City seeks input from residents while creating master plan

Survey available online at lindemi.us

By Hannah Ball

Linden — What are three words or phrases that come to mind when describing Linden?

This is one of the questions on a survey that Linden residents are encouraged to fill out in order for the city to gain input while creating an updated master plan.

Linden is seeking to collect residents’ opinions and form focus groups. All of this information will help officials create the Master Plan Update & Economic Development Strategy. It will address quality of life, land use development and redevelopment, housing, recreation, mobility, economic development and marketing strategy and policies for the next 20 years.

“It’s important for us to get as much feedback as possible because this is laying the groundwork in the road map for us for the future,” said City Manager Ellen Glass during the Monday, Nov. 8 meeting.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said they want input from people of all ages.

The six focus groups include business/economic development, land use/redevelopment, transportation, community services/infrastructure, community life/sustainability/quality of life and youth. The city plans to reach out to Linden residents to gain input while creating an updated master plan.

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City considers installing two new water towers

Linden hopes to fix water pressure issues

By Hannah Ball

Linden — An infrastructure and development consulting firm is recommending that the city of Linden install two new water towers to fix low pressure issues.

On Monday, Nov. 8, David Richmond, senior project manager with ROWE Professional Services Company, presented a report to Linden City Council on water pressure issues facing the city. The estimated costs for all of the recommended improvements would be $3 million.

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Holly Academy holds a parade on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, with students and veterans to salute their service with the military. All veterans were welcome to take part in walking around the campus as the Holly Academy Huskies waved American flags to honor and thank them. The event included military vehicles, and coffee and doughnuts. Holly Academy live streamed the parade at hollyacademy.org/vet and it can be viewed in its entirety. See more photos online at tctimes.com

Holly Township residents hold meeting

Save Falk Road

By Sharon Stone

Officials with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), representatives of Holly Hills Manufactured Home Community and Holly Township officials met onsite at Holly Hills on Friday, Oct. 15 to review the ongoing situation at the old contaminated Falk Road dump and the proposed expansion of the adjacent Holly Hills.

Holly Hills MHC is near the 40-acre Falk Road landfill, which accepted household and lawn waste from the area.

Holly Township encouraged residents to attend to discuss old landfill, flooding, ground water contamination and more.

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"This is in regards to the person stating that all of the construction in this area was causing car accidents. Let make this perfectly clear; road construction does not cause accidents. Incompetent and distracted drivers do. We are extremely lucky that none of these construction workers have not been injured or killed. Slow down and pay attention."

"A big thank you to the person who bought our lunch at Fenton Coney Grill on Friday, Nov. 5. It was such a nice and unexpected surprise. We couldn’t stop smiling. We will pay it forward."
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Part two in a series on Dan and Arlene O’Rourke, the parents of Sgt. Patrick O’Rourke, who was killed in the line of duty.

By Hannah Ball

Arlene and Dan O’Rourke of Hartland Township remember vivid details from Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, when they got the call that their son, Sgt. Patrick O’Rourke, had been killed in the line of duty.

“We were called at 1:30 in the morning and just told to get up to Pat and Amy’s right away. I didn’t brush my teeth, my hair, anything like that. I was a mess. I woke him up and we just got in the car,” Arlene said.

On that night shortly after 10 p.m., O’Rourke and four other officers responded to the initial 911 call for a barricaded gunman, later identified as 50-year-old Ricky Coley, in the area of Pontiac Trail and Forest Edge Lane in West Bloomfield Township.

Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies as well as a SWAT team responded to the scene. Along with being a West Bloomfield Township police officer, O’Rourke was part of the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC) for seven years. With O’Rourke’s larger stature, Dan said he was the one breaking down doors.

Before entering the bedroom in the home, they called out the man’s name at which time they were met with gunfire through the bedroom door.

O’Rourke was struck and critically wounded. Dan said the other officers were calling out for “Rudy,” which was O’Rourke’s codename.

The standoff continued through Monday until the Michigan State Police brought in a robot. News spread across the U.S. Dan said there were dozens of departments there with choppers flying overhead.

