMBIE WALK, TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL AND MORE SEE PAGE 3**

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### Renovating historic building too costly for Rose Township

By Sharon Stone

The Rose Township Board of Trustees decided to hold off on renovation plans at the old township hall due to much higher than expected costs.

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### Join TCT and FARR for fun and fundraising this Saturday

If you love your community and enjoy craft beer and wine you’ll want to head to downtown Fenton this Saturday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 8 p.m. for the third annual Bottles, Brews & News.

The event, which takes place in Rackham Park behind the Fenton Community

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Lake Fenton’s Lucas Storm dives into the endzone during the Blue Devils’ 42-6 Flint Metro League Crossover Championship victory against crosstown rivals Fenton on Friday. The Blue Devils became the first team in the Stars Division to win the title game. The Fenton Tigers had won the previous two championship contests and have participated in all three crossover title games. See story on Page 12. Photo: Mark Bolen

### Fenton to continue assessing services for Grand Blanc

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council approved a two-year contract during its meeting Monday, Oct. 11 to provide assessing services to the city of Grand Blanc worth \$50,000 per year for the city of Fenton.

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### Township considers littering ordinance

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township is considering a littering ordinance to prevent companies from throwing unwanted papers into driveways.

During the Monday, Oct. 18 meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed the proposed ordinance, which is meant to

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“A big thanks to Cause & Affect Gallery for all the work they do to provide support to local artists and local groups who provide assistance to those in our community who are in need.”



Marina, Yard and Garden, and BHI Home Improvements. These local businesses deserve a chance to show their professionalism and exemplary service. Thank you.”

“Three local businesses that deserve special mention for going above and beyond are Lake Ponemah

“Downtown Fenton speed limit is 25 mph and state law says yield for anyone in or entering a crosswalk. Perhaps Fenton police could enforce this before a pedestrian is hurt or worse by a speeding driver on their phone.”



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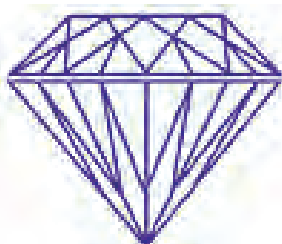


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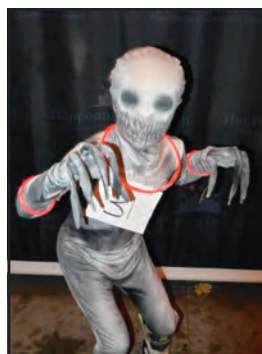


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## 'The rain did not dampen any spirits'

■ Happening in Linden pulls off successful zombie walk, trick-or-treat trail and more

By Sharon Stone

Despite some rain, the Linden Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters event hosted by Happening in Linden this past weekend was deemed a success.

Friends and families enjoyed the Zombie Walk on Friday, Oct. 15, while Halloween festivities extended to Saturday, Oct. 16 with haunted trails and trick-or-treating.

The Zombie Monster Walk staged at the Linden Library parking lot and traveled on Broad Street to Walmar and Eagle's Wooden Park, where the annual "Thriller" flash mob took place. The

Linden Dance Academy held zombie dance clinics in preparation of the big flash mob.

The trick-or-treating trail and the haunted trails at Eagle's Wooden Park were the newest addition to Linden's Halloweens celebrations this year.

"The Flash Mob Dancers were fully committed, even dropping into the mud to finish their routine," said Mary Dodt-Dick, event chairperson and Happening in Linden director. "The rain did not dampen any 'spirits.'"

Their Trick or Treat Trail entertained hundreds of kids after the Zombie Walk.

On Saturday, the sun came out and so did the ghouls and goblins. More than 1,500 people experienced their first ever Trail of Terror, waiting up to

an hour to see the 'monsters' in action and hundreds more enjoyed the Trick or Treat trail again.

"We consider this event to have been a great success and look forward to it becoming another family tradition in the Linden community," Dodt-Dick said.

Happening in Linden is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit with the mission of bringing to and keeping community events alive and well in the Linden Area. The group includes their neighbors in Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township in their community and look forward to seeing everyone at their next event.

For upcoming events, follow Happening in Linden on Facebook or Instagram, or visit their website [happeninginlinden.com](http://happeninginlinden.com).

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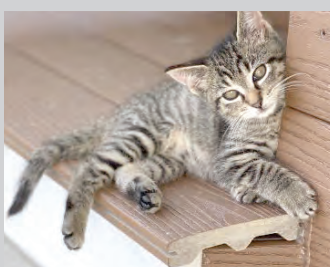


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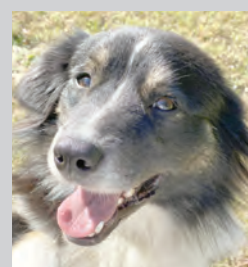
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## Building Brands

**F**or his birthday in February 2020, I bought my husband concert tickets for a show that summer. We all know what happened next. When we were finally able to attend that show a few weeks ago, things didn't exactly go as planned. We like to sit on the lawn portion of this venue and after an amazing opening act the sky opened and the show was postponed (again). As it was a "school night," we decided not to wait out the rain delay and headed home. While this might sound like a bummer of a story, I assure you it is not. That concert — as brief as it may have been — was one of the best experiences of our lives.

That's because it was the first large event we attended since the pandemic put a pause on that sort of gathering. At one point before the music started, I noticed a girl next to me taking it all in. We both had a drink in hand and when our eyes met, we raised our glasses. "This is amazing," she said. "I know," I responded. She started to tear up. "I missed this so much," she added right as the band took to the stage and she got up to dance.

What she (what we) have been missing is something called collective effervescence. I learned this thanks to a New York Times opinion piece on the topic. From the article, "It's a concept coined in the early 20th century by the pioneering sociologist Émile Durkheim to de-

## Come for the collective effervescence, stay for the beer

scribe the sense of energy and harmony people feel when they come together in a group around a shared purpose."

If you haven't had the chance to experience collective effervescence in recent times, I have a great opportunity for you.

Get to downtown Fenton's Rackham Park 3 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 23 for the third annual Bottles, Brews & News. There will be more than 100 different craft beer, cider, wine and hard seltzer samples to try, live music, a photo booth, games, food and — you guessed it — collective effervescence.

Before I go on, this is a branding column so I must explain how this concept and beers and branding relate.

Nine years ago (long before I'd ever heard of collective effervescence), View Newspaper Group leadership decided they wanted to host a craft beer festival. How do beers and newspapers relate? Well, there are actually a few ways.

