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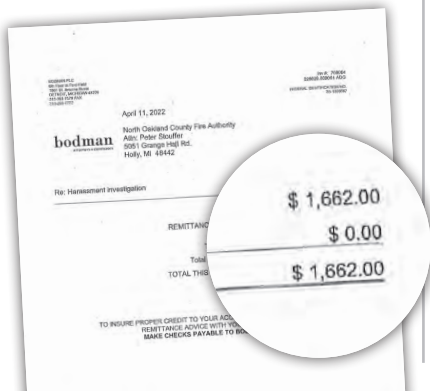
■NOCFA board directs him to contact legal firm to redirect bill to supervisor

By Sharon Stone

During a special meeting Monday, May 9, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors voted 3-1 to openly discuss an invoice from the NOCFA attorney to Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz regarding legal

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(Below) Jeremy Lintz, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) chief, presented an invoice from the NOCFA attorney to the NOCFA board on May 9. He questioned seven charges regarding phone conferences with the Rose Township supervisor.



Hyatt Elementary — Box City



Second grade students at Hyatt Elementary in Linden admire their work during the Box City ribbon cutting on Wednesday, May 11. They created buildings out of cardboard and colorful construction paper to learn about how cities grow. The school coordinates with Linden officials.

See story and more photos on Page 18. Photo: Hannah Ball

Four Linden events approved

■Concerts, karaoke, paddle and pedal and car shows coming to the city

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden will host numerous events this year, including a Music by the Mill concert series, Paddle & Pedal, Kiwanis Karaoke at the Mill and Back to the Bricks.

On Monday, May 9, the Linden City Council approved applications to use public property for these four events.

Music By the Mill — Linden Concert Series

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) will host a concert series at the Kimble-Sharp

See **EVENTS** on 10

How many times has a ‘Welcome to Fenton’ sign been hit?

■City seeks reimbursement for damages from at-fault drivers

By Hannah Ball

When a driver struck a “Welcome to Fenton” sign on Main Street a few weeks ago, the news circulated quickly online and generated many

comments, including “Be Closer,” which is a reference to Fenton City’s public relations campaign.

News travels fast and wide when one of these signs is a victim in a crash. However, it’s actually a rare

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The female driver of this Ford Bronco sustained minor injuries after her vehicle struck the guy wires and a decorative city of Fenton sign on Silver Lake Road at Poplar Street on Feb. 9, 2021. **File photo**

SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & REC SUMMER PROGRAM
Included with this edition



“A swimming pool for seniors in Linden is a great idea. We do have the best senior center in the area and with more and more senior housing coming, I’m sure with some legwork you could raise funds to build one on one of those properties.”

“Looks like it’s time to get the walking shoes on and check out downtown Fenton and Holly. Perfect weather to enjoy our historic towns. We’ll hit Linden later in the summer when that big gas station is done.”





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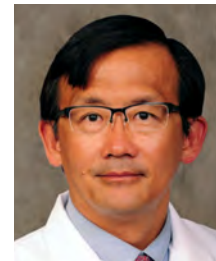
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Coffee & Connections kicks off in downtown Fenton

Fenton — Business, community and nonprofit leaders, educators and safety officials gathered Thursday morning, May 12, at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in downtown Fenton for the first-ever Coffee & Connections hosted by the View Newspaper Group and the Tri-County Times.

Sponsored by The State Bank, the morning networking event featured a light breakfast, coffee, conversation and connections.

Ron Justice, CEO and president of The State Bank spoke briefly about the bank’s growth and their dedication to giving back, including recent investments in The State Bank Trail and the effort to save and relocate the Holly Union Depot.


Tri-County Times will host the Coffee & Connections networking event quarterly. For more information or to sponsor an upcoming event, contact Emily Caswell, View Newspaper Group brand manager at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com or at (810) 513-8501.



(Above) Attendees of the Coffee & Connections take the opportunity to catch up with colleagues and other community leaders while enjoying a light breakfast. (Right) Jacob Petzold (left) of Peabody Insurance in Fenton poses with Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank. Petzold won a \$250 Visa gift card at the Coffee & Connections event Thursday, May 12 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. **Photos: Sharon Stone**



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David's Dabblings

Being a Detroit professional sports fan will test your will to live in recent years.

Has there ever been a worse time to be a Detroit professional sports fan than right now? It is hard to believe there could have been.

The average winning percentage for Detroit's four major professional sporting teams during their most recent season or current season averages out to a .269 winning percentage. The Red Wings are tops on that list, earning a pathetic 30 percent of all the points available during the National Hockey League season. The rest are nursing winning percentages that look like reasonable batting averages, but not much better than that. The Pistons failed to make the playoffs for the third straight season (and for the 11th time during the last 13 seasons), posting a .280 winning percentage. The Lions, of course, did much worse than that, finishing the 2021 season with a 3-13-1 record, or a .206 winning percentage. The Lions saw their past starting QB win a Super Bowl title just a few months ago and the franchise has not won a postseason game since winning the NFL Championship way



David Troppens
Sports Editor

Detroit sports scene is downright pathetic

back in 1957. Finally, the Tigers may be the biggest embarrassment of all four teams. Currently playing .290 baseball, the Tigers are on a current pace to finish the season with a 47-115 record, which would rank as the franchise's second-worst record since joining the American League in 1900.

So when the USFL 'returned' as a minor league spring football season, recreating some of the best known franchises from the league's mid-1980s past, what could it hurt for Detroit fans to pull for the Panthers? Who cares that the team will never play a single game in Michigan

this season. Most of the games should be on television and we can follow the Panthers with pride, right?

Wrong. Even the Panthers are pathetic to this point. The squad is currently 1-3 and last week they lost a game in what can only be termed a very 'Lions-esque' way to lose a game. The Panthers' kicker had a chance to earn Michigan the victory if he could convert a 21-yard field goal with two seconds left on the clock. It's a gimmie field goal that I argued even an out-of shape 53-year old (that would be me) can make. I guess we can forget about the Panthers. Oh well, I guess I can spend my summer watching old Detroit sports games on YouTube once again.

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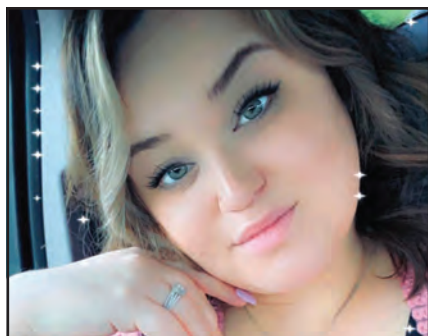
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

How did you spend summers as a kid?



"Having the time of my life. Playing with my best friends, riding bikes, swimming in the pool, sleepovers. The simplest of things that meant the world."

Brooke Lauren, Fenton



"Riding our bikes, swimming in the pool, and we were never allowed inside unless we were grabbing a popsicle!"

Heather Croney
Fenton Township



"Swimming, skiing, fishing, golfing, camping, riding my bike everywhere! Fenton was the best place to grow up!"

Michael Fernandez
San Diego, California



"Fishing on the Shiawassee."

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Changes made on NOCFA board

■Resignations, appointments, officers and seeking new representative

By Sharon Stone

During a special meeting Monday, May 9, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors voted 3-0 to accept the April 14 resignation of Paul Gambka, who is the Rose Township treasurer.

In unusual circumstances, following his April 14 resignation from the NOCFA board, the Rose Township Board of Trustees reappointed Gambka to the NOCFA board during a special meeting Tuesday, April 26. During that same meeting, the Rose Township Board of Trustees also appointed Trustee Glen Noble to the NOCFA board.

Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller had submitted a letter of interest to serve on the NOCFA board, however, there was no support from the Rose Township board to appoint Miller to the NOCFA board during the special meeting on April 26.

These appointments came after Gambka resigned April 14, Rose

Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider resigned from the NOCFA board April 18 and citizen-at-large Peter Stouffer of Rose Township resigned from the NOCFA board resigned March 15.

