

Planners to consider concrete recycling facility request

■ Residents create petition against the facility

By Hannah Ball

A controversial item returns to the Fenton Planning Commission tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 24.

Picasso Landscaping is requesting ap-

proval on a site plan and a special land use permit to operate a concrete recycling facility in Fenton.

The special land use permit would allow landscaping materials, concrete storage bins, a sales office and the recycling facility. The vacant property, which is in the industrial district, is 11.6 acres. It is located north of Grant Street and east of Fenway Drive.

The owner of Picasso Landscaping is Brian Dennis of Holly.

In 2021, nearby residents started a change.org petition called “No concrete plants in our neighborhood” to oppose the plans. There’s also a Facebook group by the same name.

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Neighbors help children with social interaction during pandemic

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Immigration status uncertain for Afghan refugee

■ 21-year-old woman, who fled from the Taliban, focuses on furthering education

By Hannah Ball

This is part two of Sayna Gholami's story. Part one was published Sunday, Feb. 20.

Tyrone Twp. — Will she be deported to Afghanistan after two years when her visa expires?

The question haunts Sayna Gholami, a 21-year-old Afghan refugee who settled in the Fenton area in November 2021, months after she fled her home country of Afghanistan after the Taliban took over. Now living with Mark and Sarah Martin-Fanone at their home in Tyrone Township, Gholami is in

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Linden student releases comic book



Will O'Dell, 11, in the red shirt, hands a classmate a signed copy of his comic book “Grandpa Pepsi” on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Linden's Central Elementary. His teacher, Bridget Koledo, said the entire class supported him and celebrated his book launch together.

See story on page 9. Photo: Hannah Ball

Husband charged with homicide

■ Michigan State Police arrest 79-year-old Groveland Township man

By Sharon Stone

A 79-year-old Groveland Township man was charged Friday, Feb. 18 with the Feb.

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Suspect crashes stolen vehicle in Groveland Township

■ MSP canine unit locates gun in snow that suspect threw fleeing crash

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan State Police Detroit Regional Communication Center was advised at 9:20 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 that a stolen vehicle was being pursued into

“Linden wants to pass an endless millage for the police in May, of course. I say, have the police hand out speeding tickets on N. Bridge Street and they won't need the millage. It's crazy how fast people drive any day, or time of day. They could get rich.”

“Loved stepping out of my house on Monday to see my neighbor grilling in the driveway. Sure is nice to see the sun and get an odd 45 or 50-degree day once in awhile. Spring is on its way.”





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Neighbors help children with social interaction during pandemic

■ One local mother describes experience of having third child during pandemic

By Hannah Ball

This is part three in a series talking with local parents about the experience of having a baby during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Social isolation can be harmful for the development of young children.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began and stay-at-home orders were put in place, families worried about how it would affect their kids. One Fenton Township family had the help of their neighborhood to help socialize their three children.

Fenton Township resident Stephanie Mitchell gave birth to their third child, Quinn, on May 7, 2020, only weeks into the pandemic. Their two other children, Knox, 6, and Lila, 4, weren't allowed to go to the hospital and met their new sister over FaceTime.

Prior to going into the hospital, she had to have a COVID test and her husband, Tim, had to undergo a full health screening.

"I was actually super nervous about



Tim and Stephanie Mitchell welcomed their third child, Quinn, into the world in May 2020. Their two oldest children met their sister via FaceTime because the hospital only allowed Stephanie to have one person in the hospital with her. **Submitted photos**

that because even with a slight increase in temperature, he would have not been allowed in so it was added stress just worrying about having to give birth alone," she said. She was allowed to take off her mask once her test came back negative, but Tim had to keep his on.

Only one person was allowed in with her, and he wasn't allowed to leave the room once they were in, not even after the baby was born.

"It was a blessing and a curse because with my other two, I didn't get much rest after delivery because of our visitors and you were trying to adjust to a new baby with people watching. But at the same time, it was really sad to introduce the newest member of our family to everyone via FaceTime," she said.

She has a video of her two oldest children learning that they have a new sister and a video of her parents meeting

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Building Brands

Advice on hitting your goals from our team of experts

Last week our management team gathered with a special group of team members for a celebration. Those honored were sales team members who met or exceeded their sales goal for 2021. We call this group the 100+ Club and with the exception of last year due to obvious reasons, we've held a similar celebration for seven years.

The night included a delicious meal at Metamora Golf & Country Club (seriously, if you haven't had gouda-whipped mashed potatoes you're missing out), drinks and a short program recognizing the 2021 class of the 100+ Club.

This year, six individuals made it into "the club" and as I watched each of them walk to the front of the room to receive a note of appreciation and hear a bit of praise from their boss, I was especially struck by how much I admire this group.

No one's job has been easy for the past two years, and people in the newspaper sales world are no exception. This group of professionals has had to play the role of advertising expert, brand expert, pandemic restriction expert, HR expert, shipping

delay expert, therapist and more in order to help their clients navigate challenging times and come out on top, all while staying focused on their own personal goals.

We all have goals to meet — personal and professional — and there are a million articles and pieces of advice out there on how to meet those goals, but with such a knowledgeable group as part of my own team, I decided to ask the 2021 100+ Club for their advice for meeting one's goal. (Please note I omitted their names at their request — this group is smart, successful and hum-

ble). Here's what they had to say:

- "I make a plan at the beginning of each month and stay motivated, focused and committed until I reach that goal. I reward myself monthly with a cocktail if I make the goal."
- "Annual goals are the big picture. In my 36 years of experience, I've found it best to work on staying focused on the day, week and month. Sometimes it's smooth sailing and other times, you really have to dig in with all the grit you got. I've learned not to take nos personally and to always be moving forward."
- "Let's face it, there are some weeks that just don't have many selling opportunities for one reason or an-

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Emily Caswell

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CANCEL ALL OF Hollywood (or is it Hollyweird?) and their narcissist award shows too. Don't they all get a participation awards? These loud mouthed, self-absorbed people don't deserve a larger platform than any other U.S. citizen to express their opinions and views. Shut them up please.

I DON'T KNOW what screw ball economists you are quoting but all of the economists I've heard or read say businesses don't pay taxes, they just pass them along to their customers. By the way, Trump cut my income taxes as well as business taxes.

THEY SAY THE Russians are waiting for the ground to freeze to attack the Ukraine. Isn't spring coming?

