Yes, crashes are up

Area police, fire departments see uptick in crashes due to construction, distracted driving

By Sharon Stone

According to the Michigan State Police, 29 people died on Michigan roadways since Oct. 22 for a total of 928. In addition, 118 more were seriously injured for a statewide total of 4,740 to date. Compared to last year at this time there are 86 more fatalities and 373 more serious injuries.

Construction on U.S. 23 entrances, exits, overpasses, bridges throughout the Fenton area began in the spring. The reconstruction of Silver Lake Road near U.S. 23, resulted in more highway and secondary road crashes. Oftentimes there was gridlock on Silver Lake Road, Poplar Street, North Road and the roundabout at Torrey Road because motorists

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Holly food pantry helps those in need

Holly resident Heather Melton stocks the shelves at the Holly Police Department Food Pantry on Monday, Nov. 1. They stock dry goods, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and the refrigerator holds meats, diary, eggs and more. The pantry is open 24/7.

See story on page 8. Photo: Hannah Ball

APM details ‘horrendous’ year of mosquitoes

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New church welcomes new pastor

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church opens doors to community

By Sharon Stone

While Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church has been open for some time, they held an official grand opening Oct. 31 to dedicate the church and for the community to meet its new pastor, Caleb Schaeve.

A recent graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), Schaeve was assigned to serve Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church at 16214 Linden Rd.

Shepherd of the Lakes meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. In addition to in-person services, their services may be viewed through Facebook Live, and recordings are on the website and YouTube.

Schaeve grew up in Bay City where his father has been a pastor for 27 years. He went on to graduate from college in 2017 and the seminary in 2021. He’s married to Miriam and they have a 9-month-old son, Titus. They recently moved to Fenton to be close to the church.

“It’s been a lot of moving around,” Schaeve said. “It’s been a frighteningly joyful experience. I’m so blessed to know the members of Shepherd of the Lakes. They are loving and caring people and they love their savior.”

The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church on Linden Road at Owen Road in Fenton Township welcomes its new pastor as well as the community.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Pastor Caleb Schaeve

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Curiosity pays — sometimes in glitter

I’ve been thinking a lot about glitter this week. I know how strange that sounds and I promise I haven’t lost my mind. There’s a reasonable explanation. Sorta.

The other night I stumbled upon a New York Times article from 2018 all about glitter. My brain can’t stop processing the information I read because it was so fascinating. Rationally, I know that glitter does not simply exist, it has to be manufactured, but there’s also a part of me that took glitter for granted — after all, the biggest complaint about glitter is that “it’s everywhere!”

In the piece, the reporter tells a bit about the history of glitter and is granted access to a glitter factory in New Jersey. The science involved in actually making glitter is over my head, but stillsuper interesting. I recommend reading the article if for no other reason than seeing for yourself that there seems to be a secretive nature to glitter production. Also a secret is, which industry buys the most glitter from the glitter factory? After many attempts, the NYT reporter was never given an answer to that question.

Reading the article made me appreciate journalism and feel fortunate to be a part of this industry in which no matter the question — even if it’s “where did all of this shiny stuff on my holiday cards come?” — we’re allowed (and paid) to go out and find the answer.

While I don’t do a lot of traditional reporting these days, branding, marketing and advertising experts get to ask all sorts of questions too. Just last week I was fortunate enough to host a focus group for a client. I’ve been reviewing survey data and doing research for this organization for months, so it was awesome to hear some feedback in real time. I heard answers to things I’d been curious about since I started the project. As the focus group moderator, I couldn’t engage in the conversation, but I had the privilege of asking the questions and the responses were so thoughtful.

Years ago, View Newspaper Group Advertising Director Pete Clinton wrote this quote on the white board ahead of a sales meeting.

“Curiosity about life in all of its aspects, I think, is still the secret of great creative people.” — Leo Burnett

Burnett, an American advertising executive, was responsible for some of the most well known campaigns of the 20th century including Tony the Tiger, the Maytag Repairman and taglines See BRANDS on 11

Who are the three greatest living musicians?

“In no particular order. 1. Kris Kristofferson for his song writing and his performances. His style varies from folk to rock. 2. Bob Dylan for the influence he has had on other performers. His style varies from folk to rock. 3. Stevie Wonder for his Motown sound.”

Kevin Beste, Linden


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“There are so many amazing musicians. I would even have a hard time narrowing it to three in a specific genre. Music is life, that’s why our hearts have beats. I admire powerful voices and technical abilities on any musical instrument.”