At the time, View was on the leading edge of a trend of newspapers nation-wide hosting community events. Newspaper companies realized that they have an advantage when it comes to hosting events in that we always have a guest list (our readers and clients) and existing partnerships with potential

sponsors. We have the ability to promote the event through our products,

we have the staffing, and we also like to do nice things for the communities we serve. We specialize in connecting people and we love creating opportunities for collective effervescence.

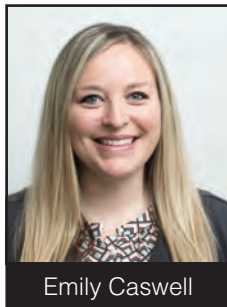
We love it so much that we didn't stop with a craft beer festival. In nine years, we've added an all-women's golf outing, a robotics festi-

val, a swanky bowling event, and thanks to our creativity in a time of COVID, a drive-thru beer and barbecue event that's likely to continue post-pandemic.

And while collective effervescence is a great reason to get together, each of these events also benefits a nonprofit. Since View Newspaper Group started hosting events, we have raised more than \$150,000 for various causes.

Bottles, Brews & News will once again benefit FARR (Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc.) The nonprofit formed in 1990 provides assistance to individuals and families in crisis by assessing their basic needs (food, shelter, health) and coordinating with local partnering organizations to help address those needs.

See **BEER** on 11



Emily Caswell

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

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**Amy Andres**  
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"Wine. Obviously, because it's better for you."

**Tonya Zerwick**  
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"No amazing story starts with drinking wine. They all start with beer."

**Chris Hogan**  
Holly

## streettalk

# Former Fenton Township supervisor dies

■ Longtime friend describes James Smeets as true public servant, very generous man

By Sharon Stone

James "Jim" Smeets, 84, of Sun City West, Arizona and formerly of Fenton Township, died Sept. 11. He lived in Fenton Township for more than 50 years and was supervisor of the township for 20 years in the 1970s and '80s.



James "Jim" Smeets

Smeets was instrumental in building sanitary sewers around the many lakes in Fenton Township to save them from

the pollution from hundreds of septic systems, many of which were failing systems. This action and the miles of sewers that came from it, in effect, is credited for saving the lakes from dying and allowed people to continue enjoying the lakes today.

After retiring from GM, Smeets and his wife, Sue, moved to Sun City West, Arizona. Three daughters also moved their families to the Phoenix area.

When they lived in Fenton Township, Smeets served on the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association. As supervisor, he also served on a committee of the Genesee County Road Commission, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Girl Scouts Council and Big Brothers association.

In Arizona, Smeets became involved with the General Motors Retiree Club, and volunteered with the Dysert schools for several years.

Longtime friend and Fenton Township resident Ted Goupil described Smeets as a true public servant, who always went above and beyond.

"He was always looking for ways to make someone else's life a little better and easier," Goupil said. "He was a very generous man with his time. Jim was literally a man in motion wherever he lived."

"Even though he was active in

many civic organizations and in local government, he was a very happy grandfather to be able to be involved in the lives of his six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren as they grew up in Arizona."

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a memorial resolution in honor of Smeets.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said he was instrumental in the implementation of township programs still in place today. The resolution states that he contributed greatly to the township and was the driving force behind many initiatives that benefit township residents, including the sanitary sewer system, contracted law enforcement, creation of the Fenton Township Fire

Department, implementing of trash collection and mosquito control, construction of the new township hall in 1974 and more.

The resolution also expressed gratitude for his dedicated service to the residents and "profound sadness" at his death.

Staff reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this story.

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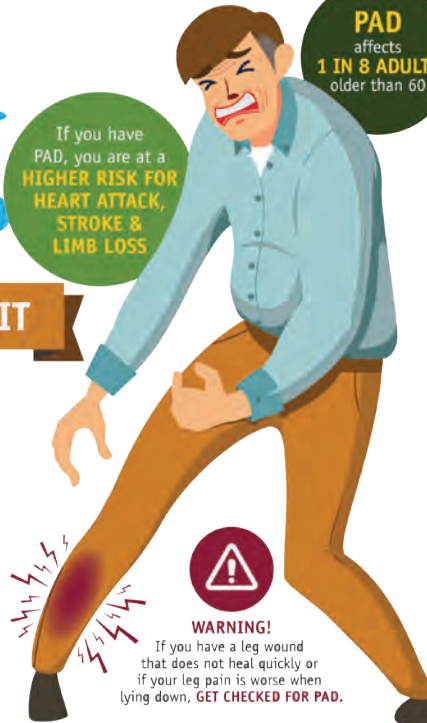
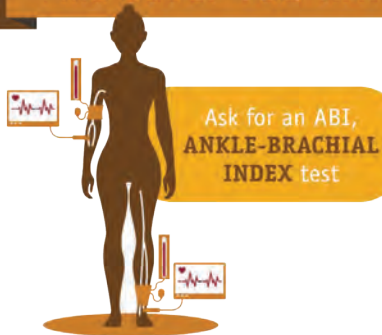
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### CLEMENCY, PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, REPRIEVES AND MORE

In light of a recently raised question, I present the following.

The word clemency comes to us from the Latin word “clementia,” which means “calmness or gentleness.”

It has come to mean a power given to a public official, such as a governor or a president, to show leniency or mercy based on fairness, justice, and forgiveness.

The concept of clemency is thousands of years old.

For the United States it originated in England with the king. When it made its way over to us, the founding fathers made it a part of the Constitution in Article II Section 2, which states that the president “shall have power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.”

This power has been interpreted as authority for five types of clemency:

- Full pardon, which relieves a person of wrongdoing and restores any civil rights lost
- Amnesty (similar to a full pardon), which applies to groups or communities of people
- Commutation, which reduces a

sentence for an offense

- Reprive delaying the imposition of a sentence for a certain period of time
- Remission or reduction of fines after sentencing

These powers apply only to federal offenses. Each state has its own constitutional clemency standards as to state offenses.

Michigan’s Constitution allows the governor to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction except for impeachment.

Although the powers are similar, unlike Michigan, the president has the power to pardon individuals even before they are charged.

Under both federal and Michigan law, a pardon erases a conviction from an individual’s record but it remains a public record.

The most famous presidential pardon in my lifetime was Sept. 8, 1974 when President Gerald R. Ford pardoned his predecessor Richard M. Nixon before any charges were brought.

There have been many other grants of clemency to notable individuals with opinions sometimes varying as to whether they were deserved.

Now for the question — can a president pardon himself?

The answer is that there is no definitive consensus among legal scholars, it has never been attempted, and no one knows with any certainty.

For further information on clemency there is an excellent summary found in a 2020 report from the Congressional Research Service, which is available online.