SO ALL WE have to do to fight inflation is raise taxes on businesses and cut military spending? That's a great idea, except Biden already did that and inflation didn't drop one bit. It went up. So I hope you're not letting your 'economists' tell you how to invest.

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

What was your favorite game to play as a kid? | streettalk



"Back in my day, all we had was a hoop and a stick. We'd roll it down the dirt path by ole Mr. Crenshaw's farm until he shot us with rocksalt."

Sean Caldwell
Fenton



"Left-handed (opposite handed) home run derby. May have broken a window or three."

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"Mother may I. Red light green light. Tag."

Melissa Blanton
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"Atari 2600! Still have an original hooked up at my house."

Tony Engelberg
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Ice Challenge is a success



Using an old blue racketball, nearly 50 golfers played nine holes of golf on Barnum Lake on Saturday, Feb. 19 for the Blue Balls Ice Challenge. Photos: Sharon Stone

Charity golf outing on Barnum Lake raises money for local scholarship

The 10-degree temperature and wind gusts that felt like tiny needles on your face didn't deter about 50 people from coming out and enjoying a round of golf Saturday—on Barnum Lake.

The FirePlace Bar & Grille owners,

Joe and Carrol Gilbert, hosted the inaugural Blue Balls Ice Golf Challenge Saturday, Feb. 19. One challenge with scheduling a golf outing far in advance is that you cannot schedule the weather. While Saturday was bitterly cold, Sunday's temps reached nearly 50 degrees.

Golfers brought along a few irons and their putters and were assigned a numbered racketball. The two-person

teams played a scramble with monetary cash prizes for the first-, second- and third-place teams. The fairways were plowed strips of ice and snow, and the holes were frozen dips in the ice. Four-wheelers were available if anyone needed to retreat to the restaurant or their vehicle.

The charity golf outing raised money for the Brad Stone Scholarship which goes to Lake Fenton High School graduates in memory of Brad Stone who

died in 2000 at the age of 12. The donation of approximately \$1,400 will be turned over to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and will be added to what the Stone family raises each year.

Brad Stone's parents played in the event and gave special thanks to the FirePlace Bar & Grille and the winners of the outing who also donated their proceeds to the scholarship as well.



2 Big Weekend Games!

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Local land conservancy celebrates 50 years



A Great Blue Heron Photo: North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy

■ Renames itself the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) is 50 years old this year. Members believe it's a milestone worthy of a celebration.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to those early conservationists who identified the value of the headwaters in Northern Oakland County," said Executive Director Susan Julian.

The organization's mission is simple: to protect the land, water and wildlife in the headwaters region of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers. To date, the conservancy has protected 1,530 acres of woods, prairies, wetlands and rivers.

The conservancy recently announced plans to expand its

coverage area. "All the streams and lakes that we love are connected beyond Oakland County, eventually affecting the Great Lakes," Julian said. "For our second 50 years, we're going to enlarge the headwaters area we work in."

With that expansion comes a new name — the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy. "The great blue heron has always been a symbol for our organization," said Board Member Lora Perkins. "Our new name reflects both the past and the future."

To get involved or learn more about this bold move, the conservancy invites you to their online annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. Registration ahead of time will enable people to fully participate. You can register online at NOHLC.ORG or call the office for more information (248) 795-2808.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

Prosecutors

Whenever a criminal charge is brought under Michigan statute or local ordinance, there are two sides — the state or local unit of government and the defendant.

Although the defendant can be represented by an attorney or represent themselves, the government must be represented by an attorney called a prosecutor.

State law prosecutions are conducted by the county prosecutor or Michigan Attorney General. For local ordinance prosecutions, there is a city or township attorney.

Today, I will highlight a few basic duties and obligations of prosecutors.

The law provides that a prosecutor is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all, and whose interest in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice be done.

Accordingly, prosecutors have certain responsibilities. These include making correct charging decisions, providing discovery materials and any exculpatory evidence to defendants,

working with victims, appearing at court proceedings, and dismissing cases when they are convinced a defendant is innocent.

At trial, the prosecutors serve truth and justice first. Their job isn't just to win, but to win fairly within the rules.

I won't detail everything, but some very important rules concern what a prosecutor is prohibited from doing which would deprive a defendant of a fair trial.

Here are four commonly cited examples:

- The prosecutor is prohibited from arguing that the jury has a "civic duty" to convict a defendant by appealing to their fears and prejudices and claim that they have an obligation to protect society from the defendant's conduct;
- A prosecutor may not "vouch" for the credibility of a witness by suggesting they have some special knowledge of their truthfulness;
- Expressing the prosecutor's personal opinion as to guilt;
- The prosecutor may not denigrate a defendant with intemperate or prejudicial remarks.

On the other hand, prosecutors have every right to be zealous advocates and argue the facts in evidence and the law to obtain a conviction.

Prosecutors have been called the "gatekeepers" of the criminal justice system as they decide who to prosecute and what to charge.

Without them, the guilty would go free and everyone else would suffer.

CRASH

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northern Oakland County by Genesee County local authorities.

An MSP trooper was following the stolen vehicle and was able to update that the stolen vehicle was traveling southbound on Dixie Highway. An MSP Aviation Unit also followed the stolen vehicle. While other troopers were responding, a suspect crashed the vehicle on Dixie Highway near Perryville Road in Groveland Township and three suspects ran from the vehicle.

Responding troopers found two of the suspects walking along the road and they were taken into custody without

further incident. The first trooper on scene was watching the third suspect and observed him throw a gun in the woods as he was running from the crash.

Troopers and local police officers were guided to the third suspect's location by the first on-scene trooper. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The MSP Flint Post canine unit performed an article search and located the handgun buried in the snow. There were no injuries to the suspects or the officers. All suspects and property were turned over to Flint Township Police Department, which was the originating agency for this incident.

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Holly Township takes no action on charter status eligibility

■ Will discuss option of expanding board to seven members without charter

By Sharon Stone

During its Feb. 16 meeting, the Holly Township Board of Trustees took no action to proceed with an option of becoming a charter township.

Holly Township was notified Dec. 16, 2021, by the Secretary of State’s Office, that the latest U.S. Census shows it has a population of more than 2,000 and it is eligible to become a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act. The township’s population is more than 12,000.

