Silver Lake Road’s only problem is there’s too many lights and none of them are timed. Why are there lights at three-way intersections in the first place? Remove those lights, time the ones that remain and traffic should move quite smoothly.

A multi-story Mott Community College satellite building on that vacant downtown Fenton land would bring great collegiate energy into downtown.

Thank you TCT for hosting Bottles, Brews & News in Rackham Park! Great event for a great community organization (FARR). We had a great time with our family and friends, enjoyed the live music and good food. Well done!
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Hundreds enjoy Bottles, Brews & News

Saturday fundraising event to benefit Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc. (FARR)

There was live music, dancing and, of course, plenty of craft beer and wine samples enjoyed at Saturday’s Bottles, Brews & News, View Newspaper Group’s craft beer and wine fest.

The third annual event took place in Rackham Park in downtown Fenton attracting more than 400 guests.

“It was an awesome day,” said Emily Caswell brand manager at View Newspaper Group, parent company of Tri-County Times. “The weather was beautiful, the bands kept people dancing and guests had a great time sampling from the more than 100 different beer, wine, hard cider and seltzer options.”

The event benefited FARR (Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc.). Formed in 1990 by community leaders, churches and civic organizations, FARR works with residents of the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden communities. FARR 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. Bottles, Brews & News has raised $9,000 for the nonprofit since its start two years ago.

“We don’t have a final dollar amount raised at this year’s event yet as we’re still finalizing our numbers, but we’ll be sure to share that with the community as soon as we do,” Caswell said. “A big thank you to our amazing sponsors, team and volunteers for all of their help.”

This year’s sponsors included Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc., Genisys Credit Union, Michigan Web Press, Sharp Funeral Homes, ELGA Credit Union, Tri-County Equipment, Fabiano Brothers, Vic Canever, Sawyer Jewelers, Provision Living, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, Fischer, Barbara and David Walker (center) of Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc. were one of the many sponsors of the Bottles, Brews & News fundraising event, which was hosted by View Newspaper Group. Submitted photo

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Bottles, Brews and News — fun event, worthy cause

By Editor Sharon Stone

Dozens of volunteers, including my co-workers and my husband, Jeff, gave up their personal time last Saturday to pour some beer and wine and raise much-needed money for Fenton Area Resources & Referral network, Inc. (FARR).

I’m referring to the third annual Bottles, Brews and News event in Rackham Park, next to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in downtown Fenton. The View Newspaper Group, which is the parent company of the Times, put on the fundraiser.

At booths next to ours, we spotted Fenton’s Police Chief Jason Slater and Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, and their wives. We also got to hang out with former Linden schools superintendent Ed Koledo, who is now executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and Fenton Community & Cultural Center and his wife Bridget, who is a Linden teacher.

While I was there pouring beer for just a few hours, I know there was a lot of work done ahead of time and behind the scenes. As someone who has personally hosted an annual event for 21 years, I know the work involved.

Also, thank you to the hundreds of people who came out to enjoy the refreshments, live music and good company.

From setting up the website to sell BBN tickets in advance, promoting the fundraising event with stories in the Times and through social media, to ordering T-shirts for all of us volunteers, arranging and erecting the huge tent, fencing, security guards, bringing in and setting up all the beer and wine, the live music, custom glasses, and so much more, it was a successful effort of many people. And to top it off, it was a lot of fun.

I value my personal time just like anyone else, but knowing that the proceeds of the event would benefit FARR, it was an easy decision to help out.

Do you or someone you know need help? At any given time, any individual or family could have an unexpected event in their lives that could force them to reach out for help. It’s nice knowing that there is a group of people at FARR that graciously pull out all the stops to provide resources tailored to your family’s needs. If you have a computer or internet on your phone, go to farrnetwork.org to learn more about how to apply for assistance.

I WANT OUR roads fixed — and maybe I’ll support the bond — but our population, property assessments, and tax collections for 2020, 2021, 2022 are all time highs. What exactly are they doing with that money?

IT IS TOTALLY disingenuous for Fenton leaders to keep pushing the same old streets millage again, again and again.

OVER THE LIFE of Fenton’s road bond proposal, homes between $150,000 and $300,000 will pay between $6,000 and $11,000 in additional taxes.