Although the NOCFA board voted 3-0 on May 9 to accept Gambka's April 14 resignation, he remains on the NOCFA board due to Rose Township reappointing him April 26. Noble abstained from voting on this agenda item May 9.

On May 9, the NOCFA board voted 4-0 to accept the April 18 resignation of Scheib-Snider. The NOCFA board previously accepted Stouffer's resignation.

The citizen-at-large seat remains empty.


The NOCFA board is comprised of two elected officials from Rose Township, two elected officials from Holly Township and one citizen-at-large from either Holly or Rose townships. Representing Holly Township is Supervisor George Kullis and Clerk Karin Winchester.

On May 9, the NOCFA board voted 4-0

to have Kullis serve as chair of the board. After 4-0 votes, Winchester will serve as vice chair and secretary of the board.

During the May 9 meeting, the NOCFA board approved a draft of a notice seeking a new citizen-at-large representative. This individual will serve a minimum of two years on the board. This individual cannot be an employee or past employee of NOCFA, or an immediate family member of a past or present NOCFA employee. This individual cannot be serving on any township board or commission. If the appointed individual wishes to remain on after their two-year term, the NOCFA board would have to give its approval.

Citizens from Rose or Holly townships can send or drop off a letter of interest and background information to Winchester at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, MI 48442, by June 1. Letters also can be emailed to Winchester at clerk@hollytownship.org. The NOCFA board has scheduled a special meeting Tuesday, June 7 at the Rose Township hall to appoint a new citizen-at-large representative.



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Deputy clerk recognized for work

■ Played a 'central and critical role' in city joining federal program

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden City Council presented the deputy clerk with a certificate of recognition on Monday, May 9.

Kristyn Kanyak was recognized for her work helping the city achieve the awarded status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The city reached this status Oct. 29, 2021, according to Kanyak's certificate of recognition, which was presented by Mayor Danielle Cusson.

"The goal of the CLG program is to "facilitate State and local government cooperation with Federal partners to promote nationwide preservation initiatives," according to the certificate. The city is now eligible to submit grant applications for federal funds to preserve, protect and increase awareness of Linden's historic community and cultural heritage.

The certificate states that Kanyak had a "central and critical role" in the application to the Federal Reservation Program. She communicated with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, the Linden city attorney and the Linden Historic District Commission on the application.

"I had just returned from my maternity leave on April 25, and was informed upon my return. It was a great 'welcome back,'" Kanyak said. "I feel honored, appreciated and am most excited for what this program means for the future of Linden."

Benefits to joining the program include priority support and funding from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pertaining to preservation planning and education projects such as historic resource surveys, preservation plans, and design guidelines for within historic districts, Kanyak said.

The city will have access to rehabilitation planning for certain historic properties. City staff, in conjunction with the Linden Mill Advisory Committee, is looking into grants and

funding tools that can be used for the Mill Building. Staff can also utilize educational workshops and training.

"We took advantage of these offerings right away," Kanyak said. "Our HDC hosted a city-wide engagement opportunity at the end of January. Alan Higgins, the CLG Program Coordinator for SHPO, came to Linden and led us through a presentation and discussion of the Program's offerings and what it means for our residents, our businesses and City as a whole."

Linden is the 33rd Michigan community to join the program, joining more than 2,000 municipalities.

The CLG program welcomed Linden into its midst in March.

The press release states, "Vibrant and full of historic charisma, Linden was established in 1871 as a town before growing into the city seen today. Many of the historic sites found in the city date back to 1840 and influence the community enthusiasm for heritage and preservation. With the Shiawassee River flowing through the city, locals and visitors can explore this historic landscape by water or land.

"What began as a milling economy in the 1830s slowly grew with residential and small business enterprises. Several sites can be found on the National Register of Historic Places including the Bridge Street-Broad Street Historic District and the Linden Mill. The mill was purchased by the then village of Linden in 1956 and is still in use today as the city's public library and municipal offices.

"The preservation of this site and others was due to the community of Linden. Preservation through partnership remains to be an important aspect of Linden. As a member of the CLG program, collaborative historic preservation efforts are promoted through community engagement and support from state, local, and federal partners."



Linden Deputy Clerk Kristyn Kanyak accepts a certificate of recognition from Mayor Danielle Cusson on Monday, May 9. Photo: Hannah Ball

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NOCFA BOARD SELECTS NEW LEGAL COUNSEL

During a special meeting Monday, May 9, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors approved using the legal services of Rita Lauer with a 4-0 vote. Longtime attorney David Lattie submitted his resignation

in an Oct. 4, 2021 letter to the board. Lauer sought the position. Lauer resides in Rose Township and joined the law firm of Maddin Hauser Roth & Heller in April. Prior to that, she had been with Winegarten, Haley, Lindholm, Tucker and Himelhoch. NOCFA Chair George Kullis said, "She's local, a Rose Township resident and she's down to earth. Her fee is fair." Kullis said she would be charging \$175 per hour and since she's local, she said she would not charge for travel. NOCFA board

member Glen Noble suggested Kullis get her fee in writing in the contract. The NOCFA board will vote on a contract at its meeting in June.

ALL CLASS HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATION PLANNED

The Holly High School Alumni Association will be celebrating all Holly High School graduates for the 122nd year. Anyone who graduated from Holly High School is invited. The date is Saturday, June 4. There will be a time for

socializing starting at 5 p.m., a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment and the annual meeting. Four scholarships to Holly High School seniors will be presented. The event has changed venue this year due to construction and will be held at the Karl Richter Campus. The cost is \$25 a ticket. Send the money to Julie Walters Hughes, Post Office Box 361, Holly, MI 48442. Include maiden names and the year of graduation. If you are inviting someone (not alumni) include their name and the word "guest." An email address and/or telephone number would be appreciated in case there are any questions. The dinner has been canceled for the last two years because of COVID although the committee continued holding the meetings. That allowed the Holly High School Alumni Association to award scholarships to Holly High School for the last two years. With no income, the treasury is low. Any donations toward the scholarships is greatly appreciated.

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Times

City joins road crack filling program

■ Program will help avoid water infiltration issues with roads, prevent deterioration

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City Council approved joining a crack filling program to help extend the life of aging roads.

During the Monday, May 9 meeting, Public Works Director Don Grice said the city has the opportunity to join a competitive bid crack filling program that encompasses seven other governmental agencies. Linden will pay \$1.13 per pound applied. Council voted not to exceed the amount of \$70,000 for the program for 2022/2023.

“Crack filling programs are an important part of municipal maintenance as they aid in limiting the infiltration of water and non-compressible materials through and into the road surface,” Grice said.

In a letter to the council, he and City Manager Ellen Glass wrote that in the warm season, non-compressible materials such as dirt, sand, and stone fill in cracks. This can cause additional damage to roadways when the warm

weather expands the surface, which causes further fracturing. The infiltration of water can also contaminate the road base and create structural problems that can lead to deterioration, potholes and other deformities.

“While roadway deterioration is inevitable, crack filling programs are designed to keep roadway surfaces somewhat impermeable to these foreign materials which helps preserve the roadway,” according to the letter.

Linden wasn’t included in the initial package. However, the awarded contractor and low bidder, Wolverine Sealcoating LLC., agreed to extend the consortium rate to Linden. Other municipalities involved are the cities of Fenton, Wixom, Brighton, Farmington, Howell and the villages of Fowlerville and Pinckney.

Grice said he’s spoken with the Fenton public works director who said they’ve been satisfied with work done by Wolverine Sealcoating.

“I think we need to do what we can to keep our roads as good as we can keep them,” said Councilor Heather MacDermaid.