Supervisor George Kullis said the item was on the agenda because charter criteria was met and the township was to notify the public. After discussion, the township board decided to take no action becoming a charter township.

One of the changes that Kullis said would be advantageous for the township is that the board could have seven members, rather than just five members that it has currently. He said the township could seek this same change without becoming a charter township.

Expanding to a seven-member board would take a vote of the residents. Kullis said they have begun discussing the possibility of putting this item on a future ballot. Having just five board members makes discussions with board officers impossible at times due to the Open Meetings Act and quorums. If two more trustees were added to the board, discussions would be easier and there also would be two more sets of eyes looking at things.

Kullis said becoming a charter township also would allow the township to have its own police department. He said the township does

not need that. “The Charter creates a lot of things we don’t need,” Kullis said.

The board will revisit and discuss a seven-member board idea at its March meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PAVING PROJECT FOR SONORA DRIVE & MINERVA STREET CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to pave Sonora Drive and Minerva Street, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on Sonora Drive or Minerva Street

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$600,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 1, 2022.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN 2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Linden 2022 March Board of Review will meet at Linden Mill Building, 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to Assessed values and the review of Hardship exemption applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

Tuesday March 8th, 2022 8am – 8:30am (Organizational Mtg.)
Monday March 21st, 2022 9am-3pm (Appeals)
Tuesday March 22nd, 2022 3pm-9pm (Appeals)

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (810)735-7980, or by visiting Linden City Offices.

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Right At Home Genesee County receives awards

Right At Home Genesee recently received both the 2022 Best of Home Care — Provider of Choice and Employer of Choice awards from Home Care Pulse.

These awards are granted only to the top-ranking home care providers, based on client and caregiver satisfaction scores gathered by Home Care Pulse. Right At Home Genesee is now ranked among a small handful of home care providers across the country that have proven their ability to provide an exceptional working experience to employees and the highest quality care to clients.

“We want to congratulate Right At Home Genesee on receiving both the Best of Home Care — Provider of Choice Award and the Best of Home Care — Employer of Choice Award,” said Todd Austin, president of Home Care Pulse. “Since these awards are based on real, unfiltered feedback from clients and caregivers, Right At Home Genesee has proven their dedication to providing a great work environment and solid training to

employees, while maintaining their focus on client and caregiver satisfaction.”

“We are proud to receive these two awards from Home Care Pulse, which demonstrate our dedication to providing excellent in-home care, said Scott Hill, president of Right At Home Genesee. “It is especially rewarding that these awards are a result of real, unfiltered feedback sent directly to the Home Care Pulse organization from our clients and employees.”

Austin said, “At Home Care Pulse, our mission is to help home care businesses create an experience that goes beyond client and caregiver expectations. We’re thrilled to recognize Right At Home Genesee as a Best of Home Care award-winning provider and celebrate their accomplishments in building a team of happy, qualified caregivers who provide outstanding care for their clients.”

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REFUGEE

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America on a humanitarian parole visa, which expires after two years. She could be deported.

“Would she get deported back to Afghanistan, to a country that has promised they’ll kill women who have left? This is a big problem for Afghans,” Sarah said. They met Gholami through Samaritas, a nonprofit that helps seniors, children in foster care and refugees.

She understands that the U.S. government had to figure out how to get Afghans out very quickly last August and the regular refugee process is slow. “Now we have a population of people who are here with this in-between status,” she said.

The uncertainty causes Gholami stress. She works at The Laundry and takes classes at Mott Community College. She studied architecture engineering at Kabul University, and she’s hoping that an American university will accept her credits. However, it’s difficult to plan long term without knowing the status of her visa situation.

In her dreams, she’s back in Kabul when the Taliban attack.

“When I wake up, I say, ‘no, I’m here, I’m safe,’” she said. “It bothers me. What about after two years? Do they deport me to the Taliban? (Will they) kill me? Or hurt me? I don’t know. It makes me nervous.”

They’re working with Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center who is helping Gholami apply for asylum. She has to apply for the status when she has one year left on her Visa, but they don’t know how long it will take, how much it will cost, and it’s not guaranteed.

They try to focus on today while Gholami works on establishing a new life in a new country.

Education is her main focus. In her free time, which is sparse between working and studying, she enjoys riding her bike, but it’s hard to do in the winter. The Taliban do not allow women to ride bicycles in Afghanistan. She plays with their 6-month-old puppy

and spends much of her time studying.

Gholami said she feels like Sarah and Mark understand her and make her feel like Fenton is her city, and it helps. “They are one of the most important parts of my life,” she said.

Thanksgiving was one of the first American holidays she celebrated with Sarah and Mark. She also went to Jinglefest and they celebrated Christmas and New Years.

She worries about her family members who live in Afghanistan.

Her sister also left and is currently going through the re-settlement process in Detroit. Mark and Sarah drove Gholami to the airport to greet her when she arrived. She doesn’t have a driver’s license yet.

Mark and Sarah continue their volunteer work with Samaritas.

Gholami is not the first refugee they’ve helped. They took in a refugee from Congo for 14 months a few years ago, and her church provided him furniture for his apartment when he moved out. The couple helped him fill out job applications and made him feel at home. During Christmas time, their church hangs up a stocking with his name.

In 2021, they helped deliver furniture to 15 families through Samaritas.

“Whatever the family needs, we try to find,” Sarah said. “We’ve done three homestays. That’s really where our welcome team comes into play.”

This consists of a team of individuals at First Presbyterian Church, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church and a church in Burton.

They’re always hoping to find more volunteers.

“Sometimes I imagine what we could do if we had double the amount of volunteers. Could we really affect more change and be more welcoming? All of the research shows that immigrants are just a gift to communities,” Sarah said. “If other people want to get involved, they can contact the church and ask to be put in contact with the welcome team.”

The only requirement is a heart in welcoming people to a new country.

“What about after two years? Do they deport me to the Taliban? (Will they) kill me? Or hurt me? I don’t know.”

Sayna Gholami
Afghan refugee

CITY OF FENTON GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF FENTON WITH AMENDMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 713

On February 14, 2022, the City of Fenton Council adopted Ordinance No. 713 which amends the International Property Maintenance Code of the City of Fenton to the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (“IPMC”) with amendments. Specifically, this Ordinance adopts the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code while amending Chapter 6, Article II, Sections 6-6 to 6-8.