GET YOUR ‘NO’ votes ready. Lacking any thought or effort to fix the roads, Fenton leaders are simply offering another millage proposal to put before voters. Guess they didn’t get the message last go around.

FENTON OFFICIALS SHOULD consider incentives to stoke a wave of teardowns and new high-quality single-family homes in and around downtown.

What was your favorite field trip when you were in school?

“Seeing ‘A Christmas Carol’ at Meadowbrook. I went in middle school. Now my son is in middle school and gets to go next month. I have been talking it up! Sadly they aren’t taking chaperones.”

Josh Strickland, Durand

“The life size dinosaur exhibit at the Courtland Center in kindergarten. Probably around 1991.”

Lindsey Maples, Fenton

“Band trip to Disneyland and Niagara Falls. Two different trips but we marched in parades at both. We all had to sell a lot of oranges.”

Sherri Anne Paul, Linden

“Aerosmith/dokken concert at the Joe Louis arena. Eighth grade field trip with Mr. Jennings! Whole school bus full of us went.”

Ryan Croney, Fenton
**Linden man’s case bound over for trial**

Charged with child sexual abusive activity and related offenses

By Sharon Stone

A 27-year-old Linden man is one of five suspects arrested by the Shiawassee Human Oppression Team (SHOT), which conducted a sex sting operation Sunday, Aug. 8.

Corey Mulanix of Linden was arraigned Aug. 12 in Shiawassee County’s 66th District Court. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment. He was released on $20,000 bond.

On Sept. 2, he waived his preliminary exam and his case was bound over to Shiawassee County Circuit Court. Being represented by attorney Frank Manley, Mulanix’s next court hearing is Nov. 3 at 2 p.m.

Also charged are Nathan Schneider, 22, of Owosso; Benjamin Fielder, 30, of Lansing; Thomas Chester, 56, of Haslett and Zachary Adcock, 20, of Lansing.

Shiawassee County Sheriff Brian BeGole said four of the suspects believed they were having sexual conversations with 15-year-old girls and one suspect thought he was chatting with a 15-year-old boy. The five suspects were arrested after they allegedly traveled to a location of undercover operation for the purpose of sexual acts.

Mulanix and the others are facing charges of child sexual abusive activity, accosting a minor child for immoral purposes, and using the internet to commit a crime.

SHOT involves members of the FBI, the Shiawassee County Prosecutor’s Office, Shiawassee County Central Dispatch and Shiawassee Emergency Management.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**FROM THE FOLKS** who turned smooth Shiawassee Avenue into a washboard. ‘Give us money to fix your streets.’

**ANYBODY THAT VOTES** for the new road tax deserves to pay higher property tax. You might be buying another $85,000 butterfly.

**ISN’T IT IRONIC** that a street named Parallel where people parallel park is being deemed by citizens as ‘low class?’ Would you rather them perpendicular park?

**DO YOU KNOW** what I saw yesterday? A person in Fenton almost used their turn signal. It was close.

**LOCAL LONG-TIME** residents need to run for local offices and reel in all this nonsense. There’s a reason it’s called a small town. Escort the DDA out of town.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Compiled by Sharon Stone**

**Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption expiration year extended to 2026**

At the recommendation of Michael Hart, Fenton assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority executive director, Fenton City Council approved an amendment to resolution #20-36 (#21-17) at its meeting Oct. 25. This amendment will change the expiration year to 2026 instead of 2025 for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application dated July 13, 2020 for Niles Industrial Coatings, LLC at 201 S. Alloy, Fenton. Per the Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) application submission to the city dated July 13, 2020, Niles Industrial Coatings would be making a minimum real property investment of $1,385,000, personal property investment of $170,000 (total of $1,555,000) and create 20 new jobs at its city of Fenton corporate headquarters.
Ask the judge

Mark McCabe
67th District Court

Qualified immunity

George Floyd died May 25, 2020 as a result of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kneeling on his neck for over nine minutes.

Chauvin was subsequently charged and convicted of murder.

At the trial, a number of police officers, including his chief, testified that what he did was absolutely wrong.

Outside of the courtroom, there were very strong feelings including protests and other actions.

