

Third NOCFA board member quits

■ Rose Township must appoint two new reps for NOCFA board to conduct business

By Sharon Stone

In 34 days, three members of the North Oakland County Fire

Authority (NOCFA) board of directors have resigned. The third resignation was announced just as the NOCFA board was about to open its meeting Monday, April 18 in front of a full audience.

Just after 7 p.m., George Kullis, who is the Holly Township supervisor and Holly Township

representative for the NOCFA board, read the resignation letter he had just received by email from Dianne Scheib-Snider. Read her full resignation letter with this story online at tctimes.com.

Scheib-Snider is the Rose Township supervisor and a Rose Township representative for

the NOCFA Board. Her letter indicated that her resignation from all NOCFA duties was effective immediately.

Her resignation followed the resignation of Paul Gambka on April 14 and the resignation of Peter Stouffer on March 15.

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Dianne Scheib-Snider

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Speed limit could be raised in Linden

■ Study shows no crashes relating to speed on E. Broad Street heading west into city

By Hannah Ball

Linden — A Genesee County traffic engineering technician said the speed limit on E. Broad Street traveling west into Linden could be higher.

“To me, based on the information that we have...They could raise the speed limit to 30 or 35 mph,” said Alex Boehmer, traffic engineering technician with the Genesee County Road Commission. He referenced the Federal Highway Administration and the

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After weeks of warmer weather, the Fenton area received approximately 2 inches of snow Monday, April 18. Temperatures averaged in the 30s. According to weather.com, the Fenton area can expect temperatures to rise this week and reach the 70s on Saturday, April 23. Photo: Hannah Ball

Lake Fenton schools to ask voters to renew sinking fund

■ Millage renewal will be on August ballot

By Sharon Stone

During its Monday, April 11 meeting, the Lake Fenton Board of Education approved a resolution to hold a special election in August to extend the school district's current sinking fund millage for a 10-year period.

It would be a renewal of .9846. This is down from 1.0 mills due to Headlee Rollback.

It is estimated this would bring
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Spring concert this weekend

■ Fenton Community Orchestra and Simply Strings to perform at FHS

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Simply Strings will hold their spring concert at the Fenton High School Ruby F. Zima Auditorium this Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm excited to bring a varied program of orchestral music that we've been looking forward to performing for a long time, as well as some music that speaks to the resilience of the human spirit," said Andrew Perkins, FCO music director.

"The combined orchestras (FCO and Simply Strings) are planning to perform the Ukrainian National Anthem together, as an act of solidarity with the people of Ukraine."

"As we continue our return to normal operations, the FCO is excited to perform two shows this spring," said Eric Szczepanski, FCO board chair. "Instead of an intermission, there will be a short transition so the full-orchestra can set up after the combined-ensembles perform the National Anthems."

"We are grateful to the community for their strong support, especially the local businesses and foundations that allow



The Fenton Community Orchestra and Simply Strings will perform this Friday and Saturday evening. They will begin their concert performing the Ukrainian National Anthem together as an act of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

us to share the orchestra experience with everyone. Because of their support, the concert is free, both nights, but donations are welcomed at the door and help to secure matching grants."

The FCO would like to thank the Marathon Flint Oil Company for

sponsoring this season once again and to First Choice Heating and Cooling for sponsoring their two-night spring concert. The FCO is supported in part by matching grants from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and Share Art Genesee.

About the Fenton Community Orchestra

The FCO is a community-supported orchestra that provides a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by offering an educational and entertaining music program for its members and audiences. The FCO is under the artistic direction of Andrew

Perkins and is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The FCO 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. To make a donation and learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra, visit: fentoncommunityorchestra.org

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Building Brands

Make networking your specialty in four easy steps

While I'm many years away from retirement, I like to dream about what it'll be like. Lazy days on the beach reading books and sipping cocktails ... and then I start to panic a bit. That might be fun for a few weeks, but what if I get bored? Well, I may have found a solution at a networking event last week.

As you hopefully saw, View Newspaper Group has added seven publications in northern Oakland County to our group. One of the new papers hosts a coffee networking event each Thursday, and I attended last week. It was a fun way to start the day. Plus, I heard the best line I've heard in a while.

There were three retired people in attendance, and each has started a "second career." One of them stood up and said while he does play in a band, his specialties today are "not working and networking."

We caught up one-on-one later in the morning and he shared that he and his wife take off at least 100 days a year from their side-gig. A second career with 100 vacation days



Emily Caswell

and continued networking opportunities sounds like a retirement plan I can get on board with.

Anyway, I realized at the event, that it'd been a while since I'd been at a networking event that I wasn't hosting and where I didn't already know every person there. I had to flex my networking muscles a bit. After two years of very little in-person networking, I realized we could all likely use a refresher course. So, here are some networking tips:

- **Prepare:** This looks different depending on what type of event you're attending and who will be there. Admittedly, I didn't do too much prep work last week, but I did ask the organizer if I could bring doughnuts. He said "yes" and suggested a local bakery. Walking in with sweet treats is always a good first impression.

Some experts suggest mentally preparing what you'll ask people or share with people to avoid meaningless small talk about the weather. As a naturally talkative person, I don't need to do this, but I can see how this would be helpful for others.

Maybe you have a unique hobby or have a fun trip planned. You could share about the last great book you read or last great meal you had at a local restaurant. It may be a strange practice at first to think about what to share about yourself, but take it from a natural narcissist, it's easier than you'd think.

It's also a good idea to have your elevator speech at the ready. I didn't know last week that each person would be asked to stand and talk for one minute but luckily, as a brand manager, knowledge of our company and what I do there is always top of mind. That may not be the case for you, so be sure to run through the basics in your head before walking into an event.

- **Bring business cards:** It's rare that I have business cards on me. As a brand manager, this is a horrible practice. I promised myself that when we emerged from COVID and needed business cards again I would never be without them. As I pulled into the parking lot last week, I had a wave of panic until I remembered that I filled my business card holder with fresh cards months ago. Sometimes I can be really smart. The cards

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

What's your dream car?



"I have always wanted a summer cruiser. 1971 Hemi Cuda convertible, sublime green/black top, 4 speed. Oh yeah!"

Marianne Polidan
Fenton



"I don't care what year it is, but my dream car is a Mustang."

Keli Welch
Grand Blanc



"A turquoise '55 Chevy Task Force, converted to drive on electricity. That, or a Volkswagen T1 van, also electric."

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"A gasser 1941 Willys Coupe."

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GREAT ARTICLE ON the various residential developments going in along Lahring Road. But I would like to hear details about the Love's Truck Stop/Travel Store that's going in on Thompson Road at the old golf range property next to U.S. 23. *Editor's note:* Fenton Township has tabled this proposal. An update will be in the Weekend edition of The Times.

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I DISAGREE: WE don't need additional gun laws to protect the innocent. The innocent are not being slaughtered by mad men; it's the unprepared that pay the price. Prepared and armed innocents fare well when confronted by threats. Guns laws provide zero safety, but guns do.

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YOUR CLAIM THAT Biden is keeping Keystone XL pipeline closed to benefit oil company profits is wrong. The pipeline doesn't affect overall oil supply, it simply reduces transportation costs. Oil company profits actually increase with an open Keystone pipeline. Please keep those Q'Anon theories to yourself.

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| streettalk

Rose Township residents to vote on millage

■ Township asking residents to pay 3.5 mills for six years to help fund NOCFA

By Sharon Stone

During its meeting Wednesday, April 13, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted 4-1 to approve ballot language for a 3.5 millage for fire and medical emergency services by the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA).

Clerk Debbie Miller cast the dissenting vote. She has expressed multiple times that the board should discuss the possibility of NOCFA becoming its own taxing authority, similar to that of a school district, which asks voters for funding.

Rose Township residents will decide at the Aug. 2 election on the 3.5 millage for fire and medical emergency services for six years. Residents currently pay approximately 2 mills.