The Ordinance has the following sections and catch lines: Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-6; Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-7; Section 3. Amendment to Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-8; Section 4. Publication; Section 5. Validity and Severability; Section 6. Repeal; and Section 7. Effective Date, which is fifteen (15) days after its adoption and shall be published within fifteen (15) days of its adoption.

Copies of the complete text of the Ordinance is available at the City Hall 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, 48430.

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Linden student releases comic book

■ Classmates, teachers enjoy the adventures of Grandpa Pepsi

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Grandpa Pepsi is taking over Central Elementary in the Linden Community Schools district.

One of area's youngest authors, Will O'Dell, 11, released his book "Grandpa Pepsi" on Tuesday, Feb. 22. His fifth grade class asked questions while he signed copies of his books. His friend, Grant Allen, handed out "fart soda."

The comic book is about the adventures of Grandpa Pepsi, a character Will and his friends created when they were in third grade, who wears a diaper and drinks fart soda. Will, who's on the autism spectrum, created comic strips and his mother, Katie O'Dell, encouraged him to finish the book.

"I think it's been fantastic," she said. "Anytime he has free time, he's working on it."

Each chapter shows Grandpa Pepsi going on a different adventure. O'Dell said it contains "typical" fifth grade boy humor.

He was able to celebrate the book launch with his class, teacher and mother.

"It went pretty good," Will said.

His teacher, Bridget Koledo, and his class support him entirely. Koledo said they had a hard time with the pandemic and mask mandates, but his classmates supported him and helped decorate the room.

"Just for them to come together like



Will O'Dell, 11, in the red shirt, sits with his friend Grant Allen, who helped him with his book, "Grandpa Pepsi." Will's mother, Katie O'Dell, who's a teacher at Central Elementary, brought him a few gifts during his book launch on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Photo: Hannah Ball



they did and with the culture and the climate of the classroom, and surrounding him and making him feel accepted, is the most important thing for him," she said.

Koledo, who said she will be Will's manager, said the character has taken on a life of its own. Koledo's sister made Will a stuffed doll of the character this year for Christmas.

"She's been great at encouraging him with that this year," O'Dell said.

Last year was tough because of

the pandemic. Change is hard for Will, O'Dell said. He changed school buildings and he didn't have any longtime friends in this new class so he struggled with feeling a bit like a loner.

She noticed a huge change in Will after Valentine's Day. For the holiday, the kids wrote kindness notes to each other. Will received multiple notes from classmates saying they're thankful that

Will makes them laugh with his Grandpa Pepsi stories.

"He didn't realize he did that for people. It has encouraged him more knowing it has that effect on people," she said. "Last year was a really tough year for him. This year, to be able to come into a classroom that's been very supportive- I'm thrilled with how this year has gone. They've totally embraced

him, which is a huge credit to his teacher. She encourages the kids to support him."

The book also gives him something positive to focus on. He knows being on the autism spectrum makes him different, but O'Dell said he embraces it now.

"It's a great thing," she said.

Will plans to write more stories in the Grandpa Pepsi universe.

“I’m thrilled with how this year has gone. They’ve totally embraced him, which is a huge credit to his teacher.”

Katie O'Dell
Central Elementary teacher

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHILE HALF OF the economic pundits on TV may link corporate tax cuts to inflation; serious economists do not. Talking heads do not reflect reality, they reflect political posturing. Got it?

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CHILDREN

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Quinn via FaceTime.

“There is only the first time someone gets to meet a new baby. I feel like it’s a pivotal moment for new parents, grandparents, and siblings so the biggest negative of having a baby during a pandemic was all the firsts that you will never be able to get back,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said she feels like they were robbed of certain experiences.

Her dad died from cancer 11 days after Quinn was born.

“The only photo I have of the two of them together is me holding her up to a closed car window and a screenshot of him seeing her on FaceTime,” she said. “It’s almost like you’re happy and thankful because you have a new healthy baby but at the same time you’re mourning the loss of all of which comes with having a new baby — that’s what makes you feel guilty.”

“...it was really sad to introduce the newest member of our family to everyone via FaceTime.”

Stephanie Mitchell
Fenton Township resident

The uncertainty and impact of COVID added to her stress, but not everything during the lockdown was bad. The doctors advised that Tim, who works in critical infrastructure, not return to work in-person so he stayed home with the family for the first weeks of Quinn’s life.

“The positives were that we got to spend a lot more time together as a family,” she said. “My older kids were home due to schools being closed so there were a lot of snuggles and extra hands to help with the newborn and easier to shift into life with three kids.”

It also forced them to come up with ideas and activities in their home, yard and neighborhood.

They’ve been able to spend a lot of time with their neighbors, which is helping Quinn and her other two children continue to socialize. Quinn has probably had more human interaction at this age compared to her first two, Mitchell said. She’s also the most social and loves being outside.



(Left) The three Mitchell children, Knox, 6, Lila, 4, and Quinn smile for a photo in matching pajamas. (Right) Tim Mitchell holds Quinn in the hospital on the day of her birth. Submitted photo



“She was able to be around her parents 24/7, her siblings, be outdoors, etc. which I think has really benefited her more than say play groups or a caretaker or having her siblings away at school. I can, however, see where this would come into play for parents who gave birth to their first baby or who had to work and raise kids,” she said. “Any parent who had to work from home with kids will tell you that it is impossible to give 100% to work and

your family at the same time so something or someone was always suffering.”

She worried most about the development of her other two kids because they had to do virtual learning.

“Watching 25 kids try and learn their letters on Zoom was something else. I give teachers all the credit in the world because his teacher showed up every day doing her best to make it engaging and beneficial for the kids,” she said.

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other. I do not let that get me down, knowing that I will move forward with a renewed confidence to attack the next week, making up for that lull. I keep a good watch on the daily sales totals, always knowing where I am in regards to the weekly and overall monthly goal. This helps to keep me motivated and know when I need to shift into a higher gear!”

• “My strategy for achieving goals is to break it up. I look at the overall goal, and then make three to four smaller goals. It helps me not to feel too overwhelmed by the big picture. I like to celebrate the small successes.”

• “A key thing for me, once my goal is set, is to create a plan with daily tasks to get there. Taking a few minutes the night before to plan and organize for the next day is helpful for me, because I’m a morning person and when I come to work, I know exactly where to start.”

