

# Microbreweries could be allowed in Linden

■ Planners discuss potential ordinance for microbreweries, wineries and distilleries

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Linden could potentially allow microbreweries, wineries and distilleries in the city.

Multiple people have approached

city administration about allowing these types of facilities in Linden, and the planning commission reviewed a potential ordinance Monday, May 2.

Microbreweries and similar “alcohol manufacturing facilities” such as brewpubs, wineries and distilleries are increasingly popular and have become common throughout Michigan, wrote


Adam Young, city planner, in a letter to the Linden Planning Commission during the April 4 meeting.

“Many Michigan municipalities have encouraged these facilities to locate within their business districts, particularly downtown districts, where these facilities include an on-site drinking/eating/taste room component in

addition to the alcohol manufacturing component,” according to meeting minutes.

Discussions continued Monday, May 2. The planning commission could hold a public hearing on the topic and potential ordinance during the next meeting.

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**Don't forget  
Mother's Day,  
Sunday, May 8.**  
Last minute gift guide  
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## Michigan gas prices rise above \$4

■ State average is up 10 cents compared to last week; \$1.24 more than this time last year

According to a statement by AAA on Monday, May 2, gas prices in Michigan are up 10 cents compared to a week ago. Michigan drivers are now paying an average of \$4.04 per gallon for regular unleaded. This price is 4 cents less than this time last month but still \$1.24 more than this time last year.

Motorists are paying an average of \$60 for a full 15-gallon tank of gasoline; an increase of about \$9 from when prices were their highest last November 2021.

According to new data from the Energy Information  
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## Volunteers help clean Linden parks



Linden Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Simons (left), volunteer Pam Briggs and Linden Councilor Heather MacDermaid help clean flowerbeds near the Millpond on Saturday, April 30 during the city's Community Cleanup Day

See story on page 9. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Five Camaros valued at \$375,000 stolen

■ Numerous MSP state troopers and others help recover cars — nine men arrested

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, May 2, at 12:17 a.m., Michigan State Police troopers from the Lansing and Brighton posts swarmed I-96 for vehicles that were stolen from a General Motors auto plant in Lansing after information was put out on a be-on-the-lookout alert.

Troopers from the Lansing, Brighton, Metro South posts along with other police agencies located five stolen Chevrolet Camaros. Once these stolen vehicles were

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“The nicest, most helpful people are those who make the least money — drive thru and fast-food workers, waiters and waitresses, stockers and clerks in the big box stores and supermarkets. We should thank these people for being so nice and give them a little better tip once in a while.”



“It's great seeing that man out picking up trash along the roads in Fenton. We used to see him out all last summer. I think his name is Mark. Thank you for all the hard work you are doing.”

“Fenton police need to pull over cars and motorcycles for disturbing the peace with obnoxiously loud and often vulgar music. Royal Oak issues \$100 tickets and we should too. Enough is enough.”





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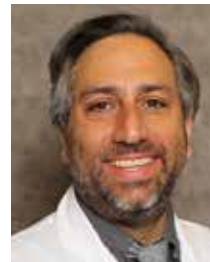
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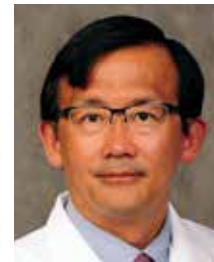
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# Celebrating independent bookstores



Fenton's Open Book celebrated Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 30 with sales, giveaways, singers from Fenton High School, a balloon artist, a book signing by an independent author and more. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

## ■ Independent Bookstore Day in Fenton brings in customers

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The public came out to support Fenton's Open Book for Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 30.

"It went good. It was a little slower than last year but new people came in for indy day to support bookstores," said Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, adding that a few people told her they'd been to multiple bookstores that day. "It's just a special day. It's nice that people come to support the uniqueness of each store."

It's estimated that more than 900

stores celebrated the event, which is meant to showcase the importance of independent bookstores and what they do for communities. The theme this year was "Books are blooming, come pick a bunch."

Piacentini is involved in numerous downtown Fenton events, including Witches Night Out, Ladies Night Out and other city functions. She had giveaways, sales, cookies and more on Saturday.

For Independent Bookstore Day, she hired balloon artist "Magic" Steve Schniers to make fun balloons for kids and adults. Author Dirk Eichhorst held a signing for his debut novel, "The Tempest in Glass."

"Next year, we'll be at it again,"

she said. She thanked everyone that came out to support the store. She's in the planning stages of participating in National Romance Day on Aug. 20. Romance Awareness Month is August.

"I had an absolute blast," Eichhorst said. "Karen was a gracious host, Magic Steve brought comedy and entertainment, the singers were great. There were lots of smiling faces in the store, happy patrons, and laughs. I also got a chance to visit with many of my local writer friends who came out to support Indie Bookstore Day."

This was his first in-store book signing for his debut novel, and he said he "couldn't be happier" to get

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## Building Brands

# Bouncing back post vacation with these 5 easy tips

**A**t dinner the other night my husband Matt said, “We really hit the ball rolling this week.”

I think he meant to say, “We really hit the ground running this week.” I pointed out the possible mix up and he agreed, but I knew what he was talking about.

We returned last Monday night from a week away and had been so busy since we got back, it was hard to remember that just a few days prior, we were waking up to a beach view and eating shrimp for almost every meal.

Raise your hand if you’ve ever returned from a vacation and found it hard to get back into your pre-vacation routine. This used to be us too.

As our opportunity to travel has increased, however, we couldn’t continue to lose valuable time dealing with the “come back blues.” (A term I just made up). When my husband brought up how busy we’d been, I realized we’ve come a long way. An adjustment that used to take at least a week now takes no time.

As summer approaches and more time away is ahead for many people,

I thought some readers might benefit from a few tips on how to “hit the ball rolling” when you return from vacation.



Emily Caswell

I promise these tips won’t take the joy out of vacation. The goal is to implement these things so you can relax knowing you didn’t leave any loose ends behind and you’ve set yourself up for a successful return.

**Prep work:** This looks different to everyone. To some it means cleaning up your desk before you leave. For me it means becoming best friends with my calendar. I take a look at what’s ahead, and I work to set up appointments or plan to attend events when I return, because for the most part, these are things I like doing. Last week I had a few really fun things including a networking event and a team lunch that more than made up for being “back to reality.” On the personal side for prep work, I arranged to have our home professionally cleaned while we were away and it was so nice to return to a clean house.

**Check-in:** This is a controversial piece of advice, but personally I

like to check into work while away — especially if I’m gone for more than a few days. I realize that there are going to be trips (like travel to some countries or off the grid in the UP) that don’t allow this, but when possible, I like to have a handle on what’s happening while I’m away. This is easy for me because my better half likes to sleep in while on vacation and I like to get up early, allowing me time (if needed) to get work done. Again, I don’t recommend this for every trip and every person — we all need and deserve a break, but I know for me coming back to 500 emails would ruin whatever relaxation I had while away.