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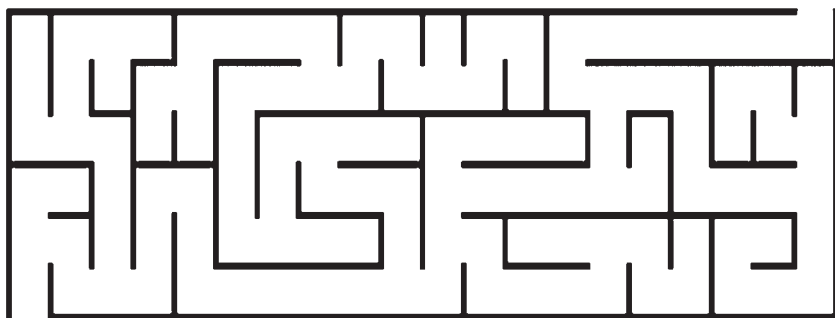


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The Linden City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year proposed budget Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their special meeting agenda in the Council Chambers, 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan during regular business hours Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (closed between 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for lunch) and from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Kids' Maze



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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS MAY 10, 2022

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$751,991.66.
5. Approved a Local Road Agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission to pave the shoulder on a portion of North Long Lake Road.
6. Adopted amendments to the 2022 Fenton Township Budget.
7. Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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EVENTS

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Gazebo & Park on Monday, May 30, which is Memorial Day, and on every Wednesday in August. The Memorial Day concert runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the August events run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Paddle & Pedal

LAFF Pathways is bringing back Paddle & Pedal to Linden on June 3 to 5. It begins at 10 a.m. and is expected to end between 7 and 8 p.m. Residents are encouraged to paddle the Shiawassee River and take their bicycles on the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathways starting at the Linden Mill building.

The event will utilize the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park and the Linden

Mill parking lot. They will have food trucks and stage performers.

Kiwanis Karaoke at the Mill

Kiwanis of Linden will hold karaoke days at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park on June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26. The events will run from 6 to 9 p.m. The application states it will be child friendly.

Linden Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party

Hosted by SLPR, Back to the Bricks will take place Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Linden. They are approved to use the intersection of Bridge and Broad streets to the Fairview Cemetery and Main Street to the Linden Library. Streets will be closed beginning at noon.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE'RE FIGHTING A possible World War III by proxy. It will cost the U.S. a lot more than \$33 billion if Ukraine falls and Putin continues his rampage. Biden would love to work out a peace deal but you can't negotiate with a madman.

YOU ARE SO lucky that you have a choice whether to have sex or not. I'm praying you never get raped. I'm praying your child isn't the victim of a sexual predator. I'm praying you don't one day think you are being safe and your contraception fails you.

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Announcement: Citizen at Large Opening for the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board of Directors

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors announces the opening of the Citizen at Large representative member. This position shall serve as the fifth member of the NOCFA Board of Directors for a minimum of 2 years and shall not be a current or past N.O.C.F.A. employee or immediate family member of the same.

- NOCFA Board Members must attend monthly meetings and are responsible for the governing of the Fire Authority.
- Board members do not receive compensation for performing the duties required as a Board Member.
- Applicants must be a registered voter and reside in the boundaries of Holly Township or Rose Township.
- Anyone interested in applying for the position is asked to send correspondence to:

Karin Winchester
NOCFA Board Vice President/Secretary
102 Civic Dr.
Holly, MI 48442

Or Email to: clerk@hollytownship.org

Correspondence must be received by 4PM on June 1, 2022.

Brick wall often a victim of vehicle crashes

■City seeks repair costs from drivers who hit brick wall along E. Broad Street

By Hannah Ball

Despite a 25-mph speed limit on Silver Lake Road traveling west into Linden, when it changes to E. Broad Street, drivers occasionally struggle to navigate the two curves and hit the brick wall near Fairview Cemetery.

The decorative brick wall, also called a planter, was constructed in 2000 when E. Broad Street underwent improvements, said past Linden City Manager

Christopher Wren in a 2011 Times article. It replaced a less attractive steel guardrail, and it partially blocks the view of the apartments at 105 High St.

Wren said that area is prone to accidents.

Motorists causing the damage to the brick wall normally take on the burden of repair costs. The city's insurance provider will pay for damage repairs, and then recoup its cost through the responsible driver.

The Times found records of nearly 10 crashes since 2000.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said

there were crashes in 2017, one in 2018 and one in 2022.

However, the Times does not have the police files from those dates.

On Dec. 18, 2010, an 18-year-old driver mistakenly put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake as he navigated the corner and struck the wall. He was ticketed. His vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage. In this crash, the bricks were so badly damaged they had to be replaced.

In May 2010, a 47-year-old Clio woman was traveling toward the city in a 2002 Chrysler Sebring at a high rate of

speed, lost control and struck the brick wall. According to the police report, the responding officer located the woman and car in the parking lot of the nearby pizzeria. The officer estimated she was traveling at about 50 miles per hour. She was ticketed for careless driving. Police said alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

In February 2008, a 20-year-old Davison woman who had been driving westbound on E. Broad Street hit the wall and a nearby front porch of a home, which caused damage. She lost control at the curve.

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SIGN

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occurrence.

Numerous "Welcome to Fenton" signs were installed in October 2011 before the Streetscape project, spearheaded by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Four large welcome signs can be found at Freedom Park, Main Street at Eddy Lake Road, Owen Road by Fenton High School and on Silver Lake Road at Poplar Street. Smaller "Welcome to Fenton" signs were installed on Torrey Road, North Road, Silver Lake Road, South Holly Road and Adelaide Street.

The city also installed "Welcome to Downtown" signs on Main Street, east of Walnut Street, Silver Lake Road at Adelaide Street and at Shiawassee

Avenue at Elizabeth Street.

White letters stand out against the darker teal, and they rest on concrete bases. Fenton officials had them installed to create a more welcoming environment. The concrete bases were made by Rice's Garden Ornaments in Holly and Dibbleville Woodworks built the prototype for the concrete fluting.

The designer of the signs, Jennifer Weaver, owner of Weaver Design in Fenton, won a Silver ADDY award for her work. The ADDY Awards Competition is a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. Her design was recognized because it took inspiration from both modern architecture and nature found throughout Fenton.

At the time, the signs were a controversial topic. The DDA

spent between \$275,000 and \$300,000 on signs. Many residents said they were a waste of money. The Times ran a poll on the signs in 2013 and 40.3% maintained they were a waste of money.

Since 2011, police have reported three crashes that resulted in damage to the "Welcome to Fenton" signs. The signs are custom made and the city submits claims to the at-fault drivers' insurance companies to be reimbursed for damages.

In February 2021, a 54-year-old Fenton woman crashed her Ford Bronco into the Welcome to Fenton sign near Poplar Street. She had been traveling westbound on Silver Lake Road, drove straight toward the sign and missed a short pole by inches. Her airbags deployed and she sustained some lacerations and bruises. She was

taken to a local hospital.

Police said the concrete base was heavily damaged and the sign was tilted. The driver faced legal action for driving under the influence of drugs.

Michael Hart, assistant city manager and executive director of the DDA, said the DDA filed a claim with the driver's insurance company, and they paid approximately \$8,200 to reconstruct the sign. This is one of the large signs and required more work compared to the smaller signs. Hart said they've worked with Bill Carr Signs to fix "Welcome to Fenton" signs when needed.

"They've done such a great job," Hart said.

Drivers hit two small "Welcome to Fenton" signs in 2022.

On March 5 around 3 p.m., a 41-year-old Fenton resident hit a sign on S. Holly Road near

Swan Lane. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs. His red pick-up truck was damaged and impounded.

The most recent crash was Saturday, April 23. Police reported that a vehicle had pulled over with extensive front end damage near S. West Street and W. Shiawassee Avenue. A 69-year-old West Branch woman 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.

She failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. No injuries were reported.

Hart said he's currently working with the two involved insurance companies to get these signs fixed. He's waiting on pricing.

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Genesee Health System seeks grant applications

■ Coincides with May is Mental Health Month

Genesee Health System (GHS) has released an opportunity for non-profit entities to submit proposals seeking grant funding for services and programs intended to address at least one of the Mental Health Millage focus areas.

“May is Mental Health Awareness Month,” said Danis Russell, CEO of GHS. “In an effort to reach out to those in need in our community and also to recognize the importance of mental health not only in May, but every month, we wanted to reach out to our local non-profit agencies to partner with the focus of providing for our community for local needs.”

For information, go to <https://www.genhs.org/News/RFP-Opportunities>.