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The right of self-representation

The Sixth Amendment provides that the accused in a criminal prosecution “shall enjoy the right to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.”

However, depending on the circumstances, a defendant has the right to decline representation and instead represent themselves. This is called proceeding “in pro per.”

This happens much more frequently in misdemeanor cases than in felony cases (where it almost never happens) for a variety of reasons.

Today, I will describe how a defendant can waive their constitutional right to an attorney on those infrequent occasions in felony cases.

In 1975, the United States Supreme Court held in Faretta v. California that a defendant in a criminal case has a constitutional right to proceed without counsel. However, the right is not absolute.

Since a defendant also has the right to the assistance of counsel, the two rights are mutually exclusive and to allow self-representation the defendant must elect it voluntarily and intelligently after being informed of all its dangers and disadvantages. Additionally, the court must be satisfied that self-representation won’t affect the integrity and efficiency of trial.

If the waiver is rejected, the defendant must be represented by an attorney as this is the standard and not the exception.

In 1976, the Michigan Supreme Court established our requirements under Faretta for a valid waiver.

The court held that upon a defendant’s initial request to proceed in pro per a court must determine that: (1) the request is unequivocal, (2) the defendant is asserting their right knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily through a two way discussion advising them of the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation and, (3) the defendant’s self-representation will not disrupt, unduly inconvenience, and burden the court and the administration of the court’s business.

There is a court rule requiring that the defendant also be advised of the charge and possible penalties, the risks involved in self-representation and offering the defendant an opportunity to speak to an attorney.

Historically, there have been a number of self-represented defendants charged with murder who didn’t fare well at trial including Charles Manson, Ted Bundy and Michigan’s Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

There is an old expression attributed to Abraham Lincoln which goes “he who represents himself has a fool for a client.”

For felony cases, President Lincoln had it right.
MOSQUITOES
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He’s been with APM for 23 years. He gave a report to Linden City Council, which said this year southeast Michigan had one of the “largest mosquito outbreaks in recent memory.”

From spring until October, they applied 83 barriers, sprayed 91.6 acres with larvicide and treated 580 catch basins. They also treated 10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) traps and fogged 345.5 miles in Linden in 2021.

The Aedes Vexan, which are active during day and night, was the most common species in July and August.

“This is the summer floodwater mosquito, and even though their life cycle is approximately two-three weeks after emergence, the female is capable of multiple ovulation cycles. Each ovulation results in an additional 200-300 eggs deposited into low-lying areas and wait to be submerged with the next rainfall,” the report states.

These females had multiple ovulation cycles.

“Every single time we had another thunderstorm, we had millions and millions more mosquitoes,” Gramer said. “We would start to get them under control a little bit, and then Mother Nature would say here’s another 3 inches of rain.”

The Culex mosquito was the second most common. APM brought in additional trucks and employees from the Gladwin and Augres locations every week through Labor Day to help get the mosquito under control. They also increased dosage rates and sprayed more.

He got in contact with the city to warn them that he would be out on his four-wheeler with a fogger on the back. It allowed him to get to places where he can’t get to in a truck.

“I did have some residents that were like, what the heck was that? But when they realized what I was doing, I got a ton of thumbs up,” Gramer said.

In June, APM received seven calls. “This was the worst mosquito season ever in the history of the company,” he said, adding that it started July 8 when the rain came. “You literally had billions of eggs out there that had not been washed into the water. That’s when the explosion started.”

In July, they received 42 calls. “Larviciding of flooded grasses and ditches were no match for the heavy rains during July. A massive hatch of Aedes Vexan mosquitoes began around the 7th of July throughout southeast Michigan. The trap at the DPW recorded 6.2 inches of rain for the month,” according to the report.

This allowed for the emergence of the anopheles mosquito, which arrived “in full force” at the Rolston Road trap on July 28. This is known as the Malaria mosquito. They generally hatch in grassy marshes.

“They are primarily bird feeders, but much like the Culex mosquito, they are biters of opportunity and if a human or animal is present, they will bite. Total of 6 CDC traps set during the month, with all testing negative for disease,” the report states.

Additional rain in August led to more calls, which increased to 70, and service backing up seven days. They sprayed 116 miles in this month alone.

Calls decreased to eight in September. Colder, fall temperatures helped APM get the mosquito population under control.