**One more day:** A Business Insider article on the topic of getting back into the work grind after vacation calls this a “buffer day” and I like that! This is a day in between your travels and your return to “real life” that allows you to do laundry, grocery shop, etc. I like just jumping in (and I hate errands) so I’m fortunate that Matt always volunteers to take an extra day off to do all the things.

**Re-up your routine:** This is another tip the Business Insider piece shares that I agree with. The older we get, the more

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## Hotlines

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### STREET EXPERIENCE WAS

an irresponsible use of public streets. Very few people used the streets as intended. Glad it's over. Ridiculous.

■■■

**I AGREE, IT** makes perfect sense to inconvenience thousands of drivers so dozens of pedestrians can play in the streets. Bring back Street Experience. BTW, Street Experience was never about family entertainment; it was designed purely to generate restaurant profit.

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**I AM GLAD** they came to their senses about shutting down downtown streets ... isn't that what community centers and parks are for? Skateboarders and dog walkers were taking over. They were not supporting the local business and making it hard for others who want to!

■■■

**ALL THE LITTER** around Fenton is sad. Volunteers are great but too infrequent. Use public dollars to hire a few kids to ride around on golf carts every morning picking up litter or pay inmates to do it once a week. It's noble work, they ought to be compensated.

■■■

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

## What's your favorite movie and why?



“Really a tough decision because I like some for different reasons and genres. If I had to choose one it would be ‘Shawshank Redemption.’ That movie had it all and I like narrated movies with good endings.”

**Ryan Rockman, Flint**



“‘Top Gun.’ No exact reason why but always has been and I’m excited for the sequel coming out later this month!”

**Kimberly Pfeiffer**  
Fenton



“‘Planes, Trains and Automobiles.’ After watching this movie I realize that my travel nightmares could have been a lot worse. Cannot go wrong with John Candy and Steve Martin either.”

**Kevin Beste, Linden**



“‘Dune’ the 1980 version. The voices relax me. The characters are great!”

**Ann Rogulsky**  
Fenton

## | streettalk



## Local state rep recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week



State Rep. Mike Mueller gives the opening remarks at the crime victim rights vigil hosted by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan on Wednesday, April 27 at the state Capitol building. **Submitted photo**

Last week, State Rep. Mike Mueller of Fenton Township stood up for crime victims and advocated for their rights at the state Capitol. He gave the opening remarks at the crime victim rights vigil hosted by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

"During my time as a sheriff's deputy, I worked closely with crime victims and witnessed the psychological effects, monetary damage and hardships they face," Mueller said. "As I continue my work in Lansing, victims' rights are always going to be a top priority. My goal is to help victims retain their dignity while also making it easier for

them to navigate the court system. To accomplish this, we must put more teeth into the collection of restitution, and we must fund victims' rights services and continue to make them available through county prosecutors."

During his time as a legislator, Mueller also has spoken out against proposed reforms that put the rights of criminals before the rights of victims. "Victims do not need to be traumatized over and over by the very system that is there for their protection," Mueller said. "They have suffered enough. They need a voice in the Legislature."

## Karmanos, McLaren Flint adds another gynecologic oncologist

■ To better serve women from Genesee County and beyond

The Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint welcomes fellowship-trained and board-certified gynecologic oncologist Benjamin Mize, MD to the cancer care team. Mize joins John J. Wallbillich, MD in Flint to provide advanced care to women who are diagnosed with cancers within or near the female reproductive system.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team in Flint to further provide exceptional cancer care to women in Genesee County," Mize said. "I will work closely with my colleague, Dr. Wallbillich, along with the



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multidisciplinary team in Detroit, and the medical, surgical, and radiation oncology teams right here in Flint to provide comprehensive cancer care and treatment plans for our patients' success."

Mize has training in obstetrics and gynecologic oncology, with specializations in surgical oncology and medical management of gynecologic cancers where indicated. Those diseases include cervical cancer, fallopian tube cancer, gestational trophoblastic disease, ovarian cancer, primary peritoneal cancer, uterine (endometrial) cancer, vaginal cancer, and vulvar cancer. Mize also specializes in the removal

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### PINCONNING MAN ASLEEP AT WHEEL NEXT TO POLICE STATION

At 11 a.m. on Friday, April 15, a passerby informed Fenton police that a man appeared to be asleep at the wheel as his vehicle was stopped at a stop sign next to the Fenton police station. An officer approached the vehicle and saw the man asleep while the vehicle was in drive. The officer knocked on the window to wake him up. The driver told the officer that he had been working a lot and was tired. A computer check on the driver, a 29-year-old Pinconning resident, showed he had seven outstanding arrest warrants from other police agencies, as well as a suspended driver's license. The other police agencies declined to take custody and the man was released with a citation for driving on a suspended license.

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Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - August 29	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Davison	Bristol Rd. between Atlas Rd. and Lang Rd.	Detour posted	April 4 - June 24	Bristol to Irish to Atherton to M-15	Rubbilization
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. 900 feet west of Holly Rd.	Detour posted	April 18 - May 26	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Misty Meadows	Open to local traffic	May 2 - May 24	none	Rehabilitation



**Mark McCabe**  
67th District Court  
*Ask the*  
**judge**

Restitution in criminal cases

Our criminal justice system is based on the premise that defendants who are convicted of crimes are to

face certain consequences. One of these consequences is being required to compensate crime victims who have suffered a loss so that they can be made whole. This is commonly called restitution. The word restitution comes to us from the Latin word restitutionem “a restoring.” There is a federal restitution statute and restitution laws in all 50 states.

In Michigan, restitution is both a state constitutional and a statutory right. After a conviction, the judge determines the restitution amount (unless the amount is stipulated to) and it then becomes a part of the defendant’s judgment of sentence. A “victim” includes an individual and other entities such as a corporation, partnership, or an insurance company. Restitution is mandatory and can’t be plea bargained away. There are many examples of restitution including the value of what was stolen, medical expenses for injuries, and lost wages. In cases involving serious injury or death, the court can order up to three times the loss. If a defendant can’t pay restitution all at once, the court can order a payment plan. However, if a defendant doesn’t pay, they can’t be sent to prison or jail unless they had the ability to pay and didn’t make a good faith effort to pay without “manifest hardship.”

The manifest hardship test is a six part determination of the defendant’s employment history, employability and earning ability, the willfulness of the failure to pay, financial resources, basic living expenses, and any other special circumstances the court deems relevant. A restitution judgment acts as a civil judgment and can be collected by the victim using any available method allowed by law. The judgment remains valid until paid in full. It can’t be discharged in bankruptcy and can be enforced by the victim’s heirs if the victim passes away. A criminal judgment does not prevent the victim from filing a separate civil action against the defendant, but if there is a judgment, any monies paid on the criminal judgment are credited. Restitution has been proven to be justice for both victims and society. For more information, a good starting point is the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act available online.