Questions can be directed to RFPreplies@genhs.org.

Completed applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, May 13. The 2022 Mini Grant Program funding is provided by the Genesee County Community Mental Health Millage through GHS and is designed to support programs and services for Genesee County residents. The 2022 Mini Grant Program will provide funding coinciding with seven key focus areas as identified by the Genesee County Mental Health Millage.

Projects must demonstrate impact within at least one of the following areas:

1. Law Enforcement/First Responders Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
2. Law Enforcement & Mental Health Co-response and Jail Diversion
3. Court/Corrections Mental Health Supports and Services
4. Suicide and Crisis Prevention
5. Schools: Prevention and Crisis De-escalation
6. Crisis Center/Crisis Stabilization
7. Health and Wellness for Vulnerable Populations

Awards will be announced Wednesday, May 25 and the grant period runs June 1 to Dec. 31.

Genesee Health System provides services and support to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders, with a focus on the health of the whole person.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE RISKS INVOLVED in a pipeline are substantially lower than tanker trucks and railroads, which are coincidentally owned by Warren Buffett. Follow the money to the Democrats. And less impactful to the environment overall.

TEAR DOWN JUNK art in Fenton, replace with statues of historic figures who made U.S. possible, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln. More statues, monuments honoring veterans, those who gave their lives protecting our freedoms. Would be nice to see respectful art in Fenton instead of woke interpretation.

I'M TO THE point that if you voted for Biden and continue to think he's competent and doing a good job that I want nothing to do with you. Those who voted for him are directly responsible for the mess this country is in right now.

IN RESPONSE TO TV heavily promoting biracial and same sex relations, my solution is simple — stop watching.



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is to provide the same culinary experience they know and love from the "old Frank's" with new favorites as well. Co-owner Shayne Medore said his wife, Rachel, worked at the old Frank's for 10 years and owned it for five years before it closed. All three of her boys are employed at the new restaurant. Many of the old Frank's Tavern customers are excited when they hear they can get their old favorites such as cod, haddock, fried shrimp, frog legs and more all served with the same homemade coleslaw and Famous Frank's Sauce. Don't have time to sit and eat? Call (810) 208-7297 now to place an order for take-out.



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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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MAY 15

2009: After decades of environmental damage and legal wrangling, General Electric begins its government-mandated efforts to clean the Hudson River. One of America's largest and most prestigious corporations, GE had dumped harmful chemicals into the river for years and spent a fortune trying to avoid the cleanup. GE's plants in upstate New York, dumped polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a harmful compound manufactured for GE by Monsanto, into the Hudson from 1947 to 1977. The State of New York banned fishing in the Upper Hudson in 1976 due to the pollution, and in 1984 a roughly 200-mile stretch of the river was declared a Superfund site, requiring GE to pay for the cleanup.

MAY 16

1980: Los Angeles Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson steps in for injured center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and scores 42 points, leading the Lakers to a four games-to-two series win over the Philadelphia 76ers for their first championship since 1972. In 1979, Magic had led Michigan State to the NCAA title over Larry Bird's Indiana State in the most-watched college final ever. That fall, he was drafted by the Lakers as the first overall pick. In 1980, his rookie season, the Lakers went 60-22, a 13-game improvement from their 47-35 mark the year before. That year, Abdul-Jabbar averaged 24.8 points and 10.8 rebounds per game and was named Most Valuable Player of the regular season.

MAY 17

1954: In a major civil rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down an unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* of Topeka, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional. The

historic decision, which brought an end to federal tolerance of racial segregation, specifically dealt with Linda Brown, a young African American girl who had been denied admission to her local elementary school in Topeka, Kansas, because of the color of her skin. A year later, after hearing arguments on the implementation of their ruling, the Supreme Court published guidelines requiring public school systems to integrate "with all deliberate speed."

MAY 18

1980: At 8:32 a.m. PDT, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness. Called Louwala-Clough, or "the Smoking Mountain," by Native Americans, Mount St. Helens is located in the Cascade Range and stood 9,680 feet before its eruption. The volcano has erupted periodically during the last 4,500 years, and the last active period was between 1831 and 1857. By late in the afternoon of May 18, the eruption subsided, and by early the next day it had essentially ceased. Mount St. Helens' volcanic cone was completely blasted away and replaced by a horseshoe-shaped crater — the mountain lost 1,700 feet from the eruption. The volcano produced five smaller explosive eruptions during the summer and fall of 1980 and remains active today. In 1982, Congress made Mount St. Helens a protected research area.

MAY 19

1864: President Abraham Lincoln writes to anti-slavery Congressional leader Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, proposing that widows and children of soldiers should be given equal treatment regardless of race. Lincoln shared many of his friend Sumner's views on civil rights. In an unprecedented move, Lincoln allowed a Black woman, the widow of a Black Civil War soldier, Major Lionel F. Booth, to meet with him at the White House. Mary Booth's husband had been killed at Fort Pillow, Tennessee, in April 1864 by a Confederate sniper. The massacre of African American Union forces

that followed the subsequent fall of the fort was considered one of the most brutal of the Civil War. After speaking with Mrs. Booth privately, Lincoln sat down and wrote a letter of introduction for Mrs. Booth to carry to Sumner and asked him to hear what she had to say about the hardships imposed on families of Black soldiers killed or maimed in battle.

MAY 20

1873: San Francisco businessman Levi Strauss and Reno, Nevada, tailor Jacob Davis are given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world's most famous garments: blue jeans. In San Francisco, Strauss established a wholesale dry goods business under his own name and worked as the West Coast representative of his family's firm. His new business imported clothing, fabric and other dry goods to sell in the small stores opening all over California and other Western states to supply the rapidly expanding communities of gold miners and other settlers.

By the 1920s, Levi's denim waist overalls were the top-selling men's work pant in the United States. As decades passed, the craze only grew, and now blue jeans are worn and beloved by men and women, young and old, around the world.

MAY 21

1932: Five years to the day that American aviator Charles Lindbergh became the first pilot to accomplish a solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, female aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first pilot to repeat the feat, landing her plane in Ireland after flying across the North Atlantic. Earhart traveled over 2,000 miles from Newfoundland in just under 15 hours. In 1935, she flew solo from Wheeler Field in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Oakland, California, winning a \$10,000 award. Two years later, she attempted, along with copilot Frederick J. Noonan, to fly around the world, but her plane disappeared near Howland Island in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937.

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SPORTS SCENE

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Which team will turn it around first? It's tough to tell.

Wouldn't the Pistons be the most obvious choice to do just that? They not only landed maybe the best rookie prospect in the game a year ago with Cade Cunningham, the Pistons should land another strong selection during this spring's NBA draft. But who really knows? Would it shock anyone to see the Pistons still failing to make the playoffs three years from now? Unfortunately, I could see that.

What about the Tigers? General Manager Al Avila just needs to be fired. He's been at his position since the summer of 2016, and this team is in worse shape during the Comerica Park era. Steve Yzerman hasn't done much with the Wings and let's face it, the Lions are the Lions. No one expects anything from them in their lifetime, realistically. This is a tough question to answer.

This is downright depressing. Maybe it's time to find a new hobby.

Spring Fever: Cabin Fever returns

■Presents evening of music May 19 at Fenton's community center

The Fenton Arts & Culture Commission is presenting its Spring Fever evening of music on Thursday, May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Recreation Room of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

The band performing will be Me + Joe Smith. The Detroit band describes its sound as "funky fresh soul with a folkabilly flow." There's a little bit of everything — roots, rock, reggae, country, R&B and hip hop. They rock jams by everybody from Johnny Cash to Snoop Dogg, and their own songs, too. Their shows are known to be fun and lively events that get everybody moving.

Eric Szczepanski, a member of the Fenton commission, said the group was excited to help usher back live events in the city.

"Also known as the Cabin Fever, the annual series has been a great



Joe Smith, guitar and vocals for Me + Joe Smith



Eric Wilhelm, drums for Me + Joe Smith

opportunity to invite people downtown during the winter and spring months to visit the community center for an evening of fellowship. We've had a variety of artists and bands perform since the series started in 2019," Szczepanski, who co-chairs the event, said.