## SERVICES

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The city has been providing assessing services for Grand Blanc since 2013. Fenton’s assessor is responsible for managing assessing in Grand Blanc, along with the deputy assessor as part of their regular responsibilities.

In a memo from City Manager Lynn Markland to city council, Markland said that Fenton’s assessing department has done an excellent job for Fenton and the two cities, Grand Blanc and Linden, that contract with Fenton for services. He said the additional funds for services have allowed Fenton to put together a

team to provide the more extensive and complete assessing tasks as required by the Michigan Tax Commission (MTC).

The city of Fenton and the cities it provides services to, Grand Blanc and Linden, have passed the annual minimum assessing requirements review (AMAR) performed by an independent company contracted with the MTC. The assessing records of all three cities meet 100% of the MTC standards.

Fenton’s contract with Grand Blanc expired June 30 and this renewal of the contract is for two years at \$50,000 per year. Grand Blanc City Council has already approved the contract.

# Local club celebrates 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary

■ Local mother, daughters strive for personal and professional improvement together

This Friday, Oct. 22, Toastmasters International will celebrate its 97th anniversary. Fenton Area Toastmasters gathering this Friday will celebrate the occasion as well. Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization well-known for helping people build confidence as speakers and develop leadership skills.

Today, Toastmasters skills are in-demand as hiring managers look for soft skills, communication and leadership. Toastmasters is often recommended by HR leaders, sales leaders, mentors, coaches, and even family members.

Currently, one Fenton family is navigating the Toastmasters program together. In January, sisters Bridgette Frost and Brystel Rumschlag of Fenton joined Fenton Area Toastmasters upon recommendation of their mother, a former member of Toastmasters.

In September, their mother, Reeny Sovel, (also of Fenton) rejoined the club as well. In 2005, Sovel was one of the



Reeny Sovel (center) and her daughters Brystel Rumschlag and Bridgette Frost are members of Fenton Area Toastmasters. They are helping to celebrate the organization's 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary. *Submitted photo*

20 founding members of Fenton Area Toastmasters. She joined Toastmasters upon the recommendation of fellow members of the Fenton Chamber of Commerce. Sovel said, "That's how a lot of people came to the group, it was a group where everyone was connected, knew one another, and brought other people. It was very energizing and super positive."

At the time, Sovel was a manager and speaker for a Flint newspaper. She said

it greatly helped her in her occupation. She left when she moved on to a new job that required a lot of travel. She said they all have fond memories of hearing about her experience when they were children.

Frost said, "I can remember her going to a bunch of clubs all the time and I remember her telling us how she was going to a club that counted all your 'ahs' and 'ums,' and I remember thinking ... that is really crazy, why would anyone want to do that?"

Both daughters recently transitioned into new careers and joined Toastmasters to refine and develop their speaking and leadership skills. Rumschlag is a Realtor in the Metro Detroit area. Frost, who previously served as a Flint police officer, is currently in a new role within the Special Victims Unit for the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Fenton Area Toastmasters welcomes visitors at any meeting. They meet Fridays from 7:45 to 9 a.m. This Friday's meeting will be held at Faith City Church, 806 Main St., Fenton. For more information, visit <https://fentonfreetoasthostus.toastmastersclubs.org> or find them on Facebook.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### HOLLY MAN A VICTIM TO SCAM

On Thursday, Oct. 7, at 5:36 p.m., a 20-year-old Holly man found himself the victim of an employment scam and reported it to Holly police. The man applied for a position on a well-known employment site. During the process, the man was instructed to send a cashier's checks and gift cards to a bogus employment agency to secure the job. The company and names used were all fake leaving the man out a considerable amount of money. A report was filed.

### ROSE TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED IN HOLLY

On Thursday, Oct. 7, at 11:45 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a call of suspicious persons behind a building on E. Maple Street. As the officers arrived, they found a

man and a woman standing next to the building, who upon seeing the officers started walking away quickly. The officers detained them for questioning and noticed the male was using his arm to shield an object under his shirt. Further inspection revealed the man was carrying a pistol under his shirt and did not have a concealed pistol license. The 25-year-old Rose Township man was arrested for carrying a concealed pistol and lodged at the Oakland County Jail. Officers found marijuana on the man and believe they were behind the building to smoke.

### FENTON MAN ARRESTED ON WARRANTS IN HOLLY

On Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6:38 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a N. Holly Road business for a person that appeared underage who was approaching customers and asking them to go to a bar with him. Officers located the subject and determined he had several valid warrants for his arrest from multiple police agencies. The 33-year-old Fenton man was arrested on the warrants and removed from the scene.

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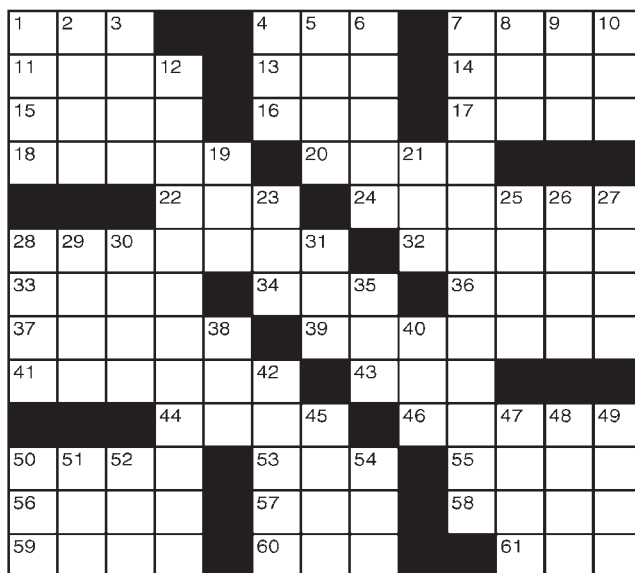


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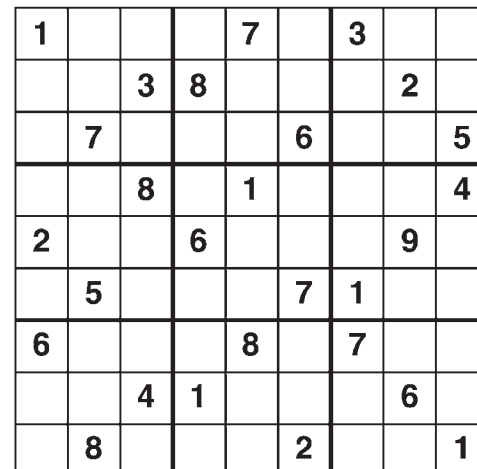
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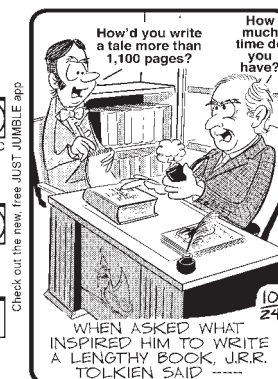
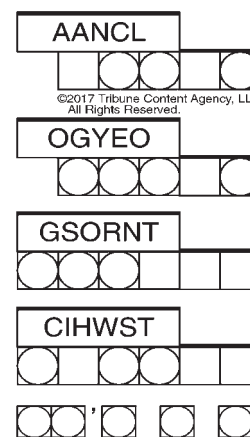
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## Horoscopes

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## ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week may start off with a little confusion. However, within a few days you can sort through much of the haze and make sense of things.

## TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Everything is not what it seems, Taurus. That doesn't mean you have to be on guard. Some surprise await you and you will welcome them with open arms.

## GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, it is easy to get swept up in nostalgia this week. Memories of the past will bring a smile to your face, but you recognize that you need to take steps forward as well.

## CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, even if it feels like your mind is playing tricks on you, you have to sort through what is false and what is true to get to the real heart of the matter.

## LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Be careful where you spend your money, Leo. It can be easy to overspend if you're not careful about keeping receipts and monitoring your money.

## VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you typically function at your peak when you think through all sides of a story before acting. But when something pops up at work, you may have to think on your feet.

## LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a craving for fantasy could be strong, especially if a lot of things in your life have been difficult lately. It can be tempting to slip into a dream world.

## SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Be mindful of activities you attend to and which people you keep in your inner circle, Scorpio. Time and who you spend it with are important.

## SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

There's a lot of energy swirling around you, Sagittarius. In face, you may need to find an outlet for it. Direct this sudden influx of energy into creative projects.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Start making some travel plans, Capricorn. A change of scenery is likely just what you need at this point in time to give you a fresh perspective.

## AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, this may not have been the easiest year to develop new relationships. However, you will manage to walk away this week with one or two new acquaintances.

## PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, instead of branching out into the unknown, try sticking with what you know for the time being. Enjoy this time in your comfort zone.



# Remediation expected to begin in November

■ Beacon & Bridge underground gas leak remediation system currently being installed

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — While construction is ongoing for the Beacon & Bridge redevelopment, engineers are at work designing a remediation system to decontaminate the ground from an underground gasoline leak.

Alan Nicholls, manager of state contract services with PM Environmental, gave an update during the Monday, Oct. 11 Linden City Council meeting.

In June, Linden City Council approved a plan for PM Environmental, Inc. to install underground remediation wells

around the Beacon & Bridge property in downtown Linden. The council allowed PM Environmental access to S. Bridge Street and E. Broad Street to install up to 21 wells and associated piping for construction of a soil and groundwater treatment system seven years after the underground gas leak was detected.

PM is currently in the process of installing two different remediation systems at the site, one on the north side of the road and one on the south side. Allen Nicholls said they're "on the verge" of being done with installing the systems and they're waiting on Consumers Energy for the power line, which they're expecting this month.

"Once that power line is in, we're

going to be dropping the cargo container and putting in the fencing that's going to hide that container and then that system will be up and running shortly there," he said.

It will take them approximately two to three weeks to put together final components. The remediation system, which will be stored inside an enclosed cargo container, is prebuilt and the power will need to be hooked up. The remediation system enclosure with the tank will be located next to the dumpster in the corner of the lot. This is the only thing in the system that will be above ground.

"That system will be operating in November," he said. This system could be there from five to seven years.

City Manager Ellen Glass said the container will blend in with downtown aesthetics as "best as possible."

They've started drilling to put in the remediation wells and soil vapor extraction wells that will connect to the south system.

The anticipated completion date is Oct. 25 for the drilling work. Trench-

ing, which will be the "most disruptive" part of this construction, begins Nov. 1, Nicholls said.

"We're anticipating that's going to take about a month," he said, adding that they're hoping to shorten that time. "We're going into this with the mindset that we need to keep these businesses functioning and that we're going to be very cooperative to that."

Trenching will include tearing up sidewalks to install underground piping. Nicholls said they will make sure to not cut off access to businesses. They sent letters to all affected business owners. There will probably be some lane closures during trenching.

They anticipate the final design on the south remediation system to be completed before the year's end. They will have contractors bid on the project.

Linden City Council has approved the design for the north system, but not the south system.

Glass "strongly" recommended organizing a meeting with the engineers and businesses to answer questions.

## PERMITS

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"We've had a couple of little setbacks. Mainly, we're waiting on the state of Michigan for some permits. It's been three months now," he said.

They're waiting on permits for mechanical, plumbing and electrical work. Berry said the state hasn't provided a reason for the delay and it won't issue these permits separately.

"We've asked them to be issued separately so that we can start on all of our underground plumbing. We could be a long way down the road if our underground plumbing would be able to be inspected, but they won't allow me to start on the underground plumbing," he said, adding that he's having trouble getting it inspected.

The mechanical designs have been reviewed, but plumbing and electrical has not, and the state won't issue a permit until all three have been approved.

Berry said the state is taking anywhere from six to 14 weeks. Their goal is to be done by December. "But if we don't get some permits from the state of Michigan pretty soon, that's going to make that difficult to

accomplish," he said.

They're also waiting on utilities from Consumers Energy.

The storm water management and sewer system have been installed.

Berry said unfortunately, they'll have to go into the roadway on Bridge Street. They were hoping to use the catch basin that's already at the site, but the pipe is inverted too much.

"We're going to have to go into the street and set the other catch basin," he said. "That was the plan originally from Rowe Engineering, but we were trying to circumvent that and keep that road construction down to a minimum."

They will be working with PM Environmental to communicate about sidewalks and trenching work at the project site.

"We're just kind of doing the best we can over there," he said.

Berry said despite permit delays, they're "marching on." He urged council to reach out to him if they hear any concerns.

City Manager Ellen Glass said her concern would be construction ongoing during holiday and Christmas events.

“Mainly, we’re waiting on the state of Michigan for some permits. It’s been three months now.”

**Kevin Berry**  
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After hearing that it would cost approximately \$1.2 million to renovate the Rose Township Historic Town House, the township board decided Oct. 13 to hold off on the project. **Submitted photo**

## RENOVATING

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The board hired H2A Architects in July for architectural and design services for Rose Township Historic Town House for a cost not to exceed \$23,000.