In reviewing that advice, a few key words and phrases stood out to me: plan, focus, motivate and moving forward. I think no matter what type of goal you’re trying to achieve, putting those words into action is a good place to start.

As I was collecting this advice, I was thinking about what words of wisdom I’d offer when it comes to achieving goals and while I’d love to say my approach is as organized and straight forward of those in the 100+ Club, that’s just not the case. For me it boils down to keeping my eye on the prize. Sometimes in my career that’s financial, sometimes it’s free time and sometimes, when I’m really lucky, it’s gouda-whipped mashed potatoes.

What advice do you have for achieving your goals? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com

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

CONCRETE

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The petition states that if approved, the facility would recycle and crush concrete, as well as operate as a batch production facility. “Batch concrete plants create silica dust. This dust is linked to serious health conditions, including reduced lung development in children, higher rates of asthma, bronchitis, heart disease and cancer.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are also a problem at concrete batch plants, which can cause respiratory system issues, shortness of breath, headaches, fatigue, skin problems, and impair the memory. High concentrations are known to cause liver, kidney and brain damage,” according to the petition. It has approximately 1,115 signatures as of Tuesday, Feb. 22.



The vacant property, which is in the industrial district, is 11.6 acres. It is located north of Grant Street and east of Fenway Drive.



HOMICIDE

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16 shooting death of his 70-year-old wife, Cathy. Howard Miller was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 16 after he called 911 to report he had shot his wife. The suspect was arraigned Oakland County 52-2 District Court. He was charged with one count of homicide and one count of felony firearms. Bond was denied and he remains in the Oakland County Jail. According to the Michigan State



Howard Miller

Police Metro North, troopers were on scene at a home in the 2600 block of Groveland Road, near Brant Street, for a domestic felonious assault when they requested personnel from the Groveland Township Fire Department stage nearby for possible assistance at 12:15 p.m. MSP troopers entered the home and located a 70-year-old female dead from gunshot wounds. It was determined that the female was the suspect’s wife. Further investigation revealed that they were having an argument that escalated into the shooting.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF RUSSIA ATTACKS the Ukraine, look for oil prices to double here. No real reason for it, but when has the oil industry ever needed a real reason to raise prices.

I HAVE ZERO confidence in anything the Biden administration does. They have messed up every good thing that the last administration fixed. Why are they doing this? All you Fenton, Linden and Holly folks better be prepared when we vote in our next round of local politicians.

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Lake Fenton's
Savannah Fellenbaum

Blue Devils earn outright league crown, beat Corunna

By David Troppens

For the second straight season, the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team are outright Flint Metro League Stars Division champions.

Lake Fenton locked up the championship on Monday, with a 57-41 road victory against Corunna.

The Blue Devils (16-2, 9-0) jumped to an early lead in the first quarter, taking a

17-10 lead after one period. Ella Prevost netted the team's first bucket on a three-pointer and that got the Blue Devils going. Emerson Baker had seven first-quarter points while Savannah Fellenbaum netted five first-quarter points. She scored her first five on a three-point play for Lake Fenton on their second scoring play of the game as well, except hers came when she did it the old fashioned way with a hoop, foul and a

converted free throw.

During the first quarter, Corunna's Ellie Toney had her moments as well. She scored eight first-quarter points, including the two that made her the school's all-time leading scorer in girls basketball history. He earned the honor on her third bucket of the quarter.

The Blue Devils blew the game open in the second quarter, netting 19 points.

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Sports Times

It's a competitive rivalry once again

■Tigers break dryspell
vs. Linden Eagles, 51-43

By David Troppens

Fenton — Maybe it is a rivalry after all.

After witnessing his Fenton Tigers lose a hard-fought contest against the Linden varsity boys basketball team earlier this season, a frustrated Chad Logan said maybe that the Fenton-Linden boys basketball rivalry wasn't that much of one.

After all, Linden had dominated all of the most recent contests, and to the Fenton varsity basketball coach the Tigers weren't doing their part in the rivalry.

His players took that to heart Friday night. Despite not having their top player, Seth Logan, at 100 percent the Tigers found a way to take a lead and hold on to it throughout the night, earning a 51-43 victory against the Linden Eagles at Fenton High School.

"Yeah, it did bother us," Fenton senior Lance Barkholz said about his coach's comments after the previous loss to Linden. "We were sick of being little brother, so we wanted to stick it to them today, and we did.

"We all just played as a team. We moved the ball well. We played good defensively. We stopped their main player (Reichen Lund) from scoring a lot, and forced Linden to try to use other guys to score, so that was good."



Linden's Monte Keener and Fenton's Sam Claborn battle for a loose ball in the Tigers' 51-43 victory against the Linden Eagles. Photo: Christopher Summers

"It's great. We've been looking forward to playing them ever since that first game," said Fenton junior Ben Grob, who saw an increased playing role. "This is the game you look forward to more than any other game. Having the whole team step up with Seth being hurt was great. And he even played good. It just meant a lot."

Linden started the game with a three-pointer by Joe Miller, but that 3-0 lead would be the only one the Eagles would enjoy the entire contest. Barkholz responded with a trey of his own, and Ja'Hion Bond followed with a post hoop. The Tigers led 5-3 and never trailed

again.

Linden (6-3, 10-8) tied it at 5-all on a converted free throw by Brandon Green, but Fenton ended the first quarter on a 12-4 run. During it, Justin Banura netted eight points, helping the Tigers (5-4, 12-6) take a 17-9 lead into the second quarter.

Fenton got a three-pointer from Barkholz and a driving hoop by Bond to start the second quarter, raising the Fenton lead to 22-9. From there, the Eagles weren't ever out of the contest, but never really that close either.

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Linden's Kelsey McLennan blocks a shot attempt by Fenton's Adrie Staib.

Photo: Christopher Summers

Linden Eagles finish sweep of Fenton

By David Troppens

Fenton — It's been more than a decade since the Linden varsity girls basketball team has defeated the Fenton Tigers twice in the same regular season.

It certainly happened during the 2003 season, the Eagles' undefeated Flint Metro League season, but it probably hasn't happened since.

It finally happened again during the 2021-22 season. The Eagles finished the clean sweep by defeating the Fenton Tigers 46-30 at Fenton High School, Friday night.

"This means a lot. It's awesome," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said. "I have stats for Linden girls basketball going back as far as 2010 and they've never beaten Fenton twice in one year since then, so it was awesome. It means all the world to the kids."