The event is sponsored by the city of Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Fenton Community and Cultural Center, and by a matching grant from Share Art Genesee. Tickets are \$15 and available to purchase on

Fenton.Arts.eventbrite.com or will be available at the door. Light hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be provided.

About the City of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission

The City of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission (FACC) was established by the Fenton City Council to support the initiative and promotion of art and culture in the Fenton community.

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Linden residents to vote on mosquito millage

■Funds would pay for mosquito control for four years

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden residents will vote on a mosquito control millage rate in November.

On Monday, May 9, Linden City Council approved a resolution to establish a millage rate for mosquito control at 0.3688 mills.

If approved in November, it will raise approximately \$48,789 in the first year. The levy will last four years, 2023 through 2026.

In the past, the city has sought bids for mosquito control and has entered into contracts with Advanced Pest Management, according to a letter from

Clerk Tessa Sweeney. If the millage is approved by voters in the November general election, the cost shall be borne through the millage.

Ballot language: Shall the previously voted millage of .3688 mills (0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the provision of mosquito control services be renewed and imposed upon all taxable property in the City of Linden in the amount of 0.3688 mills (0.3859 mills as reduced by the required millage rollbacks) for 4 years, 2023 through 2026, inclusive? If the renewal millage is levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 0.3688 mills would raise approximately \$48,789 when first levied in 2023.

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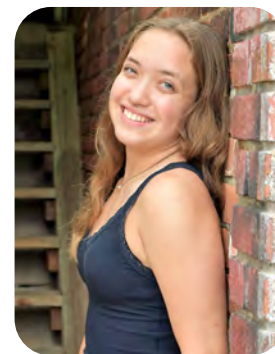
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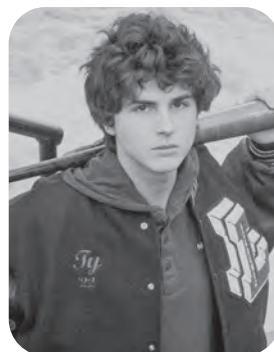
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FEE INVOICE

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services provided to Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider. Approving this request would remove the attorney client privilege and allow the board to discuss this during the public meeting.

NOCFA board member Glen Noble, who is a Rose Township trustee, cast the dissenting vote.

Scheib-Snider resigned from the NOCFA board April 18.

Lintz told the NOCFA board that he received a bill from the NOCFA attorney and it included unexpected costs that were incurred in March 2022. He said there were eight different dates listed on the invoice of phone conferences with the NOCFA attorney.

One of those eight phone conferences, on March 11, between the Holly Township attorney and the NOCFA attorney, had approval. The other seven phone conference charges did not have board approval. Lintz said the invoice showed Scheib-Snider had contacted the attorney seven times in March on her own and without the knowledge of the board.

During the March 9 Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting, Scheib-Snider admitted that she might be trying to fire the fire chief.

The invoice totaled \$1,662 and the one approved phone conference was \$332. Lintz said Scheib-Snider's portion would be the other charges.

"Does she not care where this money comes from," asked Lintz. "Did we not learn our lesson? She went behind the board's back. This is absurd.

"No other members know and we are expected to pay for it?"

Lintz said he wanted to let the board and the public know what was going on.

NOCFA Board Chair George Kullis, representing Holly Township, acknowledged the \$332 charge was the responsibility of the NOCFA board. He asked that Lintz send a letter to the attorney requesting that the other charges be redirected to Scheib-Snider for payment.

When asked Wednesday, May 11 about the invoice Lintz received, Scheib-Snider said, "I was serving as a NOCFA board member and I had every right to speak with the NOCFA attorney. As a past NOCFA board member, my conversation with the NOCFA attorney was and is still attorney client privileged."

BRICK WALL

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The woman was given citations for failing to stop and identify for a crash, failing to stop in a safe and assured distance and for being a minor in possession of alcohol. According to the police report, the woman told the officer that she had been drinking at a party in Fenton.

In February 2006, a 42-year-old Montrose resident driving into

Linden was traveling too fast and lost control of his pickup truck. The truck rolled and it struck the large brick wall. The accident caused extensive damage to the wall and the truck. The driver was not injured or ticketed.

In January 2004, after a 4-inch snowfall, a Genesee County Road Commission truck slid off icy Silver Lake Road and crashed into a brick wall on city of Linden property. The wall needed repairs.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **YOUR OBSERVATION OF** movies, sitcoms and TV shows pushing bi-racial and homosexual couples is spot on. It's called indoctrination and is a deliberate attempt by woke, progressive extremists to push their views upon society.

■■■■ **WHETHER YOU ARE** A Republican, Democrat or Independent, maybe you are like me, I just cannot comprehend how people can believe the lies those politicians tell even when confronted with their own words in a video or recording.

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Box City inspires kids to create a town



■ Students learn about government and city matters

By Hannah Ball

Linden — City plans include an outdoor water park, a “Soup and Crackers” restaurant, a tall water tower, a doggie daycare and other municipal amenities created out of shoe boxes, construction paper and markers.

Linden City officials conferred with their youngest focus group to date — second grade students at Hyatt Elementary — for the Box City program.

A few weeks prior, Councilor Ray Culbert and City Manager Ellen Glass visited students at school and talked to them about the different types of buildings found in cities and towns, such as a police department, housing, banks, parks and other utilities and structures.

The students constructed these buildings out of cardboard and colorful construction paper. They unveiled their work on Wednesday, May 11.

Students told Culbert and Glass that they got to use their imagination and working together helped them accomplish their goals.

After one student said they learned about how cities grow, Culbert said. “That’s important about cities. You can make them grow and change.”

“I learned nothing’s impossible,” one student said. Hyatt teacher Elizabeth Clarke organizes the event.

“The students loved working on our Box City activity. Students always look forward to this cooperative group activity and it’s one of the highlights of their second grade experience,” she said.

Parents were invited to see their work.

“Box City is a hands-on interdisciplinary experience in community planning and design. Our lessons are based on our second grade social studies curriculum units that center around community: What is a community? Where is my community and what is it like there?” Clarke said. “Our students learn to value the built environment while improving their problem-solving and social skills.”

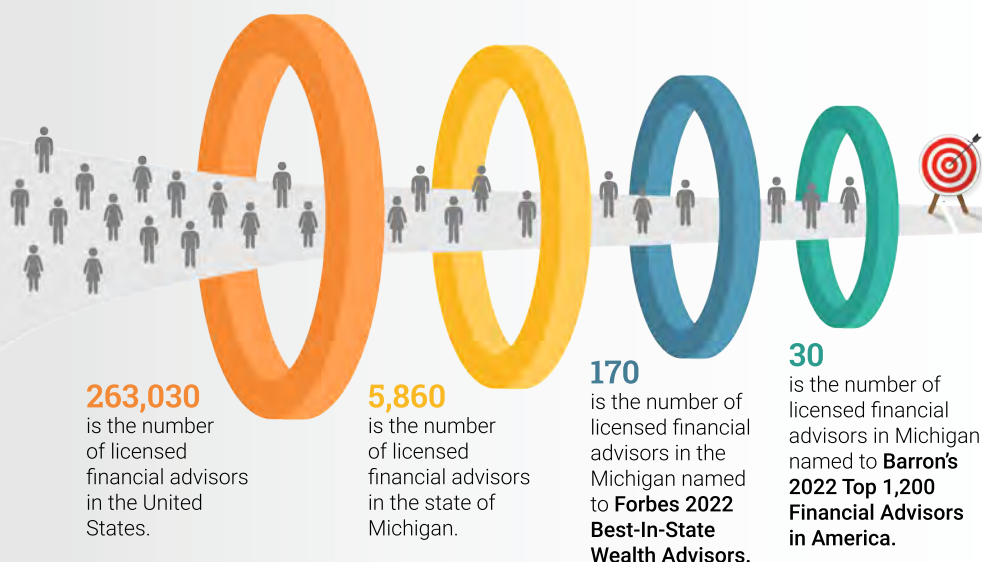
In total, students constructed 33 buildings.