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# Golf simulator business coming to Linden

■ Owner plans to work with school coaches

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — A new golf simulator business is coming to Linden.

On Monday, May 2, the Linden Planning Commission approved a preliminary site plan review and a recreation and amusement special land use request to operate Sand Trap Indoor Golf at 604 W. Broad Street, which is the vacant Snap Fitness space next to Alpine Marketplace.

The applicant is Rob Watson and the property owner is Yono Capital Investments LLC. Watson spoke during the public hearing. He called it a “fun, family friendly” golf facility in Linden.

“We’ll have three or four simulators in there, three to start and hopefully expand,” he said, adding that they’d like to put in a putting green as well. “Just so people can play year round. With Michigan, obviously with the weather we have, we only have about five months of good

weather outside if we’re lucky.”

It’ll be open to all ages. They plan to offer lessons and open it up to school coaches and students.

“This will give the students time to work all year long on their games,” Watson said.

Initially, they will not offer food or drinks, but they will potentially bring in beer and wine in the future. Little Caesars and Alpine are close food options for customers.

Watson said their goal is to open by September.

According to meeting minutes, customers will pay a certain amount per hour to use the facilities. The entire center requires 149 total parking spaces and there are 152 spaces on site.

The subject site is zoned general commercial district. According to the city zoning ordinances, “recreation and amusement services, including theaters, bowling alleys, roller and ice skating rinks, billiard halls, and miniature golf” are allowed as a special use

“With Michigan, obviously with the weather we have, we only have about five months of good weather outside if we’re lucky.”

**Rob Watson**

*New Linden business applicant*

within this district.

No changes in the exterior or the site are proposed as part of the plans, said Adam Young, Linden city planner. Only minor improvements are proposed.

According to Young’s report, the use would not alter the appearance of the existing shopping center building site and will keep with the appearance of adjacent properties. The site is served by public services, such as water/sewer, police and fire.

“This new business would bring new activity to the tenant space and provide new commercial recreation opportunities for area residents,” according to his report.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### WEST BRANCH WOMAN DRIVES INTO ‘WELCOME TO FENTON’ SIGN

On Saturday, April 23, at 1 a.m., Fenton police were dispatched to the area of S. West Street and W. Shiawassee Avenue on a report of a vehicle that had pulled over with extensive front end damage. Police made contact with the driver, a 69-year-old West Branch woman, who admitted to police that her vehicle struck a “Welcome to Fenton” sign on Main Street, near N. East Street at the curve as she was driving into the city. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She was lodged at the Fenton police station until she was sober. A crash report was completed and will be submitted to her insurance company. She was alone in the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

## BOOKSTORES

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the mystery-thriller into the hands of some excited booklovers. The benefit to independent bookstores is the unique opportunities to find books you won’t find in a corporate/chain bookstore.

“As the owner of Fenton’s Open Book, Karen has the ability to offer special sales and fun offers, feature local author’s works, and stock unique Michigan-made products. Karen can do whatever she wants; she’s not bound

by corporate dictation of what she can and cannot do or sell,” Eichhorst said.

“There are no book bans, no ‘must-do’ displays, no titles that must be featured. Karen can make all her own decisions about how she runs the store. Her team can use their own creativity for merchandising, and they do an amazing job at making the store fun. Patrons are wowed every time they walk through the door. Walking into Fenton’s Open Book is an experience — not just a shopping stop. I went home with some spices and candles myself.”

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FENTON 2022-2023 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the proposed 2021-2022 amended budget, the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal budget, and the property tax millage rate to be levied to support this budget. Pursuant to public comment, City Council may adopt Resolution No. 22-13 and No. 22-14 to approve the 2022 amended budget, the 2023 fiscal budget, and set the supporting millage at 9.8822 or the maximum allowed by Headlee and Proposal A.

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## KARMANOS

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of these cancers by using minimally invasive surgical techniques, including robotic assisted surgery.

Mize has an extensive educational background in gynecologic oncology and obstetrics and gynecology. He completed gynecologic oncology fellowship training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York and trained in residency at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Mize obtained his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston where he gained an interest in surgery, specifically gynecologic oncology. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas, Mize speaks the language fluently to provide exceptional care and communication to Spanish-speaking patients.

Prior to joining Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint, Mize treated patients at West Michigan Cancer Center in Kalamazoo, where he provided education for medical

students and residents.

“Dr. Mize is an excellent addition to the comprehensive cancer care team in Flint as we continue our dedication to providing the most advanced treatments in Genesee County,” said Chris Boyce, central regional director of cancer services for the Karmanos Cancer Network. “We are excited for him and his family to join our community. Dr. Mize’s addition will help in creating more patient success stories and will help fill the void of the increasing need for oncology services in the area.”

Along with treating patients in Flint, Mize will be involved with Karmanos’ Gynecologic Oncology Multidisciplinary Team, led by Robert Morris, MD at Karmanos in Detroit. This team also consists of radiation and medical oncologists, as well as specialized nurses, pathologists, radiologists, and additional specialties involved in the care of a cancer patient. Cancer care is a comprehensive team approach — Mize will work closely with the medical and radiation oncologists at McLaren Flint to determine the best treatment options for each patient.

Those who have been recently diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and are seeking the best treatment option for their case may call the oncology nurse navigator

at Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint to schedule a consultation: (810) 342-5899. For more information, visit [karmanos.org/flintgynonc](http://karmanos.org/flintgynonc).

## MICROBREW

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Linden City ordinances currently do not address or allow these types of facilities. A similar use the city does allow is a bar or lounge that serves alcohol and provides entertainment, which is permitted through as a special land use request within the central business district and general commercial district.

In his report, Young said that this existing use does not consider the manufacturing component of breweries, wineries and distilleries. He recommended that the zoning ordinance be amended to accommodate microbreweries and similar facilities.

Smaller facilities, such as microbreweries, small wineries and small distilleries, would be allowed within the central business district downtown. Larger facilities would be allowed in the limited industrial district.

One potential guideline Young mentioned they should put in the ordinance relates to how much of a floor space is used for manufacturing and how much is used for a commercial/retail use. He also mentioned prohibiting outdoor storage downtown. Outdoor seating would only be allowed in the central business district.

Commissioners spoke in favor of these businesses during recent meetings. Some expressed concerns about traffic, parking and the potential for an increased need for law enforcement.