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Max Muenzer drives in a past game. He scored 19 points in the Blue Devils' win against Goodrich. Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils hold on down stretch, defeat Martians

By David Troppens

The last time the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team earned a victory against the Goodrich Martians was Feb. 10, 2017.

At least that was the case before Friday night. The Blue Devils held a slim lead for the entire fourth quarter, eventually earning a 58-52 Flint Metro League Stars victory against the Martians at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils won the 2017 contest 89-79. It was the season Lake Fenton advanced to the state quarterfinals.

"That was a big win for us for sure," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "For our program, it's huge. I can't tell you the last time we beat Goodrich. Our boys should be proud of the effort they put in

tonight. We will celebrate, believe me, but the next time we get in the gym it will be in the past."

The contest remained a close battle throughout. The Blue Devils took a 36-35 lead on a putback hoop by Max Muenzer with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter. From that point on, the Blue Devils never trailed again. A three-pointer by Brit Antonangeli gave the Blue Devils a 39-35 lead entering the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, Goodrich closed the gap to one point a couple of times, but never took the lead. The biggest the Lake Fenton lead ever got was six points. The last time it got that high (minus the final score) was at 55-49 after Francis Senter hit a free throw with 48.7 seconds left in the contest.

Goodrich cut the gap to 55-52 with a conventional three-point play by Parker LePla. However, Senter hit another free throw with 22.9 seconds left in the contest. Goodrich's Josh Waun attempted a three-pointer during the Martians' next possession, but missed it and the rebound was picked up by Max Muenzer, pretty much icing the victory.

The Blue Devils iced the game at the free-throw line, making 13-of-18 free throws in the fourth quarter. Muenzer made 4-of-4 while Jake Helms made 5-of-6.

"Max and Jake, they made clutch free throws down the stretch," Szczepanski said. "They kept the lead at four or five points."

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Holly Bronchos slowly fall behind Kearsley Hornets, lose 61-47 verdict

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team didn't do anything particularly bad against the Kearsley Hornets on Friday.

The Hornets were just a little bit better all night long. Kearsley outscored the

Bronchos in each of the first three quarters, resulting in a 61-47 loss for Holly.

"The first quarter we were down 21-6 at their place. This time they weren't as hot, but they did lead 17-10 after the first quarter," Holly varsity boys basketball

coach Steve DeHart said. "Basically, they were a little bit better in every quarter. They had one to two shots a quarter that fell when ours didn't."

Kearsley outscored the Bronchos 16-15 in the second quarter, resulting in a

33-25 halftime lead. Kearsley also won the third quarter 15-9, and led 48-34 entering the final quarter.

Tony Simmons led the Bronchos (3-6, 8-9) with 13 points.

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LF girls earn at least share of division crown with win vs. Goodrich

By Dale Smith

Linden — In a battle between the heavyweights in the Stars Division of the Flint Metro League, the Lake Fenton Lady Blue Devils used a dominant fourth quarter to pull away from the Goodrich Martians. They won 51-39.

This win locked up no worse than a share of the FML Stars title.

The Lady Devils had previously beaten the Martians on Goodrich's court in January by six points, 52-46. For much of this game it appeared it would be an even closer margin of victory as the two teams see-sawed back and forth early.

Goodrich got in some early foul trouble in the first quarter, picking up five quick fouls before Lake Fenton had one. The Lady Devils used some early free throws to make it even at 12 points each after the first eight minutes.

The Lady Devils looked to take control later in the half. They led 22-16 at the break, partially because they were in the

double-bonus with more than three minutes left in the half.

Goodrich bounced back early in the second half. The Martians' sophomore, Alexis Kosmowski, hit two three-pointers while the Devils' Amaya Smith dropped one of her own to put Lake Fenton up 30-24 but the second of Kosmowski's threes came with only six seconds left in the third quarter bringing the Martians within one at 31-30.

The Blue Devils came out strong on defense to start the last quarter and caused an early held ball that gave them possession. Lake Fenton sophomore, Ella Prevost, had a strong rebound and put back to make it 33-30 and then followed that with a three to get the Devils rolling. Another three-pointer from Kerrigan Howdeshell soon made it 39-32. She was not done. She dropped in another long one at the 3:20 mark giving the Devils what turned out to be an insurmountable lead.

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EAGLES

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Linden won the first meeting 63-45 at home on Jan. 14.

What was even more impressive is how the Eagles did it. The Tigers played outstanding defense against the team's traditional leading scorer and offensive leader, Paige Leedle. Leedle didn't hit a field goal until hitting a three-pointer with 5:05 left in the fourth quarter. Still, that didn't bother the Eagles too much as other girls chipped in, showing the squad's team offensive dynamic all game long. When Leedle made that trey, the Eagles led 38-25. She made another about 30 seconds later, raising the Linden lead to its greatest amount of the contest, 41-25.

"This is definitely the best team I've coached as a cohesive unit," Darling said. "They are really coming together. Obviously, they made a point to try to stop Paige and the other girls stepped up. That's that team atmosphere, next girl up and everyone working together."

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Fenton competitive cheer captures district championship

By David Troppens

After winning a Flint Metro League title, the Fenton varsity competitive cheer had another goal in mind.

The Tigers wanted to earn a Division 2 district title.

That honor alluded the Tigers after winning the Flint Metro League crown a year ago, having to settle for second place. This year the Tigers didn't settle and are champions for the second time in two weeks.

The Tigers won the D2 district hosted at Fenton on Saturday, earning a team score of 731.02, a little more than three points better than second-place Bay City Western.

The same teams that competed against Fenton at the Metro League meet were many of the same teams that competed at Fenton. Kearsley (692.38) and Brandon (689.46) placed third and fourth, respectively, earning the final two places that earned a spot in regional competition.

The Linden Eagles also competed at the meet, placing sixth,

missing out on a regional placing by about 12.5 points. Holly also competed at the 13-team meet, placing 10th with a team score of 583.28.

The event quickly became a battle between Fenton and Bay City Western for the district championship. Fenton had the meet's top round one score (226.00), edging out Bay City Western (225.10). The Tigers scored strongest in difficulty and variety, scoring a 10.0 among all three judges. They also scored high with their execution marks, earning a high of 9.80.