New Orleans is open for business

■ Coleman Eastern Star chapter announces motorcoach trip to historic city

New Orleans is open for business. Come and see this historic destination with the Coleman Chapter #281 Order of the Eastern Star on a nine-day trip for fun and entertainment to New Orleans, Sept. 10-18, 2022.

The trip by motorcoach is open to the public and there are a few seats left. New Orleans no longer requires negative COVID test results or proof of vaccine to enter certain businesses. Federal mask mandates do remain in places such as public transportation and healthcare facilities, however, this could change.

This trip will feature guided tours of the city of New Orleans, the Destrehan Plantation, the National World War II Museum, a visit to Mardi Gras World, and a Mississippi Riverboat Cruise. Highlights en route will be visits to the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry

Museum in Jackson, Mississippi and the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum in Tennessee. The trip includes motorcoach transportation; eight nights lodging including four nights in New Orleans and 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners).

The group will depart from Coleman and Midland on Saturday, Sept. 10 and return Sunday, Sept. 18. Cost of the trip is \$864/per person based on double occupancy; single occupancy is available for an additional \$330. Deposit of \$75 is due with your reservation with final payment due July 3, 2022. Reservations close April 30.

The members of Coleman Chapter are excited to sponsor this trip and hope that you will consider joining them on this fun-filled adventure.

Mail reservations with deposit to Roxy Smith, 5985 W. Weinert Rd., Coleman, MI 48618. To contact Roxy for additional information and reservations, call (989)-465-1260 or email to randrsmith1950@gmail.com.



The Detroit Salt Company owns and operates the Detroit salt mine, as well as multiple bulk importing facilities throughout the USA and Canada. Fenton City Council approved the purchase of 1,500 tons of salt at a price of \$69.90 per ton for the 2022-2023 season.

Fenton commits to buy 1,500 tons of road salt

■ To pay \$69.90 per ton

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved the cost to purchase bulk road salt for next winter's road maintenance operations from Detroit Salt Company.

City council approved the cost at its meeting Monday, April 11 at the recommendation of Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Brisson, who explained the purchase in an April 6 memo.

Brisson said the DPW has worked with the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) purchasing office for the past three years to participate

in its bulk road salt purchasing consortium. The purchasing office negotiated with Detroit Salt and the GCRC Board of Commissioners approved purchasing salt from Detroit Salt Company for the 2022-2023 season.

This year, the DPW committed to 1,500 tons for the season and pricing through the GCRC contract will be \$69.90 per ton. This works out to be \$104,850. Fenton will work directly with Detroit Salt to place the orders and invoicing will come directly from the Detroit Salt.

Through the Genesee County purchasing consortium, salt cost \$60.84 per ton (\$91,260) for the 2020-2021 season and \$62.66 per ton (\$93,990) for the 2021-2022 season.

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Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - end of May	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Davison	Bristol Rd. between Atlas Rd. and Lang Rd.	Work zone closed	April 4 - end of June	Bristol to Irish to Atherton to M-15	Rubbilization
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd, 900 feet west of Holly Rd.	Open to thru traffic	April 18 - end of May	Fenton Rd to Cook Rd to Holly Rd	Widening

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I CAN’T BELIEVE someone would actually suggest the U.S. bombing Japan was a criminal act after they attacked us at Pearl Harbor. Those attacks on Japan saved many American lives by ending the war.

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I’M ALL FOR giving credit where credit is due but let’s not lose our minds. It is pure feminist, revisionist history to proclaim women saved our country from defeat in World War II.

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Mark McCabe
67th District Court
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judge

DEFAMATION

In his 1595 play, Richard the Second, William Shakespeare wrote, “The purest treasure mortal times afford is spotless reputation.”

That was true then and is true now as all of us value our reputations.

The law recognizes this fact and when reputations are damaged, the law of defamation may apply.

The following are some defamation basics.

Defamation is a civil wrong or “tort” and defined as being when a communication harms the reputation of another so as to lower him in the estimation of the community or deter third persons from associating or dealing with him.

There are two forms of defamation — libel and slander.

Libel is defamation, which can be seen including in writing.

Slander is defamation, which is spoken and heard.

In Michigan, to establish defamation claim a plaintiff must show:

- A false and defamatory statement concerning the plaintiff,
- An unprivileged communication to a third party,
- Fault amounting to at least negligence on the part of the publisher,

- Either actionability of the statement irrespective of special harm (defamation per se) or the existence of special harm caused by the publication.

“Defamation per se” is when the publication is false and imputes a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment in the state’s prison or a lack of chastity.

Truth is an absolute defense.

The plaintiff must also prove damages, but in defamation per se cases, some damages are presumed.

In a libel action, if the plaintiff has demanded a retraction and the defendant does not respond, exemplary and punitive damages may be awarded.

Exemplary and punitive damages are for egregious conduct and compensate a plaintiff for humiliation, sense of outrage, and indignity resulting from injuries maliciously, willfully and wantonly inflicted by a defendant.

If a plaintiff is a “public figure” the burden of proof is increased to require a showing of “actual malice.”

A public figure is one who, by his accomplishments, fame, mode of living, or his calling or profession, gives the public a legitimate interest in his activities, affairs and character.

Actual malice means that the publisher knew the statements were false but made them anyway or recklessly disregarded their likely falsity.

The statute of limitations for defamation is one year.

One final thought—Mr. Shakespeare was a very wise man.



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Planners defer discussion on storage condos

■ Tyrone Township mulls special land use request for 10 acres on Faussett Road

By Sharon Stone

The Tyrone Township Planning Commission deferred a discussion on a special land use request at its meeting Tuesday, April 12. It was deferred at the applicant's request so that more information can be provided to the planning commission.

In question is an application by Brendan and Stephanie Foster to request a special land use for a proposed Foster Storage Condominiums.

During the Oct. 12, 2021 planning commission meeting, Foster explained that the property is 10 acres at the southwest corner of Faussett Road and Old U.S. 23. It was rezoned to planned commercial industrial (PCI) in 2018. Foster originally received approval to build a light manufacturing/assembly/warehouse facility for his company but subsequently decided to move to the industrial park in Fenton.

He is now proposing 114 self-storage condos on the site. The 900-square-foot condo units would be privately owned by individuals and used for storing recreational vehicles, boats, classic cars, etc. The entire facility would be owned and maintained through the condominium association.

In the October 2021 meeting, Foster said he intends that the facility act as a small community within itself where people can store their vehicles and



Shown here is an artist rendition of the proposed Foster Storage Condominiums that the Tyrone Township Planning Commission is taking under consideration.

items and enjoy the lifestyle associated with the storage condominium. He said that they may allow owners to put a small mezzanine up with a television and couch so their friends can stop by to hang out for a few hours, similar to a "man cave" setup.

Richard Erickson, planning commission chair, said the closest thing to this concept near our area would be the "Garages" that are at M1 Concourse in Pontiac. He said the Pontiac facility has a much larger scope than this but the garages specifically are somewhat similar although larger with more uses than what is proposed with this application.

To move forward, plans need to be reviewed and approved by the fire marshal, township planner, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, Livingston County Road Commission and the Livingston County Health Department. The planning commission tentatively scheduled this agenda item for the next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting, May 10.

Smitten Mitten



Smitten Mitten Confectionery, a family run business, held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, April 18 to celebrate its grand opening at 1210 N. LeRoy Street in Fenton. Owners Kristen O'Neil, Robin Wolf, Karl Gill and Jamie Sweet were joined by friends, family, and representatives from the Fenton & Linden Chamber Regional Chamber of Commerce on Monday. Kristen's youngest daughter Taylor O'Neil will run the confectionery, which is attached to My Sister & Me Upscale Consignment. All items sold are made in Michigan, by native Michiganders. They also sell to-go pup cups and kitty cups for our furry friends. "We're excited to showcase our local creators and their specialty recipes," Kristen O'Neil said. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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YUKON REAR-ENDS GARBAGE TRUCK COLLECTING TRASH

On Wednesday, April 13, at approximately 7 a.m. a 37-year-old Montrose man, driving a 2017 Yukon, struck the rear of a Republic Services garbage truck. The garbage truck was stopped in the roadway picking up garbage. The driver of the Yukon was issued a ticket for failure to stop and assure safe distance. There were no injuries.