They agreed that zoning amendments would be necessary to accomplish the following goals, which Young outlined in a report:

- Allow brewpubs, micro-breweries, small wineries, and small distilleries as a special use within the central business district and general commercial districts
- Allow breweries, wineries and dis-

tilleries as a principal permitted use within the limited industrial district

- Ensure that any such facility proposed within the central business district and general commercial districts has a commercial component (such as retail sales, restaurant or tasting room)

- Ensure that off-street loading space is provided for distribution activities

- Limit the total floor space that can be dedicated to production activities within the central business district and general commercial districts

- Prohibit outdoor storage within the central business district

- Allow outdoor storage, but only within a screened area in the rear yard, within the general commercial and limited industrial districts,

Within the central business downtown district, the city exempts operations from having to provide private parking because public parking is available. Outside of this district and in the general commercial district, they would need to provide parking.

Young said city ordinances do allow for a reduction in required parking spaces if the business is sharing a lot and it services multiple businesses. This would be considered during the site plan review process.

The proposed ordinance states that, “All production activities (brewing, wine-making or distilling) shall be conducted within an enclosed structure. Within the CBD and GC Districts, the floor space dedicated to production activities shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total building floor space.”

Young has been in talks with interested companies. He said distilleries large enough to produce around 60,000 barrels of beer or spirits or more probably would not be able to operate in the downtown. Look at the zoning map online with this story or at [lindenmi.us/planning-and-zoning](http://lindenmi.us/planning-and-zoning).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CITY OF FENTON

#### LAKE FENTON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the special assessment district for Lake Fenton aquatic nuisance and eradication weed control.

Anyone wishing to ask questions or provide comment may attend the hearing or submit written comments. Written comments will be received at the City Hall during business hours up to and including the day of the public hearing, as well as may be sent to the City Clerk at [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org).

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 629-2261 or [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org) at least 3 days in advance of the date of the hearing.

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Volunteers cleared the areas of the Linden Millpond, Fairview Cemetery, Eagle's Wooden Park and Triangle Park for the annual Community Cleanup Day. Photos: Hannah Ball

## Volunteers help clean Linden parks

■ City and numerous businesses support community cleanup day

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — Dozens of volunteers helped clean up Linden city parks on Saturday, April 30 during the Linden Community Cleanup event.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission organized the event and were joined by approximately 40 volunteers of all ages to pick up the areas of Eagle's Wooden Park, the Millpond and gazebo, Fairview Cemetery and Triangle Park.

They filled around 150 bags worth of leaves and brush.

"We had one person talking about how he just feels that this is a great demonstration of the heart that the city of Linden has. 'A small town with a big heart' is how he viewed the town and this event that we were doing today," said Mike Dietz, one of the event organizers and member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. "It's a big outpouring of support to have it be

a success and it was a success."

Judy Hunter, chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said the event went well. "It's a little windy but not bad at all. I worked at the cemetery and The State Bank came with fans of people and they were a huge help," she said.

She said they received donations from the city and businesses, including Dr. Wax Orthodontics, Alpine Marketplace, The Home Depot, the Linden Free Methodist Church, The Rock Church, and the Rotary Club.

Members of the Linden City Council volunteered. Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Simons complimented the Department of Public Works and said they've been doing a good job taking care of the city, which made the community cleanup day easier.

"We found that the community, just on their own, is picking up garbage. We found a lot less garbage this year. Because of COVID, it's been two years since we've done it. We found a lot more leaves and brush to clean. We had a lot of effort there," Dietz said.

“‘A small town with a big heart’ is how he viewed the town and this event that we were doing today.”

**Mike Dietz**  
Linden Parks and Recreation  
Committee member

## GAS PRICES

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Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 1.6 million bbl to 230.8 million bbl. Gasoline demand decreased slightly from 8.87 million b/d to 8.74 million b/d. Although lower gas demand would typically push pump prices lower, the fluctuating oil price and tight gasoline supply have pushed pump prices higher.

At the close of the Wednesday, April 27 formal trading session, WTI increased by 32 cents to settle at \$102.02. While EIA's weekly report showed that total domestic crude inventories rose by 700,000 bbl to 414.4 million bbl, crude prices have increased because the current level is approximately 16 percent lower than

at the end of April 2021. As supply remains tight and the market remains highly volatile, crude prices will likely continue to fluctuate, pushing pump prices higher.

"Tight gasoline stocks along with volatility in the crude oil market has pushed Michigan gas prices above \$4 a gallon for the first time in almost three weeks," said Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson, AAA-The Auto Club Group. "Pump prices will likely continue to face upward pressure as oil prices remain above \$100 per barrel."

Compared to last week, Metro Detroit's average daily gas price increased. Metro Detroit's current average is \$4.06 per gallon, about 7 cents more than last week's average and \$1.25 more than this same time last year.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT, FELONIOUS ASSAULT

Argentine Township police responded to a home in the 11000 block of S. Seymour Road at 9:12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 to investigate a domestic assault complaint. Following their investigation, a 34-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested, taken into custody and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. A 32-year-old female victim sustained non-life threatening injuries. A child in the home at the time of the alleged assault was not injured. The man's identity is being withheld to protect the victim. He was arraigned May 2 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and one count of domestic violence. He was released on \$30,000 cash bond and has a probable cause conference May 12 at 1 p.m. A condition of his bond is no drugs or alcohol, and no contact with the victim.

### SPEEDER TURNED OVER TO SHERIFF ON WARRANTS

At 11 p.m. on Friday, April 15, a Fenton police officer pulled over a vehicle on Main Street near N. Oak Street for speeding. The driver, a 26-year-old Fenton man, had six warrants for his arrest. He was turned over to the Livingston County Sheriff's Office on the warrants.

### FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING LOTTERY TICKETS

Argentine Township police responded to a gas station/convenience store on Silver Lake Road at 4:27 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 for a retail fraud complaint. A male customer had stolen lottery tickets and left the store. A be-on-the-lookout was issued and the man's vehicle was stopped by Linden police. Linden police recovered the stolen lottery tickets costing \$30. The 55-year-old Fenton man was arrested and released with a court appearance ticket for retail fraud.

# May 27 is National Poppy Day

■ Honor those who served and died for our country in all wars

By Sharon Stone

Once again, the American Legion Family of Linden 119 will be honoring our veterans and distributing Poppies to the community at Alpine Market and ACE Hardware in downtown Linden on Friday, May 27 (National Poppy Day) and Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, the American Legion Auxiliary submitted a proclamation to Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson, requesting the city designate Friday, May 27, 2022, as "National Poppy Day" in the city of Linden. The city of Linden accepted their request and Mayor Cusson will read the proclamation at the Linden City Council meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at the beginning of the meeting which starts at 7 p.m. Council meetings are held in the Linden Mill building, lower level.