“It was a literal war zone,” Dan said.

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A few changes I’d make if I controlled football

Covering prep sports for a living you learn there are some rules and/or changes I wish I’d see happen over the course of my lifetime.

Today’s installment will look at football.

Allow for tie prep football games: Really, this one counts for the college game as well. So what if a game finishes tied. I don’t. Sometimes having things ‘unsettled’ creates more drama and controversy. I’d love to see the MHSAA adopt just one ‘overtime session’ for each team during a tie game instead of unlimited until the game is settled. And to add more drama, instead of playing the series of downs for both teams first-and-goal at the 10, why not make it first-and-10 at the 20? That should help make one possession a team break more ties.

See coaches decline more penalties, especially on defense: This goes for every level from prep football to professional football. It seems coaches are still thinking we are in the 1970s when it comes to penalties. I was watching a Central Michigan University game last night and the Chippewas forced an incomplete pass on first down. Kent State had a five-yard penalty and the Chippewas took it. I’d almost never take this penalty a second-and-10. Teams frequently run on second-and-10 and next thing you know it’s third-and-7. What happened to the Chippewas? Kent State threw on first down and gained eight yards. Suddenly it’s second-and-7, which is a better scenario than the second-and-10 the Chippewas declined. I think teams would be better served to decline more penalties on defense to limit the downs than increase the yardage to get the first down — certainly with five-yard penalties.

Eliminate replay booths: I’ve never liked replay to ‘correct’ calls. We still see so many plays determined by human observation in the replay booth that a large bulk of people don’t agree on the decision. Decades later it seems no two people have a clear defined idea of what is an ‘obvious’ mistake, as we see plays reversed that remain hard to tell exactly what happened.

It’s great some corrections are made and I would even agree more reviews end up with ‘the right decision,’ but because that’s the case, it makes the ones that remain controversial even more impactful. Finally, the delays just kill the game. Sometimes it seems three out of five plays end up getting reviewed. Drives me crazy.

Increase the D1 college football playoffs: This one most agree with. It should be 16 teams. Every other level of college football has a playoff system much larger than four teams and, gosh, it’s a lot of fun watching the journey. When Albion College (a D3 team) won its national championship in 1994, it was a blast experiencing the journey in the 16-team playoff through the four weeks it was played out.

The easiest solution — let all conference champions automatically qualify (10 conferences) and have six at large bids, which most likely will all go to the power five conferences. Every team in a conference starts the season with a path to make the tournament, which is fair. But the at-large teams will go to the strongest leagues which is fair as well.

What about all of those other minor bowls? They can still exist for the teams not in the tourney. I’d still watch a Central Michigan ‘meaningless’ bowl game in this scenario. Why not? If you are addicted to college football, you’ll watch these games.

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

What’s a great movie you’ve seen recently?

“Knives Out.’ Super fun movie. Great actors, funny and a good mystery.”

“Pig’ with Nicolas Cage. Heartbreaking and beautiful. Best movie of the year so far.”

“Nobody’ with Bob Odenkirk. Best movie we have seen in a long time.”

“The Family Stone.’ I recently lost my mother. She loved Christmas, getting the whole family together and watching her seven grandkids open their presents. Christmas will be lost without her this year.”

—Sarah Koza, Holly
City seeks funds for street improvement

By Hannah Ball
Linden — Linden City Council is hoping to receive federal money to fund road projects.

On Monday, Nov. 8, the council voted unanimously to approve applications of improvement to receive funds from the 2023/2026 Genesee County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for five streets in the city:
- E. Rolston Road, from Bridge Street to Ripley Road
- E. Broad Street, from Bridge Street east to Hickory Street
- Bridge Street, from Broad Street north to the railroad tracks
- N. Bridge Street, from city limits south to the railroad tracks
- Hickory Street

If approved, the city will be required to provide matching funds for the projects.

“We do not know what’s going to come down the pipeline at all in the coming years,” said City Manager Ellen Glass. “We want to make sure that we have projects that are already on that list because they’ll keep those projects forward and move them up the list as potential funding or anything else becomes available.”