One of the other actions was a bill introduced in Congress called “The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act of 2020” with a stated goal of holding law enforcement accountable in court for misconduct by eliminating the defense of “qualified immunity” in civil lawsuits. It passed in the House in 2020 but not in the Senate. It was reintroduced in 2021, again passed in the House, and is again awaiting action in the Senate.

What is qualified immunity for police officers? The following is a very brief history and explanation.

This defense was created by the United States Supreme Court in 1967.

It provides officers with immunity from not only civil lawsuit damages but from having to defend liability altogether as to allegations of having deprived a person of their constitutional or federal rights while acting under color of state law.

A defendant is entitled to qualified immunity if it is shown that they did not violate a “clearly established” statutory or constitutional right which a reasonable person would have known.

Because the focus is on whether the officer had fair notice that their conduct was unlawful, reasonableness is judged against the backdrop of the law at the time of the conduct and whether case law had previously determined such conduct to be wrong.

It is meant to provide protection to all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly violate the law and gives officers “breathing room” to make reasonable mistakes of fact and law.

Additionally, since Mr. Floyd died, 35 states have had bills introduced to eliminate qualified immunity for state law claims, but only Colorado has completely eliminated it.

For now under federal law, the defense remains as on Oct. 18 the Supreme Court summarily and unanimously reversed two appeals court rulings that had held that officers were not entitled to qualified immunity.

Correction
It was misreported in the Sunday, Oct. 24 edition of the Times that the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board hired the Lucas law firm on an interim basis. The Board actually hired the Bodman law firm on an interim basis.
Night of Hope fills Main Street

Linden event’s purpose is to spread the word of the Gospel

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Saturday, Oct. 23, Main Street in downtown Linden was filled with people walking around and enjoying the Night of Hope, put on by The Rock Church.

Vendors lined the streets with face painting, balloon art, inflatables, bounce houses and food trucks. A band performed and filled the air with classic rock music. The event’s purpose was to spread a message of hope through the Gospel and bring people together, said The Rock Church Pastor Wes Morris.

“We thought it went great. The city was really accommodating to us. The weather cooperated greatly. We had people of all different walks of life come and stay. We considered it a huge success,” Morris said.

A few other local churches, such as the Linden United Methodist Church, also participated. The band was a collaboration of people from different local congregations. Pastor Robert Easlik from the Linden United Methodist Church prayed over the event and Linden boxer Joey Spencer spoke and shared testimony about his life.

“I thought he did great. This was the best I ever heard Joey communicate the hope of the Gospel and the effect of it on his life,” Morris said.

Dozens of volunteers made the event possible. Morris said they’re grateful to “every single one of them.”

The city of Linden invited The Rock Church to have the event this year after the success of the 2019 event. Morris mentioned that they would be interested in hosting and planning these events for other municipalities.

“We are always ready and prepared to offer a night of hope in any community. We don’t charge any money. We’re not looking to promote ourselves. If we think it would benefit the people of that town, we would be happy to come,” he said.

WORTHY CAUSE

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FARR can help you or a loved one. If you’d prefer to call and talk to a FARR representative in person, call (810) 750-6244.

FARR is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that serves as the community-wide screening agency for local residents in need of assistance for housing and utility assistance, medical and counseling referral, emergency needs and other needed referrals. They will work with each applicant on an individual basis and assess the needs.

We’ve attended other beer fests in the state and the popularity of craft beer is here to stay. For those who don’t care for IPAs, ales and stouts, the festival also offered seltzers, wines and non-alcoholic beverages.

Talking with Dawn Placek, the executive director of FARR, afterward, she said, “It was a great time for everyone. Everyone who volunteered told us to count them in for next year.”

All in all, it was a pretty good day to be part of the Fenton community.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WAKE UP FENTON Township.
Littering. It’s not about the ads tossed on your driveway. They want to control what you place on your taxing property. Go to the meeting Nov. 1 and shut them down or redefine the new ordinance to only be about the ‘ads drop’ on your driveway.