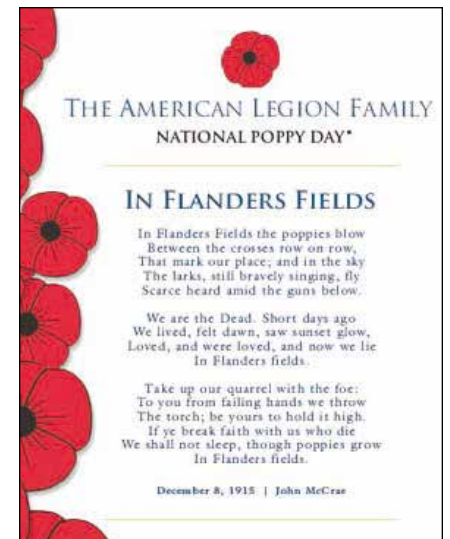
### National Poppy Day

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

All donations received will be used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families.

### History of the red poppy

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war.



From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the bloodshed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields," written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On Sept. 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■

**DESPITE YOUR DESIRE** to re-write history to fit your feminist ideology, code breaking is simply an accessory, periphery activity of warfare. Plenty of other ways to locate and determine enemy intentions. Once again, it is pure revisionism to declare women saved our country from defeat in World War II.

■■■





Following high speed chases, nine men have been arrested in connection with the theft of five Chevrolet Camaros early Monday, May 2 from a Lansing General Motors auto plant. **Submitted photo**

## CAMAROS

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located by law enforcement on I-96 traveling at high speeds, traffic stops were attempted. All of the drivers of the stolen Camaros failed to stop and multiple pursuits ensued that went into Ingham, Livingston and Oakland counties.

Some of the stolen vehicles crashed after police utilized stop sticks in some cases. In all, nine men were arrested on numerous charges and lodged at Lansing City Jail.

Charges include flee and elude, receive and conceal a stolen vehicle of \$20,000 or more, resist and obstruct police, and conspiracy to commit an

illegal act. Eight of the nine suspects were from the Detroit area and one suspect was from Saginaw. The age of the suspects range from 20 to 24 years of age. The approximate value of the five stolen vehicles recovered is \$375,000.

The following agencies were involved in this incident: MSP Brighton troopers MSP Metro South troopers, MSP Lansing troopers, MSP Canine Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Metroparks Police, Green Oak Township Police Department, and Trooper 3 (helicopter). No law enforcement personnel or any of the suspects were injured. MSP is working with Lansing police regarding the original theft of the stolen vehicles.

## BRANDS

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important it is for us to find a way to stay active even when we're not doing our usual workout routine. That said, we've found it's also important to hit the gym as soon as possible once home. If not, skipping the gym can become a habit. (You're not on island time anymore, sorry.) Same can be said for eating well. Matt cooked a homemade meal our first

night back last week and while it wasn't shrimp, it was great (and healthy).

**Where to next?:** This is my favorite tip from the Business Insider piece and my favorite way to avoid the "come back blues" — plan your next trip.

How do you "hit the ball rolling" when you return from time away? Email me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com).

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

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**EVERY INFANTRYMAN AND** tanker who moved forward to meet the enemy did far more to save our country from defeat in WWII than any administrative, logistical, clerical or factory worker.

**FORMER SECRETARY OF** Defense Robert McNamara was a moral coward desperately seeking to absolve his own guilt before his impending death. The 'The Fog of War' is a self-serving, face-saving propaganda documentary.

**KEEP UP WITH** the conversation. The Hot line thread about Keystone pipeline was never about cost of gas. It was about oil company profit. The original statements stand: Pipeline doesn't affect oil supply; it simply reduces transportation costs. Oil company profits increase with an open pipeline.

**SO, 33.6 KWH** per one gallon of gas? Interesting. What is the source of this extrapolation, if any?

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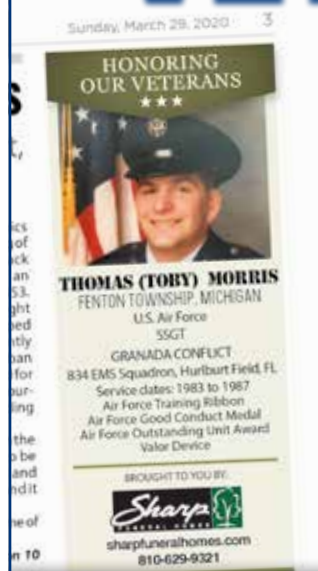
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# Eagles edge Fenton in opener, cruise in second game

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Hannah Bollinger began her prep softball career on the Fenton side of the Fenton/Linden rivalry.

The last two seasons, she's been on the Linden side, and the Eagles are glad she is, especially after Monday.

In a game forced to go into extra innings, Bollinger hit a two-run home run

in the top of the eighth, helping the Eagles' five-run eighth and leading Linden to a first-game 9-4 victory against the Fenton Tigers.

Linden's bats continued where they ended the first contest, earning a 9-0 victory in the second game assuring the Eagles remained tied with the Holly Bronchos in the loss column atop the

Flint Metro League Stripes Division standings. Meanwhile, the two losses are damaging to Fenton's division title chances, as they are now two games behind both Holly and Linden. However, with a doubleheader against both of those teams still on the schedule, the Tigers still can get back into this race.

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The Linden softball team celebrates a home run hit by Hannah Bollinger during the Eagles' sweep of Fenton on Monday.

Photo: David Troppens

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## Sports Times

### Tigers sweep two tight contests vs. Eagles

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — If given a choice, Fenton hurler Kyle Crow would rather pitch in a tight pitchers' duel than a blowout ball game.

He got his wish on Monday afternoon. And he got it with the Flint Metro League title on the line in a game against the Tigers' biggest rival as well.

Crow tossed a three-hit complete game and got out of a jam in the top of the seventh inning to lead the Tigers to a 2-1 victory in the opening game of the doubleheader against the Linden Eagles.

The excitement didn't end there. The Linden Eagles bounced back from a 3-0 deficit in the second game, tying it up at 3-all in the sixth. However, Fenton's Lance Barkholz hit the walk-off RBI-single, earning the Tigers a 4-3 victory and the doubleheader sweep against Linden.

The two tight wins keep the Tigers undefeated in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division, while the tight losses pretty much ended the Eagles' chances of a division title. Fenton is in a battle with Flushing, who also is undefeated in division play.

In the opener, both teams



The Fenton Tigers celebrate their first-game victory against Linden on Monday. The Tigers won both games of the twinbill. Photo: David Troppens

scored a run in the first inning. Linden's Aidan Haney opened with a walk against Crow and Danny Roti bunted him to second. He eventually scored on Zach Hemphill's RBI-single. Linden led 1-0.

With two out in Fenton's first, Connor Luck walked and Crow followed with an RBI-double, earning the Tigers a 1-1 tie.

Fenton scored the final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, Co-

lin Lawrence and Seth Logan singled. Alvord followed with a walk, loading the bases with one out. Barkholz responded with a sacrifice fly, making it a 2-1 Fenton lead.