Mosquito services in Linden cost $30,961 in 2021. APM went over budget this year by approximately $3,000. The last four years, they’ve been under budget by $1,000 to $3,500.

APM had mosquitoes being tested in a Flint lab for West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Jamestown Canyon disease. All 10 samples tested negative. They are recognized by the state as an office that does disease surveillance. People can send mosquitoes to them for testing.
Food pantry helps end food insecurity

Organizer hoping to set up steady stream of donations

By Hannah Ball

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Ayala family from Columbiaville and their fused glass serving pieces that were featured in 2019. Submitted photo

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Holly Historical Society volunteer Marie Robinson and exhibitor Vera Thornton, local author and painter, work the 2019 craft show. Submitted photo

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Longway Planetarium - Jewelry Maker
Create beautiful pieces of jewelry using a variety of techniques. Explore wire, beadwork, and torch fire enameling. This session is for students in ninth to 12th grades. It’s on Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fee is $10. Longway Planetarium is at 1310 E. Kearsley St. Flint. Mask policy: Longway Planetarium and Sloan Museum are operating at full capacity. As of Aug. 9, all visitors ages 2 and up are required to wear masks while indoors at Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium. Masks can be removed for short periods while eating snacks/lunches at the tables in Sloan Museum at Courtland Center Mall.

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The vote was 6-1. Trustee Kade Katrak was the dissenting vote.

Under the ordinance, it is unlawful for people to dump, leave, deposit or leave litter on public or private property without the written consent of the public authority or the owner or occupant of private property. 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.

Katrak, who said the ordinance was too broad, had concerns over the section of the ordinance that states, “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.”

Katrak asked if his neighbor’s kids started a lawn mowing business and left out pamphlets, then did they commit dozens of misdemeanors? Treasurer John Tucker said these kids can put this information on mailboxes, and that it’s very unlikely they’ll be prosecuted for that. Tucker said discretion is important and another aspect is the issues with leaving these papers in the environment. By law, a mailbox is intended only for receipt of postage-paid U.S. Mail, according to the United States Postal Service.

Katrak raised concerns about neighbors calling the police on teenagers leaving pamphlets on porches. He worries about lawsuits and said they should communicate and work this out with these newspaper companies before passing this ordinance.

“If it’s not the Flint Journal that sues us, it’s going to be some political campaign when we either enforce this or don’t enforce this. It’s an incredibly broad ordinance,” Katrak said.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said they should use the US Postal Service to send campaign literature. “If you’re going to leave something on my front door, then knock on my door,” he said, adding that the ordinance is vague enough that if any residents experience these issues, they can revisit the ordinance.

Attorney Jack Belzer said the ordinance is intentionally vague to give the lawyer leeway to determine the “spirit of what’s going on” in these situations. He said this is something the residents want, and it’s not meant to pick on the certain newspapers. He said this language is similar to how every other ordinance is written when it comes to determining violations.

Trustee Mark Goupil said if newspaper companies are being paid to leave advertising packs in driveways, he said it can encourage the companies to be more aware of where they’re leaving these papers. It also gives the township more power to address these issues.

Katrak said when people file lawsuits, they usually settle. He doesn’t think it’s practical to adopt this ordinance when it could lead to a lawsuit, and he doesn’t want to have sign permission to allow someone to deliver something to his doorstep. He said oral agreements would be fine.

Goupil said if the resident complains, the township has an avenue to pursue a course of action.

One resident asked why they can’t automatically opt everyone out and then choose to opt in. He said many newspaper companies don’t have much control over where their subcontractors leave these papers. People often leave these in ditches. He said other municipalities have similar ordinances. “Every resident I’ve spoken to wants to stop it,” he said.

The 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 257.252a of the Michigan vehicle code.
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.
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like Allstate’s “Good Hands.” Since his legacy lives on through the agency that bears his name, I’d say his thoughts are worth paying attention to.

As we continue to navigate weird times (shipping delays, staff shortages, supply chain issues), curiosity and questions are the keys to finding out how we can best help our clients. Simply asking “how’s it going?” is a good place to start. As 2021 wraps up, we’re taking the time to meet with clients and ask how they’ve navigated the challenges of the past year-plus, what challenges they see ahead of them, their goals for 2022 and how we can best help.

One of the ways we can help is by encouraging businesses to tell their story through a sponsored content article. The article can be submitted or one of our curious reporters (me included) will pay a visit to the business, the stories of those who make the business a success and what’s ahead.