“I am always in awe of how creative and forward thinking the children are when working to create a community for everyone. They have wonderful ideas and they are big thinkers. The students have their own opinions and can teach us a lot about what a community of the future needs,” she said.

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Holly Area Veterans Resource Center

■ May newsletter filled with numerous updates, information for veterans and their families

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Area Veterans Resource Center (HAVRC) released its May newsletter, written by Joe Mishler, to update residents about what the center has been doing and what it has to offer area veterans.

Monday, May 30 is Memorial Day. There will be a parade from downtown Holly beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the service at Lakeside Cemetery and a dinner at the American Legion Hall. HAVRC members ask that everyone show their American flag to help honor our heroes.

If you are a veteran or a family member with an issue or question, call the HAVRC and members will do their best to help. The center is a 501 (c)3 organization and is not part of the Veterans Administration or other veterans organizations. The HAVRC operates solely on donations. A recent bottle and can drive netted the veterans' center nearly \$2,000.

The HAVRC is located at the Karl Richter Campus and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Enter through the village entrance on the west side of the building.

When open, guests are welcome to stop by and chat or to seek assistance. The HAVRC has a large military and history library containing books, DVDs and more.

Bruce Freemark is a Service Officer for the Vietnam Veterans of America. He works out of the office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. He is a certified service officer with considerable experience. Call him at (810) 623-8002 or email him at bruce2000@gmail.com.

The Oakland County Veterans

Affairs Office has a certified service officer who is at the center on the second Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended. Call (248) 858-0415 to make an appointment.

If you plan to see a service officer, bring your discharge paper and bring notes of what you'd like to talk about.

If you are denied by the VA, bring in the documents and HAVRC staff will help you sort things out as will the service officers.

The HAVRC holds a Vet-to-Vet program on the third Monday of the month. The next Vet-to-Vet is tomorrow, Monday, May 16. It is free to veterans and their families. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. You can bring a dish to pass if you'd like.

The HAVRC is holding a Hot Rods & Hot Dogs Car Show on July 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Karl Richter Campus. Get your classic car ready. Contact Freemark at the above phone number for information.

The HAVRC supports the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall, which will be in Holly Aug. 3 through 8. The Wall will be on the Karl Richter Campus property, west of East Street. The American Legion Post 149 is sponsoring the project. A fundraiser on May 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. is scheduled at the Moose Club of Holly.

The Hometown Heroes Project is moving along well. The committee is planning to create a metal sculpture to be placed in Crapo Park. If you know of someone going into the service or someone leaving the service, call Mike Patterson at (248) 535-5460 to let them know.

The HAVRC accepts clothing donations of coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

To reach Mishler, call (810) 348-9960.

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THE LIBERALS ARE going absolutely nuts. Overturning Roe v Wade will mean that the federal government will no longer have any business in your bedroom. It means that the states, and only the states, will determine the legality of abortion. It is more liberal panic seeding.

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BIDEN STATES 'ULTRA MAGAs' have control of Republican Party. Seriously? We know who has control of Democrat party — woke, leftist Progressives destroying U.S. with unrealistic ideology 'Green' agenda the country isn't ready for. Inflation, high gas prices, shortages, wrong decision after wrong decision by Democrats.

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It's official: EPA issues emergency waiver for summer-time E15 sales

LANSING — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has formally issued an emergency fuel waiver to allow E15 gasoline — gasoline that uses a 15% ethanol blend — to be sold during the summer driving season, effective immediately.

According to EPA, the emergency waiver is meant to counteract Russia's war against Ukraine and the profound impact on global and domestic energy markets. EPA and the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) have been actively monitoring market supply disruptions caused by Russia's war in Ukraine.

EPA's emergency fuel waiver went into effect May 1 when terminal operators would otherwise no longer be able to sell E15 in the effected regions of the country and will last for the statutory maximum of 20 days, according to Michigan Farm Bureau Industry Relations Specialist Theresa Sisung.

"EPA will continue to monitor the supply with industry and federal partners and is expected to issue new waivers — effectively extending the emergency fuel waiver until such time as the extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances due to the war in Ukraine are no longer present," Sisung said.

The Clean Air Act allows the EPA Administrator, in consultation with DOE, to temporarily waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages. As required by law, EPA and DOE evaluated the situation and determined that granting the waiver was in the public interest.

"As a result of the war in Ukraine, EPA determined that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist and granted the temporary waiver to help ensure that an adequate supply of gasoline is available," Sisung said.

Without the emergency waiver, E15 cannot be sold from terminals starting May 1 and at retail stations starting June 1 in roughly two-thirds of the country.

EPA is providing relief by extending the 1-psi Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver that currently applies to E10 gasoline to E15, which will enable E15 sales throughout the summer driving season in these areas, if necessary.

This action extends the 1-psi waiver to E15 in parts of the country where it already exists for E10. E15 can already be sold year-round in parts of the country that have a Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) program.

Because the RVP of E10 and E15 gasoline used by consumers will be the same (both will be 1 psi higher than otherwise required by EPA or state regulations), EPA does not expect any impact on air quality from this limited action.

"EPA's research has shown no significant impact on evaporative emissions when the 1-psi waiver is extended to E15," Sisung said. "With no significant impacts on emissions from cars and trucks, we expect consumers can continue to use E15 without concern that its use in the summer will impact air quality."

National Corn Grower Association President Chris Edgington said the waiver will ensure drivers have access to lower-cost, lower-emissions E15.

"We also agree with EPA's assessment that treating E15 the same as regular fuel in the market maintains air quality," said Edgington, predicting the waiver will help increase the fuel supply by relying on more domestic biofuels and reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

According to NCGA, E15 has a lower RVP than E10 and, therefore, results in lower evaporative emissions, the goal of RVP regulation. Blending more ethanol to make E15 displaces and dilutes the most toxic aromatic hydrocarbon components in gasoline, and results in 44% to 52% fewer greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions than gasoline.

Ethanol has been priced an average of 80 cents less per gallon than unblended gasoline at wholesale through March, and drivers currently save up to 20 cents or more per gallon with E15.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

Michigan farms generate \$555M through direct sales, rank 4th nationally

LANSING — Michigan farmers sold \$555 million of food locally through direct marketing practices in 2020, according to newly-released data from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

That's the fourth-highest total nationally, trailing only California (\$1.4 billion), Pennsylvania (\$600 million), and New York (\$584 million). Michigan accounted for 6% of all U.S. direct food sales.

More than 147,000 U.S. farms sold food locally through direct marketing practices, resulting in \$9 billion in revenue in 2020, as detailed in the Local Food Marketing Practices Survey. The data covers both fresh and value-added foods, such as meat and cheese.

Direct marketing practices covered in the NASS report include selling directly to consumers, retail, institutions or an intermediate. Most farms that sold directly to consumers sold through outlets such as on-farm stores.

Nationally, direct-to-consumers sales were the most popular form of direct marketing, with 77% utilizing direct-to-consumer marketing practices. However, direct-to-consumer sales only accounted for 33% of all direct marketing sales. 78% of farms sold their direct-to-market produce exclusively within 100 miles of the farm, while an additional 19% sold partially within and beyond 100 miles.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

USDA adds \$263M to avian influenza response funds

LANSING — The fight against highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is getting a massive boost of USDA dollars as the number of affected birds continues to grow.

\$263 million is being transferred from the Commodity Credit Corporation to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to continue "critical rapid response activities."

APHIS is working with animal health officials in 29 states — including Michigan — to quickly identify and address HPAI cases. More than 33 million domestic birds have been culled in response to outbreaks this year.

The latest infusion of cash follows \$130 million in emergency funding provided to APHIS in mid-March. These funds have been used to address indemnity, diagnostics, field activities, and other emergency response costs.

USDA spent close to \$900 million responding to the last HPAI outbreak in 2015 — most of it on biosecurity, according to a Congressional Research Service report — but that also included \$190 million in indemnity payments to producers.