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Excused: D. Burton
Approved: Agenda Approval.
Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.
Approved: Interlocal Agreement with Grand Blanc for Water to Shannon Precisions Fasteners Property.
Approved: Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
Approved: Set Spring and Fall Cleanup – May 7, 2022, and October 1, 2022.
Approved: Proposals for Painting Township Hall Exterior.
Approved: Barn Front Door Proposals.
Approved: Approval of NOCFA Minutes – September 21 and September 27, 2021.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

George A. Kullis
Holly Township Supervisor
FARR
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“Keep an eye out for 2022 event details,” Caswell said. “We hope to see you all again next year!”

REPAIRS
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condenser lines were resealed as a potential source and surface sealer was applied to the brick above the roof flashing.

Dan Brisson, public works director, wrote in an Oct. 21 memo to City Manager Lynn Markland that neither solution has proven to completely solve the leak problem.

As a masonry company specializing in restoration and problem solving for older brick walls, the Garland Company coordinated an on-site meeting with POE Restoration and Waterproofing of Oak Park, which performed coring at three locations of the brick wall above the rubber membrane roof attachment to inspect conditions on the backside of the brick wall. The lack of a through-wall flashing detail and no weep holes for drainage have been determined to be a source of water infiltration.

The recommended solution is removal of brick courses over the rubber membrane to install a flashing detail with proper relief weep holes for drainage. Other work will include replacing up to 20 bricks on the western wall that are significantly cracked.

Because of the urgency, POE has committed to starting the work right away and completing the job in approximately three weeks.

City council approved the work at a cost of $28,500.

More than 400 people attended the third annual Bottles, Brews & News fundraising event Saturday, Oct. 23. The event, which was held under a large tent in Rackham Park next to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, featured beer, wine, seltzers and ciders, along with games and live music. Submitted photos

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MURAL
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the community. That mural was the students’ voice based on how they see Linden, how they wanted to rep-
resent Linden and how they wanted other people to see Linden,” she said. Former Mayor David Lossing sent a letter to council in support of keeping the mural.

City Manager Ellen Glass said there wasn’t any ill intent when the DDA settled on using City Hall for the new mural. The project would include painting over the old mural, which was done in 2014 by former Linden Community Schools art teacher Gemma Amendola as a community project with Linden students.

The DDA is limited in which build-
ings they would be allowed to use due to guidelines for historic districts set by the State Historic Preservation Office, which include not allowing them on newly constructed buildings in a historic district commission or on old historic brick. With these restrictions, only three buildings are viable for a new mural. These buildings are the Ice Cream Garage, Thimbleberry Antiques and city hall. Thimbleberry is a privately owned building and the DDA said the conditions are not ideal. Glass said they decided painting the Ice Cream Garage would be too difficult with all the curves and corners.

Resident Sharon Wright said she called the State Historic Preservation Office and said the guidelines are guidelines, not rules. She asked if the mural has to be downtown and if they could put up a sign instead. She said it’s feasible to paint the north-facing wall of the Masonic Temple or the old post office on S. Bridge Street. Wright also questioned why they would plan a mural for City Hall if the city potentially has plans to sell the building.

In spring of 2019, a driver hit the east-facing side of City Hall. Glass said they recently settled the claim for repairs through insurance and they’re on schedule for a contractor to come in and fix the damage.

Another resident said he respects the DDA trying to do something to brighten up downtown, but he believes it’s disrespectful to the children to paint over the original mural.

Resident Denise Miller said the other side of city hall could be painted. “I, too, think we’ve outgrown our City Hall. It’s kind of embarrassing to come into the city of Linden and into City Hall and see how scrunched these people are,” she said. “I don’t believe we should paint over the mural.”

She suggested putting a mural on a water tower. Glass said it’s a great idea, however, the cost “goes far beyond what the DDA could ever potentially put into it.”

Resident Chris Kennedy said she wasn’t a fan of the current mural when it was put up, but “you should remember that it was a true community project and we don’t have very many of those.”

She applauds the DDA’s efforts to celebrate the city’s 150th birthday, but she doesn’t like the location. She said if they okay it, the council would be negating the efforts of a lot of people and discouraging citizen involvement.

Resident Monica Kenney said they should consider an alternative location. She asked if there are plans to repaint the Mill Building.