On Aug. 17, H2A Architects visited the site to observe the general condition of the historic building and make updated notes of the conditions. The historic property was built in 1881, making it 140 years old. In the 1970s, small additions were created, along with a barrier free ramp.

The building is approximately 35-by-55-feet and is framed in wood and has wood clapboard siding. The clapboard siding has been covered with wide tile siding. The basement/foundation is of clay structural tile and concrete construction. Small additions on the rear of the building have an exposed CMU and rock face CMU foundation, with wood framed walls, covered with wide cement board siding. The roofs are covered with asphalt/fiberglass shingles.

H2A Architects noted a horizontal crack along the northeast, interior side of the basement wall. The exterior ramp on the other side of the wall may be a factor in the cracked wall.

The architectural firm noted a

deficiency in beam support in the basement, as well as moisture and water damage.

A stage that is original to the construction of the building should be removed, as recommended by H2A Architects. If the stage were to remain, it would require a ramp up to the stage surface. Updates to the electrical and mechanical issues would be necessary too.

Breaking down costs, life and safety issues are \$35,000, phase one of renovation is \$220,000, phase one of addition is \$495,000, phase one entrance stairs is \$90,000, phase two of basement, toilet rooms, kitchen and exterior siding is \$180,000 and phase 3 of site enhancement is \$155,000. Options to remove or renovate the stage range in price from \$5,000 to \$75,000.

To do everything, H2A Architects estimate the project to cost approximately \$1.2 million.

Rose Township Treasurer Paul Gambka said he never thought the cost of renovating the old township hall could reach \$1.2 million. "It's a money pit. I'm glad we got this study," he said.

Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder said, "I did not expect this at all." She suggested holding off on the big project and doing some necessary repairs.

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## LITTERING

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“regulate littering, unlawful accumulations and placement of items on the property of others without specific consent from the property owner or the occupant of said property.”

The municipality has gotten calls from residents upset with companies that throw bundles of ads into driveways.

“We’ve had some problems with loose papers,” said township attorney Jack Belzer.

He spoke with the Flint Journal distribution department, and they told him people can opt out if they want. This ordinance could require companies to have written consent in order to receive these papers.

Under the proposed ordinance, it would be unlawful for people, “without the consent of the public authority having supervision of public property or the owner or occupant of private property,” to put litter on public or private property or water other than property designated for such purposes.

It would be unlawful for the owner of any lot or parcel in the township to permit the deposit or accumulation of any rubbish, dead vegetation, garbage, or solid waste or recyclable material.

Treasurer John Tucker said he once saw two people in a car throwing these ads into driveways. The driver, who was operating the vehicle and throwing papers simultaneously, did not land many in driveways.

“I’m watching this transpire and I’m wondering why on earth would we allow anyone to do this,” he said. He suggested requiring that these companies receive consent from these property owners first.

The proposed ordinance defines “littering” as the following:

1. Rubbish, refuse, waste material,

garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris, or other foreign substances.

2. A vehicle that is considered abandoned under MCL 257.252a of the Michigan vehicle code.

3. An abandoned vessel as defined in MCL 324.80130f.

4. An ORV that is considered abandoned under MCL 324.80130f as made applicable in MCL 324.811 51.

5. A snowmobile that is considered abandoned under MCL 324.80130f as made applicable in MCL 324.82161. “Public or private property or water” includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

1. The right-of-way of a road or highway, a body of water or watercourse, or the shore or beach of a body of water or watercourse, including the ice above the water.

2. A park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area.

3. Residential or farm properties or timberlands

A violation of this ordinance would be considered a public nuisance, which is enforceable by the township in the appropriate court of law. If violations are determined to be a misdemeanor, offenders could face a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

“Each day that a violation shall continue under this Ordinance is to constitute a separate offense, as well as separate violations, on the same date, shall constitute separate offenses. Provisions of this Ordinance may also be enforced by suit for injunction, damages or other appropriate legal action allowed by law,” according to the proposed ordinance.

The second reading to vote on the adoption of the proposed ordinance will take place at the November 1 meeting.

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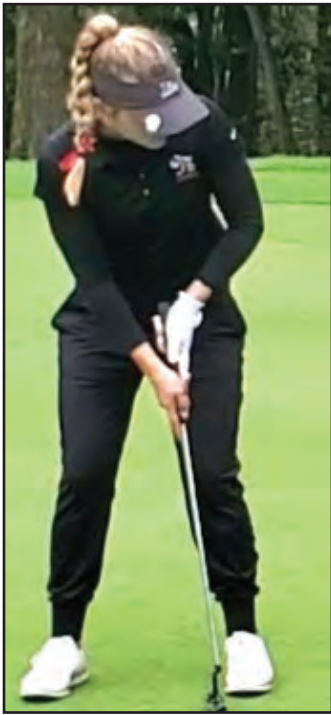
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Linden's Kaitlyn Straub

# Linden golfers complete careers taking ninth at state meet

By David Troppens

They started out as a bunch of freshmen giving golf a shot for the Linden varsity girls golf squad four years ago.

That first year saw tournament scores in the mid-400s, including a last-place regional score of 467.

On Saturday, the four-year legacy of those same girls came to an end, but at a much higher level. The Linden varsity girls

golf team placed ninth at the Division 2 state meet held at Battle Creek's Bedford Valley Golf Course Friday and Saturday. The Eagles completed the event with a two-day tourney team score of 356-361-734.

"It meant a lot to even go to the state tournament," Emma Lurvey said. "Finishing ninth was a great achievement."

"It meant a lot of to us as a team growing together and im-

proving as a group," Brooke Goll said. "It was a super cool experience being able to compete at states. The atmosphere of the tournament was different than others, it was more intense."

The Eagles' top five golfers were all seniors, and members of that regional team that shot a 467. Now, four years later both of their state rounds were more than 100 shots fewer than that

score. This was the first season the Eagles competed at the state meet as a team since 2012.

"I think we will all look back at this experience and be proud of ourselves and how well we did as a team during our senior year," Goll said.

"I will always look back and remember this season and all of our accomplishments," Lurvey said. "But the four years play-

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## Sports Times

# Blue Devils dominate title game, are league champs

## ■ Lake Fenton's lines spark 42-6 win vs. Fenton Tigers

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — When the prep football season began, no one would've imagined that the Blue Devils would end up playing in the Flint Metro League title game against the two-time defending league champs Fenton.

And few would've probably guessed the Blue Devils could've won that game.

Probably no one but the Lake Fenton football team themselves that is.