With Crow's pitch count rising, Linden put together a threat in the seventh. Hemphill walked and moved to second on a wild pitch. Carson Conn grounded out, but the ground out moved Hemphill to third base with just one out. Crow responded with a strike out and then a ground out

to end the threat and give the Tigers the first-game victory.

"Games like this are the best," Crow said. "You have the most pressure and you try to perform the best you can."

"I was just trying to hit my spot (when Linden had the game-tying run on third base) and hoping for the best. At that point, it's just you against them and whoever comes out on top, does."

Crow allowed three walks and struck out eight batters.

See **TIGERS** on 15



Lake Fenton's Makenna Dreyer assisted two goals in the Blue Devils' victory against Goodrich. Photo: David Troppens

### Blue Devils earn key victory vs. Martians, 3-1

By David Troppens

It's nice to beat a rival.

The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team knows that feeling well after Friday's contest with Goodrich.

The Blue Devils earned a 3-1 Flint Metro League victory by defeating the Martians on Goodrich's home turf.

"We played well," Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Evan Ghoujehgi said.

The Blue Devils had goals scored by two different players. Savannah Reese scored two goals with both being assisted by Makenna Dreyer.

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# Linden track squads compete at Brighton Bulldog Invitational

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity track program competed at the Brighton Bulldog Invitational and had their share of strong performances.

The girls had two relays earn firsts and five individual top-eight performances while the boys had four individual top-eight efforts.

The 400 freshman/sophomore relay team of Isabella Sigsby, Neveah Hatfield, Shawna Schmandt and Kaitlin Cranmore earned a first in 54.47, while the Eagles' 800 freshman/sophomore girls relay team of Sigsby, Hatfield, Reygan Acox and Blair Ungvarsky earned a first as well (1:59.02).

Victoria Osmond earned a second in the 100 (12.99)

for the girls while earning a third in the 200 (27.00). She ran a 26.95 time in the preliminary round. The Linden boys saw River Meckstroth record a second-place time of 9:36.18 in the 3,200 while also posting a fifth-place time of 2:00.52 in the 800. Kyle Eberhard finished third in the 800 (2:00.09). Brandon Pennington took eighth in the 100 (13.01).

Lauren Goodman placed fifth in the 200 (27.22) and sixth in the 100 (13.43). Colleen Blackwood recorded an eighth in the 1,600 (5:29.0).

Lauren Goodman earned two two-six finishes at the Bulldog Invitational. Photo: David Troppens



## Heat remain perfect in Metro, beat Brandon/Holly

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team is closing in on another Flint Metro League title.

The Heat improved to 6-0 in Metro action by earning a 15-3 victory against the Brandon/Holly squad on Friday.

The Fenton/Linden program has just two games remaining and will be the favorites in both contests. The Heat played at last-place Flushing on Tuesday, a squad they beat 14-5 in the two team's first meeting this season. Results of that game were not known at press time. The other will be a bigger challenge and could be a battle between winning the title outright or sharing it when the Heat host Swartz Creek (5-1) May 10 in the final league game of the season. The Dragons did give the Heat their closest Metro League battle of



Fenton/Linden's Kaitlyn Mossett controls the ball in a recent game. She scored nine goals in the Heat's 15-3 victory against Brandon/Holly. Photo: David Troppens

the season when Fenton/Linden won a 10-6 verdict on April 26.

Against Holly/Brandon, Kaitlyn Mossett had another big game, scoring nine of the Heat's 15 goals.

## Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse improving, fall to Creek, 9-8

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton/Goodrich varsity girls lacrosse team has a 1-4 Metro record.

But the squad is clearly showing progress, even if the team's league record doesn't really reflect that progress.

Trailing early, the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op fought back to take the lead eventually before losing a tough 9-8 verdict against the Metro League's second-best squad, the Swartz Creek Dragons.

"It was an amazing game," Lake Fenton/Goodrich varsity girls lacrosse coach Katie Hamilton said. "We were down by

three in the first four minutes and then we were able to come back, lead a majority of the game. It was definitely the best game the girls have played."

The Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls recorded 16 shots on goal and scored on eight of them. Faith Kent led the squad with three goals while Morgan Ignash and Chloe Hnilica had two goals each. Skylar Glotfelter had a goal as well. Ignash had an assist.

The squad controlled 10 of the draws. Hnilica won four draws.

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## Wolves get by Holly/Brandon lacrosse

The Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse team found itself in a tight contest with the Holly/Brandon co-op and snuck away with an 11-9 verdict Friday night.

Rykerson Wright was the offensive star for the Linden/Fenton squad (7-7 overall), scoring five goals. He scored those five goals off of nine shots. Mitchell Luck followed with three goals while

Max Ciesielski had two goals while Brady James chipped had one goal. James had two assists and Luck had one.

Fenton/Linden had 40 shots in the contest, while the Holly/Brandon (2-2, 8-3) squad forced the Wolves goalies into having to make 19 saves on the 28 shots on target they had.

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## Fenton track earns top 10 efforts at Charlie Janke invite

By David Troppens

The Fenton track program competed at the competitive Charlie Janke Track and Field Invitational in Jackson and the boys placed seventh while the girls took 10th.

The boys saw one individual event champion. Justin Miller took the top spot in the high jump (6-foot-5) and also placed third in the long jump (20-6) to pace the men. Gavin Stuber also earned a second in the 300 hurdles (42.29) while Patrick Hamilton was seventh in the 400 (53.07).

The girls had five individuals earn top-eight efforts. Victoria Henson placed third in the high jump (4-10) while Randi Foor was fourth in the 200 (27.02). Isabella Henson placed seventh in the long jump (14-10) and Nina Frost was seventh in the 1,600 (5:42.05). Adrienne Staib took eighth in the discus (83-5).

Both teams remain in first place in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division.

Fenton's Randi Foor took fourth in the 200 at a weekend event. Photo: David Troppens



## WOLVES

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Brock Walker saved 12 shots for the Wolves in net while Lance Sanchez saved seven shots on target.

A big stat that helped Linden/Fenton earn the victory was face-offs won. The Wolves won 14

of 20 face-offs. Grant Hayden also controlled four loose balls for the Wolves.

The Holly/Brandon squad has been a stingy defensive squad. The 11 goals allowed represented the second-most the team has allowed this season. The most they allowed was 13 in a 13-7 loss to the Wolves earlier this season.

## Lake Fenton softball earns split with Stars leaders Owosso

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team has had its ups and downs so far this spring.

It would be fair to consider the first game of the Blue Devils' doubleheader against Owosso as an 'up' moment.

The Blue Devils (6-6 in the Flint Metro League Stars Division) shocked the defending Division II state champion Owosso Trojans by handing them their first Flint Metro League loss of the season Thursday, earning a come-from-behind 6-5 victory. Owosso answered back and won the second game 2-0.

