Dislodges clam from unconscious 25-year-old woman at her home
By Sharon Stone
Argentine Township police officer Steven Carlson is credited with saving the life of a 25-year-old Argentine Township woman on Nov. 26.
Sgt. Paul Honkanen said Carlson responded to a 911 call in the 16000 block of River Ridge that indicated a woman was choking. Reportedly, the woman was eating clams with her family when she choked on a piece.
When Carlson arrived, the woman was unconscious and she did not appear to be breathing. He got her upright and administered abdominal thrusts, which dislodged the piece of food.
Honkanen said the woman is doing fine now. He added that Carlson has been with the department nearly two years.

Beer fest raises $7,000 for FARR

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View Newspaper Group event returned in person, raises money to help families in need
By Hannah Ball
The third annual Bottles, Brews & News was a success, raising $7,000 for the Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR).
Event organizers gave the check to FARR on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The event, hosted by View Newspaper Group, parent company of Tri-County Times, was held in late October in downtown Fenton’s Rackham Park and featured craft beer, hard seltzer and wine samples, live music and food. Hundreds of people attended, enjoyed live music and sampled drinks.

First Omicron variant cases detected in Genesee County

Two adults with recent domestic travel, no hospitalization for either

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) has been notified of two Genesee County residents with confirmed cases of the Omicron (B.1.1.529) variant of COVID-19. Case investigation and contact tracing has been done for both individuals, one who first tested positive Dec. 1 and the other Dec. 2. Both individuals were adults between 18 and 64 years old who were not hospitalized. These cases were associated with domestic travel.
The Omicron variant was classified as a “variant of concern” by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rose Township likely to see millage on August 2022 ballot

To generate funds to continue contributions for fire and EMS service
By Sharon Stone
During its regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Rose Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of postponing discussion on a proposed increase on a millage for fire and EMS service by North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA).
Rose Township has two NOCFA millages, 1.3096 and 0.7229, for a total of 2.0325 mills. They both expire Dec. 31, 2021. Holly Township has a NOCFA millage of 4 mills.

See MILLAGE on 17

Although small in size, the Fenton Winegarden Library is part of the Genesee District Library, a countywide library system with 19 locations. Directly or through mutual assistance, Winegarden provides all the same services as the ‘big boys’ in Oxford, Ortonville and Clarkston. Please stop ignorantly bashing our local resources.

Anyone in the Fenton/Linden/Holly area who would like to pray for peace and healing, come to Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14172 Fenton Rd., on the Solstice, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. We will be outside, so dress for the weather. Everyone is welcome.

Towns should issue citations for all the illegal yard signs in parkways, medians, and telephone poles. It’s out of control.
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Check out the Festival of Lights until Dec. 25

Symphony Linden decked out with Christmas lights for the holidays

By Hannah Ball

Christmas is just around the corner, and if you’re thinking about driving around to go see Christmas lights, make sure you visit Symphony Linden and drive or walk through the Festival of Lights.

The assisted living facility off S. Bridge Street is currently decorated with thousands of Christmas lights. The bright and festive display will remain up until after Christmas. Volunteers from Linden Pay It Forward put up the lights in early December and had a lighting ceremony for the public and the residents of Symphony.

“The residents had their curtains and blinds open so they could watch and wave as the patrons and the Linden High School Marching band marched through playing Christmas music. We were unable to talk with them but the smiles on their faces said enough,” said event organizer Stephanie Johnson.

This is the second year for Festival of Lights. They started it last year to bring some holiday cheer to the residents at Symphony, their families and the public.

“We worked really hard at creating different themed areas and some fun displays that we didn’t have last year. The kids are really enjoying them and everyone is loving the ‘photo opp’ sections,” Johnson said.

More than a dozen volunteers handed out goodie bags, managed traffic, passed out cookies and hot cocoa and helped make sure all the lights came on. More than a hundred people attended the lighting ceremony. Santa Claus was a special guest.

“We even got to give Santa Claus a special tour and the kids loved it,” Johnson said. “We would like to thank our sponsors and thank the community for supporting Linden Pay It Forward. Merry Christmas and enjoy the lights.”

A representative from Symphony Linden said the event went well and it was a smaller crowd this year due to municipalities having Christmas celebrations on the same day. She said the residents “always enjoy it every year.”

The Festival of Lights at Symphony Linden has different Christmas displays for people to enjoy. Photos: Hannah Ball.
I watched one of the year’s most anticipated Christmas movies this past week, and it did not disappoint. “The Princess Switch 3: Romancing the Star” is the third installment in the Princess Switch/ Vanessa Hudgens universe. For those unfamiliar, the premise of this universe is that there are multiple people that have an uncanny resemblance to Vanessa Hudgens (they’re all played by Vanessa Hudgens).

The first movie, “The Princess Switch,” plays out the classic romance switcheroo in which a small town baker, Stacy, travels to the magical and wintery country of Montenaro but discovers that the princess, Margaret, looks just like her. They trade places and do the proper Christmas/Hallmark/Romance thing — they fall in love with someone they’re not supposed to.

The first movie is utterly delightful, and so is the second movie, “The Princess Switch; Switched Again.” In this installment, Margaret is preparing for her coronation, but the plot is threatened by the arrival of Fiona, Margaret’s royal cousin, who bears an uncanny resemblance to both Stacy and Margaret (she’s also played by Vanessa Hudgens). The third movie is not your typical Christmas movie. It’s a heist. Rivaling “Ocean’s Eleven,” this film explores childhood hardships, lost familial love found again, and has a truly excellent redemption arc with Fiona, who ends up falling in love with Peter. They make a superb pair of thieves as they try to steal an extremely important relic.

Obviously, in the next film, Vanessa Hudgens needs to play a fourth character. Netflix, consider this my resume. I have some ideas for “The Princess Switch 4.”

Continue the heist theme and add a jailbreak: Peter and Fiona continue their venture into stealing expensive and rare items. One of their clients just happens to look a lot like Fiona (she’s played by Vanessa Hudgens) and it’s her father’s dying wish to get back a diamond that was stolen from them when he was a child.

The one person who might know the location of the diamond, who’s the client’s ex-boyfriend, is in jail. Fiona and Peter have to break him out.

High School Musical theme: two neighboring countries are disputing over trade and supplies. From one country comes their nation’s trade minister (played by Vanessa Hudgens) who has to negotiate with the prince of the other country, who’s played by Zac Efron. The two start off as staunch enemies, fighting for what’s best for their countries, but they end up falling in love over their love of music and wildcat animal rescues.