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Is there anything you’re curious about? Maybe I or one of our reporters can shed some light on the topic. Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

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of Livingston County 911. County records show that from April 1 to last week, Livingston County 911 were notified of 36 automobile crashes on either southbound or northbound U.S. 23, in the area of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township. These crashes were property damage only and no injuries.

The Livingston County records show that in this same time period, they were notified of 14 personal injury crashes on U.S. 23 near White Lake Road. The majority were in the northbound lanes. They noted an extension on Sept. 1 at 5:03 p.m.

Livingston County also responded to 11 other crashes on U.S. 23, with the majority in the northbound lanes, heading toward Fenton.

Cross said police officers responded to 501 crashes since April 1 and 106 of those were on U.S. 23. These crashes typically did not require the services of the fire department.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the city’s fire department responded to 19 crashes, with injuries, on U.S. 23, from April 1 to Oct. 28. Fourteen of those crashes occurred in Tyrone Township and five occurred within city limits. Fire departments only respond if there are injuries, an entrapment, rolled over vehicles or if there is an environmental cleanup needed.

Cairnduff said, “The trend we have seen is near White Lake Road northbound where the backup tends to start. Almost all are incidents of distracted drivers — distracted by phone, ‘looked down for a moment’ or ‘I looked up and traffic was stopped,’ etc.”

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said road construction is always dreaded every April until November in Michigan.

“We have had compared to last year 18 more U.S. 23 crashes with the majority of them including semi trucks or commercial vehicles,” he said. “Our crashes on the secondary roads that outline U.S. 23 have gone up by 15 crashes as well.”

Volz said the average time of crashes occur between 8 a.m. and noon, and then 4 to 7 p.m. He noted that the weekends are not as bad.

“People just need to allow themselves more commute time and spend less time with phones and other devices that would distract their driving,” he said.
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The location of a police station adds a sense of security. Narsh said they see items come and go at a proportionate rate, and they have security cameras, but they don’t check who takes the food.

“In a way, it’s probably the safest grocery store in town,” Narsh said. Another police department in Michigan created a food pantry after seeing Holly’s.

Despite the narrative that police should do less, Narsh said they’re not going to turn down an opportunity to provide this service. “Certainly, if someone was going to commit a crime to obtain those items, we would rather they come get them for free. You might say that by providing this, we remove the opportunity to commit a crime,” he said.

The holiday season can be harder for families in tough financial situations.

“There are a lot of families that have to make a choice between paying bills or buying Christmas presents. We have our Shop With a Hero program,” Narsh said.

HOW TO HELP
For the refrigerator, they’re in need of milk, butter, cheese, lunch meat, eggs, hotdogs, bacon, sausage, and other foods normally stored in the refrigerator. They’re hoping to receive more donations of meat to store in the freezer. They also store frozen yogurt, frozen eggs, frozen salmon and a few pounds of ground beef, but there is room for more.

For the pantry, Melton said they need taco kits, soup with meat, stew, canned tune, spaghetti sauce and other canned items. Leave the food unopened in the original packaging. They do not accept expired food or leftovers from restaurants. People can donate baby formula, diapers and has a few people who own chickens and regularly donate eggs.

Accepted personal care items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, household needs, toilet paper, wipes, and disinfectants. They do not accept hard goods, such as pots, pans and small appliances.

Melton asks that people donate smaller sizes of shampoo, conditioner and soap, because they can easily fit in backpacks. People often donate boxes of macaroni and cheese or taco mix, and Melton suggests picking up other ingredients needed to make these things, such as milk and ground beef.

She’s hoping to get donors to set up a steady stream of monthly donations. She can be contacted through Facebook, where she often posts updates.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST BECAUSE BIDEN has taken up the mantle of incompetence doesn’t mean we’ve forgotten about Gretchen Whitmer and her COVID-19 ineptitude. Unnecessary school closings, punitive lockdowns, illogical bans on selling select products, intentional misinformation, and executive orders that resulted in dead senior citizens will never be forgotten.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON warned ‘there is a class of race-problem solvers who don’t want the problem fixed; as long as race-problems exist they have an easy means of making a living’ and gaining social influence.

WHAT IS COMMONLY presented as being anti-science is actually supporters of science calling out the corruption of science for political agenda. Being opposed to bad policy that is claimed to be ‘based on science’ is not the same as being opposed to science.