“When you have a building such as this, that is historic, it is the center of our community, and you see it going into disrepair. It would be great if the funds could be used for that … it’s a great opportunity to use this historic (Mill) Building for the mural and accomplish fixing it up,” she said.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said painting the Mill Building would cost more than $200,000 due to lead and there are other challenges.

The vote was 4-2. Councilor Aaron Wiens and Councilor Brad Dick were the dissenting votes. Dick said he would prefer they explore places outside of downtown, such as Ace Hardware.

“We’re being asked to empower the DDA to make that choice yet as council, we represent the citizens. I don’t ever think we’re going to come to an agreement with the citizens. I’m not saying I like it. I’m not saying I don’t like it. I don’t believe it belongs on public property,” he said.

Wiens has concerns that it is a public building with an unknown life expectancy. He suggested setting a stipulation that if they keep the building, they set a time period for the current mural before painting over it. He doesn’t like the optics of only investing in one side of the building.

Councilor Pam Howd said the current mural needs maintenance. “It’s faded. It’s not the original color. It’s peeling,” she said, adding that the whole building needs to be painted.

Councilor Heather MacDermid said personally, she doesn’t care, but because she is the DDA representa-
tive, she’s going to vote for what the DDA wants.

If the proposed mural is approved by the DDA, the artists would do the work in the spring or summer of 2022. Cus-
son thanked the audience for coming and encouraged citizens to attend meet-
ings and get involved.

PARADE
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authorization to conduct the annual parade and 5K run. Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater recommended that city council approve the requests.

The race will begin at 3 p.m. It will start on Walnut at Ellen, go north on Walnut, east on Caroline, south on Lemen, west on E. Ellen, south on East Street, west on High Street, north on S. Oak, east on E. Elizabeth, north on East, west on Caroline, south on Walnut Street to the finish.

The parade will begin at 6 p.m., with the same route as years past. It will start on W. Ellen, turn south onto Adelaide, continue to Shiawassee, east to S. LeRoy, north to Caroline and west to West Street, where the parade will end.

The original Linden mural was painted in 2014 by former Linden Community Schools art teacher Gemma Amendola and students. Times file photo

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MIDWEEK TIMES
Blue Devils keep on winning, prepare for playoffs

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team has always won at least a share of the Flint Metro League title ever since it became a Metro League sport in 2004.

In fact, the Tigers have won every single championship outright with the exception of the 2012 crown when Fenton shared it with Brandon.

The Tigers may have the most talented team in school history this year, so the last thing they plan on doing is anything but earning another outright title this season.

The Tigers improved to 5-0 in the Metro League, crushing the Brandon-Goodrich co-op squad 133-48 on Thursday.

Fenton earned first place in nine of the 12 events, cruising to the win. Gracie Olsen and Tess Heavner were the usual suspects when it came to first-place finishes.

They both earned two individual firsts. Olsen won the 50 freestyle (25.54) and the 100 butterfly (59.80), while Heavner won the 100 freestyle (56.42) and the 100 backstroke (59.80). Olsen also was the 100 backstroke (59.80). Olsen also was

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Fenton’s domination of Metro continues, defeats Brandon/Goodrich

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BC John Glenn proves no match for highly rated Lake Fenton, 49-6

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton’s magical varsity football regular season concluded on a positive note Friday.

The Blue Devils (8-1) moved all the way up to the No. 5 position on the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Division 4 list of playoff rankings by decimating Bay City John Glenn 49-6 on the road.

The win was Lake Fenton’s sixth straight since losing to Friday’s opponent, Ortonville-Brandon, by a 48-40 margin on Sept. 10. Since then, Lake Fenton has outscored squads 237-44, won a share of the Flint Metro League title and won the Flint Metro League crossover championship game by defeating neighborhood rival and two-time defending league champion Fenton, 42-6.

John Glenn didn’t stand much of a chance. The Blue Devils didn’t allow a score until late in the contest when it mattered little. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton scored four first-half TDs and three more in the second half. They were balanced as well, scoring three through the air and four on the ground.

The first score was a one-yard run by Lucas Storm on the Blue Devils’ first possession. Ashton Hunter made the first of his seven extra-point kicks, putting the Blue Devils up 7-0. The first of two TD passes came on Lake Fenton’s next possession.