Lake Fenton trailed at one time 5-2 in the first game, but the Blue Devils fought back against Owosso and pitcher Macy Ireland. Lake Fenton scored a single run in the sixth when Camryn McMillan singled, Hannah Hooker singled and Alayna

White doubled in McMillan, cutting the lead to 5-3.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Blue Devils had only one runner on with two out and still trailing by two when they made their comeback. Ava Goss singled to start the inning, but two outs later, she remained only on first. Caleigh Macneil kept the inning alive with a single and Addison Fitzgerald hit a fly ball to right, that was misplayed, allowing her to reach first and both runners to score. The Blue Devils were tied 5-5.

McMillan continued the threat with a single and Hooker provided the walk-off victory with an RBI-single to center.

Lake Fenton also plated two runs in the fourth. McMillan doubled and White hit a two-run home run, tying the contest at 2-all at the time.

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## Holly softball competes at challenging tourney

The Holly varsity softball team competed in the challenging Stars and Stripes Tournament during the weekend and came home with a 2-3 record.

The Bronchos earned a 10-8 win against Lapeer and a 9-5 win against North Farmington. They lost contests to South Lyon East 8-5, Birmingham Seaholm 16-7 and to Gaylord 10-8.

## Linden softball splits twinbill with Montrose

Linden's potent varsity softball lineup had a little bit of a slump on Friday.

It didn't start that way. The Eagles scored 17 runs en route to a 17-7 vic-

tory against Montrose in the opening game of a doubleheader on Friday.

However the Eagles' bats were atypically silent in the nightcap, losing a 2-1 verdict in the second game.

## Fenton baseball sweeps Kearsley Hornets

The Fenton varsity baseball team remains perfect in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play.

The Tigers finished a pretty convincing three-game sweep of the Kearsley

Hornets with a 14-1 victory on Thursday.

The Tigers used eight hits, seven walks and three hit batters to spark their 14 runs in just four innings of plate appearances.

## Linden remains in first, sweeps Swartz Creek

The Linden varsity softball team is known for its potent bats.

They showed why in Thursday's

twinbill against Swartz Creek.

The Eagles scored 38 runs in just nine innings, resulting in an easy sweep.



# LF, Holly compete at weekend invite

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton and Holly varsity track programs competed at the County Press/North Branch Invitational on Friday and each had some solid performances.

In boys' action, Lake Fenton enjoyed six individual top-five efforts, including one event victory, en route to a fifth-place team finish. The Holly boys collected four firsts and five individual top-five efforts and placed sixth.

The Lake Fenton girls had five individual top-five efforts and a second for a relay, earning sixth, while the Holly girls had two individual top-five efforts and took 13th.

The Holly boys racked up four firsts. Jaden Simmons won the 100 (11.06) and the 200 (22.73) individually, and teamed with Noah Cycholl, Jake DeVary and Marcus Mitchell to win the 400 relay (44.83). Meanwhile, Mitchell also won the 110 hurdles (16.81) for Holly's final first. Mitchell also placed third in the 300 hurdles (44.93) while Cycholl was fourth in the 100 (11.74).

The Lake Fenton boys saw Francis Senter win the high jump (6-foot-3) to lead the Blue Devils. Other boys placing in the top five individually were Malte Vollmers, second in the 200 (23.42) and third in the 100 (11.64); Nolan Pinion, second in the 3,200 (10:01.85) and fourth in the



Lake Fenton's Francis Senter won the high jump at the County Press/North Branch Invitational on Friday. Photo: Lisa Paine

1,600 (4:36.61); and Calvin Kamischke, fourth in the pole vault (10-0). The boys also had a third-place relay team. The 400 relay of Nolan Schroeder, Abraham Beadner, Coleson Lessner and Vollmers earned it (46.31).

The Lake Fenton girls were paced by the 400 relay team of Camryn Morton, Lonna Perna,

Alexa Murray and Lucianna Kamischke who took second (55.09). Perna earned a third in the 200 (28.29) while Kamischke was fourth in the 100 hurdles (18.38) and fifth in the 200 (28.85). Claire Hunt placed fourth in the 3,200 (12:31.64) while Bella DeBoe was fourth in the high jump (4-10).

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"I was just wanted to get on base," Bollinger said about the game-winning home run. "I wasn't expecting a home run or anything. I just wanted to help my team out."

"It feels really good especially because I used to play for them. It feels good to show them what I still have."

The Linden eighth continued with an Oivia Burke single, Morgan Piotrovsky reaching base

on an error, and an RBI-single by Maizy Aeschliman. A wild pitch plated another run and an RBI-ground out by winning pitcher Mikaya Timm made it a 9-4 lead.

Fenton, who once led 3-0, couldn't put together a strong rally in its eighth.

Fenton jumped out to the early lead. In the bottom of the second inning, Grace MacCaughan singled and eventually scored on a Karina Pelkey RBI-single. Fenton led 1-0.

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# Tigers' bats show their bite in sweep vs. Kearsley Hornets

By David Troppens

The Flint Metro League Stripes Division race has quickly become the battle between the haves and the have-nots.

The Fenton Tigers are one of the upper half squads.

The Tigers are tied with Linden and Holy in the loss column of the Stripes Division after completing a four-game sweep of the Kearsley Hornets last week. The last two of those games were a pair of wins at home, a 14-0 and a 13-1 victory on Thursday.

The Tigers' bats just crushed the Hornets' pitching staff, scoring 62 runs in the four

games. Of course, the Tigers' pitching was pretty dominant as well, allowing just two runs within the four contests.

In Thursday's opening game, the Tigers blew the game open with a 12-run third inning. The run-producing hits by Fenton in that stanza included two RBI-singles by Sophie Collins, a three run double by Jessica Dunkel, and a three-run double by Karina Pelkey.

On the mound, Pelkey tossed a three-inning no-hit perfect game. She struck out three batters. It took only 20 pitches to complete those three innings.

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# Linden baseball completes three-game sweep of Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity baseball team made sure they remained in the middle of the Flint Metro League Stripes Division race by earning a 6-1 victory against Swartz Creek on Thursday.

The Eagles (6-3 in the FML Stripes Division) experienced a strong performance by Ty Kenyon on the mound as he tossed a one-hitter over six innings on the mound. He walked just two and struck out eight. He tossed 80 pitches with 54 being strikes. He was particularly effective on his first pitches to batters, throwing a first-pitch strike to 18 of 22 batters.

The Eagles scored their first run in the bottom of the sec-

ond inning. A walk to Austin Huyck was followed by a single by Luke Haney and a walk to Austin Alfen, loading the bases. Miles Aeschliman followed with a sacrifice fly, making it a 1-0 lead.