But when the final whistle sounded at Lake Fenton High School on Friday night, the Blue Devils made those statements come true. They became the first-ever team from the Stars Division to win the Flint Metro League's Crossover Championship game, crushing the Fenton Tigers 42-6.

"It meant everything," Lake Fenton's Jack Conley, who scored three TDs, said. "This is the first time anyone on this side (of the league) won it. It's a

statement game. It shows all the people in D4 we are coming for that title."

"We've been working for this for years during the offseason," senior Dylan Hammis said. "It just feels great to get the win. I've never beat (Fenton) in my entire life. This is amazing."

"This is just an affirmation of everything we preach," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "The weight of this probably won't hit us until tomorrow to be honest with you. We realize Fenton had some stuff going on over there (the Tigers had many players out due to COVID) and it's tough times. That's a great football program over there and a great football team. I don't wish that on anyone, but we had to make everything about us. I don't think it will hit us until later, but I'd like to think we opened some eyes."

The Blue Devils (7-1), led by their impressive lines on both sides of the ball, did just that.

And the primary beneficiary was junior running back Lucas Storm who collected an eye-popping 325 yards on 24 rushing attempts. He scored two touchdowns and had runs of 10 or more yards 13 times, including a run for 57 yards to start the second half and a 56-yard TD run in the first half.

"I can't even begin to describe how good our offensive line did," Storm said. "Shout out to every single offensive lineman we have. They worked their butts off. They prepped so well. ... It's the first win by someone on our side of the league and I don't even know how to describe it. I can't wait until we get the trophy."

The Blue Devils' defensive line made life tough on the Tigers as well, holding Fenton to 64 rushing yards on 27 carries. Nothing came easy offensively for the Tigers (4-4).

"Lake Fenton brought it tonight and I'm going to

**See DEVILS on 15**



Lake Fenton's defense dominated the Metro League championship game against the Fenton Tigers, helping lead the Blue Devils to a 42-6 victory. These two plays were two examples of their dominance.

Photos: Mark Bolen



# Bronchos' defense sparks 17-6 victory vs. Clio

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team was probably happy not to see a Flint Metro League Stripes opponent on the other side of the football field Friday night.

The Bronchos have struggled against their divisional foes, but have fared much better against other opposition. That was the case Friday night as well, as the Bronchos recorded their second victory of the season with a crossover road victory against the Clio Mustangs. Holly recorded a 17-6 victory.

Holly has played well against non-divisional foes. The Bronchos opened the season with a competitive non-league 16-7 road loss at Fraser. A week later, the Bronchos defeated Auburn Hills Avondale 23-0 at home. In their five games in between victories, the Bronchos went 0-5 in FML divisional play, being outscored 182-53. Holly has outscored their non-divisional foes 40-13.

Holly had a 17-0 lead before Clio ever scored. The Bronchos' defense

forced a fumble deep in Clio territory and the Bronchos recovered. That set up Andrew Lewis's one-yard TD run. Olivia Cirino converted the extra-point and the Bronchos led 7-0.

The lead grew late in the first half. In fact, there was only one second left in the second quarter when Holly's Zayne Dennie kicked a 24-yard field goal, raising the Holly lead to 10-0.

In the third quarter, the Bronchos blocked a punt. That set up a three-yard TD run by Boston Curtis with 7:12 left in the third quarter. Dennie made the extra-point and Holly led 17-0. Clio did score a TD but it was a case of too little, too late.

The Bronchos collected 115 yards total offense. Curtis completed 4-of-14 passes for 68 yards. Jacob Gonzales ran the ball twice for 25 yards.

Defensively, Keinen Melton had 11 total tackles, including two for loss. Jacob Cherson had 10 total tackles including two for loss while Deshawn Willis also had 10 stops with one being for a loss.

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The Holly varsity football team captured its second victory of the season by defeating Clio 17-6 on Friday. Photo: David Troppens

## Area squads perform well at O'Mara invite

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys cross country team recently captured the Flint Metro League championship.

The Eagles' good fortune continued Saturday as the Linden boys won the small school division of the Kayla O'Mara Memorial Invitational. The Linden girls took second in the small women's division while the Fenton girls placed second in the large women's class. Fenton's boys took third in the large men's class while Holly was fourth. The Holly girls didn't have enough runners to earn a team score.

Each area race had a strong individual performer. Linden's River Meckstroth was the top performer, as he won the boys small school race with a time

**See O'MARA on 15**

# Eagles keep faint playoff hopes alive, defeat Owosso Trojans

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team picked up its third victory of the season Friday, and with it have kept their faint playoff hopes alive.

Linden crushed the Owosso Trojans in a Metro League crossover game 35-15 at Owosso High School on Friday.

While the Eagles are just 3-5, the new playoff points system, which weighs strength of schedule has the Eagles ranked 35th among the state's Division 3 schools. The top 32 will earn playoff spots. The Eagles must defeat North Branch at home to have any chance at a playoff spot. If Linden does win, there appears to be a few scenarios that Linden could sneak into the playoffs with a victory. To learn more about the Eagles' chances read the story about the playoff chase elsewhere in this publication.

Linden's offense was too much for the Trojans. The Eagles threw for 221 yards and ran for another 142 more. They collected 12 first downs to Owosso's seven.

Linden scored a TD in each of the first three quarters and two more in the fourth. Owosso remained a sticky opponent for awhile. The Trojans collected a safety in the first quarter and a TD in the second quarter, remaining within a 14-9 deficit at the break. However, Linden gradually grew the lead in the second half.

Brandon Green had an effective night leading the offense with his arm and legs. He completed 11-of-20 passes for 221 yards and two TDs. One was to Ethan Gomez who caught five passes for 153 yards. The other was a 20-yard reception to Garrett Wagner. Monte Keener (22 yards) and Bryce Eliuk (19 yards) had two catches each while Wyatt Gocha caught one for six yards. On the ground, Green scored three more TDs. He finished the night with 104 yards on 21 carries while Eliuk had 23 ground yards on four attempts. Gocha had 15 yards on three runs.

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# Devils are a lock for playoffs; Tigers, Eagles still have work to do

By David Troppens

Now that the Flint Metro League football season is over, there remains one more huge goal for tri-county area squads.

That goal is to qualify for the state football playoffs this week.

One area team is a lock to qualify, another is a lock to qualify with a victory and the another needs a victory in order to keep any chance to qualify.

Lake Fenton is a lock to make the playoffs. The Flint Metro League champions are 7-1 and are the fifth ranked Division 4 football squad in the state of Michigan based on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's new computer point system to figure out which 32 teams will qualify for the playoffs in each division. In the past, teams with six wins automatically qualified. With the new system, strength of schedule matters and teams can qualify with five, four or even three records if their schedule strength and the wins they earn are strong enough to qualify.