HOW IS A new father’s wanting a paternity leave to take care of his wife and newborn an example of moral and social decline? Really?

NEW WORD — AMBIPOLITICOUS definition: the ability to make taxpayer money disappear with both hands while all are watching. Common in all parties. Usually requires two terms to become adept at, though some are naturals.

HOW CAN THE Biden administration allow thousands of infected, illegal aliens into the country and then fire thousands of border patrol agents for refusing to get vaccinated?
Blue Devils avenge loss vs. Brandon, advance to district final

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — It was the third week of the prep football season and the Blue Devils were playing the Brandon Blackhawks, one of the teams expected to contend for the Flint Metro League Stars Division title.

The contest was a litmus test for Lake Fenton’s 2-0 football team, a squad wondering just how good they could be. The result was a tough 48-40 loss to the Blackhaws.

But the Blue Devils learned a valuable lesson during the contest. They started to understand that they were a strong team and could compete — and defeat — anyone on their schedule.

Fast forward to Friday night’s first playoff week. The two teams were pitted against each other for the first round of the district tourney at Lake Fenton High School. This time, the Blue Devils knew they were the better team and expected to win. Their mental mindset was well reflected in the final score — a 41-0 thrashing by the Blue Devils during a drizzly night. Lake Fenton (9-1) dominated the Blackhaws and had avenged their only loss of the regular season. Up next is a district title game against Freeland at Lake Fenton High School probably on Friday at 7 p.m.

“It feels great,” Lake Fenton senior lineman Max Muenzer said. “We talked about it all week and all year — if we see these guys again, it’s going to be a different story and we wrote it.

“We didn’t have high expectations coming into the year. Me and my senior quarterback (Reid Shumaker) always knew this team was special, but there were some pieces we fixed, and (the first Brandon game) was the turning point when we realized we could play.”

“It feels good. A playoff win is always big so that is what we focused on and we put that behind us.”

Lake Fenton lineman Max Muenzer clears a path to the endzone for Blue Devils’ running back Lucas Storm in the Blue Devils’ 41-0 victory against Brandon. Photo: Mark Bolen

Fenton volleyball defeats Linden, but did they really?

By David Troppens

The Fenton-Linden varsity volleyball rivalry has had its share of classic confrontations over the years.

The two teams pitted off in another one with Linden gunning for its first Metro League title of any kind hanging as a prize if the Eagles could earn a victory. And it was another classic with, once again, a controversial ending.

The two area rivals exchanged attacks constantly with momentum changes happening almost every couple of volleys before the Fenton Tigers captured a five-set 14-25, 25-20, 19-25, 25-19, 16-14 victory at Fenton High School Thursday night.

But, it didn’t come without some intense controversy. With the two teams battling it out in the fifth set for the victory, the Eagles led 13-11 after a kill by the Eagles’ Gracie Pierscinski. Fearing the match was escaping the Tigers’ claws, Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jenna See VOLLEYBALL on 15

Fenton’s Paige Bakker attempts a kill against Linden blocker Olivia Nester. Photo: Christopher Summers

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Fenton soccer’s tourney run ends in regional final, 2-1

By David Troppens

Mason — A season of dancing, singing, healing and hanging out with a second family ended Saturday for the Fenton varsity boys soccer team.

And, while doing all those things, they happen to win a few games as well.

The Flint Metro League outright champions Fenton Tigers (17-2-2) saw their season come to an end in a regional championship game at Mason High School early Saturday morning when Fenton lost to the DeWitt Panthers 2-1.

It was a contest that early on the Panthers owned most of the possession, but as the contest advanced the Tigers put their imprint on the contest. Fenton ended up outshooting DeWitt 11-8 (5-4 with shots on goal), but the Panthers never trailed as they were able to make the most of their chances, earning the victory.

After the loss, the fourth-ranked Tigers reflected on what the season meant to them.

“This was my life. It was always something I looked forward to,” senior Chase Coleman said. “We were smiling and dancing all of the time. I’m going to miss it. It was the best part of my high school career. “This is the best group of kids I’ve ever known my whole life,” senior Evan Katzenberger said. “What matters is how close we are. We don’t care about winning or losing, but just staying together. We are just a big family.”

The season was a time for healing as well. A large part of this season was celebrating the life of their fallen ex-teammate Jimmy Myers. The squad had “JM 3” on the front of their uniforms and also had the last name Myers written on the back of each shirt. Myers fell backwards down a flight of stairs and hit his head on a back wall. His injuries ended up being fatal.