Sparked by a 44-yard screen pass completion to Jack Conley, the Blue Devils scored the TD on a one-yard pass from Reid Shumaker to Deven Colter. The Blue Devils led 14-0. The lead grew to 21-0 on Lake Fenton’s next possession on a 26-yard TD pass from Shumaker to Luke Simmons. It was set up by an 18-yard screen pass to Storm.

Lake Fenton scored its final TD of the first half on a one-yard plunge by Storm. The score was set up when the Blue Devils completed a fourth-down play to Conley for 26 yards. Lake Fenton led 28-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, Shumaker earned the Blue Devils’ third TD pass when he tossed a 15-yard pass to Brandon Bossert for the score. He also completed a 40-yard pass to Dalton Decker to keep the drive alive. Lake Fenton led 35-0.

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LF has chance to avenge loss to Blackhawks in first round of playoffs

By David Troppens

When the Division 4 state football playoffs begin Friday, the Flint Metro League champion Lake Fenton Blue Devils will see a pretty familiar opponent.

And it’s an opponent that they have some unfinished business with — the Brandon Blackhawks.

After a pretty magical regular season which included a co-Flint Metro League Stars Division championship, a birth into the Metro League’s crossover title game which became a 42-6 victory against area rival Fenton, there haven’t been too many blemishes on the Blue Devils’ season so far. The Blackhawks are one of them. They are the one squad to defeat the 8-1 Blue Devils this season. Lake Fenton will get a chance to avenge that loss Friday at 7 p.m. in a Division 4 district opener at Lake Fenton High School.
Tigers’ season ends after final play field goal vs. Walled Lake Northern

By David Troppens
Fenton — Friday night started with a lot of optimism for the Fenton varsity football team.

First off, the team was together. After COVID-19 had meant the loss of many of the team’s players and meant the loss of head coach Jeff Setzke due to his own bout with the illness, all of those players were back on the squad to face off against Walled Lake Northern. It also was homecoming, which added to the festivities. And, finally, after playing short-handed in each of the previous two weeks, the Tigers were still in the playoff race needing a victory to lock up a Division 2 playoff spot. Finally, the focus was on regular football stuff one would expect during the final week of the prep football season instead of mainly on a pandemic.

However, all was not good news. The Tigers saw their Division 2 playoff chances end when Walled Lake Northern’s Jack Klym kicked a 31-yard field goal that barely snuck over the crossbar with just one second left, earning the Knights a 31-28 victory. The loss dropped Fenton to 4-5 overall this season and dropped the Tigers out of the playoffs after a 13-year run in the postseason. Missing out of the playoffs the players and coaching staff felt the only way to lock up a playoff spot was by earning a victory.

“We can’t have the turnovers that we had in the second half and expect to win,” Setzke said. “That’s the reality of it. So much of it though was we haven’t had kids in practice over the last three weeks. We had a few back on Tuesday, a few back on Wednesday and the rest of Thursday, so it wasn’t much practice time for them to get ready. They have played this year, but any time you have 10 days off and you aren’t doing anything, that’s tough. It catches up to you eventually.”

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Linden’s playoff hopes end during loss to North Branch

By David Troppens
The Linden varsity football team’s final game of the 2021 season was very much like a lot of their contests this season.

The Eagles had a chance to win the ball game at the very end but too many mistakes during the contest resulted in creating too many heart-breaking losses.

The Eagles fell behind by a 27-0 margin and actually battled back before losing a 27-24 verdict against North Branch at Linden High School Friday night. The Eagles (3-6) lost four games by a combined 11 points. The Eagles lost only two games by large point differentials.

“We lost by three to Goodrich, three to Swartz Creek, two to Fenton and by three tonight. Those four games really shows us what our season was like,” Hopkins said.

On Friday night the Eagles looked doomed to a depressing lopsided loss against the

Bronchos lose defensive battle vs. Blackhawks, 14-10

By David Troppens
The Holly varsity football team had its share of tight low-scoring contests this season.

The Bronchos opened the season with a 16-7 loss to Fraser on opening week and recently captured a 17-6 victory in a crossover contest against Clio. On Friday the squad had another tight battle, but lost to Ortonville-Brandon 14-10 at Holly High School.