In round two, Bay City Western had the top round two score (211.86), but experienced a 10-point penalty, reducing their overall score to 426.96 entering round three. Meanwhile, Fenton had a 210.32 round two score, the second-best at the event, and had no penalties. That meant the Tigers' 436.32 score had Fenton in first by slightly more than nine points. Fenton scored all nines from each of the three judges on their third through



The Fenton competitive cheer team celebrates its district championship.

fifth skills. They also earned at least a 9.1 from each judge on general impression.

In round three, Bay City Western had the top score (301.00), but the Tigers had the second-best score (294.70) and their score was within seven points of Bay City Western's, earning the Tigers the district crown. The Tigers scored at least 9.0 from all three judges for their vocals and for their gen-

eral impression.

Linden opened the event with a 210.20 round one score, 3.2 points behind fourth-place Clio at the time. In round two, the Eagles had a 193.32 score, but also experienced a 10-point penalty. Linden had a sub-total of 393.52, about 9.5 points out of fourth. In round three, the Eagles had a 283.50 score, earning them their 677.02 total.

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Roll Call:	G. Kullis, K. Winchester, M. Freeman and S. Ruth and D. Burton
No Action:	Farmstead Project Manager.
No Action:	2019-2020 Audited Financial Statement Presentation.
No Action:	Notice of Eligibility to Incorporate as a Charter Township.
Approved:	Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions – Proposed Resolution 2022-01.
No Action:	Treasurer's Recommendations.

The minutes of all regular and special Holly Township Board of Trustees meetings are on file 8 business days after a meeting and may be reviewed at the Holly Township Clerk's Office, Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8:30 to 6:00 p.m. except holidays. The next regular meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees is scheduled on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter at the Holly Area Schools Board Room 920 E. Baird St., Holly, MI 48442.

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LF cheer team headed to state meet

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton competitive cheer team had something to cheer about on Friday at the Frankemnuth D3 district meet.

The Blue Devils placed second at the 12-team event and qualified for the regional round with that placing.

Lake Fenton had either the top score or the second-best score in each of the three rounds, helping propel the Blue Devils to the regional spot. The top four teams qualified for the regional meet.

Lake Fenton had the top score in round one (218.90) but had a 10-point penalty, dropping them to third place entering round two behind Birch Run (218.00) and Frankenmuth (212.30). In round two, the Blue Devils once again initially had the highest score among the competitors with a 206.34, more than five points better than Birch Run's 201.30, but a 10-point penalty hurt their score. Still, Lake Fenton entered round three com-



The Lake Fenton competitive cheer team qualified for regionals by placing second at districts. Photo: Christopher Summers

fortably in second with a 405.54, more than 25 points ahead of the fifth-place team. In round three, Lake Fenton had a team score of 295.90, the second-best at the meet. That locked up Lake Fenton's second-place score of 701.44. Birch Run won with a 723.00, while Powers Catholic was third (676.70). Freeland earned the final regional spot with a 672.22.

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Eleven tri-county wrestlers headed to state meet : Fenton swim defeats Owosso

By David Troppens

Eleven male tri-county wrestlers are headed to Ford Field for the individual wrestling championships.

Three will be going to the event as regional champions.

Holly's Jacob Gonzales (160), Lake Fenton's Noah Hall (145) and Linden's Bryce Shingleton (125) will enter as regional champions while eight others will enter after placing in the top four at the regional meet.

Gonzales, a two-time state champion, will enter his final state meet as one of the favorites in the 160-pound class. Gonzales earned first-round pins of his first two foes and then defeated Goodrich's Easton Phipps by a tight 4-3 decision. Gonzales is 45-0.

Hall improved to 47-5 with his three wins. He won his first match by pinfall and edged out Goodrich's Brady Benson by a 9-7 decision in the semifinal. He defeated Swartz Creek's Levi Lloyd by pinfall in 1:56 to earn his regional championship.

Shingleton (42-2) cruised in his first two matches, earning a technical fall win



Holly's Jacob Gonzales (top) is the only tri-county wrestler headed to the state meet with an undefeated record. Photo: David Troppens

in the quarterfinal and a pinfall win in 3:04 against Goodrich's Heremias Cheff in the semifinal. In the title match, he defeated Bay City John Glenn's Lane Huizar by a 7-1 decision.

One other area wrestler advanced to the championship match. Lake Fenton's Jack Conley won his first match by technical fall and then defeated Goodrich's Max Macklem by a 7-2 decision in the semi-

nal. In the title match, he lost to Pontiac's Julius Polk by a tight 3-2 decision.

Three other tri-county athletes finished in third. They were Fenton's Philip Lamka (152), Lake Fenton's Ty Johnson (145) and Linden's Jase Grundy (180).

Earning fourth-place finishes were Lake Fenton's Jorge Marvin (103) and Clay Cook (112), Fenton's Ben Triola (171) and Linden's Luke Haney (135).

The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team has taken a critical step toward winning its 11th straight Flint Metro League title recently.

The squad finished a perfect dual meet season by defeating Owosso 122-53. The win means the Tigers are half-way toward earning another league title. By winning the league meet the Tigers will lock up the outright title. By finishing second at the meet, the Tigers can do no worse than a co-title.

The Tigers dominated its meet with Owosso, earning all 12 first-place finishes and seven of the nine individual second-place efforts.

Jack Fries had the biggest day, earning firsts in all four events he competed in. Fries won the shortest race of the day, the 50 freestyle (24.49) and the longest race of the event, the 500 freestyle (5:15.26) individually. He also helped the 200 medley relay team with Kaz Sieja, Max Haney and Evan Koch to a first (1:48.44).

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Linden's Carr headed to women's state wrestling meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area will have one wrestler at the girls state wrestling meet being held at Detroit's Ford Field.

That competitor will be Linden's Adelia Carr. Carr (115) placed fifth at the regional held at Hartland High School, earning a spot at the state tourney. The top eight wrestlers in each weight class earned a spot.

Carr opened the tournament with two first-round pinfall victories. She faced Grand Blanc's Faith Burgess in the semifinals, but lost that match 9-0. She lost her next match by pinfall, placing her in the fifth-place match. In that event, she pinned Escanaba's Linea Britton with a first-



Linden's Adelia Carr (top) competes in a recent match. She will be competing in the girls state wrestling meet. Photo: David Troppens

round pin in 1:44.