HOLLY POLICE ARREST DAVISON MAN ON WARRANT

On Thursday, April 7, at 4:27 p.m., Holly police officers were closing out an unrelated call for service when they observed a man enter a house nearby that one of the officers recognized as a person holding a valid felony warrant from another agency. The officers veri-

fied the validity of the warrant and knocked on the door that he entered. The man came to the door and identified himself as the person they were looking for. The 56-year-old Davison man was arrested without incident and transported to the warrant holding agency lock up.

FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 12:35 a.m., on April 9, Fenton police responded to the dead-end area of Armstrong Street on a report that a vehicle had crashed into a parked vehicle, causing damage to both vehicles. Upon arrival, police made contact with a 20-year-old Fenton Township woman who crashed her Ford Focus. Police determined she was intoxicated. She was not injured and her vehicle was impounded. She was lodged overnight and released with a court appearance ticket for drunk driving.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER STOLEN FROM TRUCK

On April 7, Fenton police were dispatched to the 700 block of

Georgetown Parkway to investigate a reported larceny of auto parts. Lt. Jeff Cross said the vehicle owner said someone cut off and stole the catalytic converter from his 1999 Ford F-250. The stolen part is valued at \$1,000. In the process of cutting the device from the vehicle, the thieves also scratched the side of the truck with their saw. According to cars.com, money is the main reason the devices are stolen. They contain three metals that aid in chemical reaction that makes exhaust pollutants less harmful: platinum, palladium and rhodium. The prices of these metals have risen dramatically. Priced by the ounce, platinum went from an average of about \$530 per ounce in 2001 to about \$1,100 in 2021. Palladium went from an average price of \$600 per ounce in 2001 to a high of nearly \$2,400 in 2021. After averaging roughly \$1,600 per ounce in 2001, rhodium jumped to an average of about \$18,000 in 2021, with a high that year of nearly \$26,000.

FENTON WOMAN GETS VEHICLE STUCK ON BOULDERS, ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 10:40 p.m. on April 14, Fenton police responded to the 3300 block of Arbor Drive near the entrance of Silver Lake Hills apartments. Responding officers observed a vehicle atop large boulders. Officers spoke with the driver, a 54-year-old

Fenton woman, and determined through their investigation that she was highly intoxicated. She was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She also was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting police. The Fenton Fire Department responded to clean up the gas and oil that leaked from her vehicle. The woman apparently drove her vehicle atop the boulders and it became stuck. A blood draw was taken to determine her blood alcohol level. She was transported to the Genesee County Jail.

TROY MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI IN HOLLY

On Saturday, April 9, at 1:41 p.m., a Holly police officer saw a vehicle traveling the wrong way down one-way, Junction Street. The vehicle stopped at the stop sign on Broad Street and then pulled out in front of an oncoming car. The officer got behind the vehicle and activated his emergency equipment to make a traffic stop. The vehicle attempted to turn onto Church Street and drove over the curb into the grassy area. The officer made contact with the driver who exhibited several signs of alcohol intoxication. The driver failed sobriety tests and was determined to be twice the legal limit to drive. The 53-year-old Troy man was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

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came in especially handy since I was meeting all new people.

• Smile: This may seem obvious, but I have been at networking events where not one person made eye contact with me, let alone smiled. I didn't think much about it. People can be shy, networking can be awkward. Last week, however, I was met with the most upbeat, friendly group. There were so many smiles, and it made a huge impression on me. I felt welcome and really nothing feels better to an outsider. That made me hope that I've been that friendly person to a new networker at some point.

• Come back for more: While I can't attend this event weekly, I'll be back. Just as with anything in business, you can't achieve success without frequency and consistency and the same is true with networking. You have to show up over and over again so people can get to you know and what you're all about. With any luck, some day for me that will be not working and networking, until then it'll be working and networking.

What are your networking tips? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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

Texas Hold'em Tournament helps Linden Mills building

■ Successful turnout for first card game to benefit historical building

By Hannah Ball

Linden High School graduates are helping to raise money to restore the Linden Mills building.

The Linden High School Class of 1976 — The Spirit of 1976 — held the first Texas Hold'em Tournament on Saturday, March 26 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse. They raised approximately \$1,760, which was donated to the Linden Mills Historical Society (LMHS).

Thirty-one people participated.

"Actually, I was surprised we had that many but I was hoping for more. We'll take as many as we can get. We didn't have any arguments. It went really well. People asked if we could do it once a

month," said organizer Rick Castro.

Peter Maas, president of the LMHS and a retired teacher, told Castro and the group that the building needed help. The Spirit of 1976 is known for raising money to help the Linden community. During Christmastime, they raise funds to buy Christmas dinners for students from each elementary school. Last year, they also donated hats, gloves and \$25 gas cards.

Castro said people volunteered to be dealers or help in various ways for the tournament. They're thinking about holding more fundraisers for the Mills building.

"We're just trying to think of what we can do to help," he said. "It needs some work. The foundation is bad. It needs a new paint job. We're hoping to get enough money to try to fix it. After we found out how much it costs, we're just trying to help anyway we can."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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GREAT QUESTION. THANKS for exploring the morality of war. No, the 1945 bombing of Tokyo should not be prosecuted as a war crime. Despite opinions to the contrary from arm-chair generals and ivory-tower moralists, Russian attacks on Ukrainian civilians reflect the actual reality of war. Sad, but true.

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OIL PRICES, NOT sure what it's got to do with QAnon but when an admin runs on the platform 'I'll put big oil outta business' revoking 'productive' land leases, higher taxes, canceling pipelines this is what happens. GOP equals corp. profits? Why was fuel half the price throughout administration?

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SINKING

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\$693,679 to the district annually.

Sinking fund dollars can be used for roofs, boilers, parking lots, smaller construction projects, wells, etc. Essentially, it can be

used to help its district properly. These funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits or anything related to staffing.

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Full calendar of events planned in Linden for 2022

River Roast, Ladies Night Out, River Fest and more planned for this year

By Hannah Ball

Linden organizations have plenty of events planned for the city in 2022.

The public can expect old favorites to return, such as River Fest and Back to the Bricks, and they're also adding new events.

Happening in Linden events

Mary Dodt-Dick, director and founding member of Happening in Linden, said they have a full calendar of events for this year.

River Roast on July 23, a BBQ/music event, will feature a pig roast, multiple BBQ food trucks, bands playing at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo, a kids area and fireworks.

Dodt-Dick said they are happy to announce the return of Linden's National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2. This event honors the area's first responders. Also in August, Southern Lakes Parks



and Recreation is bringing back Back to the Bricks in Linden and Fenton.

Happening in Linden is once again putting on the Farm to Fork Dinner on Sept. 10. The inaugural Farm to Fork Dinner sold out of tickets in 2021.

In October, in collaboration with the Linden Arts Council, Happening will bring back the popular Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters for its second year at Eagle's Wooden park the week-end of October 14-15. Ladies Night Out comes back Nov. 5. Happening in Linden will hold their Fire and Ice fundraiser for the Holiday Happening



parade and fireworks on Nov. 13.

"We close out the year with Linden's Holiday Happening Frosty Parade and Fireworks on Dec. 2," she said.

City and Linden Parks & Recreation Commission events

All events are free and open to the public.

The commission, Linden Department of Public Works, and the Beautification Committee are putting on the Linden Community Cleanup Day on April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your gloves, rakes and clippers to the Eagles Wooden Park.