According to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), when seeking funds this way for road preservation and reconstruction, 25% of the funding available for reconstruction/preservation projects will be allocated to reconstruction projects, 60% will be allocated to preservation projects, and 15% will be set aside for preservation projects with a PASER rating of 5.

PASER, which stands for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating, is a road evaluating system that ranks roads from 1-10, with 10 being the best. They also consider traffic counts.

Dave Richmond, senior project manager at ROWE Professional Services Company, said they met with Genesee County officials about the program.

“It’s not reconstruction but it’s preservation” for these projects, he said. “It’s where we’re going to be milling and overlaying the pavement.”

If approved, they will do spot repairs when needed and fix ramps at intersections to make sure it’s compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They’ve talked about putting in a crosswalk by the senior center and painting for a bike lane.

Broad and Bridge streets will score well with traffic because of the number of vehicles that come through daily. Richmond isn’t as confident Rolston Road will score high due to the lower traffic volume. The road has a PASER rating of 3, like most of the roads included in these applications.

Glass said they are only able to submit projects for roads eligible for federal funds.

Originally, Hickory Street was not included. Councilor Brad Dick asked about including an application for that road as well. Glass said the traffic volume might not be high enough for it to score well, but they could still send in an application.

The city was required to pass a resolution of support. Applications are due Friday, Nov. 12. The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission will evaluate and rank the applications.

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EX-BOYFRIEND VIOLATES BOND CONDITION
On Monday, Nov. 1, at 9:48 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a residence where a female complainant stated she had been contacted numerous times by an ex-boyfriend who recently was arrested in another city for assaulting her. The officer was able to determine the 36-year-old man was out on bond with a condition there be no contact with the victim complainant. She was found to have an open misdemeanor and felony warrant from two different agencies. The felony holding police agency met with the Holly officer and took custody of her on the open charges.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION LEADS TO ARREST OF FEMALE PASSENGER
On Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 11:06 p.m., a Holly police officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Grange Hall Road near N. Holly Road. The driver and passenger were acting very nervous and neither could produce any identification. The driver was detained in the officer's car to determine if he had a valid driver's license. The officer was then able to determine the identity of the passenger who was identified as a 52-year-old Clarkston resident. She was found to be under the legal limit to drive and was placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated and other charges. The driver had two previous convictions for drunk driving, had a suspended driver's license and was out on bond for assault and battery. Felony charges have been presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

FENTON WOMAN FACES FELONIES IN OAKLAND COUNTY
On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 12:47 a.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement on N. Saginaw Street near Grange Hall Road was behind a vehicle that was speeding and weaving in and out of its lane. The vehicle was stopped and found to be driven by 31-year-old Fenton woman. The officer detected signs of alcohol intoxication and tested the driver. She was found to be over the legal limit to drive and was placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated and other charges. The driver had two previous convictions for drunk driving, had a suspended driver's license and was out on bond for assault and battery. Felony charges have been presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

MISSING CHILDREN REPORTED IN HOLLY
On Friday, Oct. 29 at 8:11 a.m. were dispatched to a residence by a family member calling to report two 6-year-old children missing. The caller went to get the children ready to walk to the school bus stop and discovered them missing. Officers arrived and searched the area and contacted their school. Officers were able to determine the children got on the bus by themselves and were en route to the school. Officers and parents met the children at the school and discovered the children were so excited to wear their Halloween costumes to school that they left for the bus stop without adult supervision and knowledge.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony is held for The Movement Studio on Thursday, Nov. 11. Cutting the ribbon is owner Elyse Koskela. Holding the ribbon are Richard Kinnamon, Holly Chamber of Commerce director and Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman. Koskela’s husband, Jim, stands behind her. The Movement Studio provides students and adults quality movement assessments, bodywork, and guidance in identifying unhealthy movement compensation. This can help decrease pain, improve physical performance and prevent future injuries. Koskela is a licensed massage therapist. The Movement Studio is at 207 N. Saginaw St., Holly. Call (810) 207-1325 to make an appointment.