One important plot point is the annual charity concert battle, when the two compete by singing on stage.

Aliens: in the third movie, there’s a scene in which young Fiona and young Peter look at the stars. This is foreshadowing the secret arrival of an alien spaceship. The extraterrestrial trials need help getting back to their galaxy, and they need a certain substance, found in the ground below the castle, to create fuel.

The aliens can shape shift. The leader changes their appearance to look like Vanessa Hudgens, and the rest of the aliens follow suit. However, they can only take one human form, so they can’t shape shift to look like any other human. Stacy, Margaret and Fiona have to help the aliens get back to their galaxy while trying to keep secret the army of Vanessa Hudgens.

The Princess Switch universe should be unconstrained and heartwarming. I am more than prepared to deliver a script, Netflix. My favorite is option three.

Netflix, let me write for you

Hannah Ball
Staff Reporter

“Christmas Eve candlelight church service with family.”
Lillian Taylor
Fenton

“My mom would us make red and green chains and put a piece of candy on each one. We would tear a piece off every morning the month of December to countdown to Christmas Day. I now have my three kids do it and they are always super excited to watch the chain get shorter.”
Tara Maksymowski
Fenton

“Every Christmas Eve, I read my boys ‘The Night before Christmas.’ Now I’m making them read it to me. My oldest is 17 and my youngest is 2. They all attend.”
Carrie Bard
Fenton

“What watching all the Christmas classics on Christmas Eve, and putting out the milk and cookies for Santa!”
Ciara Beckham
Linden

What’s your favorite family Christmas tradition?
Pain is the body's natural, God-given alarm system, and as odd as it may sound, we are extremely lucky to have this sense. Even though it can (quite literally) be a REAL PAIN IN THE BUTT at times. Sciatica is pain that begins in the nerve roots, located on either side of the lower spine, moving through the sciatic nerve which runs the length of each leg from the buttocks, down to the foot. The leg agony, called radiculopathy, "can be worse then back pain, and can come and go at times but if left untreated can lead to much worse problems in the future." Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment of Fenton "It’s very common for patients to come in describing an agonizing, sharp, shooting, burning pain that starts in the buttocks and flows down to the leg and at times into the foot with numbness, tingling and cramps in the leg." The sensation "can be intolerable," says Dr. Ide. "Some people describe it to be similar to the nerve pain you experience when you have a toothache." he explained.

After reviewing many different treatment options we have found that typically the average person who suffers from Sciatica pain usually experiences the same frustration when seeking help. They tend to start off going to their doctor who prescribes them one or more of the following: Muscle Relaxers, Pain Pills or Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs. The Muscle Relaxers tend to make patients tired but do relax the muscles. The Pain Pills mask the pain while on them, but tend to make many people tense, nauseous, constipated and unable to focus. The Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs give some people weakness, moon face, weight gain, insomnia and mood swings. All in all, the pain usually comes back once the drugs are gone because nothing was ever corrected just masked. These drugs all focus on the symptoms and not the problem. This is often the case with most pain related to the spine and nerves, regardless if your issue is in your neck, resulting in headaches or pain, numbness, tingling and/or muscle weakness in the arms and hands or down in the low back and buttocks, resulting in Sciatic Pain. Once the patient goes to their MD, takes their prescriptions and then goes back, still in pain, they are usually referred to physical therapy, pain management or a surgeon. Most patients respond to physical therapy however, once the program has finished many report the pain returns. When they visit pain management, they may be prescribed the same types of drugs their MD gave them or they may jump straight to the steroid based epidural shots, injected directly into your spinal column (which may not be FDA approved so please be advised to do plenty of research if you ever find yourself in this situation). As for having surgery...

New Treatment Options for Nerve Pain

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Several fire departments responded to a fire at Delta Tube Fabricating in Holly on Thursday, Dec. 16. A fire broke out as a crew were reroofing the old flat rubber roof. Strong winds combined with burning rubber produced heavy black smoke over the large manufacturing plant.

By Sharon Stone

Several fire departments responded to a fire at Delta Tube Fabricating on Grange Hall Road in Holly Village at 3:50 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16.

Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee said six men were working on the roof to reroof the flat rubber roof when a fire began as they were fixing seams. He said the wind was a major factor in the fire spreading so quickly.

Because of their location on the roof, the workers were unable to immediately climb down. McGee said the fire department arrived quickly with ladders so that the men could climb down. Fenton City Fire Department also responded with a ladder truck.

McGee said one worker attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and inhaled some of the dry chemicals.
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and experienced some chest pain. That worker declined to be transported to the hospital for treatment.

Damage to the building was mostly on the surface of the old rubber roof. Being rubber, McGee said it produced a lot of black smoke. The fire department cleared the scene at approximately 7 p.m. McGee said the roofing crew were going to be back to complete the reroofing Friday.

Assisting through mutual aid were fire departments from Fenton City, North Oakland County Fire Authority, Springfield Township and Groveland Township.

RETIREEANNOUNCED
William Edgar, M.D. has announced his retirement from family practice after 36 years serving the greater Linden community. Dr. Edgar opened his private practice in 1985, after completing his residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint. Together with his original partner, Gary King, M.D., Edgar has seen in practice grow from a two-person partnership to a five-provider Ascension Medical Group, Genesys clinic. The office has provided care for Linden area patients from childbirth through geriatrics, for multiple generations of families. While stepping away from his family practice responsibilities, Edgar will continue his work with Ascension Hospital Group in his role of president of clinical operations.

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The lottery, if necessary, is scheduled to occur on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 9:00am.

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Fish Lake weed treatment up 14%, road maintenance up 9%

By Sharon Stone

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Rose Township Board of Trustees approved a 14% increase on a weed control assessment and 9% increase on a road maintenance assessment for Fish Lake property owners by a vote of 4-1. Clerk Debbie Miller cast the dissenting vote for each assessment.

The increases came after Fish Lake property owners Dan LaRou and Sylvia Roemer sent a letter to the township board dated Nov. 22. Their letter stated that they were requesting an adjustment of the special assessment district.

They requested the increases to continue the maintenance and management of the private Fish Lake roads (Big Trail Road, Frushour Drive and Field Drive) along with Fish Lake weed control. They requested the increase run the duration of the special assessment district until 2025.

The board held multiple public hearings in 2020 before approving the current special assessment district last year.