The Perennial Plant Swap is Thursday, June 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the parking lot across from the VFW Hall. Bring your extra perennial plants to give away to a new home and/or get some new plants yourself. A master gardener will be available to answer questions.

Learn how to kayak on Thursday, July 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Millpond Park at the launch. Kayaks can be rented from Sunshine Kayak Rental.

The Keepers of the Shiawassee River will host a paddle down the Shiawassee River to Tupper Lake and back at 8 p.m.

The commission is also putting on Yoga in the Gazebo on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tai-Chi in the Gazebo on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Keepers of the Shiawassee River events

The group is hosting water monitoring days on April 24 and May 1. River cleanup days are May 21-22. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

River Fest in Linden is June 25.

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Keepers of the Shiawassee River events

April

24 — Spring Water Monitoring day one in Linden behind the hatch access 10 a.m. and at Fenton Rackham Park at noon

May

8 — Spring Water Monitoring day two at Duffield Road 10 a.m. and at Yellow River at noon

18 — Keepers Moonlight Paddle Holly, paddles in the water 6:30 p.m.

19 — Tentative Headwaters Shiawassee River cleanup class, Bush Park Fenton

21 — Shiawassee River Cleanup Weekend, starts 8 a.m.

22 — Shiawassee River Cleanup Weekend, Day 2. Start 8 a.m. (remaining sections)

****RSVP now to Chuck Julian for the clean-up classes CHUCK.JULIAN@GCS3D.COM**

June

11 — Headwaters Adventure Paddle registration starts 11am. Paddles wet 12-1 p.m.

16 — Keepers Moonlight Paddle Fenton, paddles in the water at 6:30 p.m.

18 — Shiawassee River Trail Coalition Aquatic Invasive Species Paddle Holly to Fenton, time TBA.

25 — Keepers River Fest Event, Linden Millpond starts 10 a.m. Band music 12-7 p.m.

July

14 — Keepers Moonlight Paddle Linden Millpond, paddles in the water at 6:30 p.m.

August

11 — Keepers Moonlight Paddle Lobdell Lake DNR launch, paddles in the water at 6:30 p.m.

September

7 — Keepers Moonlight Paddle Linden Millpond, paddles in the water at 6:30 p.m.

October

1 — Headwaters Trails Color Paddle, Holly to Fenton. Registration starts at 11 a.m., paddles in the water 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

2 — Fall Water Monitoring day one at Linden behind the Hatch access 10 a.m. and at Fenton Rackham Park at noon

9 — Fall Water Monitoring day two, Duffield Road 10 a.m. and Yellow River at noon.

November

TBD — Christmas parade committee meeting, boat/banner decoration

December

TBA — Keepers march in Christmas parade, Linden

3 — Keepers march in Fenton Jinglefest parade

NOCFA

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Gambka is the Rose Township treasurer and was a Rose Township representative for the NOCFA board. Stouffer was the citizen-at-large and a Rose Township resident.

Left on the NOCFA board are the two Holly Township representatives, Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester and Kullis.

As previously reported, several Rose Township residents spoke during the April 13, Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting asking that Scheib-Snider step down from the NOCFA board. During that meeting, the supervisor had initially postponed discussion regarding

allocating \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to NOCFA to purchase equipment including two \$250,000 ambulances. Residents attending the meeting convinced the Rose Township board to take action on the allocation of funds at the end of the meeting.

After acknowledging that the NOCFA board did not have a quorum Monday evening, Kullis opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m., announced they had no quorum, and closed the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Kullis told the audience that the NOCFA recording secretary, Patricia Walls, also was not in attendance. “I hope all is well with her,” he said. Walls is a Rose Township trustee.

The April 18 agenda had several items of unfinished business to discuss.

Under unfinished business, the board was to discuss and possibly take action on a new NOCFA attorney, drafting board policies and procedures and an update on labor union attorney and negotiations.

Under new business, they were to discuss the appointment of a NOCFA board chairperson, draft a citizen-at-large announcement, the fiscal year 2023 budget, approve new ambulance fees, the status of the ARPA funds and the NOCFA Firefighters Association request to be added to monthly agendas.

At least one elected official from Rose Township needs to be appointed to the NOCFA board to make a quorum to conduct business, including the acceptance of Scheib-Snider’s resignation.



Read Dianne Scheib-Snider's April 18 letter of resignation to the NOCFA board with this story online at tctimes.com.

SPEED

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Michigan Vehicle Code and said the guidelines would support raising the speed limit due to the current factors.

The speed limit changes from 55 mph to 45 mph on Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township and drops to 35 mph and then 25 mph at Linden city limits traveling west, which is when the street becomes E. Broad Street. The road curves twice — after passing Triangle Park and after Fairview Cemetery.

A 2021 traffic report showed that most drivers traveling west through Linden speed when they initially enter the city via Silver Lake Road. However, due to the low number of accidents, the report and Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter concluded that there is no speeding issue in this area.

The Linden Department of Public Works (DPW) placed speed measurement devices and traffic counters on E. Broad Street just east of Hickory from Sept. 7, 2021 to Oct. 22, 2021. They recorded the number of vehicles and the motorists’ speed during this time. The devices were taken to the Genesee County Planning Commission and the data were extracted. The data show that the average speed for vehicular traffic was 30 mph on E. Broad Street just east of Hickory Street during the 46-day period. Research indicated that there were no crashes as a result of speed.

Approximately 5,741 vehicles traveled that stretch of road daily. Between

January 2020 and the end of December 2021, there were only five traffic crashes on Silver Lake/Broad Street between Ripley Road and High Street.

Three of these crashes were vehicle or deer incidents. Another crash involved a vehicle turning left onto Broad Street from High Street without the driver looking for oncoming traffic. The other incident was a potential road rage incident.

“Based upon the research and the accident data, I do not believe there is a speeding issue in this area. There are occasional vehicles speeding and as the memo stated we will continue to monitor this area, as well as other areas in the city,” Sutter said in a previous story.

During the Monday, April 11 city council meeting, Sutter reaffirmed his position. They reached out to Boehmer for more input.

“He said it’s a very safe stretch of road. In fact, he said it’s one of the safer roads in the county. One thing he did mention in the preliminary look over of it is that the speed might actually be too low,” Sutter said. “In his comments, he said that it should be maybe posted to 35 miles an hour” between Ripley Road and Hickory Road.

Boehmer looked at the study in March. The study found that 85 percent of drivers are traveling at a speed at 35 mph or less with 30 mph being the average speed. Considering the average speed, traffic volumes and crash numbers, he said they could raise the speed limit.

A few city officials have discussed placing more traffic signs in this area.

However, Sutter said he’s talked to other chiefs who told him that people become desensitized to speed warning signs after about six months.

City Manager Ellen Glass raised concerns about actions the city should take once Triangle Park is a trailhead and more bikers and pedestrians are in the area. She said there are maybe

some things they could do aesthetically to slow people down at that curve. She also mentioned that the transition from 55 mph to 25 mph in that stretch of road doesn’t seem like it was well thought out.

Mayor Danielle Cusson thanked Sutter for his work and said she was happy with the results of the study.



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ESSENTIAL ROAD TRIP PACKING CHECKLIST

The open road beckons millions of motorists upon the arrival of warm weather. In advance of the season's first road trip, drivers tune up their engines and plan their itineraries for the adventures that lie ahead.

While it may be tempting to get behind the wheel and see where the road takes you, those who have been around the block or highway a few times likely know that road trip planning involves careful packing for the voyage ahead. Bringing the right items along can go a long way toward ensuring a trip is enjoyable and runs smoothly. This list of must-haves can get anyone started on the road trip ahead.

- **Proper paperwork:** Don't forget to bring along a driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and your rental car agreement if you are renting a car. In certain instances, you may need proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or a negative COVID test. Double-check that you have it all before leaving.