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Arlene said the man tried to kill them all, and only her son was hit. “Think of the guilt those other guys must have,” she said.

O’Rourke was transported to McLaren Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

“When you have an officer you know that’s one of your children, you live with that danger. You know it’s possible but you shove it to the back of your mind. Then, when God forbid, something happens, it all comes at once. You think, ‘oh no that can’t be,’ but it is,” Dan said.

They recognize how in a standoff situation that created national media attention, the story started as a crime story and evolved into a human interest one. Media from channels 4, 7 and 2 were on scene and wanted to interview them.

“I was really hesitant at first. I wasn’t really keen on talking to anybody but they were so gracious and so tender in the way they handled us,” Arlene said. “They made us feel really comfortable and not ashamed about talking. The media was very considerate. But it wasn’t my finest hour.”

Both of them said the media attention didn’t bother them, but it can be a double-edged sword.

After the 20-hour armed standoff, police found Coley dead in an upstairs room. Autopsy results revealed that Coley fatally shot himself. The man reportedly was going through a divorce and financial difficulties.

The funeral

On Sept. 14, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton conducted the funeral, which thousands attended. Police officers came from across the state and nation to mourn and support the O’Rourke family, with Applefest and the carnival rides as the backdrop. Roads had to be closed due to the amount of traffic.

Dan said, “People will come to you and say, ‘I can’t imagine how horrible it is to have to go to your children’s funeral.’ I said, ‘well, it’s everything you could possibly imagine times a hundred. Now, add in the police factor and multiply it by another hundred because it becomes something so enormous. It’s not just a little family funeral. I’m still in awe of that funeral.’”

Arlene said they didn’t have to organize anything besides deciding what flowers they wanted. The Michigan Sheriff’s Association has a group of people that organize officer funerals. Fenton schools were closed. Arlene said the schools were “really good” about being accommodating for O’Rourke and Amy’s three kids who went to Fenton at the time.
Free online Narcan trainings

Join the Alliance for a free online class to assist you with the administration of Narcan should you be faced with saving a life during an opioid overdose emergency.

This interactive class, presented by a Certified Narcan and CPR Trainer from the Alliance, will take one hour and a Save A Life Narcan Kit will be mailed directly to you once essential forms have been completed.

The training includes information on:
• Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose
• Quick actions to take to help save a life and reverse a potential opioid overdose

**Nov. 18, 5:30 – 6:45 pm**

Join the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition and See NARCAN on 16

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to a few dozen people and ask them to participate.

“The focus group discussions are an opportunity for more of an in-depth conversation with a smaller group of people,” said Adam Young, city planner.

The citizen survey is the second part. **A few of the questions on the survey:**

- What are Linden’s most positive aspects?
- What are Linden’s least favorable or appealing aspects?
- What is the one thing about Linden you would change?
- Where do you most commonly go for your convenience shopping and service needs?
- What is your primary mode of transportation to work?
- What barriers exist that prevent you from using your preferred mode of transportation or a different mode of transportation?
- What type of housing should be developed in Linden?
- Please list up to three sites/locations in Linden that should be targeted for redevelopment. These could be vacant sites or sites which are currently underutilized.
- How do you believe visitors, either business or personal, experience the city of Linden?
- Pretend your job is to explain and convince someone who is not familiar with Linden to relocate their residence and/or business here. What do you say to encourage them to move to Linden?
- What are the biggest challenges facing Linden as it works to improve jobs and economic growth?
- What does effective economic development mean to you?
- What would you like to see in Linden that doesn’t currently exist?

“What do you care most about Linden and what are the things that are most important to you to protect and preserve?” Young said. “What are weaknesses that need to be addressed?”

The survey is available online at lindenmi.us/master-plan-2021. The city will mail out a link to the survey, with a QR code, with the December tax bill. Hard copies will be available at city hall.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid said they need to make sure it’s easy for elderly populations to access the survey. The council discussed allowing residents to call city hall at (810) 735-7980 to request a survey, and then staff would mail them one.