“After what these guys went through with Jimmy, for them to come back and still play and have this much fun, is great,” Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. “We always talk about playing the way he would’ve wanted us to play. That’s a really big bar to meet, and they did that this year. We had so much fun together every day and they were so good to each other. It was an uphill battle considering everything, and I couldn’t be more proud of the way these seniors led us.

“The wins on the field, whatever. They were great and we had a lot of wins. They are fine. I’m happy to have the Metro See TOU undeniable.

Linden girls narrowly miss qualifying for state; Three area individuals do

The Linden varsity girls cross country team is used to making it to the Division 2 state cross country meet.

The Eagles missed qualifying by a point at the D2 regional meet hosted by Lake Fenton.

Goodrich and Marian finished ahead of the field in first and second, leaving the third, and final, team position in a fight among Pinckney, Linden and Notre Dame Prep. Pinckney edged out Linden by a point 101-102, while Prep finished in fifth with 106 points.

The Linden girls will have a runner at the D2 state meet at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, while the regional meet hosts, Lake Fenton, will have two of their women at the meet. Lake Fenton finished sixth with 152 points.

Linden’s Ava Fahrenkopf was the area’s top individual qualifier, placing seventh in 22:01.40. Lake Fenton’s two qualifiers weren’t too far behind. Claire Hunt finished 10th in 22:20.20, while Marielle Hatfield placed 13th in 22:47.90. The top three teams qualify as does anyone who finishes in the top 15 or among the top seven of the non-qualifying teams, whichever is the greater number. Hatfield was the area’s last qualifier.
Three area runners qualify for D1 state meet

The tri-county area will have three runners at the Division 1 MHSAA Cross Country Championships held at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

The Fenton and Holly varsity cross country programs competed at the D1 regional meet held at Waterford Township’s Hess Hathaway Park and both teams finished in fifth place, two spots out of the team qualifying spots. However, the boys had two individuals qualify. The Holly boys placed seventh and the Holly girls took seventh, but the Bronchos also had an individual qualifier.

The Bronchos’ qualifier was the area’s top performer. Freshman Ashley Sobczynski placed third in the girls race with a time of 19:28.45. She finished about 14 seconds behind regional champion Grand Blanc’s Lola Thomas (19:14.00) and seven seconds behind second-place Chloe Wall (19:21.54) from Waterford Kettering. She was one of only five girls to finish the 5K race in less than 20 minutes.

The Fenton boys had two individuals qualify. They were Michael Crane and Nathan Katic. Crane placed seventh with a time of 16:56.73. Meanwhile, Katic captured the regional’s last individual qualifier in a battle with another tri-county runner, Holly’s Mason Rosa. Katic placed 19th in 17:39.40, while Rosa was 20th in 17:43.60. The runners on each qualifying team, plus the next best seven individual qualifiers earn a spot at the state meet.

In the women’s race, Fenton’s Nina Frost was the closest individual to qualifying that didn’t. The sophomore placed 20th in 20:48.61. However, the top teams in the region didn’t have as many runners place in the top 20, which meant an individual had to finish within the top 15 places to qualify for the state meet. Frost missed qualifying by about six seconds.

The Fenton girls scored 125 points, 13 behind state qualifying and third-place Grand Blanc. The other Fenton runners at the meet in the girls’ race were Emma Dubie in 22nd (20:50.32), Taylor Hunt in 23rd (20:51.11), Emily Grob in 32nd (21:24.67), Izzy Macaughan in 33rd (21:30.50), Landis Canada in 53rd (22:42.84) and Ella Cox in 62nd (23:30.19).

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Long called a time out. It worked. The Tigers answered back with a kill by Lily Turkowski to help stop the momentum a little. The Eagles scored the next point on a free ball by Fenton that went out of bounds, giving the Eagles apparently two match points, but the Tigers answered back.
A Fenton kill was followed by block kill by Adrie Staib, tying the game at 14-all. Fenton’s Bella Henson then serviced an ace and it appeared the Tigers had a match point of their own.

But appearances were deceiving as the game was declared a victory for Fenton after the point at 16-14 instead of at a 15-14 score. A long discussion ensued after the play but eventually the game and the match was credited to the Fenton Tigers, earning them a split of the season series with Linden.