One other Linden wrestler competed at the regional, but was unable to qualify for state. Grace Kenney (120) won her first match by pinfall, but then lost two of her next three matches.

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House Bill 5075: Require transparency in government medical services rationing regime

To revise a 2002 law that authorized a joint legislative committee inquire into the proposed actions of a state “Certificate of Need” commission, which was created in the 1970s to ration the number of medical providers and facilities in the state. The bill would require this committee

to meet annually and review the law’s impact on the availability, quality and the cost of medical services in Michigan. Related bills would establish other transparency requirements for this law and entity. Passed 106 to 0 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 4948: Repeal requirement that state use ‘bond buy-backs’ to lower its overall debt

To revise a law that permits the state to “buy back” commercial housing market bond debt it has assumed. The bill would permit rather than require the state to cancel such “repurchased” bond debt. Such discretion could benefit the state if officials time the market right, but increase costs if their timing is off. Passed 96 to 9 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 4996: Require governor to promptly set special legislative

vacancy election date
To require the governor to announce the election dates to fill a vacancy in the state House or Senate within 30 days of the vacancy. Under current law, governors have discretion in the timing, which can affect legislative outcomes. Passed 80 to 25 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 5558: Ban fetal tissue research from abortions
To prohibit research that uses organs, tissues, or cells taken from a dead embryo, fetus, or neonate obtained from an abortion. This and related bills would repeal an exception that allows this if the mother gives consent. Passed 55 to 51 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

Senate Bill 821: Let joint emergency services agencies tax and borrow
To permit local governments that have created joint emergency services agencies including fire departments impose new property taxes and incur long-term debt (sell bonds) to acquire buildings and equipment if local voters approve. Passed 34 to 4 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **NO**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **NO**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **NO**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

House Bill 4149: Make minor hunting and fishing rule infractions a civil offense only
To repeal criminal sanctions for a person who is ice fishing and fails to attach his or her name and address to tip-ups, or regular fishing with more than the authorized number of lines. These violations would instead be subject to fines up to \$150. Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

House Bill 4410: Give universities extra money for construction cost overruns
To go along with the \$8.4 million spending increase approved a day earlier by the House for a Michigan Technological University construction project, and raise the bill’s total cost by adding another \$4.2 million to cover similar cost overruns at an Oakland University construction project, giving it a Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
new total cost of \$44.2 million.
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

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CITY OF FENTON

2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Fenton 2022 March Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to Assessed values and the review of Hardship exemption applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

- Monday March 7th, 2022 9am – 3:00 pm (Appeals)
- Tuesday March 8th, 2022 2pm-5pm (Appeals)
- Wednesday March 9th, 2022 6pm-9pm (Appeals)
- Monday March 21st, 2022 3pm-5pm (Appeals)

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (810)629-2261, or by visiting Fenton City Offices.

Property Owners may appeal in writing to the Board of Review.
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Carrol Lynn Rodenbo 1951 – 2022

Carrol Lynn Rodenbo - age 71, of Holly, died Sunday, February 20, 2022. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Carrol's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Fr. David Blazek officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 4 - 8 PM and Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the American Brain Tumor Association, www.abta.org. Carrol was born January 11, 1951 in Flint, the daughter of James R. and Freda J. (Hollingworth) Mosher. She was a 1969 graduate of Flint Central High School and she received an associate degree from Baker College. She married John L. Rodenbo April 27, 1973 in Flint. She had resided in Holly since 1984, coming from Linden. Carrol had been



employed by Metamora Hadley Department of Natural Resources as an Accounting Assistant. She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church in Holly and a member of the Golden Girls. She enjoyed swimming, hiking, spending time with her grandchildren, and going to Florida. Surviving are her husband, John; children, Christine Rodenbo (Rebecca Bentley) of Clarkston, Tracy Bechtell (Kenneth) of Holly, and Edward Rodenbo (Jennifer) of Holly; grandchildren, Gavin, Adrian, Ella, Brayden, Madeleine, and Vivienne; brother, Robert James Mosher (Sue) of Grand Blanc; sister, Shirley Neahusan (Dennis) of Burt; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Maryann; and sister, Betty Washburn. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Joy “Patti” Kellogg 1956 – 2022

Patricia Joy “Patti” Kellogg - age 65, of Fenton, died Thursday, February 17, 2022. A memorial gathering will be held 2 - 7 PM Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Humane Society of Genesee County, G-3325 Dort Hwy, Burton, MI 48529 (<https://geneseehumane.org/>). Patti was born May 13, 1956 in Pontiac, the daughter of Robert and Joyce (Kaufmann) Kellogg. She married David Langford on June 2,



1998. Patti retired from General Motors as a skilled trades electrician. She was an avid golfer. Surviving are husband, David Langford; step-daughter, Corinne Langford; mother, Joyce Kellogg; brother, Walter (Mary Ann) Kellogg; two nieces, Annie and Betsy Kellogg; beloved cats, Dexter and Sebastian. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Kellogg. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Mar 21/Apr 20

A sense of adventure compels you to travel to a new destination, Aries. You may have something in mind or you can throw a dart at the map and enjoy the trip.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Don't be surprised if relationships seem a little more intense than normal, Taurus. Everyone is a little keyed up and the extra energy is on display in daily interactions.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

People could play important roles in your life right now, Gemini. Partnerships are especially fortuitous. After all, two minds are better than one for problem-solving.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, there's much productivity this week as you find yourself thrust into yet another project. Once you sail through it, things will calm down.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this week you are invited to enjoy yourself. Feel free to live life as much as you can for as long as you can. Plan a retreat with a special someone.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Try to be as efficient as possible to save time and money in the days ahead, Virgo. See where you can streamline things and find ways to conserve your resources.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this may be a busy week for you, so take a few moments each morning to center yourself and focus your energy before you dive in to your list of tasks.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Money has been on your mind for some time, Scorpio. Figure out ways that you can increase your income if only temporarily. Once you catch up on bills, you can relax.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you will likely be deep in your feelings this week, exploring many different emotions. It can be tiring, so find some activities to give your brain a break.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Life may seem surreal this week as your subconscious seems to be guiding many of your decisions, Capricorn. Go with the flow for the time being.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

It is a good idea to connect with your friends while you can, Aquarius. You may not have an opportunity for some time, so reach out and make a plan to get together.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, certain personal goals may need your attention at this time. Rearrange your priorities for the next few days.

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