LaRou and Roemer wrote that the costs of the roads and lake maintenance have risen each year without additional funding from the special assessment district account to offset these increased costs.

For 2021, road maintenance costs totaled $9,618.50 as of Nov. 22. Expected costs in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are $12,147, $12,392, $12,800, $13,210, respectively.

For 2021, lake maintenance costs totaled $16,547 as of Nov. 22. Expected costs in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are $16,919, $17,298, $17,677 and $18,056, respectively.

John Mulvihill, township attorney, indicated in a letter to Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider that if at any time during the term of the special assessment district an actual incremental cost increase exceeds the estimate therefore by 10% or more, notice shall be given and a hearing afforded to the record owners of the property to be assessed. If there is no change in the special assessment district boundaries and the cost increase is less than 10%, a public hearing and notice to each property owner is not required.

Lake board special assessment districts are governed by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. In addition to the amount computed, the lake board may add not less than 10% or more than 15% of the gross sum to cover contingent expenses, including additional necessary hydrological studies by the department. No public hearing or notice is required if the increase is between 10% and 15%.

With the opinion of the attorney, Scheib-Snider wrote to LaRou and Roemer. “You can increase your road special assessment district by less than 10%, so 9% would be the allowable increase. The allowable lake special assessment district increase could be between 10% and 14%. The increase would be for the remainder of the term of both the road special assessment district and the lake special assessment district.”

Miller said she voted against the increases because she was made aware that some people around the lake did not know about this proposed increase. She said she had been taking phone calls from angry residents, many who have lived decades there and on fixed incomes.

During public comment, resident Julius Stern told the board that increasing the assessment without informing the affected residents is taxation without representation.
Sheriff’s detectives inundated with copycat threats following shooting at Oxford High School

By Sharon Stone

Two weeks after an Oxford High School student fatally shot four fellow students and wounded six other students and a teacher, Oakland County sheriff’s detectives continue to be inundated with copycat threats that prevent area schools from returning to some semblance of normal.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard said these threats to Oakland County schools are often coming from students. All investigated so far have been unfounded, but they are unsettling for students, parents, teachers, staff, and the community. He encourages all parents to speak candidly with their children and help them process the tragedy and help ease their anxiety. It continues to be important to share information about potential threats they may see or hear.

“Students — or anyone — should plan on being arrested and prosecuted if they are caught making threats to harm anyone or anything at a school,” Bouchard said. “These threats are often coming from other students who may think it’s funny or a clever way to get out of class,” Bouchard said. “This is not a joke or a harmless prank. No one thinks this is funny. We take this seriously. If you choose such a foolish path and make such a threat, understand that you will be caught and you will be punished. This is not a game.”

Detectives are investigating threats that have been forwarded to Sheriff’s Office substations in Brandon Township, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township, Pontiac, Lyon Township and Rochester Hills.

As of Wednesday, Dec. 15, 23 Genesee County students have now facing charges for threatening to shoot up their schools, including one Linden High School student, according to Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton. Each of them have been charged with false report of terrorism, a 20-year felony, as well as computer-related charges.

Petitions have been sought in Oakland County Probate Court for at least eight students and dozens more are being investigated.

The day after the Nov. 30 Oxford High School shooting, a Lake Orion High School sophomore said he would “shoot up” the school if he could get a gun. The student, 15, was arrested at his Orion Township home by detectives for making a terrorist threat.

Parents urged to discuss threats with kids

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Proposals must be received prior to 2:00 PM (local time) on April 8, 2021 at the Lake Fenton Community Schools Administration Office. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM in the Lake Fenton Middle School. All bids received after 2:00 PM on the bid date will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Proposals and Award
The Project will utilize separate prime contractors. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the Project will be the responsibility of the Construction Management Firm, Wolgast Corporation. The Owner will award contracts on or about April 12, 2021, to separate prime contractors for separate bid divisions or combinations of bid divisions. All bids shall be submitted on the bid forms provided in the project specifications, completely filled in, and executed (copies of the bid forms are acceptable). Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

Plans and Questions
Requests by Contractors for inclusion as Bidders shall be addressed to the Project Manager, Derek Rickett, at Wolgast Corporation. One (1) electronic set of Bidding Documents will be provided to each contractor at No Cost through Wolgast Corporation. Plans may be obtained by contacting the Project Administrator, Judy Rauch, at Wolgast Corporation at (989) 790-9120. All questions regarding the bidding procedures, design, and drawing/specification intent are to be directed to the Construction Manager on a Clarification Request Form (Section 00310), attention Derek Rickett.

Bid Security
A Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located and in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination. The Bid Security may be in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Money Order. Personal checks are NOT acceptable. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid date. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds as stated in the Project Specifications (Section 00600).

Familial Disclosure
All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or the employee of the bidder and any member of the board, intermediate school board, or board of directors or the superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the intermediate school district. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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DEAR CITIZENS OF THE SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT,

Beginning Monday, December 20th, 2021, the public is invited to take part in a 30-day review of the DRAFT SLPR 5-year Recreation Master Plan for 2022-2027. The plan will be available for public review and comment through Tuesday, January 18th, 2022. Copies are available online at www.SLPR.net, through an email request to contact_us@slpr.net, at the SLPR office in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, the Fenton Township Office, Linden City Hall, and at Fenton City Hall. We look forward to your input and finalizing our master plan!

Ed Koledo
Executive Director, SLPR

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. The purpose for the Public Hearing is:

1. To receive public comments regarding a request by Mark Niemi for a proposed shared private driveway as part of a land division resulting in two (2) new parcels at the end of the cul-de-sac on Indian View Trail. The parent parcel is Parcel Number: 4704-21-100-010, zoned FR (Farming Residential). Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance #36, Article 23 and Article 24.

2. To receive public comments regarding a request by Halim & Hanna Sultani for a proposed caregiver operation special land use permit at the property located at 9165 Faussett Road. The property in zoned RE (Rural Estates), Parcel Number: 4704-29-300-029. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance #36, Section 21.55, Article 22, and Article 23.

Additional information is available at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Rich Erickson, Chairman
Tyrone Township Planning Commission

FARR
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Since its inception, it has raised $16,390 for FARR. The inaugural event in 2019 raised $6,000 for FARR and the 2020 event, which was a drive-thru beer and wine fest called Beer Fest in a Bag, raised nearly $3,500. The third Bottles, Brews & News continues the philanthropic partnership between View Newspaper Group and FARR.