Outbreaks growing

There have been seven outbreaks of HPAI in Michigan since Feb. 24, 2022. Six were detected in backyard flocks, and one in a domesticated parrot in Washtenaw County. To date, Michigan has not reported cases of HPAI in commercial flocks.

According to a new AFBF Market Intel report, there were 235 detections of HPAI in domesticated flocks between Feb. 8 and April 23, 2022, and 156 outbreaks in commercial flocks. Turkeys continue to be the hardest hit, accounting for nearly half of all HPAI detections in domesticated flocks.

Based on detections in commercial flocks, 104 of the 156 total detections have occurred in three states. Minnesota and South Dakota lead the pack with 54 and 35 detections, respectively, primarily in turkey flocks. Iowa has had 15 detections, primarily in turkeys and laying hens.

Be alert

State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland said no matter how many birds, or what types of birds someone owns, now is the time to protect them.

More information on avian influenza and how to protect flocks through biosecurity measures can be found on the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's website.

Poultry owners and caretakers should watch for unusual deaths, a drop in egg production, a significant decrease in water consumption, or an increase in sick birds. If avian influenza is suspected, contact MDARD immediately at 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours).

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NOCFA Firefighters Association to be listed on NOCFA board agenda

During a special meeting Monday, May 9, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors voted 4-0 to approve a request from the NOCFA Firefighters Association to be added to the monthly agendas under reports. Initially, NOCFA board member Paul Gambka asked why outside boards would be allowed to give a report to the NOCFA board. NOCFA board member Glen Noble said if the firefighters association is allowed to give a report then the recently formed union should have the option of providing a report. The board ultimately agreed to allow the firefighters association, comprised of part-time, paid on-call firefighters, as well as the union, comprised of seven full-time firefighters to be listed on the agenda under reports.

Michigan Army National Guard soldiers to deploy

■ Operation Spartan Shield expected to last up to one year in Middle East

On May 7, approximately 150 soldiers assigned to the Michigan Army National Guard 1436th Engineer Company (EN CO), based in Montague, gathered with their families and invited guests at Montague High School as they prepared to depart for their deployment to the Middle East.

“The Michigan National Guard maintains a high level of readiness, continuously prepared to deploy and serve our nation’s interests at a moment’s notice,” said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. “These soldiers serve with an unrelenting dedication to their mission and we, in turn, must continue to make sure their families feel supported during their time away from home.”

“Our Michigan National Guard Family Programs Office is vital to

the success of our soldiers as they deploy overseas in support of U.S. Central Command,” said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Lawrence E. Schloegl, assistant adjutant general and deputy director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. “Through outreach, programming and the strength of our communities, we will support these families as they support their loved ones serving our nation.”

This will be the third deployment for the 1436 EN CO, known by their slogan, ‘Show the path, lead the way.’ The unit’s last deployment was September 2010 to Kuwait with missions into Iraq. The soldiers are anticipated to be deployed for up to a year.

“We will be operating under Operation Spartan Shield and our mission is to conduct general construction operations throughout the area,” said U.S. Army Capt. Kevin Robinson, commander of the

1436th EN CO. “Our soldiers will be constructing parking lots, hangars, housing and other necessary military construction while in theater.”

The Michigan National Guard Family Programs Office provides support and care for service members and families of the Michigan National Guard while enhancing the readiness and well-being of their military families through information, education, programs and resources. They may be reached at 1-888-MICH-FAM.

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Fenton boys track earns a co-Metro Stripes title at meet

By David Troppens

Goodrich — For the fifth straight season, the Fenton varsity boys track team is taking home at least a part of the Flint Metro League championship.

The Tigers earned a share of the Flint Metro League Stripes Division after earning a second-place finish at the Flint Metro League Meet held at Goodrich High School on Wednesday.

Swartz Creek won the meet, while the Tigers finished the dual portion of the season undefeated. With both events representing 50 percent of the league season, that meant the two squads shared the overall

Stripes Division crown. The Tigers won the league crown in 2017 and 2019 and the co-league title with Flushing in 2018. The Tigers won the Stripes

Division last season as well as capturing the D1 state championship. See **FENTON** on 26

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Ella Cox hands the baton to Sophia Resa during the Metro League meet. Photo: David Troppens

Lady Tigers earn co-title with Eagles

By David Troppens

Goodrich — The Fenton varsity girls track team are Flint Metro League or FML Stars Division champions for the sixth straight season.

This season, the Tigers had to share it with their area rivals, Linden.

Fenton defeated the Eagles during the dual portion of the season, but Linden won the FML Stripes Division meet, 159-145, creating the co-title.

Fenton won the FML crown outright in 2016 and 2017, and shared it with Flushing in 2018. In 2019, the Tigers won it outright and in 2021 they were the Stripes Division champions with Flushing. In 2020 there wasn't a track season due to COVID.

"With the small number of girls I have this year, I was very impressed with the girls' performance," Fenton varsity girls coach Ben Cox said. "It is always our goal to beat our rival, but in my eight years at Linden, it hasn't been the most competitive rivalry. We have inched our way closer the past few years, and it all came together at the right time this year. It feels good to get that monkey off our back and hopefully we can keep the rivalry competitive on both sides for years to come."

By David Troppens

Goodrich — It has been since 2003 that the Linden varsity girls track and field team has won a Flint Metro League crown.

Well, that was true at least until Wednesday night.

The Eagles captured first place in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division portion of the league meet at Goodrich and earned a share of the overall Stripes Division title with the now six-straight league/division champion Fenton Tigers.

Fenton won the dual meet between the two teams, which meant the Eagles had to finish first at Tuesday's event to assure at least a co-title. They did that by earning Stripes Division event championships in five events and earning individual top-four finishes 15 times.

"This win is huge for the program," Linden varsity girls track and field coach Ben Cox

said. "It is always our goal to beat our rival, but in my eight years at Linden, it hasn't been the most competitive rivalry. We have inched our way closer the past few years, and it all came together at the right time this year. It feels good to get that monkey off our back and hopefully we can keep the rivalry competitive on both sides for years to come."

Victoria Osmond had an outstanding event, earning firsts in the 100 (12.75) and the 200 (26.22) each time narrowly edging out her teammate Lauren Goodman. Goodman finished second in the 100 (12.80) and the 200 (26.32) while earning the top



Linden's Lauren Goodman (far left), Victoria Osmond (middle left), Hannah Wasilewski (center back) and Fenton's Randi Foor (right) each finished in the top four positions of the 100 in the Metro League meet's Stripes Division on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

spot in the 400 (1:02.66). The final individual event first was in the 100 hurdles where Reagan Acox won (17.51). The final track first came in a relay.

The 400 relay team of Goodman, Hannah Wasilewski, Isabella Sigsby and Osmond won in a time of 50.46.

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Holly softball sneaks closer to a Stripes Division title

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity softball team is just two victories away from earning an outright Flint Metro League Stripes Division title.

The Bronchos put themselves in that position with two doubleheader sweeps against Swartz Creek on Monday and Thursday.

Holly won Thursday's games by scores of 11-2 and 5-3. The Bronchos won both games on Monday by earning an 11-1 win and an 18-8 victory.

The Bronchos are 16-2 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division with the two contests remaining against Fenton on Monday. The Linden Eagles finished the Stripes Di-

vision with a 17-3 record. If the Bronchos win one game against Fenton, Holly and Linden will tie for the division title. If the Bronchos win both games, they'll win the championship outright. If Fenton wins both games, the Linden Eagles will be outright champions. Fenton are 13-5, but can't earn See **HOLLY** on 27



Justin Miller won the high jump against the Stripes Division opponents. Photo: David Troppens

Wolves repeat as Flint Metro League champions

By David Troppens

The Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse teams are Metro League champions.

The Wolves earned the title by capturing an 18-5 victory against Swartz Creek Tuesday.

The Wolves finished the Metro season with a 4-2 mark, meaning no one can catch them in the league title race. Only Brandon/Holly can tie them, for at least a co-champion.