The Bronchos (2-7) had the lead in the second half but were unable to keep it. Tied at 7-all, Holly was able to stop Brandon’s defense on a fake punt, giving Holly the ball at the Brandon 45. A 14-yard completion from Boston Curtis to Jacob Chereson, and an 18-yard completion to Duane Lane helped Holly move the ball to the Brandon 11. Holly was unable to convert a third-and-7 play forcing the Bronchos to attempt a 29-yard field goal. Zayne Dennie converted the kick and the Bronchos led 10-7 with 11:04 in the fourth quarter.

The Bronchos held the lead for awhile. Brandon did drive to the Holly goal line, but the Bronchos forced a turnover, collecting a fumble in their own end zone. However, Holly had to punt three plays later, giving Brandon the ball back with 8:00 left at the Bronchos’ 42.

“Expect to win,” Setzke said. “That’s the reality of it. So much of it though was we haven’t had kids in practice over the last three weeks. We had a few back on Tuesday, a few back on Wednesday and the rest of Thursday, so it wasn’t much practice time for them to get ready. They have played this year, but any time you have 10 days off and you aren’t doing anything, that’s tough. It catches up to you eventually.”

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Lake Fenton volleyball earns sweep vs. Owosso Trojans

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team didn’t play its cleanest match of the Flint Metro League Stars Division season, but the Blue Devils did what they needed to do against Owosso.

If the Blue Devils (6-2) have any chance of earning at least a share of the division crown (they trail Clio by one game) the Blue Devils had to defeat the last-place squad on their home court, and the Blue Devils did that with a sweep. Lake Fenton defeated Owosso, 25-22, 25-12, 25-23.

While it was a three-game sweep, the victory didn’t come easy for the Blue Devils. They struggled with their passing and service receive for large portions of the match, allowing the Trojans to take some sizable leads in two of the three sets.

In the first game, Owosso scored the first three points with a service reception error and an Owosso ace sparking the run. Lake Fenton tied their lead back to 21-16, but the Blue Devils never trailed in the game.

The second game was the Blue Devils’ strongest. Owosso led 5-4 early, but an Owosso hitting error was followed by an Addison Fitzgerald ace, giving the Blue Devils a 6-5 lead. While the game would be tied again two more times, Lake Fenton never trailed in the game again.

Tied at 7-all, Corkran earned a kill and that was followed by a kill by Paige Harvey. Lake Fenton enjoyed a 9-7 lead at that point and scored four more consecutive points, taking a 13-7 lead. At that point, the Blue Devils never lost control. The lead grew to double-digits for the first time after an ace by Caleigh MacNeill and the Blue Devils got the final two points on kills by Corkran (24th point) and Sophia Zalac (25th point).

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the half, the Eagles started at their own 15, but Brandon Green had a 15-yard run and a 23-yard run. He also completed a pass of 36 yards to Bryce Eliuk, helping set up the team’s first score. It came on Wyatt Gocha’s five-yard run. Green ran in the two-point conversion, but the Eagles still trailed 27-8 with only 11:27 left in regulation.

North Branch was unable to advance the ball on its next possession and the Eagles got the ball back at their own 29. Just five plays later, the Eagles scored again. Gocha’s 36-yard run helped set up Green’s 16-yard TD pass to Austin Alflen. Garrett Wagner ran in the two-point conversion and the Eagles suddenly trailed just 27-16 with 8:36 left.

North Branch didn’t score on its next possession, but did take a large chunk of the time off the clock while pinning Linden to its own 4 with 3:25 left. Apparently it wasn’t a problem. Green ran for 31 yards, helping spark a 45-yard pass completion from Ethan Gomez to Eliuk. Green ran in the two-point conversion and the Eagles trailed just 27-24 with 2:01 left in the fourth.

The Eagles tried an onside kick (their third of the half) and failed to recover it. Needing a first down, North Branch converted one.

Fenton’s

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a member of the winning 200 medley relay squad with Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Sana Saab (1:58.22).

Two others also won individual firsts. Lilah Falvo won the 200 individual medley (2:29.68) and Julia Jenson won the 500 freestyle (6:31.72).