“We were so happy to be back in person for this year’s event,” said Emily Caswell, brand manager at View Newspaper Group. “While it was fun to pivot in 2020 and do a drive-thru event, our sponsors, guests and volunteers were all happy to be back downtown.”

Formed in 1990 by community leaders, churches and civic organizations, FARR works with area residents in crisis in the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts and assesses their basic needs, such as food, shelter, health conditions, and identifies immediate and long-term objectives. FARR then coordinates with local partnering organizations to help address those needs and raise their level of self-sustainability.

Dawn Placek, executive director of FARR, thanked Caswell and the View Newspaper Group at the check passing and said how fun it was to have an event right in Fenton.

“It is awesome and I just see it continuing to grow,” she said. “I’m just so happy to work with the View Newspaper Group and be able to put on a great community event. The donation will help many families in need in our community.”


“We are so thankful for this year’s sponsors. Thanks to their generous support and our more than 400 attendees, we were able to raise a great amount of money for FARR.”

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Keep an eye out for information on next year’s Bottles, Brews & News set for fall 2022.

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Invest In Your Community.

By Peter Maas, president of the Linden Mills Historical Society

Just in time for Christmas, the Linden Mills Historical Society book, “Linden Memories Past & Present” will be available before Christmas. Those who have either ordered or reserved books, may pick them up at the Linden Museum on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 19, from noon to 5 p.m.

For those who requested books be mailed, the books will go out a few days prior. A limited quantity of books will be sold on a first come, first served basis at the museum this weekend.

The book has more than 250 pages filled with historic information, and many stories and photos shared by community members.

The book costs $25. Check or cash is accepted. Proceeds will go toward the restoration efforts of our Mill Building.

PARKS & RECREATION

SOUTHERN LAKES

5-YEAR RECREATION MASTER PLAN REVIEW

SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION

DEAR CITIZENS OF THE SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT,

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Need Christmas gift ideas?

By Hannah Ball

Haven’t done much Christmas gift shopping yet? Fenton’s Open Book has plenty of book and non-book gift ideas.

“There’s a book here for everyone,” said owner Karen Piacentini.

Some of the newest and biggest books that came out recently at the store include the Paul McCartney lyrics book, “The Lyrics: 1956 to the Present.” Fenton’s Open Book also has “The Beatles Get Back.”

“They’re good for any Beatles fan,” she said.

They also have “Renegades Born in the USA,” a book formatted in a conversation style between former President Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen.

Other big titles are “Cloud Cuckoo Land” by Anthony Doerr, author of “All The Light We Cannot See,” “Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone,” an Outlander novel by Diane Gabaladon, “The Stranger in the Lifeboat” by Mitch Albom and “Atlas of the Heart” by Brené Brown.

Fenton’s Open Book also carries popular titles like the poetry book “Call Us What We Carry” by Amanda Gorman, “All American Christmas” by Rachel Campos-Duffy and Sean Duffy, as well as “The Clanlands Almanac: Seasonal Stories from Scotland” by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish.

Piacentini said they also carry the latest books from Stephen King, Ken Follett and Jodi Piculit, “The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club” book by Richard Osman, and they also have “The 1619 Project” developed by Nikole Hannah-Jones. Many of these books are autographed.

“We do have a lot of autographed books here,” she said.

Fans of the sitcom “Schitt’s Creek” would be interested in “Best Wishes, Warmest Regards: The Story of Schitt’s Creek” by Daniel Levy, a book that explores the show, the characters, behind the scenes moments and more.

“Give her the gift of Gorgeous...

If you love the show, this is the best book ever,” Piacentini said. “If you want to laugh, that’s the book.”

In kids’ books, “The Christmas Pig” by J.K. Rowling is popular. They also have the “Cat Kid Comic Club” book and the new “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” book. Parents can find a selection of kids books that come with plushies.

“There’s a lot of other good books here,” she said. “So many new things came out this year.”

Fenton’s Open Book also carries many titles by Michigan authors in a stand at the front of the store. This includes Tom Carr, who writes about true crime in Michigan, books on Fenton’s History by Robert Harris, Erin Bartels books, and “The Life of Charles Stewart Mott.”

“It’s a wonderful story,” Piacentini said, adding that they sell “a ton” of books by Bartels.

The store also has books by local author and minister Chris Vitarelli. He writes thrillers based in Fenton.

“They are so good,” she said. Also available are Michigan travel books, books on the outdoors, cookbooks, special editions of old classics and more.

The store also has non-book gifts such as journals and bracelets. Socks, handmade scarfs and wool mittens are popular. Much of this merchandise is Michigan-themed. Customers can buy jams, jellies, book-themed candles, tea made in Fenton, mugs and a variety of games. Parents might be interested in the dining sets for kids, which includes items like dinosaur forks and spoons.

Piacentini said Dice Poker is very popular, and they sell a lot of murder mystery games, like “Agatha Christie’s Death on the Cards” and funny games like “Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza.” They also have an escape room card game.

Fenton’s Open Book also sells literary tarot cards and locally made dog leashes.

Piacentini said they’re getting books in every day, and they’re still taking orders. She’s urging everyone to place their orders as soon as possible. She said they plan to be open until about 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
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McLaren Flint presents award to neurologist

Receives quarterly Physician Recognition Award

Sunita Tummala, MD, board-certified neurologist, is McLaren Flint’s fourth quarter Physician Recognition Award recipient. She was given the award in front of her peers in November.

Tummala is the medical director of the McLaren Stroke Program. She has been with McLaren Flint for 14 years.

Tummala’s nomination form reads:
“Dr. Tummala provides exemplary care to her patients and families. She is kind, never rushes, and makes herself available. She has never been rude or short with staff. She is happy to educate staff and families. Dr. Tummala goes out of her way to be helpful.

“One day, I was taking a patient to a CT scan and the bed motor did not work. She helped me push the bed. She is simply amazing. Dr. Tummala also is head of the stroke program. On another occasion, I had a few questions, so Dr. Tummala stopped to contact our stroke coordinator for me. She did not have to take her time to do that. Dr. Tummala always goes above and beyond!”

Tummala specializes in neurology and clinical neurophysiology. She sees patients at her office, G-5084 W. Pierson Road in Flint.