Lake Fenton has a strong chance to

## Playoff chances

Here is a look at the playoff hopes for each area football team.

**Lake Fenton (7-1):** The Blue Devils are a lock. A win this week could keep LF at home for a long time during the playoffs, just as long as they keep winning.

**Fenton (4-4):** The Tigers win Friday and the are in. If they lose, they are most likely out.

**Linden (3-5):** The Eagles must win Friday and still need plenty of help in other games to qualify.

**Holly (2-6):** The Bronchos are out of the playoff hunt.

become a squad that can earn home games all the way through the regional championship game if the Blue Devils earn a victory at Bay City John Glenn Friday. If they lose, it's likely they will still earn at least a home game in the opening round of the playoffs.

While the Fenton Tigers (4-4) are a .500 team they are currently ranked



Lake Fenton should earn a No. 1 seed in a district with a victory against Bay City John Glenn on Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

29th among Division 2 squads, and will qualify for the playoffs if they earn a home victory against Division 1 foe Walled Lake Northern (3-5). A Tigers' loss could cost the Tigers a playoff spot, as there are teams not in the top 32 that could leapfrog the Tigers with victories on Friday. The Flint Metro League Stripes Division co-champion Tigers

better figure on winning if they want to assure a playoff spot for the 14th straight season.

The Linden Eagles (3-5) find themselves in a more precarious position. Despite Linden's record it appears there are a few paths that could have them making it in the playoffs with

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The Linden varsity girls golf team finished ninth place at the Division 2 state meet last weekend.

## LINDEN

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ing on Linden's varsity team built many friendships. I will always be proud of this team."

The tournament experienced rain on Friday. The second day saw the rain end, but the wind and cold was the dominant factor. The Eagles finished a solid ninth with Grosse Pointe South finishing eighth with a 717 and East Grand Rapids placing 10th with a 743. Linden's

top golfer was Ella LaMothe. She finished 26th with a two-day score of 86-88-174. Lurvey followed LaMothe with a 92-93-185. Cate Draper carded an 89-98-187 and Kaitlyn Straub shot a 93-95-188. Goll carded rounds of 105-103-208.

All of the seniors earned all-league honors. LaMothe, Lurvey, Draper and Straub were first-team all-league selections while Goll earned all-league honorable mention status.

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## O'MARA

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of 17:31.52. His closest competition was teammate Kyle Eberhard who was second in 17:34.94.

In the girls large school class, Holly's Ashley Sobczynski continued her strong freshman season by taking second with a time of 20:31.10. Grand Blanc's Lola Thomas earned first (20:16.50). Linden's Ava Fahrenkopf placed third in the small girls school class with a time of 21:39.80 while Fenton's Nathan Katic also placed third (18:24.57) in the boys large school division.

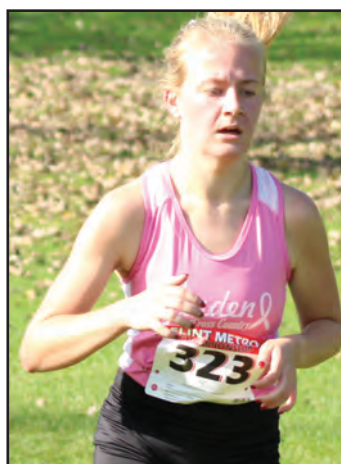
The Linden boys had seven runners among the top 14 positions. After the top two, Ryan Blackwood was fourth (18:33.20), Hayden Bradfield was fifth (18:35.94), Clayton Ackerman was ninth (18:46.49), Ian Martin was 12th (19:18.00) and Miles Aeschliman was 14th (19:37.71). Linden's eighth runner —

Spencer Dicks — also finished among the top 20 in 17th place (19:56.27).

The Linden girls had their entire top five finish in the top 16 spots. The others were Colleen Blackwood in 10th (22:52.10), Alyson Kelly in 11th (23:00.10), Stellah Strauss in 13th (23:16.30) and Madelyn Strauss in 16th (23:45.50).

The Metro League champion Fenton girls had its scoring five all finish within the top 22. Freshman Izzy MacCaughan led the Tigers in fourth (22:03.7) and she was followed by Emily Grob in fifth (22:04.10), Emma Dubie in seventh (22:09.50), Sophia Resa in 16th (22:59.80) and Taryn Craven in 22nd (23:24.90).

The Fenton boys had four in the top 20. After Katic, the rest of the team's scoring five included Aidan Brzezinski in eighth (18:46.14), Jake Leshner in 10th (18:47.38), Owen Cox in 20th (19:35.41) and Evan Koch in 37th (20:29.28).



Linden's Madelyn Strauss finished 16th in the small school girls race at the Kayla O'Mara Invitational. **Photo: David Troppens**

The Holly boys had two in the top six with Mason Rosa taking fifth (18:30.71) and Zachary Rockafellow taking sixth (18:42.05). The rest of Holly's scoring five were Benjamin Baxter in 23rd (19:40.95), Brandon Strickert in 28th (20:14.95) and Ryan Walker in 36th (20:29.0).

## DEVILS

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• give them all the credit in the world," Fenton's acting head coach Brian Eltringham said. • "They got the title this year and I'm not going to take anything away from that program. Marty Borski's staff did a great job and hats off to them."

• The Tigers played without a large number of players due to COVID protocol.

• Early on, it looked like the Blue Devils may be on the ropes when Fenton's Donovan Miller intercepted a Lake Fenton pass early in the contest. • Fenton had the ball at the Lake Fenton 45, but were forced to punt five plays later. Lake Fenton quarterback Reid Shumaker had completions of 15 yards to Conley, and 24 yards to Dalton Decker, helping set up the Blue Devils' first score. Facing a fourth-and-10 from the Fenton 14, Shumaker completed a 14-yard TD pass to the front corner of the endzone to Conley. The



Lake Fenton's Jack Conley caught this TD pass in the Blue Devils' 42-6 victory against Fenton on Friday. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

first of six extra-point kicks by Ashton Hunter made it a 7-0 Lake Fenton lead with 1:59 left in the opening quarter.

"It was a great ball by Reid, my quarterback — a great ball," Conley said.