- **Vehicle manual:** Even the most well-maintained car may suffer a breakdown on the road. Bring along the vehicle manual, which can help you diagnose minor problems. Keep your roadside assistance membership card at the ready in the event you need extra help.

- **America the Beautiful Pass:** If you plan to visit various national parks across America, an investment in the America the Beautiful Pass for \$80 provides access to the pass holder and three other adults to more than 2,000 recreation areas managed by five federal agencies. It's available by visiting store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html.

- **Important phone numbers:** Bring a written list of important phone numbers in case your phone dies or gets lost.

- **Cash:** Credit and debit cards are a reliable form of payment, but cash is king. Having cash on hand is a smart move in the event bank cards get lost.

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CAR CARE

ADDRESSING HEADLIGHT GLARE

Headlight glare becomes dangerous when visibility is impaired to a point where the risk of accidents is heightened. Glare is a growing problem for many modern drivers due to the increased use of light emitting diodes in headlights.

Driving at night is challenging because pedestrians, cars and other obstacles are difficult to see once the sun sets. However, a study from the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 88 percent of drivers noticed LED and HID headlight glare, with more than 30 percent saying the glare is “disturbing.” While LED lights may not actually be brighter, their “cool” spectrum make them appear so. Studies have found that blue and white light tends to hit people’s eyes harder, especially at night.

In addition, human eyes do not adjust to changes in lighting very quickly, according to Pierre Paul Driving School in New York. The older a person gets, the longer his or her eyes will take to adjust to changes in lighting. In fact, it can take up to seven seconds to recover from the blinding glare of headlights. That’s enough blindness to swerve off the road or potentially hit something.

While glare can be problematic, drivers can take certain steps to make

it safer to drive at night.

•**CLEAN THE WINDSHIELD.**

Dirt and grime found on the windshield can refract light and make glare worse. Therefore, clean all windows and mirrors thoroughly, inside and out.

•**REPAIR SCRATCHES AND CRACKS.**

Glare can be exacerbated by any imperfections in the windshield. Repair cracks or scratches promptly.

•**GET A VISION AND HEALTH CHECK.**

Changes to vision can impact how glare affects certain individuals. Vitamin A deficiency can cause night blindness, also known as nyctalopia. Eye shape changes, including a condition called keratoconus, can affect vision. Cataracts and diabetes also impair vision. Visit with a primary care physician as well as an eye doctor to diagnose conditions that can make night vision worse.

•**CHANGE YOUR LINE OF SIGHT.**

Do not look directly into oncoming headlights. Rather, look slightly down and to the right side of the road so that you’re not focusing on the beams.

•**GET GLARE-RESISTANT COATINGS ON EYEGLASSES.**

Speak with an optician about eyeglasses with anti-glare coating. This will significantly reduce the amount

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ROAD TRIP

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Cash also is especially useful when patronizing smaller establishments that might not take credit.

• **Roadside emergency kit:**

Keep a tire changing kit, flares, tools, jumper cables, duct tape, and work gloves in the vehicle for emergencies.

• **GPS and maps:** GPS systems on phones and other devices provide step-by-step directions and can alert to traffic jams. But GPS can be compromised in areas where cellular or satellite service is interrupted by mountain ranges or buildings. The *Maps.Me* app enables you to download detailed maps that can be

accessed while offline. Paper maps can serve as backups as well.

• **Entertainment:** Long road trips are full of opportunities to visit roadside attractions. For the times when the highway is a long stretch of nothing new, bring along movies, music, books, handheld games, and even trivia or mind puzzles to pass the time.

• **Cooler with refreshments:**

Dining out is a great way to sample local cuisine from various regions of the country. But having snacks at the ready can save time and money.

The list of road trip essentials continues, but this is a good start. The list can be customized based on drivers’ interests and their destinations.

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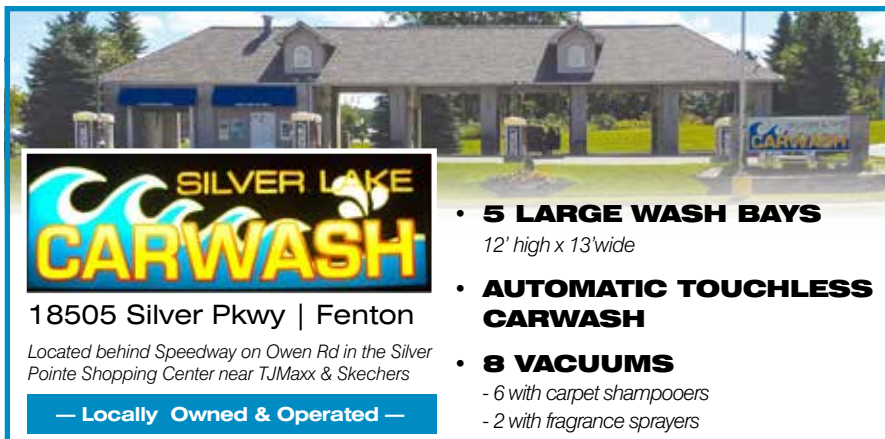
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CAR CARE

HOW TO MAINTAIN AN OLDER VEHICLE

Driver's who can't afford to keep up with the rising cost of new vehicles can take these steps to keep their existing cars running smoothly for years to come.

•TAKE CARE OF THE TIMING BELT.

Engines may get all the glory, but they cannot run smoothly without a fully functional timing belt. Engines need various components to do their job, and those components must do so at the right time for the engine to run smoothly. Fully functional timing belts help to synchronize movements, but belts must be replaced every so often. Owner's manuals may note when to replace the timing belt, but they generally must be replaced every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. That's infrequent, but drivers can ask their mechanics to keep an eye on their timing belts. One issue many drivers encountered in the early months of the pandemic when people were driving less frequently was timing belts that were failing long before they reached the projected mile markers. That's because infrequent driving can hasten the demise of the timing belt. This is something for aging drivers who no longer drive a lot to keep in mind.

•TAKE CARE OF THE BRAKES AND ASSOCIATED COMPONENTS.

The experts at Popular Mechanics urge drivers of older vehicles to replace their brake fluid every two years. Popular Mechanics also advises drivers whose cars are more than seven years old to replace the rubber brake lines



when major brake work is required.

•PAY ATTENTION TO OIL LEVELS.

The older engines get, the more oil they're going to burn. So drivers of older vehicles should check their oil levels more often than they would if their vehicles were brand new. This also is a great way to discover leaks before they lead to potentially significant issues.

•DON'T SKIP MAINTENANCE APPOINTMENTS.

Even if you're still driving less due to the pandemic, it's best not to skip recommended maintenance intervals. That's true for drivers of all cars, but especially those whose vehicles are aging. Routine tune-ups and oil changes, which may need to become more frequent the older the vehicle gets, can keep cars running smoothly and protect the engine over the long haul.

The rising cost of new cars is compelling millions of drivers to keep their cars longer than they might have anticipated. Some simple maintenance measures can help those cars run strong for years to come.

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GLARE

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of glare. *VisionCenters.com* says standard plastic lenses reflect around 8 percent of the light that reaches glasses, while high-index lenses reflect up to 12 percent of available light. Anti-glare coating allows 99.5 percent of available light to reach the eyes, essentially eliminating glare. Those who don't wear eyeglasses can purchase specific anti-glare glasses to

wear in high-glare conditions, such as when looking at computer and phone screens.

•FLIP THE REARVIEW MIRROR TO "NIGHT" MODE.

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These are some of the steps to take when glare becomes problematic while driving at night. Taking breaks also can help eyes recover.

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Redhawks defeat Lake Fenton/Goodrich, 7-5

By David Troppens

The Holly/Brandon varsity boys lacrosse team are off to a hot start.

The Redhawks improved to 4-1 with a 7-5 victory against the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op squad on Thursday.