The quarterly Physician Recognition Award allows physicians and staff to acknowledge members of the medical staff who:
• Are a current member of the McLaren Flint medical staff
• Demonstrate compassion and concern for patients and staff
• Have a cooperative attitude toward patients, colleagues, and staff
• Strive for constituent quality outcomes
• Display leadership and support to the organization

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Mail carriers out early for priority yule

Help carriers stay safe as they deliver cheer this season

Postal Service carriers are working hard to deliver your special items this holiday season, and they’ll be working earlier than usual to make your season bright. Between the hours of 6 a.m. – 9 a.m., you may hear a clatter on your porch. Before you rush “to see what’s the matter” – it may be your local, friendly letter carrier out to help Santa make deliveries early this year.

Here are a few safety tips you can use to keep our carriers safe as they deliver early in the morning hours:
• Keep a porch light on
• Keep walkways clean
• Keep your dogs secured inside

No matter the time of year, on-time package deliveries start with the customer — and knowing when to ship your packages is key. Here are some key shipping dates to keep in mind this season:

2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines
Dec. 17 – First-Class Mail (greetings cards and letters)
Dec. 18 – Priority Mail
Dec. 23 – Priority Mail Express

Holiday How-Tos
The Postal Service offers shipping tips in 10 video “how to” guides. Each video is less than three minutes long and shows how to properly address and ship packages, as well as how to pack a box so items arrive safely.

Mail and packages weighing more than 10 ounces and/or are more than a half-inch thick cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up if you’re using stamps for postage. Instead, take them to a retail associate at any of our Post Office locations or use one of our self-service kiosks to weigh your packages and print shipping labels.

Additional news and information can be found at the Postal Service Holiday Newsroom: usps.com/holidaynews.

Ship From Home
Don’t feel like going to the Post Office to drop off your special gift? You can stay home — cozy and socially distant — by going online. Visit usps.com or use the Click-N-Ship feature for help shipping that special holiday gift, ordering free Priority Mail boxes*, printing shipping labels, purchasing postage and even requesting free next-day Package Pickup. And usps.com is always open.

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For details and to order, visit store.usps.com/store/home.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.
I JUST LEFT the Cause and Affect Gallery across from The State Bank. They have the best Christmas gifts: beaded purses, vases, stained glass, jewelry, painting, prints and carvings. Stop in for great gifts and view their exhibit. They have new things every week.

SUPER INSPIRING TO see the new engagement at local school boards. Don’t forget Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), the county umbrella over every district.

I LOVE OUR sheriff but he needs to address the opioid crisis in southern Genesee County. This year, 2021 is the worst year of all time.

MILLAGE

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During a special meeting June 3, to discuss its budget for NOCFA, the Rose Township Board of Trustees approved a motion by Trustee Glen Noble and seconded by Trustee Patricia Walls to approve an operating budget of $849,926 as its annual contribution for fire and EMS services. This motion came after Clerk Debbie Miller made a motion to approve NOCFA’s original proposed operating budget of $920,000, meaning Rose Township and Holly Township would each contribute an even split of $920,000 annually. The two townships were each previously contributing $818,000 annually.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider suggested a proposed millage be placed on the August Primary ballot.

Treasurer Paul Gambka said the millage would likely need to be between 3.5 to 4 mills for the next six years to generate enough funding for NOCFA service. Rather than two millages like the township currently has, the proposed millage would be one, which would cover fire and EMS service.

Clerk Debbie Miller asked the Board why NOCFA is not its own taxing authority like a school district is. Gambka said if NOCFA was its own taxing authority, Rose Township would end up paying roughly 65% of the total contributed to NOCFA instead of 50%, which it contributes currently. He said this is based on taxable value of Rose Township compared with Holly Township.

Trustee Glen Noble said, “Being a taxing authority would be someone’s, the fire chief’s wet dream and we will never go for it.”

Noble added that Holly Township has the mobile home parks and that group of people don’t pay taxes. Scheib-Snider said NOCFA being “a taxing authority is not an issue we want to be with, with the fire authority.” She said it would be better for the residents to decide and that the decision to not go to a taxing authority for NOCFA was already discussed and rejected at previous township meetings.

Noble proposed that the township place a six-year millage at 3.5 mills on the August 2022 ballot.

Gambka said he wants to investigate further and look at the taxable value for Holly Township. He said costs keep going up and there has not been an increase since 2008. “We need to play catch up,” he said.

The board decided to postpone discussion and proposed ballot language until its January 2022 meeting.
HOLIDAY WORSHIP

Holly Presbyterian Church
Reverend Brooke Pickrell
Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24 • 6:30pm
207 E. Maple St. Holly • 248-634-9494
www.hollypc.org

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Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church
Pastor Linda Living - Hawley
Join us for our Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24th
Candlelight Service at 3:30pm & 6:00pm
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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
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Christmas Mass Schedule
CHRISTMAS VIGIL
Friday, December 24
4 pm and 6 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday, December 25
12 midnight
9 am and 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, December 31 (No Mass)
Saturday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary: 8:20 am
Weekend Vigil: 5 pm
St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly

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**The Nativity of the Lord**

**Christmas Eve Mass**
FRIDAY, DEC 24TH | 4PM, 6PM & 11PM

**Christmas Day Mass**
SATURDAY, DEC 25TH | 9AM & 11AM

**Feast of the Holy Family**
SUNDAY, DEC 26TH | 9AM & 11AM

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil**
FRIDAY, DEC 31ST | 5PM

**Epiphany of the Lord Vigil**
SATURDAY, JAN 1ST | 4PM

**Epiphany of the Lord**
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  In parking lot

- **Indoor Service** • 11:30 pm
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Bronchos collect first victory of season, beat Clio

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team thought they played well enough against the Linden Eagles in their opener to possibly earn a victory.

In their second game of the season, the Bronchos played another strong defensive game but had one thing happen that didn’t happen enough against Linden — they got some shots to fall — resulting in Holly’s 68-40 Flint Metro League crossover road victory against the Clio Mustangs.

“It was good,” Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said. “After playing a hard fought game against Linden last week and not getting some shots to fall, but still playing what I thought was some pretty solid defense, it was nice to get the win (against Clio). We started off sloppy. We were still not very patient running our offense,... but the kids settled down and played hard. We picked our defensive intensity up in the second half, and our transition game afforded us some good looks at the basket. We got the ball more in the paint. We settled more against Linden. I’m not sure we were more patient but we were more intent at getting more paint touches in this game.”

Devils’ strong fourth leads squad to win vs Creek

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — A year ago, it took the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team about half the season to learn how to finish off victories, ending the season with a 5-2 mark during the Blue Devils’ final seven games.

There were some lessons that had to be learned at the start of the year as they began that season with a 2-5 mark.