The city’s current master plan is 10 years old. Funding for this project was provided, in part, through a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. The city of Linden Planning Commission, supported by the city council, Downtown Development Authority and other city commissions, is overseeing the effort. Technical assistance is being provided by planning consultants Wade Trim and CIB Planning.
WATER TOWERS
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Water pressure problems

The city has two elevated water storage towers, a 50,000 gallon near the cemetery and a 150,000 gallon tank on Stan Eaton Drive. The current pressures though the city vary from 55 pounds per square inch (psi), in the western part of city, to 20 psi in the southeast and northeast portion of the system, according to the report. These pressures also are shown on maps.

According to plumbingsupply.com, residential water pressure tends to range between 45 to 80 psi. Pressures below 40 psi is considered low and anything below 30 is considered too low. The minimum pressure required by most municipal codes is 20 psi.

Silver Lake Road, Broad Street, Bridge Street, Rolston Road, Stan Eaton, Maple Street, Ripley Road and a few other streets have a 12-inch water main. The majority of city streets in neighbors have an 8-inch water main. Certain roads such as a section of Bridge Street, Pauline Pass, Green Lane, Lindenwood and a few others have 6-inch water mains.

The “fire flow,” which describes how many gallons of water could be utilized in the event of a fire, measured by gallons per minute, varies throughout the city. In multiple areas, the current water system can put out fewer than 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm).

Recommended solutions

ROWE recommends installing two new 200,000 gallon water storage towers, one at the east portion of the cemetery and the other to be at the current location of the existing 150,000 tank on Stan Eaton Drive.

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“I think the one option that we have come up with that works best for the city in our opinion is that we put in two tanks,” Richmond said. “It helps your capacity greatly.”

He said these towers would help the water pressures throughout the whole city. It would be a gradual increase in pressure.

“The existing water towers are not high enough to accommodate the needed pressures. That is why they can’t be re-used and need to be removed. The elevation of the new water towers would be approximately 70 feet higher than the existing towers,” the report states.

The report also recommends installing new pumps at the well sites in order to provide the pressure needed to fill tanks, along with a 12-inch water main along Ripley Road between Silver Lake Road and Tickner Road to provide looped systems and further increase system reliability. Richmond said this would create a loop system, which is better and more reliable.

“Completing these improvements would provide pressures throughout the city ranging from 50 psi to 70 psi. The storage capacity would essentially double,” the report states.

With these changes, available storage capacity would be 50 percent utilized, which would help water flow when there’s a fire. This could potentially increase the ISO rating and reduce insurance costs to residents.

Councilor Ray Culbert said fixing the city’s water pressure has been a priority for years.

“It’s been a priority for me for years as soon as I hooked up this city water and found out how limited the capacity was,” he said. He asked if they looked at the north end as a potential location, and Richmond said they considered Ripley Road. He said a tower in this location would need to be 20 feet higher than the tower at the cemetery to achieve the desired water pressure.

Cusson said there could be issues with putting the tower in the cemetery. She said the Fairview Cemetery Veterans Memorial is important to local veterans, and she doesn’t want the visual of a water tower in that area.

Richmond said they considered the back of the cemetery because it’s one of the highest points in the city. These locations are not in Bishop Airport’s airspace and Price’s Airport airspace. He envisions it in the northeast spot of the cemetery at the location of an existing maintenance building. He does not believe there’s room at the location of the 50,000 gallon tower on Silver Lake Road for a 200,000 gallon tower.

With this plan, they would get rid of the existing two towers. Council Aaron Wiens asked if they had any resale value, and Richmond said no. Manager Ellen Glass said they’ll work with Richmond to finalize plans for the project and prepare a draft for council.
Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

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**PUZZLE CLUE:** SHAPELY BREAKFAST
Holly swimmers place fourth at Metro meet

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls swimming and diving team were in dead last in the Flint Metro League standings entering the final dual meet of the league season. But since then, the Bronchos have made some super nice strides of improvement.