The squad has out scored its oppo-

nents 38-25 so far this season and has found success playing lower scoring type games, as this contest was indicative of. In games that the winning team scored under double-digits, the Redhawks are a perfect 3-0. Part of the reason the Redhawks are able to win these type of con-

tests is the squad's strong defense, and that was on display against Lake Fenton/Goodrich in the tight Flint Metro League battle.

"Our goaltending by Ryan Marchrowicz was outstanding," Holly/Brandon See **REDHAWKS** on 19



The Redhawks' Noah Carlson scored a goal against Lake Fenton/Goodrich. Photo: Kylee Richardson

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Fenton's Connor Luck hit a double in the Tigers' 17-0 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Thursday.

Photo: David Troppens

Tigers complete sweep of Dragons

By David Troppens

The bats came out for Fenton during the third game of their three-game series against the Swartz Creek varsity baseball team on Thursday.

The Tigers scored 11 runs in the opening inning and cruised to a 17-0 three-inning mercy shortened victory which included a no-hitter between two Fenton hurlers as well.

The biggest hit of the season by any tri-county athlete came in this contest when just six batters into the game Fenton's Owen McCune hit a grand slam home run, sparking the 11-run first.

The Tigers had 12 hits and five walks during the contest. McCune, Nolan Alvord (double), Lance Barkholz, and Kyle Crow had two each. Connor Luck and Brendan Phillips had a double each.

Barkholz pitched 2 2/3 innings, needing 38 pitches (23 for strikes).

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Sports Times

Eagles soar to three-game sweep vs. Holly

By David Troppens

In both teams' first-ever three-game series in Metro League baseball history, the Linden Eagles completed their three-game sweep of Holly on Thursday.

Linden won Thursday's final game 11-4.

Holly actually jumped to the early lead, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first. However, Linden slowly closed the gap. The Eagles scored three runs in the third, three in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Mason Clark opened the Holly first with a single and he scored on Jordan Compton's double. Chris Walton had a bunt single, followed by a two-run single by Ashton DeHart, making it a 3-0 lead. Zayne Dennie followed with a single and Logan Winstead hit a sacrifice bunt, plating the fourth run.

Linden opened its third with a Luke Haney walk while Danny Roti hit a single, setting up the

threat. Brandon Green hit a two-run double and Austin Alflen followed with an RBI-ground out. The lead was cut to 4-3.

The three runs in the top of the fourth gave Linden the lead for good. Miles Aeschliman and Ty Kenyon opened the inning with walks, and an out later, Danny Roti hit an RBI-double, tying the contest at 4-all. An out later, a wild pitch scored another run while a batted by Alflen was booted allowing another run to score. The Eagles led 6-4.

Linden's four-run sixth was sparked by Adian Haney's and Aeschliman's RBI-singles.

Haney finished with three hits while Brandon Green and Danny Roti had a pair of hits. Aeschliman had a hit and walked three times.

On the mound, Kenyon pitched six innings of four-hit and three-walk ball, striking out seven to earn the win. Brendyn Sinn pitched the seventh in relief.



Linden's Aiden Haney had three hits during the Eagles' victory against Holly on Thursday. Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils blow out close game in eighth vs. Corunna, 17-6

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton-Corunna varsity baseball game on Thursday was a tight affair that went into extra innings.

And in extra innings, the game ended up being a blow out.

After coming from behind from a 6-3 deficit, the Blue Devils (3-0 in the Flint

Metro League Stars Division) scored 11 runs in the top of the eighth to earn a 17-6 Flint Metro League Stars Division victory.

Corunna scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning, but Lake Fenton responded with three in its third. The inning was sparked by singles by Carson Had-

dad, Clay Cook and Reid Shumaker and a walk to JJ LaVallier.

Corunna responded with three runs in the bottom of the third and a run in the bottom of the fourth, earning a 6-3 lead.

Lake Fenton scored two in the fifth when Jacob Stevenson hit an RBI-double. See **DEVILS** on 19

LF-Goodrich post strong win; Redhawks rebuilding : Holly tennis still perfect in Metro play

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — They are two programs that remain relatively young, but have had solid seasons in the past.

It appears both the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op and the Brandon/Holly girls lacrosse squads are in a bit of a rebuilding mode this year.

The two teams faced off Thursday and the Lake Fenton/Goodrich squad captured its first Metro win of the season, a 21-2 win against the Redhawks.

"Gosh, I love my team," Lake Fenton/Goodrich goalie and four-year player Danielle Jackson said. "We are very good at communication. I feel like they're family to me, and I love them so much."

The squad probably loves Jackson's efforts as well. As one of the players on the squad with ample experience, they rely heavily on her in net to make saves. She made a few nice ones

against the Redhawks.

The offense was strong for Lake Fenton/Goodrich as well. Nine different players scored. The Hawks scored the first goal of the game when Joslynn Stalo scored, but the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op scored the next four and led 4-1 by the time the Redhawks called a time out with 15:18 left in the first half.

The Brandon/Holly co-op closed the gap to 4-2 on a goal by Kristen Stark, but that's as close as the visitors got as the hosts dominated most of the rest of the game. But with a roster of about half new players just learning the game, that was expected this season by Brandon/Holly coach Jason Freeman.

"We're a really young team. We have 12 girls that have never played before," Freeman said. "So out of 23 girls, that's saying a lot and I'm really proud of them. They're working hard."

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Lake Fenton/Goodrich's Bella Marks (left) battles for the ball with Brandon/Holly's Lainey Lasky for the ball during a recent contest between the two teams.

Photo: David Troppens

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls tennis team improved to 2-0 in Metro action after earning an easy 7-1 victory against Corunna.

Holly won all four doubles flights by straight sets. Makena McGee and Anneliese Thisse (No. 2 doubles); and Natalie Gutierrez and Eva Beckett (No. 4 doubles) each earned 6-0, 6-0 victories. Bella Smith and Kendall Stilwell (No. 1 doubles) earned a 6-0, 6-1 victory while Kaitlyn Allison and Emily Sorter (No. 3 doubles) earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

In singles action, Holly's and future Saginaw Valley University tennis player



Holly's

Calli Sokolowski

See **HOLLY** on 19

Fenton softball completes four-game sweep of Dragons

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team is off to a strong 4-0 start in Flint Metro League competition.

The Tigers finished a four-game sweep of Swartz Creek last week with a sweep on Thursday. Fenton won the first game, 9-3, and won the second, 7-2.

The Tigers scored seven runs in the top of the second inning, and cruised to the victory after that.

All seven runs were scored with two already out. The first run-producing hit was a two-run single by Sophie Collins. After walks to Jessica Dunkel and Tammy Craven, a passed ball plated another run and Madi Best reached base on an error, plating another run. Izzy MacCaughan followed with a two-run double while Lauren Miller completed the seven-run inning by plating another run when she reached base on an error. Fenton led 7-0.

Swartz Creek responded with a three-

run second, but that's all the offense the Dragons would get. Meanwhile, the Tigers scored two more runs in the top of the fourth.

Collins and MacCaughan led the offense with two hits each and two RBI each. Best had a double and Kariana Pelkey, Grace MacCaughan, Miller, Dunkel and Craven had a hit each.

On the mound, Craven pitched a seven-hit complete game for the victory. She walked just two while striking out 11. Of the 116 pitches she tossed, 77 were strikes.

In the second contest, Fenton scored three runs in the bottom of the second and never trailed. On the mound, Pelkey tossed a six-hit, one-walk one-run (no earned runs) complete-game victory. She tossed 104 pitches with 66 being strikes.

In the second inning, Miller and Dunkel hit RBI-singles.

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Fenton tennis still unbeaten in Metro League action

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls tennis team are 2-0 in Flint Metro League action, after crushing Swartz Creek 8-0.

The Tigers also won their first Flint Metro League contest of the season by an 8-0 score as well.