The Tigers also won all three relays. Dolliver, Libby Maier, Sophie Stefanac and Molly Blanchard won the 200 freestyle relay (1:53.42) while Jenson, Blanchard, Falvo and Dolliver won the 400 freestyle relay (4:17.95).

The Tigers swept the top three spots in three individual events. In the 100 butterfly, Olsen was followed by Rose Haney in second (1:04.11) and Alexis Lemansky in third (1:0.14). It also happened in the two events Heavner earned her firsts. In the 100 freestyle Dolliver took second (1:00.4) and Falvo took third (1:00.98); and in the 100 backstroke Dolliver took second (1:06.83) and Haney took third (1:08.62). Fenton’s other individual second were Elieigh Stafford in the individual medley (2:33.34), Ella Koch in diving (181.00) and Stefanac in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.25).

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“It’s rare. We constantly preach that you don’t get a redo (after a loss to a team),” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. “In this case, we do a little bit. But always be careful for what you wish for because you might just get it. This should be a fun football game.

“Last time they beat us, no question about it. But at the time we realized we could play with a team like that at that point. We did nothing but get better after we figured that out. It’s unfortunate it took a loss to learn it, but I wouldn’t change anything from this season, and we learned a lot (from the first game).”

The Blue Devils lost that first contest 48-40, but since then the Blackhawks (6-3) have struggled due to injury issues. The biggest involved their quarterback, Micah Miller. However, he’s back and it’s expected some of the other injured players are projected to return for Friday’s game.
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Obituaries

David Allister Plummer
1989 - 2021

David Allister Plummer - age 32, of Linden, died Thursday, October 21, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, October 30 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. (The funeral service may be viewed by livestream at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com) Burial will follow in Sharp Cemetery, Deerfield Township. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of the funeral at 11 on Saturday, October 30 at the funeral home. David was born June 3, 1989 the son of Harold and Rosanne (Godfrey) Plummer. He attended Hidden Springs Elementary School and graduated from Hartland High School in 2007. David loved the outdoors, and hunting and fishing. Though David faced many difficult health challenges during the past few years, he never lost his Faith in God, or his positive attitude. He continued in his strong love for his Family, and his passion for the great outdoors; always maintaining the hope that he might one day again return to the active life he so fervently enjoyed. Surviving are his mother, Rosanne Plummer Burns (Steven Burns); father, Harold Plummer; brothers, Daniel Plummer, Jonathan Plummer, Timothy Plummer; sister, Annie Plummer Reid (Mark Reid); three nieces, Jaidah, Layla, and Willow; several aunts; uncles; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Alice Plummer, Allister and Mary Godfrey. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Denise Renay (Marotz) Haller
1967 - 2021

Denise Renay (Marotz) Haller - age 53, of Linden, passed away Saturday, October 23, 2021. Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Chaplain Hank Messing officiating. Visitation will be 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
There's no need to separate business and pleasure this week, Aries. You can find a way to combine them if you get creative. Get the work team on board.

TAURUS
Apr 20/May 21
Taurus, collaborating with someone else has you second-guessing yourself, venture out alone for a little bit and see what progress you made. You can always team up later.

GEMINI
May 21/Jun 21
Gemini, others look to your for support in the days ahead. Lend an ear and a helping hand if asked. Simply being there as a sounding board may be enough.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, expect the unexpected in the days ahead. The unknown can be mysterious, and that can spice things up for a little while. Embrace the challenge.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Leo, your willpower may not be strong this week, so be on guard if temptation arises. It's alright to indulge once in awhile, but do your best to stay the course.

LIBRA
Sep 23/Oct 22
Libra, you're usually cool as a cucumber, but something has you riled up this week that may be putting doubts in your head. Focus and breathe.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
Scorpio, you may feel like you are ready to throw caution to the wind, but deep down you know that's not your style. Continue to do your research and find the best way forward.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a conversation with a loved one provides some clarity for both of you. Allow this heart-to-heart to serve as a foundation for future discussions.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 19
Build restful moments into your schedule while working from home, Capricorn. This way you have a fine line between home and work life. Start today with a long lunch.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20/Feb 18
You can pursue different ventures all the while keeping your day job, Aquarius. It's not a "one-or-the-other" thing. If something feels like a calling, do your research.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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