The progress started with the Bronchos winning their first meet of the season when they defeated Kearsley/Lake Fenton 109-74, improving the squad into a tie for fifth place with two other squads.

That progress continued at the Metro League meet as well. The Bronchos finished fourth at the meet, just 20 points less than third-place Swartz Creek/Flushing, improving the squad’s final league placing to a tie for fourth place.

Holly had three individual third-place finishes and had two relays take third, helping spark the fourth-place perf-

Lake Fenton MS wrestling’s goal — getting the fundamentals right

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Danny Lozon was a busy man late Tuesday afternoon.

As the middle school coach for the Lake Fenton wrestling program, he found himself wearing many hats during a three-team wrestling meet among Lake Fenton, Owosso and Lapeer.

At times he was coaching one of his wrestlers on the mat. At other times, he was trying to schedule as many matches for his wrestlers as humanly possible during the event. At other times, he was trying to keep his eyeballs on two matches at the same time or maybe trying to set up matches while coaching a match. Yes, to be a middle school wrestling coach you must learn to wear many hats.

The Lake Fenton middle school wrestling season began Tuesday with the individual event among the three schools. No team scores were kept, as the goal was to give the sixth- to eighth-grade athletes a chance to compete against other opposition outside their school for the first time this season.

The Blue Devils had 23 wrestlers looking to get matches and prove what they’ve learned so far during the early practices this season. Not all of Lake Fenton’s kids went 2-0. In fact, most probably didn’t. But they were getting their first matches, helping build the base for their futures.

“This was our first match and everyone is learning,” Lozon said. “We are young and we have a lot of first-year people. The effort was

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Three of Holly’s league placers at the Flint Metro League Swimming and Diving Championships were Emma Coggins (top photo), Katie Sanders (middle photo) and Ella Althaver (immediately above). Photos: David Troppens
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one thing I circled on the scorebook. Nobody gave up. The attitude was good, which in this sport that can affect you. The attitude was great, the effort was great and they are coachable kids. They do what they are supposed to do.”
Lozon said getting the base of fundamentals to be a wrestler is one of the major steps at the middle school level — probably more important than wins and loses in many cases.
“It’s a lot of fundamentals, right,” Lozon said. “It’s fundamentals and a lot of conditioning. Anyone who has wrestled knows it’s very tiring. You have to be in good shape.

We kind of pride ourselves not to gas out in matches because we are in pretty good shape. But it’s always about fundamentals and good techniques. That’s what we preach. Do things the right way.”

Of course, another goal is to create a pipeline to the varsity wrestling program at the high school. The team has six other events scheduled this year as the wrestlers prepare to improve.

“The culture of this program is in a good spot,” Lozon said. “I am getting these kids ready so (Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance) Corcoran can handle the reigns. I try to get them ready for that next level. That’s my role.”

Lake Fenton Middle School’s wrestling team opened its regular season Tuesday. (Above) Cohen Dangcil holds on to one of his Owosso opponents. (Above right) Connor Begley nears pinning his Owosso opponent. (Bottom right) Lily Smith competes against a Lapeer opponent. Photos: David Troppens

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The Saginaw Valley State women placed second.
They weren’t the only area runners to compete in the races. In the men’s race, Lake Fenton graduates and Saginaw Valley State University runners Thomas Hufton and Eric Niestroy competed. Hufton placed 29th in 26:45.4, while Niestroy was 65th (928:174). Saginaw Valley State’s men placed fourth. Linden graduate Melaniea Strauss also competed in the women’s race, earning 61st for Ferris State University with a time of 25:04.8. Ferris State’s women placed seventh.

Four of the runners also competed in the D2 Midwest Regional. Grand Valley’s men won the regional title and Lee placed 10th for the squad, running a 10K time of 30:40.5. Huf-ton ran his first 10K race at the collegiate level, posting a 38th-place time of 21:55.4.

In the women’s regional, Keiser helped the Saginaw Valley State women place fourth, by taking 28th in the 6K race with a time of 21:43.5. Ferris State placed 19th as a team and Strauss placed 134th with a time of 23:47.6.