However, it seems the Blue Devils have retained some of the lessons they learned during the second half last season.

The Blue Devils nailed all seven of their field goal attempts and converted 9-of-13 free throws in the fourth quarter, helping the squad earn a nice 62-44 home victory against Flint Metro League crossover foe Swartz Creek Tuesday night.

“I think we are strong fundamentally and we are growing day in and day out with our chemistry,” Lake Fenton senior Max Muenzer said. “It’s the same with football. We just have such a close group this year.

“We struggled with (closing games) in the past for maybe three years, so it’s been a point of emphasis to close out games and come out of big moments fired up. I think we did a good job with that today.”

The Blue Devils jumped to an 8-0 lead early (the last two of those points coming on a Francis Senter assist on a Muenzer layin) in the contest and never trailed. Yet, the Dragons hung close enough all game long looking poised to possibly make a run at the lead throughout the contest.

Lake Fenton enjoyed a 21-10 lead with 5:32 left in the second half.

Linden boys basketball splits two week contests

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys basketball team had a busy week last week.

Not only did the Eagles have to travel to Flushing on Friday (results weren’t known at presstime), but they also hosted Northville on Monday and traveled to Corunna on Tuesday.

The Eagles lost to Northville 43-37 on Monday and defeated Corunna 46-29 on Tuesday.

Against Corunna, the contest remained tight for about a quarter. Linden jumped to a 5-0 lead on a three-pointer by Reichen Lund and a fast break layup by Brandon Green. However, Corunna cut it back to 5-4, and the Cavaliers were still within 10-8 late in the quarter. However, Jase Becher hit a putback hoop, putting the Eagles up 12-8 after one quarter.
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The game remained pretty tight until the third quarter, with the teams exchanging the lead occasionally. Actually, it was free throws that kept Clio in the ball game during the first half. The Mustangs shot a whopping 12 free throws in the opening quarter, netting seven of them, helping them to nine first-quarter points.

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Blue Devils defeat Fenton in opening Metro dual

By David Troppens

Fenton — It was a battle of neighborhood rivals to start the Flint Metro League’s wrestling season on Wednesday.

And in some ways both teams could feel reasonably decent about the performance.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils came away from Fenton High School with a sweep of Fenton and Imlay City, earning victories by scores of 51-30 against Fenton and 42-36 against Imlay City. The Tigers lost both matches, dropping its second bout to Imlay City as well, but after taking four forfeits, the Tigers pushed Lake Fenton right to the end of the match as well.

“The boys wrestled tough,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “We’re still pretty young and inexperienced at a few weight classes, but I saw a lot of determination out on the mat and that’s always a good thing. Our hammers did their job and that carries down the line and inspires everyone else to do theirs. We’re not where we need to be, but after our first full week of competition, I am very pleased. We will continue to work on our strengths and our weaknesses and get to where we need to be.”

The big match, of course, was the Lake Fenton-Fenton battle. The Blue Devils led most of the match but the Tigers cut the cap to 30-27 at one time after Carson Krzeszak’s (285) pinfall victory of Alex Perry with four matches to go. But, the Tigers had to forfeit the next two, setting up a pivotal battle between Lake Fenton’s Robbie Moore (119) and Fenton’s Owen Freeman. Moore won the bout by pinfall in the final seconds of the match, clinching the victory for the Blue Devils. For added emphasis, Lake Fenton’s Jackson Ketchum (125) concluded the match with a pinfall win against Fenton’s Jamal Horne in 1:04.

Fenton opened the match with Garrett Clark’s (130) pinfall win against Lake Fenton’s Drake Deem in 5:01, but the
Strong second half sparks
Eagles past Corunna, 52-39

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team found themselves in a pretty competitive crossover Metro League road battle with Corunna for most of the night on Tuesday.

The teams exchanged the lead back and forth frequently during the first three quarters, and it was tied 28-all with about four minutes remaining in the third quarter.

However, that’s when the Eagles took flight. Linden finished the third quarter on a 9-2 run and then kept their momentum going during the fourth quarter, earning a 52-39 road victory.

Tied at 28-all, the Eagles’ run in the third quarter started with a Shaye Barkholz hoop. From there, it eventually ended with a steal and a fast-break layup by Paige Leedle, giving the Eagles a 37-30 lead entering the fourth quarter.

“We started really slow. Our offense wasn’t firing like it had been in the past few games and our defense seemed a little sluggish,” Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zachary Darling said. “The girls took the halftime challenge I gave them and came out with a fire in the second half. We went on our run offensively and started to play better defense. Once we got up by double-digits, we felt better about the game and were able to finish off with a solid win.”

Any chance that Corunna had of a comeback ended quickly when Leedle hit two three-pointers within the first minute of the fourth quarter, giving the Eagles (3-1) a 43-30 lead. If that didn’t do it, a steal and layup by Allison Maienbrook dashed any hopes Corunna had of a comeback.

Early on, it was a tight battle. The Eagles’ biggest lead in the first half was four points. It happened twice. The first time came at 9-5 and the second time at 22-18. Both times a Leedle trey made it a four-point lead.

Linden’s Olivia Mawhinney (front) scored seven points in the Eagles’ victory against Owosso. File photo: David Troppens

Tigers lose defensive road contest at Owosso, 42-34

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team played three reasonably solid quarters in its road game against Owosso.

However, it may have been the one quarter that the Tigers’ offense struggled that cost the squad a victory in a Metro League crossover contest with Owosso.

The Tigers (1-2) enjoyed an 11-6 lead after one quarter, but were held scoreless in the second quarter, resulting in a 16-11 halftime deficit. Still, the Tigers were in the contest, but it was probably that eight minutes that cost Fenton in what was a 42-34 decision.

In the opening quarter, Adrie Staib led the Tigers, scoring four of her team-high 11 points. Kaleigh Shaker added a three-pointer while Grace MacCaughan and Lauren Gangwer had two points each.

The second quarter was tough though, and what didn’t help matters was the Tigers weren’t able to get the benefit of getting into the bonus as Owosso was whistled for just five first-half fouls. The Tigers never were able to get some chances at the charity stripe during the second quarter. Meanwhile, Owosso had six, but failed to take advantage, netting just one.

Skotti Ball-Duley was Owosso’s top offensive performer in the second quarter, netting five points in the stanza.