All eight matches were straight set victories. Elizabeth Borg (No. 1 singles) and Laney O'Brien (No. 3 singles) earned 6-1, 6-0 victories while Haley O'Brien (No. 4 singles) won its match by a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Makenna Fisher (No. 2) won a 6-2, 6-2 match.

The Tigers' No. 1 doubles team of Peyton Graham and Kiersten Lappa won 6-1, 6-1 while the No. 4 doubles team of Katelyn Burkett and Kayleigh Coburn won a 6-0, 6-2 score. Alyssa Andrews and Josie Cherney (No. 2 doubles) earned a 6-0, 6-4 win, while Sana Saab and Ellie Murray (No. 3 doubles) won 6-1, 6-4.

Area rivals split two more softball games

By David Troppens

Not much was settled among four games between the Linden and Holly varsity softball teams.

After the two squads split two contests at Linden on Tuesday, they split two more games on Thursday.

The Eagles won the first game 18-7, but Holly rebounded and earned the split by winning the second game 7-5. Maybe one thing was learned by the four contests. It appears the Holly Bronchos may end up being a force in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division 20-game race.

The second contest was the closer of the two games. In it, Linden took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on an RBI-double by Cassie Sylvester and an error off of Haley Ludwig's bat. However, Holly scored two in its first on an Autumn Lewis double a Maggie Boehm single, a steal of home and a passed ball.

Holly took a 3-2 lead with an RBI-double by Jenna Wylie in the third, but Linden scored three in the top of the fourth to take a 5-3 lead. Mikayla Timm hit an RBI-double, and Maizy Aeschli-

man hit a ball to center that was booted, allowing two more runs to score.

Holly (2-2 in Metro Stripes Division play) cut the gap to 5-4 with a run in the fourth on a solo home run by Nora Kreft. In the sixth, Holly took the lead for good on a Wylie RBI-double followed by a Rylee Parks's two-run home run.

Boehm went the distance on the mound, and threw only strikes to the final four batters she faced, setting them down in order. Her last 12 pitches were strikes. She struck out five and allowed nine hits. Timm went the distance as well, striking out six and allowing eight hits.

In the opener, Linden (2-2 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division) scored seven runs in the top of the second and seven more in the top of the fourth. Olivia Burke opened the second with a solo home run. Another big hit was Hannah Bollinger's two-run double.

In the fourth, Timm and Sylvester each had a two-run single. Burke finished with three hits as did Ava Siegwald. She also hit a home run.

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Linden's Ava Siegwald slides safely into home during a recent game against Holly. The two area rivals started the Flint Metro League season with a 2-2 record against each other. Photo: David Troppens

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Linden track competes at Chelsea Relays

By David Troppens

The Linden track program competed at the Chelsea Relays and both squads came home with third-place team finishes.

The relays are one of those events with some abnormal relay events to add some spice to the usual regular season meet grind.

The Linden girls had two firsts and a second while the Linden boys had three seconds.

One of the firsts was posted by the Linden 400 throwers relay team of Carly Weiss, Jaden Wilks, Aimee Arceo and Katelynrose Birchmeier (59.58). That is one of the events you'll only see in an event like this. The other first was the 4X3,200 relay, which the Linden girls won. The runners were Chloe Josephson, Madelyn Strauss, Regan Brooks and Stella Strauss. Another unique event is the 400 shuttle hurdle relay. The Linden girls team of Birchmeier, Arceo, Julia Wagner, and Reygan Acox took second (1:15.34).

For the Linden boys, Kyle Eberhard, Hayden Bradfield, Caleb Clift and River Meckstroth combined to take second in

the 1,600 relay (3:39.18). Their team's unusual seconds came in medley relays. In the 4-6-4 short medley relay Alex Duprey, Brandon Pennington, Eberhard and Meckstroth earned a second (3:40.57) while Meckstroth, Bradfield, Ryan Blackwood and Eberhard took second in the 12-4-8-16 distance medley relay (11:24.35).

The Linden girls had a few thirds as well. The varsity 400 relay team of Hanna Wasilewski, Malyna Nulf, Kennedy Hoose and Victoria Osmond took third (54.28) as did the fresh/soph 400 relay team of Isabella Sigsby, Blair Ungvarsky, Kaitlyn Cranmore and Shawna Schmandt (56.6).

Alyson Kelly, Collen Blackwood, Madelyn Strauss and Ava Fahrenkopf took third in the 3,200 relay (11:13.01) while the 12-4-8-16 distance medley relay team of Blackwood, Katlyn Schweitzer, Fahrenkopf and Kelly took third as well (15:00.97).

Finally, Blackwood took the final third in an individual event — the discus (76-feet-10).



Lake Fenton's Addison Fitzgerald had four hits in the Blue Devils' 20-4 second-game victory against Corunna. One of her hits was a two-run home run in the fifth inning. Photo: David Troppens

LF softball starts Metro season with two twinbill sweeps vs. Corunna

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team is off to a 4-0 start in Flint Metro League Stars play.

The Blue Devils improved to that mark with two more victories against Corunna on Thursday, earning a 7-0 win and a 20-4 victory.

In the opener, Camryn McMillan needed just 92 pitches (61 strikes) to pitch a two-hit complete game victory. She walked three and struck out 12. She threw a first-pitch strike to 22 of the 26 batters she faced.

Offensively, the Blue Devils had 14 hits and took the lead with two in the first inning. A passed ball plated Ca-leigh Macneill, who opened the game with a single. Later, Hannah Hooker hit an RBI-single, plating Molly George.

Lake Fenton blew the game open with four runs in the third. Macneil singled and scored on an Alayna White single. Addison Fitzgerald fol-lowed with a single and McMillan hit

an RBI-single, followed by a two-run single by Hooker.

The last Lake Fenton run scored on a Macneill single, plating Gracie Kaye, who doubled.

Hooker had four hits while Macneill and McMillan had three hits.

The Blue Devils scored nine runs in the top of the third and eight in the fifth to earn the 20-4 blowout victory.

The biggest hit in the game was Ad-dison Fitzgerald's two-run home run in the fifth inning.

Offensively, Macneill went 4-for-5 with four RBI and two runs scored. McMillan also went 4-for-5 and had an RBI and two runs scored. White, Fitzgerald, and George had two its each with Fitzgerald driving in three runs and scoring three. Ava Goss had a double and drove in three runs.

On the mound, Alayna White went the distance and recorded the victory. She struck out six.

DEVILS

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ble, plating Kenny Wright, who sin-gled. Stevenson eventually stole home. The lead was cut to 6-5.

In the top of the seventh, Cook sin-gled, stole second and third and scored on Wright's RBI-ground out forcing extra innings tied at 6.

In the top of the eighth, the Blue Devils scored 11 runs after two were out to blow the game wide open. The run producing hits were RBI-singles by LaVallier, Cook and Lance Will-man. Wright drove in three runs with a single and Joseph Cavaerly hit a two-run double. Reid Shumaker had a bases loaded RBI-walk and other runs scored through other means like wild pitches.

HOLLY

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Calli Sokolowski (No. 1) won a 6-0, 6-0 match as did No. 4 singles player Stella Fairless. Holly's other win came at No. 3 singles where Daisy Braid won a 6-2, 4-6, 10-1 match. Paige Vogel (No. 2 singles) lost a 6-4, 6-1 verdict.

Linden/Fenton Wolves fall to Dexter, 17-12

By David Troppens

The Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse team took on non-league Dex-ter on Friday and were able to score 12 goals, but lost a 17-12 verdict.

Mitchel Luck led the Wolves with four goals while Max Ciesielski had three goals himself. Brady James had two goals while Jeffrey Primm, Ryker-son Wright and Lukas Bergfeld-Wylie

had a goal each. The Wolves had 33 shots with 17 being on target.

Ciesielski, Houghan Vaughan and James had an assist each as well.

Ciesielski had a strong day with his faceoffs, winning 17 of the 24 he com-peted. He also had 19 ground ball col-lections, while Primm, Luck and James had four each.