Plenty of other tri-county runners also compete on the GLIAC teams as well. They include Tanner Blaney, Tyler Buchanan and Mitchell Chabot for the Wayne State University men; Sam Deardorf and Nate Fraser for the men’s Saginaw Valley State program; Eric Somsky for the Lake Superior State University men’s program and Jessica Jablonski and Jenna Keiser for the Saginaw Valley State University women’s team.

Saginaw Valley State’s Alexa Keiser

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A BARN FULL OF MEMORIES

Music festival barn has signs from past Linden and Fenton businesses

By Hannah Ball
Fenton Twp. — Memories make the best decorations.
This is evident by the numerous, colorful business signs decorating the barn where the Schmelter family hosts the Barnfest at Stoney Acres musical festival in Fenton Township off Lobdell Road.

“People walk in here and they start smiling and start pointing at all the different signs that they either worked at or they dined there or they knew somebody, and they’re so happy they’re brought back those memories. Seeing that happen is so overwhelming,” said Phil Schmelter.

It started with Janelle’s Family Restaurant, which was donated after it burned down in Byron. Schmelter said it’s one of his pride and joys.

Once visitors saw a few signs, donations took off. They have about a dozen major signs, approximately 60 lava

Phil Schmelter stands with a few of their signs which hang in the barn that hosts Barnfest at Stoney Acres, the annual music festival. The structure and event is known for the many signs donated from local businesses. Photos: Hannah Ball
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lamps, 50 license plates and a dozen small flags. “There’s so much old history here. Of course, everybody says, ‘what’s my favorite?’ They’re all my favorite,” Schmelter said. “Memories are, what I think, our purpose in life.”

One of the newest auditions is from Johnny’s Pizzeria. “We’re keeping the local history alive, like Johnny’s Pizzeria. We used to go there to get pizza back in the ‘60s,” he said. “We had to acquire that. One of our pride and joys.”

He has an old sign from the Linden Hotel, from the ’80s, with a protective plastic cover over the light-up letters. Schmelter said they’re trying to get it fixed. The Frank’s Tavern sign is special to him. So is the Linden Lumber sign, which is where Schmelter used to work. He doesn’t know exactly how many signs they have in total.

“I wish the barn was bigger because we are slowly filling up with signs,” he said. Other signs include Navistar, Ben Franklin, Twin Gardens, Mason’s Bar and Grill, Singer Hardware, and Kandahar, which was a ski slope south of Fenton from the ’60-90s. “A lot of people love that one. A lot of Kandahar, which was a ski slope south Bar and Grill, Singer Hardware, and Ben Franklin, Twin Gardens, Mason’s he said. “A lot of people wanted it. Once they find out that is going to the Barnfest limits road sign, which was made when the city was a village in 1964.

In the same corner under Argentine Lighthouse is Mo Doggie’s Bar and Grill. “Mo Doggie’s was the rock and roll heaven in Fenton for about 20 years. That was a hard sign to get. I had to do a lot of bartering for that one,” he said. “A lot of people wanted it. Once they find out that is going to the Barnfest barn, people want to donate because they know in a long run, it goes toward feeding the community.”

The barn also has road signs, including a sheriff’s department sign and an old sign marking the intersection of Linden and Lobdell roads. There’s also a Fenton

Phil Schmelter, owner of the property that hosts Barnfest at Stoney Acres, has been working for years to obtain local business signs to have on display in the barn. Their event collects food for local families. Photo: Hannah Ball

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**PUBLIC NOTICE TYRONE TOWNSHIP**

**REVISIONS TO OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE NO. 44**

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Board, during a regular meeting held on November 2, 2021, adopted amendments to the Open Burning Ordinance No. 44. A summary of the revision is as follows:

- Section 10 Burn Permits: This section has been removed. Effective December 1, 2021, Burn Permits will no longer be required. Open burning is still allowed and residents must still adhere to the Open Burning Ordinance.