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## PLAYOFFS

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a 4-5 record if the Eagles beat North Branch (6-2) at home Friday. However, those chances remain reasonably slim even with a victory. Linden is ranked 35th, putting them three places out of a playoff spot. The Eagles need to leapfrog three teams (and have no teams ranked lower than them leapfrog themselves) to qualify. First off, a victory won't come easy, but a win with North Branch's win total (even if North Branch is just a D4 school) will help the Eagles' current rating of 37.375 jump probably to somewhere in the 39-point range. Auburn Hills Avondale holds the 32nd-place spot with just 39.250 points and could be leapfrogged if they lose at home to Troy Athens (5-3). The teams at No. 30 and 31 (Mattawan and Battle Creek Central) play each other, which means while one will lock up a playoff spot with the victory, the loser could see their playoff lives in jeopardy. Finally, while at No. 28, Melvindale better defeat Lincoln Park, because a

loss to an 0-8 squad could see them nosedive right out of a playoff spot as well. Of course, Melvindale (5-3) are the favorites to win. And, of course, the Eagles' task will be much easier if No. 33 South Lyon East and No. 34 Ionia also lose. South Lyon East faces undefeated South Lyon, so they are the clear underdogs, but a South Lyon East victory will keep the squad ahead of the Eagles even if Linden wins. A couple of teams currently rated below Linden also have the potential the sneak ahead of the Eagles if they earn wins as well.

But while the Eagles will need help to make the playoffs, one thing is certain. Linden certainly won't qualify without a victory at home Friday.

The Holly Bronchos (2-6) earned their second win of the season last week, but remain mathematically out of the race for a playoff spot as Division 3's current 52nd seed. A home victory will give Holly its third win which would be one more victory than a year ago, and end the season on a two-game winning streak.




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## EVENT

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"FARR is again very excited to be the nonprofit partner at the third annual Bottles, Brews & News hosted by the Tri-County Times and View Newspaper Group," said FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek. "We feel fortunate that the View team is bringing back the in person outdoor event. As with past years, money raised at Bottles, Brews & News will help us continue our mission of serving this community." The event has raised over \$9,000 in just two years.

Since its start in 1990, FARR has evolved in many ways. The mission of FARR is to coordinate community services to meet humanitarian needs. The vision is to raise the level of self-sustainability in the community by assisting people in moving their lives in a positive and productive direction. The FARR team strives to do this by partnering with over 20 area churches, civic groups, schools and nonprofits. Coordinating

efforts among partners enables FARR to better serve the community by utilizing an organization's individual resources providing the best referrals to those in need.

Resources available from FARR partners include food pantries, thrift stores, access to infant and children's needs, mental health assistance, emergency housing, support for addictions and much more.

You can help FARR simply by attending Saturday's event. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. (21+ only please). Tickets include a souvenir glass and five tasting tickets. Buy yours at myfenton.com or scan the QR code at right.

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# Obituaries

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## James Daniel King

1942 – 2021

James Daniel King - age 78, of Fenton, died Sunday, October 17, 2021.

A memorial gathering will be held from 2 - 6 PM Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Sharp

Funeral Homes; Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton concluding with military honor. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton Community Foundation, Jason E. King, Thinking of others first Fund. James was born November 20, 1942 in Flint, the son of James and Olive (Lavack) King. He was a 1960 graduate of Southwestern High School in Flint. He served in the U.S. Army. He married Cheryl Ann Corey February 20, 1971 in Flint. James retired from GM Chevrolet V-8 Engine Plant after 25 years of service.



He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 559. He traveled with a bowling league and carried a 286 average. He loved classic car cruises, working on home

projects, movie showings with the grandkids, and Menards rebates. His family always came first. Surviving are his wife, Cheryl; daughter, Melissa Scarberry; granddaughter, Baylee Scarberry; grandson, Logan James Scarberry; sisters, June Adams and Vivian Smith all of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jason E. King; sister, Mary Krzys. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Cecelia Ann Adams

1929 - 2021

Cecelia Ann Adams - age 91, of Fenton, died Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, October 23, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation will be held 1 – 3 PM and 5 – 8 PM Friday, October 22 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM and at church Saturday from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, c/o Chapel Restoration Project. Cecelia was born December 26, 1929 in Linden, the daughter of Russell and Mary (Walsh) Sage. She was married to Richard L. Adams for 50 years; he preceded her in death in 2001. She was a life-long member of St. John Parish. Cecelia had loving devotion for her family,



friends and her faith. She had an adventurous spirit, an infectious laugh, and lived her life through the grace of God. Surviving are children, Richard (Lynne) Adams,

James (Beth) Adams, Mary (Tammy) Adams, Amy Adams, Gregory (Paula) Adams, Daniel (Joel) Adams; grandchildren, Michael (Shelby), Andra (Jerry), Katherine (Brian), James (Kelsee), Christen (Tom), Kevin (Cassandra), Caleb, Gabriel (Arianna), Liam (Genevieve); great-grandchildren, Luke, Simon, Lily, Stella, Nolan, Rylan, Mac, Hudson, Ava, Lincoln, Livvy, Maggie, Evelyn, Levi; sister-in-law, Joyce Jacques. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Harold Sage; and sisters, Sister Madeline Sage, Helen Mary Dawson, and Mildred Hurd. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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For cancer patients, lack of transportation creates a significant barrier to receiving lifesaving treatment and is known to contribute to disparities in cancer outcomes. The ACS grant is part of a \$2 million national transportation investment provided to health systems across the country.

Each year, ACS typically serves close to 6,000 cancer patients with transportation assistance through its existing transportation grants program. During 2020, the program provided more than 71,000 rides. But a gap remains in many communities for cancer patients for whom transportation is a challenge.

“ACS patient support services, such as these transportation grants, fill critical cancer gaps and are aligned to the ACS goal of improving lives of patients and their families,” said Kathy Goss,

PhD, regional vice president of Cancer Control at the American Cancer Society. “The newly awarded grant funding provides a boost of support to help address currently unmet needs in Ascension Michigan communities.”

“The American Cancer Society grant in support of transportation services for cancer patients receiving care at Ascension Michigan cancer centers is consistent with our mission to provide holistic care that sustains and improves

the health of individuals and communities,” said Thomas Klein, vice president, Ascension Michigan Oncology Service Line. “Timely access to critically needed cancer treatment supports optimal outcomes and provides peace of mind for patients who experience transportation challenges.”

According to ACS, transportation is the third most commonly cited barrier to accessing health services for older adults. Every year, 3.6 million people in

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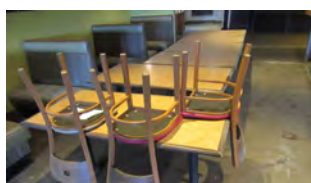


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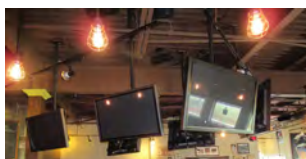
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