The third quarter saw the Tigers score eight points with MacCaughan, Staib, Allie Browne and Tammy Craven scoring two points each, but Ball-Duley hit an early trey in the third quarter, helping the Lady Trojans maintain a 27-19 lead after three quarters.

Fenton cut the margin to four points during the fourth quarter, before Owosso pulled away. Ball-Duley added seven more in the fourth quarter, helping ice the contest for Owosso. She finished with a game-high 21 points. Abby Logan hit two treys in the fourth for Fenton, while Staib finished with five points in the fourth.

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Becher was on a little bit of a roll at that time. Previously, he had hit a layin that gave the Eagles a 10-6 lead in the first quarter, which meant he had scored the team’s last two buckets. Well, he scored the first two buckets of the second quarter as well, hitting on two layins. The second was off a pass from Lund, giving Becher a 16-8 lead. The run continued when Lund was fouled on a three-point shot. Lund made all three free throws and the Eagles led 19-8 with 4:50 left in the half. Linden’s 11-0 run to start the second quarter eventually ended with two converted free throws by Lund. Linden led 23-8. The Eagles led 27-13 at halftime and the lead was never seriously threatened after that.

Linden finished the contest with 13 points while Becher netted 10.

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**Holly loses tight match vs. Corunna**

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team had a pretty tight first Flint Metro League match this season.

The Bronchos ended up tied with Corunna 36-36, but lost due to a tiebreaker. Holly also faced Birmingham Groves and won that match 52-27.

Most of the matches against Corunna were decided either by forfeit or pinfall. The Bronchos earned pinfall wins from Hunter Hummel (160), Jacob Gonzales (171), Jayden Higgins (215) and Sean Murray (125). Murray’s pin was the last match of the dual, and took just 14 seconds. Holly also had forfeit wins by Andrew Cross (130) and Anthony Ayotte (135). However, Corunna also had seven wins and five of them came via pinfall.

Against Groves, Chase Couchman (140), Konner Welch (145), Higgins (215), Christian Preston (119) and Andrew Cross (130) won by pinfalls while Gonzales (171) and Murray (125) won by forfeit. Drake (189) earned a major decision win as well.

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quarter after a converted free throw by Carter Smith. However, the Dragons cut into the lead pretty quickly, actually cutting the gap to 22-18 on a three-pointer by Quandre Wright. Lake Fenton led just 26-22 entering halftime.

However, the Blue Devils (2-1) increased the lead immediately in the third. Ashton Hunter began the quarter with a trey, sparking a 10-0 run. It continued with a Senter putback, a conventional three-point play by Muenzer and two converted free throws by Hunter. Suddenly, Lake Fenton’s lead was 34-22. And now, the lessons of icing a victory were going to come into play.

Lake Fenton led the entire contest, but the Dragons cut the margin to 38-29 entering the fourth quarter. However, a layin by Muenzer and two converted free throws by Gavin Teffner upped the gap to 42-29 with 6:35 left. From there, the Blue Devils made it mighty tough for the Dragons to seriously threaten the lead due to their perfect 7-for-7 shooting in the fourth quarter.

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**BOYS SWIMMING**

- Davison 89, Holly 36: The Bronchos dropped seconds off of their times as they competed against the Cardinals. Zachary Rockafellow and Brandon Strickert each earned a first and second in their individual events. Strickert won the 500 freestyle (6:13.69) and earned his second in the 200 freestyle (2:16.63). Rockafellow took the top spot in the 100 backstroke (1:07.63) and earned his second in the 100 freestyle (55.58). Grant Hoffman earned a first in the 100 breaststroke (1:31.99) as well. Holly’s 200 freestyle relay team of Rockafellow, Hoff,man, Dwight Van’t Zelfde and Strickert won with a time of 2:07.36.

**WRESTLING**

- Linden 67, Ortonville-Brandon 18: Linden won 10 of the 14 matches to earn the easy victory. Bryce Shingleton (125), Brenden Shingleton (130), Aiden Haney (145), Brady Makela (152) and Jase Gundry (215) earned pinfall wins while Adelia Carr (112), Ben Wingblad (125), Louis Goble (140) and Michael Bush (171) won by forfeit. Bryce Eliuk (285) also earned a 9-8 decision win.
Holly plays better in second game, falls to Clio

By David Troppens

Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner is feeling a little better after his team’s second contest of the season.

After scoring just eight points in a loss against the Linden Eagles in their season opener a few nights earlier, the Bronchos showed strides of considerable progress in their second contest at Clio.

The Bronchos still lost, but Holly’s young and inexperienced team performed much better, losing a 54-26 contest against the Lady Mustangs.

“It was a lot better,” Varner said. “We played really good the first two quarters but then came out in the third quarter and turned the ball over five times in a row. That sucked the life out of us. We never were able to get much closer, but we kept playing hard.

“I told them we got better from Friday, that’s for sure. We still have to capitalize on our free throws, especially in the third quarter. This game was something to build on for sure.”

The two squads battled to a 6-4 first quarter, with Clio earning the slight edge. Clio outscored Holly 15-6 in the second quarter, resulting in a 21-10 halftime lead. Holly was able to score eight points in each of the final two quarters.

“The Bronchos could’ve scored many more points. They were more aggressive offensively and got to the line for 29 free throws. However, they made just 12 of them. Still, that was a considerable improvement from the team’s first game as well when they took just six free throws during the 32 minutes against Linden.

“We need to make some more free throws. If we do, this game could’ve been way closer and way more competitive,” Varner said. “It could’ve been a totally different game if we made more free throws in the third quarter. But this game is something to build on for sure. I knew we were better than what we saw on Friday. That wasn’t us. We’ve played in scrimmages and stuff and we’ve played much better than that.”

The Bronchos (0-2) were paced by Morgan Flukey’s nine points. Autumn Lewis chipped in five points and Make- na McGee netted three points. Alana Simmons had two points and played strong defense.

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Creek Dragons. That also meant easy layups for those willing to run the floor and collect the quality passes downcourt from the Blue Devils’ guards. It all resulted in an easy 75-31 home victory against the outmatched Dragons.

Cola Sisk was the primary beneficiary of breaking offense. She scored a game-high 25 points with the overwhelming majority of them coming off the break. However, she wasn’t the only one scoring. The Blue Devils saw every one of their nine players score at least one field goal in the contest, with three hitting double-digits. When Kerrigan Howdeshell wasn’t scoring one of her 12 points, she was dishing off one of her seven assists. Amaya Smith also chipped in 11 points. The only player to score just two points was Anna Prevost, but she was more than willing to dish off assists, collecting four for the contest. Emerson Baker chipped in six points and three assists while Savanah Fellenbaum had five points and three assists.