The entire Ordinance is available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and may also be accessed from the township’s website at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us)
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Nancy A. Hunter  
Nancy A. Hunter – age 85 of Holly, died Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2 - 9 PM Friday, November 12. Mrs. Hunter was born in Owosso on July 20, 1936 to Lester and Mildred (Spitler) Sworthwood. She was retired from 1st Federal Savings and Loan, was a member of the Holly Moose Lodge, a youth bowling coach, a 60 year member of the Thursday Card Club, and a member of the American Heart Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.
Cheryl Denise Hogan
1958 – 2021

Cheryl Denise Hogan - age 63, of Byron, died Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at her residence. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will follow at Fremont Cemetery, Bancroft, MI. Visitation will be held 1 - 2 PM for family, and 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Those desiring may make contributions to the Cheryl D. Hogan Memorial Fund. Cheryl was born January 10, 1958 in Flint, the daughter of Henry and Marilyn (Hetherington) Bastian. She and her husband, Francis Patrick were married on May 5, 1989. They have two children, Lawrence and Eden. Cheryl was a graduate of Mott Community College and worked for many years as a bio-med technician. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and her beloved dogs, Sandy and Yana. Cheryl's natural talent for all things electrical earned her the nickname of “Sparky.” She will always be remembered for her infectious laugh and wonderful sense of humor. Surviving are her husband, Francis “Pat;” son, Lawrence (Taylor) of Lennon; daughter, Eden (Emily) Hertz of TX and their two children; brother, Donald Bastian of Lansing; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Keith. To send flowers to Cheryl's family, please visit our floral store. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

SAVE FALK ROAD
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waste for more than 50 years before closing in 1980. Residents are concerned of possible PFAS contamination in the ground affecting wells.

According to an EGLE report, inspection of the overall site had an unsatisfactory rating.

It was determined at the beginning of the onsite meeting that the site was in violation with Part 31 of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The site had not obtained a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Notice of Coverage (NOC) for construction of activities as required by Permit-by-Rule. In addition to not obtaining the NOC, the site did not have a Certified Storm Water Operator (CSWO) inspecting the site weekly and within 24 hours of a rain event that results in a discharge.

The report indicated Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) measures were not installed onsite to reduce offsite sedimentation. The lack of proper SESC measures resulted in a discharge of Waters of the State. The sediment laden detention pond was discharging into a wetland on the east side of the property. The sediment laden detention pond was discharging into a wetland east of the detention basin. The discharge of sediment laden water to waters of state is a violation of Part 31, Part 91 and Permit-by-Rule. The sediment laden discharge, lack of a NOC and CSWO were discussed with the Holly Hills representatives.

The report indicated an unsatisfactory rating for sediment discharged off-site. The violation was determined Oct. 15. A sediment laden detention pond, at the south end of Fairfax Court was discharging into a wetland east of the detention pond. SESG measures, such as filter fabric, were not installed on the top of the detention pond outlet pipe. The water in the pond was entering the top of the outlet, traveling through the pipe and discharging through the outlet pipe into the wetland. The wetland is located east of the Holly Hills property.

Several other issues were reviewed and inspected and the majority were unsatisfactory.

Holly Township resident Mary Blanchard said the water issues involving the contaminated Falk Road dump, the Holly Hills Manufactured Home Community Expansion and the Shiawassee River are still continuing.

Blanchard said one document showed that effluent discharge could affect Lacy Lake, which is south of the Holly Hills development and joins the Shiawassee River.

To keep residents updated on the situation, the Save Falk Road Committee is holding another meeting Nov. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the American Legion Holly Post #149, 408 S. Saginaw St., Holly.

Holly Hills has 242 homes and the current expansion would add 192 new homes and a third expansion could total more than 650 homes on the site.

On-site Waste Water Treatment Plant was cited by EGLE in April 2021 for exceedances and failure to report the violations for 2019 and 2020. Recent inspection by agencies found multiple issues with the site conditions, wetland dewatering, failure to meet SESG requirements.

According to the Save Falk Road Committee, there is too little known about the conditions of the groundwater and aquifers after 18 months of research and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to multiple agencies.

The committee welcomes the residents to join them at the meeting to learn what they can do to help.

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