REDHAWKS

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varsity boys lacrosse coach Jay Reyn-olds said. "Along with a lock down Redhawks defense that held (Lake Fen-ton/Goodrich) to only five goals the en-tire game."

The Redhawks have limited four of their five foes to single-digit goal scor-ing results. The five goals they allowed in this contest was actually the second most they've allowed this season. They also allowed just one against Ovid-Elsie, two versus West Bloomfield and four against Lapeer.

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Obituaries

Times

Lane Curtis Longstreth

1955 – 2022

Lane Curtis Longstreth – age 66, of Linden died Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton on Friday, April 22, 2022. Family viewing 3 - 4 PM and public visitation 4 – 8 PM. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Linden Presbyterian Church, 119 W. Broad St, Linden. Family viewing begins at 10 AM. Pastor Dawn Russell officiating. Burial will be held 1 PM Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Those desiring may make contributions to the Gift of Life Michigan. Lane was born August 15, 1955, in Flint, the son of Robert and Lorraine (Frazz) Longstreth. He was raised in Holly, graduated from Holly High School in 1973, and earned degrees from Mott Community College and the University of Michigan. Lane retired from Jervis B. Webb as the manager of Electrical Engineering. Lane married his high school sweetheart, LuAnn Marie Truxton, on August



28, 1976, in Holly. They welcomed a son, Adam, in 1977 and a daughter, Heather, in 1980. Throughout his life, Lane enjoyed basketball, home improvement projects, and the

outdoors. He made cherished memories on family vacations and living on Loon Lake in Linden. He was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. Throughout his life, Lane was a devoted husband, father, and papa. He took great pride in his family. They were his pride and joy. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, LuAnn; son, Adam (Jaime) Longstreth of Linden; daughter, Heather (Kenneth) Briggs of Linden; grandchildren, Kaylee, Kendall, Lynn, and Lane; siblings, Linda Longstreth of Fenton, Larry (Kathy) Longstreth of Coopersville, Leslie White of Fenton, and Lee (Brenda) Longstreth of WI; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Frederick Carl “Freddy” Hnilica Jr.

1970 – 2022

Frederick Carl “Freddy” Hnilica Jr. - age 51 of Fenton, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Freddy was born May 30, 1970 in Flint, the son of Frederick Carl Sr. and Jane Ann (Johnson) Hnilica. He was a 1988 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. Freddy was an extremely talented custom carpenter in all aspects of the trade. There was nothing he couldn't do with a piece of wood. He was skilled in anything around the house, loved fixing things, and was a jack of all trades! In his free time, he enjoyed spending time in Tawas at his good friend John Gary's house. Freddy's nieces and nephews held an extra special place in his heart, he treasured their time together doing arts and crafts, baking, tinkering with RC cars, shooting off fireworks, and



causing trouble. Freddy had the biggest heart and would do anything for anyone. He always thought about others before himself, what they may

need, and how he could help. Simply put, Freddy was a sweet guy, with a goofy sense of humor, who always had a smile on his face, loved to laugh, and have a good time. He had countless friends, was loved by everyone, and will be dearly missed. Surviving are his father, Fred Sr.; three siblings, Jennifer Hnilica, Corey Hnilica, Bethany (Jason) Wright; four nieces and nephews, Lily, Luke, Riley, and Emmett Wright; girlfriend, Lynn Ormsby; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his dog, Matt. He was preceded in death by his mother Jane. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Deborah Nan Stroud

1950 – 2022



Deborah Nan Stroud - age 72, of Fenton, died Sunday, April 10, 2022. Private services have been held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Deborah was born January 31, 1950 in Springfield, IL, the daughter of Jacob and Darline (Varner) Maser. She was a bookkeeper for Elder House in Fenton and had worked at the Dollar General. Deborah enjoyed working in the yard and drinking her McDonald's ice coffee. Surviving are daughter, Heather (Jeffrey) Welker; grandson, Beckett Welker; sister, Dianne (Garry) Marty; sister-in-law, Joyce Maser; nieces, Jessica Marty (Kevin), Mallory (Taylor) Coffey; nephews, Dough (Marguerite) Maser, Dustin (Kate) Maser, and Dennis (Kara) Maser; many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Darline Maser; and her brother, Richard Maser. 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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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Swiss peaks

5 — roll (win-ning)

8 Lily variety

12 Not worth debating

13 Chest muscle

14 Here (Sp.)

15 Shop tools

17 Void partner

18 Chemical suf-
fix

19 MGM motto
start

20 Enlighten

21 Elev.

22 Petrol

23 Prima donnas

26 Thornton
Wilder drama

30 B — boy

31 Grass shack

32 "Closer" actor
Clive

33 "Blue Bloods"
actress

35 El Greco's
birthplace

36 Sunbather's
goal

37 Carrier to
Amsterdam

38 Cabbage
choice

41 Chairman of
China

42 Persian, for
one

45 Recognized

12

15

18

23

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33

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45

48

51

46 Sightseeing
stop

48 Falco of "The
Sopranos"

49 Whatever
number

50 Unruly kid

51 Volition

52 Zee preceder

53 Priestly vest-
ments

DOWN

1 Both (Pref.)

2 Burden

3 Corn recipe

4 Norm (Abbr.)

5 Dizzying
designs

6 Reporter's
quest

7 Rm. coolers

8 Desert hazard

9 Iso-

10 Chasm

11 Unctuous

16 Droops

20 Listener

21 Small wiper

22 Belly

23 Apply cream

24 Medit. nation

25 Half of XIV

26 Ump's call

27 Have bills

28 Drench

29 SSW oppo-
site

31 Chick's mom

34 Carefree

35 LummoX

37 Rap star West

38 Distort

39 "The King —"

40 Bridal acces-
sory

41 Oodles

42 Poet
Sandburg

43 Basra resi-
dent

44 B'way booth
sign

46 Legislation

47 CEO's deg.

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Midweek Sudoku

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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1	7			6		2		
8			3					4
		6			4		5	
	4				3		7	
		5		2				6
7			8			1		
		3			2	4		
	9		1					7
6				5			1	

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

SELYT

VUREC

LATBOL

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THE

Check out the new, free JUMBLE app

Nothing tops this barber-shop! I'll have you on the slopes in a jiff. Thanks! I have you on the slopes in a jiff.

THE MOUNTAINTOP BARBERSHOP WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Horoscopes

For the week of
April 18, 2022

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, now is a great time to try your hand at a new creative pursuit. You may be surprised at the results. Encourage others to join and embrace a collaborative effort.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this is the ideal week to get outdoors more. The great outdoors can be a medicinal, so take advantage of any opportunity to bask in the fresh air.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, it is easy to get frustrated with a close friend or romantic partner who is less ambitious than you. Try to be patient, as each person moves at their own pace.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Try to get some group activities together this week, Cancer. This can be valuable if it has been some time since you socialized. Enjoy the change of pace.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you have been lacking a regular exercise regimen, this could be the week to make some changes. Participate in an organized sport if heading to the gym isn't your thing.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
It's a good time to put your ambition into action, Virgo. You're likely to be full of energy and you have had plenty of good ideas just waiting for an outlet.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, do not hesitate to take on projects this week, particularly those that show your management skills in action. Others will be quick to complement your organizational prowess.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Expect to feel a renewed sense of energy and purpose this week, Scorpio. This will motivate you to finish existing projects or to get started on new ones.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
This week you may be feeling extra creative and ambitious, Sagittarius. Use your strengths to work on an artistic project or one that is outside of your comfort zone.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
This is a good week to tackle projects that require you to get up and go, Capricorn. It may involve heavy yard work or even rearranging furniture.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, any lethargy you've been feeling will likely vanish in the days to come. Fresh air and physical exercise can be just what you need to feel reenergized.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it is time to take charge of your health. Consider all aspects of well-being, including physical and mental health.



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