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championship and a district championship, but it’s really special when you get to go to work every day and have a blast, just laugh. That’s what these guys gave to this program, like the seniors before them. It’s a really high bar to meet to being good brothers, and they did it.”

DeWitt was able to possess the ball more than the Tigers during the first 20 minutes of the game. That possession eventually led to the game’s first goal by DeWitt’s Lucas Perez off of a corner kick that made it inside the farside post. DeWitt led 1-0.

Fenton had two solid scoring chances off headers by Calvin Curtis off of corner kicks in the half, but one was saved and the other went off the crossbar.

With 18:25 remaining in the contest, the 12th-ranked Panthers scored a second goal.

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us,” Shumaker said. “We just watched film and prepared for this week. It was more about preparing for the playoff week than getting revenge.

“We always had the skill and always competed but it’s a mindset now. Going into that (first Brandon game) we thought we could win, but we let the outside noise get in. Now we expect to win and knowing we are going to win. It’s just a change of mindset.”

“It feels great because this loss was game three and was one of the toughest losses I’ve ever taken,” Lake Fenton junior Lucas Storm said. “But to come back and punch them in the mouth felt so great for us. We are so joyful and so happy. We are ready to kick ass.”

That’s what the Blue Devils did all Friday night, dominating the game from the start. In fact, all seven Lake Fenton touchdowns came in the first half, enabling the entire second half to be played with the mercy continuous clock in place.

Lake Fenton had the ball first and in its first three plays had a 35-yard completion from Shumaker to Jack Conley and two rushes of 17 and 14 yards by Storm.

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Fenton’s Calvin Curtis heads a ball in the Tigers’ 2-1 regional championship game loss to DeWitt on Saturday.

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(Midweek Times) Lake Fenton’s defense was stifling in its 41-0 victory against Brandon on Friday, as this Blackhawks’ runner found out. Lake Fenton defensive lineman Gavin Teffner (left) batted down this pass by Brandon quarterback Micah Miller.

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(VOLLEYBALL) Linden’s Blair Ungvarsky attempts to get a kill against Fenton blockers Paige Bakker and Lily Turkowski.

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Patients counting on blood and platelet donors

American Red Cross and Amazon Prime Video partner for prize of Hawaii trip for two

With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching, the American Red Cross urges donors to continue to make and keep appointments now and in the weeks ahead to help overcome the ongoing emergency blood shortage that has significantly impacted the nation’s blood supply.

In fact, the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this time of year in more than a decade.

Since declaring an emergency need for donors last month, thousands of people have come to Red Cross blood drives across the country to roll up a sleeve and help patients who are counting on lifesaving transfusions. Red Cross representatives say they are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of these blood and platelet donors, but hospital demand remains strong.

At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs — ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Upcoming local blood donation opportunities Nov. 1-23

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Midweek Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

STUMP GRINDING

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Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Find new ways to bring more love into your life, Aries. This can be romantic love or the love of friends and family. What you put out you get in return.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you explore art in any form, this is the time to get more serious about it. It could be your opportunity to turn it into a career or at least a side venture.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
The person you may be trying to reach may not be getting your messages, Gemini. Don’t be too quick to give up on him or her. Try a different approach to get through.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
The way you reacted to a situation came out differently than you had hoped, Cancer. You may have some people feeling put off as a result. Find ways to make amends.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Leo, look for pleasures in all the simple things you experience over the next several days. It’s all about having a positive attitude and finding happiness in what counts.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Step up and take charge of a situation, Virgo. If you wait around for someone else to plan out your future, you’ll be waiting for some time. Be proactive in your pursuits.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, this is a good opportunity to spend more quality time with people. Foster new friendships in the days to come. Certain ones may have the potential to last a lifetime.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
Don’t feel like you need to make excuses for how you feel. Scorpio. If your gut tells you to go in a specific direction, then trust your instincts. Usually you’re right on target.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Keeping everything in perspective may mean you have to be more conservative in your choices right now, Sagittarius. There will be opportunities to let loose later.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 19
Social engagements keep stacking up, Capricorn. Soon you will have to make some tough choices regarding which events you can commit to and which to pass up.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20/Feb 18
Aquarius, you are feeling extra generous this week, but you do not need to treat everyone you meet. If you want to lavish attention on a special person, go for it.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
It can be frustrating when your emotions seem to be all over the place, Pisces. You just have to hold on a bit longer and remain patient.

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