Linden blew the game open with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Alflen and Zach Hemphill walked, setting up the threat. With two out, Danny Roti reached base on an error, loading the bases. Brandon Green followed with a two-run single and Roti and Green followed with a double-steal. The throw to third went wild, allowing Roti to score. Linden led 4-0.

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## TIGERS

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Sixty-five of the 93 pitches he threw were strikes. He threw first-pitch strikes to 20 of 25 batters. Linden's Ty Kenyon pitched an outstanding game as well, but had to be taken out due to his pitch count. He tossed 4 2/3 innings of six-hit, four-walk ball while striking

out four. Brendyn Sinn tossed the final 1 1/3 innings.

In the second inning Fenton pitcher Lance Barkholz was cruising along with a 3-0 lead until Linden tied it with three in the sixth. Brandon Green and Hemphill hit consecutive singles, chasing Barkholz from in favor of Peyton Jackson.

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# Mother's Day is this Sunday

■ There's still time to find – or make - that perfect last-minute gift

By Sharon Stone

Seems like Mother's Day snuck up on us this year. Fear not, if you haven't planned and picked out the perfect gift for your mom, it's not too late.

Good Housekeeping magazine offers some last-minute Mother's



Day gift ideas that you can tweak by reaching out to our local retailers. Don't risk ordering from some obscure online merchant that could result in no package delivery in time for her special day.

The following are just a few examples of last-minute gift ideas that could likely be a hit.

**Fresh flowers** – Call in your order with a local florist so that flowers can be delivered right to her door. Another option for fresh flowers is the grocery store. Many offer fresh cut flowers and balloons that are sure to bring a smile to mom.



**Shower steamers** – Shower steamers that you place in the corner of the shower floor can turn a simple shower into a calming experience.



**Plantable greeting cards** – Once she reads your personal message inside her card, mom can peel away the seed paper and plant it in her garden.

**Neck and pillow massagers** – Get rid of tension in her neck, back, feet or trouble spots with a warming massager.

**Essential oil diffuser bracelet** – Mom can put a drop of her favorite essential oil on a reusable pad to help her relax, invigorate or unwind.

**Wooden signs with special meanings** written on them – consider a small shelf-size wooden sign she can look at every time she's at her desk.

**Tea samplers** – For moms who cherish a hot cup of tea, consider a sampler box with a variety of flavors to choose from.

**Fruit infuser water bottle** – look for shatterproof water bottles that she can put in some fresh fruit or veggies to add to her hydrating water.

**Silk pillowcases** – A luxurious silk pillow case would make mom's sleeping experience even more relaxing. They

also are kind to hair styles.

**Aromatherapy neck wrap** – Try a lavender-infused wrap for a calming experience. Some can be warmed in the microwave for a few seconds to bring out the scent and warmth.

**State-shaped cutting board** – Mom can show off her love of the Great Lakes with a Michigan shaped cutting board or another state's shape if she's originally not from here.

**Wine freezing cooling cups** – Widely available, these wine glasses can be kept in the freezer and will always be chilled and ready to be used.

**Customizable picture frame with letter board** – Fill two 4 by 6-inch frames with her favorite photos and then come up with a special message using reusable letters.

**Bath salt** – Himalayan pink salt brings clarity and stillness, French green clay detoxifies her body and Hiwa Kai black lava salt inspires mental strength.

**Bible verse cards** – When she needs a mood boost, mom can pull a card from a deck to read inspiring wisdom from the Bible.

**Temperature control mug** – On busy days, she can pour her morning coffee or tea into this app-controlled mug, so that she can enjoy her beverage at just the right temperature.

**Hand print flower bouquet** – using colorful and easy-to-clean-up paint, have the kids make a one-of-a-kind handprint for mom.



**Bouquets of kids** – Help the kids cut out their faces from photos and use colorful construction paper to create flowers.

**Gift cards** – from her favorite restaurant, salon, retailer, mom will love to receive a gift card she can use next time she has a few free moments to shop or catch up with friends.



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## Patricia Suzanne Townsend

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Patricia Suzanne Townsend - age 65, of Linden, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2022. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, May 6, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4 - 8 PM Thursday, May 5. Those desiring may make contributions to Shelter Animal Donation through Genesee County Animal Control. Patricia was born August 6, 1956 in Flint, the daughter of Charles H. and Patricia (Butz) Dusenberry Jr. She married Thomas Lee Townsend on May 22, 1976 in Linden. Mrs.



Townsend was an avid reader. She enjoyed crocheting, motorcycling, traveling and camping. She is survived by her husband, Thomas; children, Steve, Tom and Karen (Ben); grandchildren, Brett (Desteny) and Barbara; siblings, Mike, Chuck, Nancy,

Eleanor, Marcella, Elizabeth, Charlene, John, Jim and Ted; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barb and brother, Joe. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, April 1. The legislature is in recess for a spring break, so rather than votes this report describes some proposals legislators have offered to amend the state constitution. To become law, constitutional amendments must be approved by a majority of voters. To be placed on the ballot, amendments proposed by legislators must receive a two-thirds majority vote in the House and Senate.

### Senate Joint Resolution K: Restrict requiring arrestees to post bail to get out of jail

Introduced by Sen. Betty Jean Alexander (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would prohibit courts from requiring a person charged with a crime to pay or pledge money to be released on bail unless the individual is "highly likely to willfully flee, poses a specific real and present threat to a person, or has violated a protection order or an existing condition of release," as indicated by circumstances beyond a simple history" of not appearing in court as ordered. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Joint Resolution L: Let 16 year olds vote in school elections

Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment establishing that 16-year-olds can vote in school district elections if the local school board votes to allow that, but not on tax increase proposals including raising property tax millage rates or imposing new levies to repay borrowed money ("issuing bonds"). Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Joint Resolution M and House Joint Resolution O: Impose binding arbitration mandate on all state agencies

Introduced by Sen. Erika Geiss (D) and Rep. Sarah Anthony (D), respectively, to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to impose a "binding arbitration" mandate on every state agency, not just the State Police. This would invest binding arbitration panels with the power to impose contract terms between state agencies and employee unions when a collective bargaining "impasse" is claimed. The legislature could only reduce or reject increases with a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Joint Resolution N: Require 3/4 vote in legislature to adopt law initiated by petition

Introduced by Sen. Jeremy Moss (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to revise provisions permitting voters to "initiate" new laws by petition. Under the current provision, if petitions signed by 8% of the number who voted in the last governor election, the legislature can enact the law with a simple majority vote with no approval by the governor required. If they do not do so within 40 session days the measure then goes on the next general election ballot. This proposal would require a three-quarters supermajority vote in the House and Senate to enact an initiated law. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution N: Exempt pension or retirement benefits from state income tax

Introduced by Rep. Kevin Hertel (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from imposing income tax levies on retirement or pension benefits, which would include Social Security. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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