The Blue Devils’ style of play has resulted in a quick 3-0 start with Lake Fenton earning the continuous mercy clock at times in each of their first three games. They have outscored their foes 198-82.

“Last year we were already unselfish and bonded so well, it’s just carried over to this year too,” Sisk said. “We’ve been practicing together seven days a week and by pushing ourselves it really gets us closer together.”

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**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.

**Midweek Jumble Answers:**

WAVER, YUCKY, TRENSCH, BURROW

Answer: He attached the wires for the EKG quickly. He knew their positions — BY HEART

**Weekend Scramble Answers:**

SHARP, PLEASE, KALE, CRASS

Answer: CHEAP
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To donate, go to hurleyfoundation.org/donate.

OMICRON
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According to the CDC, the Omicron variant will likely spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus. How easily Omicron spreads compared to the Delta variant remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with the Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or do not have symptoms. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death and are expected to do the same against Omicron.

The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of primary vaccinations and boosters. The most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, hospitalization, and death is to be vaccinated. To provide additional protection against the Omicron variant, masks and distancing are effective. Wearing a mask in indoor areas offers additional protection, and with the easy transmission of the Omicron variant, social distancing or wearing a mask in crowded outdoor activities is recommended.

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Hyatt Elementary collects most food donations

Stuff the Bus program helps feed families in need during the holiday

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Hyatt Elementary collected the most non-perishable food items during this year’s Stuff the Bus program out of the three school districts that participated.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Fenton Area Resource and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) presented Principal John Strickert with a trophy for the students.

Every year for the Stuff the Bus program, the school districts of Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton collect financial donations and non-perishable food items, which is then distributed by FARR and the Kiwanis Club to local families in need.

This year, Hyatt Elementary collected the most with 6,427 non-perishable food items. The school won a $250 gift card for a pizza party. Linden Elementary came in second place by collecting approximately 4,750 items. Linden elementary schools collected more than 11,000 items.

While they don’t yet know how much in total was raised by the three school districts, Carla Juarez, who’s ran the program since it began in 2006, said this year “surpassed anything we have ever seen before” in regards to donations.

“This is all for at-risk families in the three school districts that need a little extra help during the holidays,” she said. “I want to thank the community for their generosity this year and their support. A lot of people came out to collect food and a lot of people were generous with food and monetary donations.”

John Strickert, principal at Hyatt Elementary, said the school has approximately 350 students and their goal was to collect 1,200 items. They surpassed that goal by thousands.

“All the students in the whole community, they came together for this. It was heartwarming to see how much they care about each other. It was pretty powerful,” he said.

FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek said this year, they’ve received five times the amount of non-perishable food items and three times the number of financial donations compared to previous years during the Stuff the Bus program.

They also collected more than $8,000 with donation centers at VG’s and The State Bank.

“The money goes to provide food for our food share program and so we’re able to do Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas baskets, Easter baskets. We do an Easter meal,” she said, adding that the food goes to any other food programs they run.

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*Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times*

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now you’re ready to solve today’s Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You’ll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer: "What did the T-Rex tell his mother? An OJIN."

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Source: Thefuneralsource.org
Charles Franklin Harrison
1932 - 2021

Charles Franklin Harrison - age 88, of Fenton, passed away Monday, December 13, 2021. A memorial service will be held 11 AM Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jaggers will officiate. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church. Burial will take place at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Charles was born December 31, 1932 in Arenac County, the son of Charles Wesley and Ethel (Smith) Harrison. He was a veteran of the US Army. Charles earned a bachelor’s degree from Colorado State and a master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Harrison retired from General Motors. He was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Donna; children, Heidi Harrison, Mark Harrison and Jeffery (Erika) Harrison; grandchildren, Ryan, Hayden, Meredith, Madelynn, Megan and Adam; great-grandson, Lucas; sister, Mildred Marks; brother, Bill (Marlene) Harrison. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roy. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Donna Ruth Aidif
1932 - 2021

Donna Ruth Aidif - age 89, of Fenton, died Thursday, December 9, 2021. Private family services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lake Fenton United Methodist Church, 2581 N Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430. Donna was born May 28, 1932 in Flint, the daughter of Russell Edric and Thelma Mae (Church) Holcombe. She married Joseph Aidif on October 2, 1954 and he preceded her in death on May 5, 2010. Donna had worked in administration for Consumers Energy for nine years and spent many years volunteering at Lake Fenton United Methodist Church where she was an active member. She was an avid bowler and a square dancer. Surviving are three sons, Daniel (Wendy) Aidif of Winter Park, FL, Ronald (Kristen) Aidif of Grand Rapids, and Dale (Suzanne) Aidif of Grand Blanc; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Christine Daniel. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Johanna Culinski**  

**Marvin “Mac” McVicker**  

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**VANCE HART GORDON**  
1926 - 2021

Vance Hart Gordon  
- age 95, of Athens, formerly of Fenton, died Sunday, December 5, 2021. A memorial service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, at a later date. Arrangements by Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City, www.lighthousefuneral.com. Vance was born May 22, 1926 in Fenton to Mark and Alice (Bennett) Gordon. He left high school to serve in the Army (1944-46) stationed in France, Austria and Germany, and later earned his diploma through Ferris State. On April 27, 1947, Vance married the former Donna Johnson in Fenton. He retired as a supervisor of employment for Chevrolet after 27 years, then went to work for GM in Dearborn and later was a local driver for the Fenton Chevrolet dealership. Vance’s life revolved around Fenton. He lived there 92 years before relocating to Athens. He was a polite, gentlemanly, honest family man and very protective of his daughters. Vance belonged to American Legion Post #38 and St. Jude’s Episcopal Church. He liked to sing, especially Christmas carols. He is survived by daughters, Kimberly (Robert) Goodspeed of Woolwich, ME, Kyle (Dennis) Stanton of Athens, and Kelly (Frank Provato) Gordon of Waterbury Center, VT; granddaughters, Kaitlyn Goodspeed of Woolwich, ME, Amy (Paul Uldriks) Stanton of Athens, and Amanda (Dave) Snyder of Ellettsville, IN; several nephews; nieces; and two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Zachary Snyder. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Donna (2012); parents; sisters, Jean Weigant and Mary Poag. Memorials suggested to St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, 106 E. Elizabeth, Fenton, MI 48430.

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