"I am proud of the resiliency presented by this group of young men," Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse coach Steve James said. "We have fought through a lot of injuries this season and we played competitive lacrosse the entire time with a tough schedule. I love the way they fought back and were able to win the league title



The Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse team celebrate just moments after winning the Flint Metro League championship for the second straight season.

for the second consecutive year.

"We have a great group of coaches and incredible support from our community. It's fun to celebrate these moments, and we are looking forward to a very bright future."

The Linden/Fenton squad had the contest locked up by the end of the first quarter. The Wolves scored seven first-quarter goals, or two more than Swartz Creek scored the entire contest.

Mitchel Luck and Brady

James had strong offensive games with each scoring five goals. Rykerson Wright and Max Ciesielski had three goals each while Hougan Vaughn had two goals.

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Other individual top-four efforts were earned by six other Eagles. Katelynrose Birchmeier was second in the 100 hurdles (18.28) and the 300 hurdles (53.15) while Alyson Kelly was second in the 1,600 (5:41.06) and fourth in the 800 (2:38.83). Julia Wagner was third in the 300 hurdles (54.13) while Colleen Blackwood was fourth in the discus (83-1) and Chloe Josephson was fourth in the 3,200 (13:20.60).

The 3,200 relay team of Reagan Brooks, Madelyn Strauss, Josephson and Stellah Strauss finished second (10:55.75).

"The key to the win was that every single person on the team showed up and did their job as good or better than expected," Cox said.

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Holly track, Linden boys track earns strong efforts at Metro meet

By David Troppens

Goodrich — The Linden varsity boys track team came painfully close to clipping their area rivals, Fenton, out of the second-place spot at the FML track meet on Wednesday.

If the Eagles did, the Tigers would've left without a co-league crown. However, the Eagles had to settle for third (96 points) at the meet held at Goodrich, while the Holly boys placed fourth (67) and the

Holly girls took sixth (12) in Stripes division activity.

Both boys squads earned their share of event championships. Holly won five while Linden earned four.

Holly's Jaden Simmons was on the elite athletes at the meet, earning a first in the 100 (10.81) and the 200 (22.56). He also helped the 800 relay team of Noah Cycholl, Jake DeVray, Marcus Mitchell and himself to a first-place finish (1:31.87).

Other firsts were earned by Mitchell in the 110 hurdles (16.66) and Wilson Tschirhart in the pole vault (13-foot-0).

Linden's Kyle Eberhard had an outstanding meet, taking firsts in four events — the 400 (51.12), the 800 (2:00.46), the

1,600 (4:27.61) and the 3,200 (9:53.49).

Who followed Eberhard in second place in each of those events? Why it was teammate River Mecksroth who posted times of 53.06 in the 400, 2:01.87 in the 800, 4:28.20 in the 1,600 and 5:55.49 in the 3,200. The only other individual top-four effort by a Linden male athlete was Hayden Bradfield placing third in the 800 (2:04.52).

Holly's men had another relay place second. the 400 relay of Cycholl, DeVray, Mitchell and Simmons earned it in 44.03.

The Holly girls saw Annabelle Basham place third in the high jump (4-1) and fourth in the pole vault (7-0).



Holly's Marcus Mitchell hands off the baton to teammate Jaden Simmons. Simmons won the 100 and 200 while Mitchell won the 110 hurdles. Photo: David Troppens

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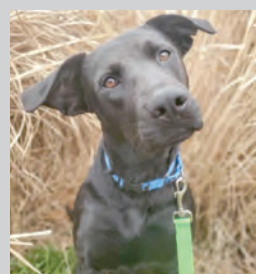
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Celeste Valencia (right) and goalie Sophia Chambers (left) play defense against a Swartz Creek opponent. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton/Linden Heat earn share of Metro crown

By David Troppens

Fenton — It wasn't the way the Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team wanted to see the Metro season end, but the final result was still good.

The Heat competed against the Swartz Creek Dragons for the Flint Metro League title on Tuesday, and the Dragons jumped to a 7-1 halftime lead, eventually earning 12-9 victory.

Still, the Heat had something to celebrate. Even with the loss, the Fenton/Linden co-op remained co-league champions, earning the crown they've

won every season since 2016 (minus 2020 due to the COVID pandemic).

Jordyn Bliss was one of six four-year seniors that experienced three titles.

"It means quite a bit, especially after having a bit of a scare about getting a coach so late into the season. That was a big deal," Bliss said. "A big question we had was are going to win Metro. It's been our title for so long. While we didn't have a great game, we tied for the title, so that's better than nothing."

The Heat (9-2 overall) have domi-

nated the league and never lost a league game until Tuesday night. Fenton/Linden won the first game against Swartz Creek 10-6, but it was apparent from the start that the Dragons wanted a share of that crown and revenge for the first contest.

The Dragons jumped to a 7-1 half-time lead. The Heat (5-1 in league play) played a much better second half, and cut the deficit to just two goals with 2:12 left, but the Dragons were able to hold off the Heat and earn the win.

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Lake Fenton baseball sweeps Blackhawks

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team has been tearing the Flint Metro League Stars Division apart this spring.

That was until the Blue Devils faced off against Goodrich a week ago. Lake

Fenton lost all three of those contests. However, the Blue Devils have proven they are certainly the No. 2 squad in the division, and are proving it again by defeating the Brandon Blackhawks on

Lake Fenton softball splits twinbill vs. Brandon

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team and Brandon Blackhawks are in a battle for third place in the Stars Division.

The two teams didn't settle too much on Monday as the squads split a double-header. Lake Fenton lost the opening game 4-1, but then cruised to a 16-6 victory in the second game.

In the nightcap, the Blue Devils scored five runs in the second, six in the third and four in the fourth, earning the win.

Three Blue Devils hit home runs. Addison Fitzgerald hit a two-run shot in the second, while Camryn McMillan hit a two-run blast in the third. Caleigh Macneill hit a two-run shot in the fourth.

Brandon/Holly girls lacrosse defeats Flushing

The Brandon/Holly varsity girls lacrosse team captured its second Metro League victory of the season, crushing the Flushing Raiders 14-6 on Tuesday.

Kota Pinson had an outstanding game, scoring a game-high six goals. That was enough goals to tie the Raiders herself.

Holly baseball drops DH against Swartz Creek

The Holly baseball team earned a little more offense than the Bronchos have in most contests this season, but still lost a pair of games to the Swartz Creek Drag-

ons on Monday. Holly lost 10-2 and 9-7. In the nightcap, the Bronchos collected 15 hits, and led at one time 5-2 after a three-run third.

PREP REPORT

BOYS GOLF

► Lake Fenton 201, Owosso 234:

Owosso's Jon Mazza earned medalist honors with a 46 at the Coyote Preserve, but the Blue Devils had each of the next six best scores to earn the win. Mason Stuve shot a 48 for Lake Fenton while Waylon Dorenzo, Ryan Pribble and Julian Ijames had 51s.

GIRLS SOCCER

► Flushing 4, Holly 0; Brandon 3, Holly 0:

Flushing scored two goals in each half to earn the first win. The Bronchos were shutout again against the Blackhawks as well.

► **Fenton 0, Goodrich 0:** The Tigers finished in a scoreless tie with their Metro foes.

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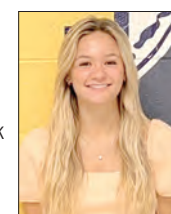
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ionship as well. The 2020 season was canceled due to COVID.

“Congratulations to Swartz Creek for a very impressive day,” Fenton varsity boys track and field coach Anthony McMillan said. “It really does mean a lot to us to continue this streak which is now at five consecutive league titles. It says a great deal about our program as a whole being able to lose guys of the talent we did a year ago. And for being so young for the most part, it’s nice to know that we can be so young and still win the league. It goes to show that it isn’t always about the top guys all of the time. It’s about the team as a whole and how it all works together.”

That was the case for the Tigers this season. Fenton won four league event championships out of the 17 events at the meet, but their depth was able to ride them into a second-place finish at the meet with

97.5 points, just 1.5 points ahead of third-place Linden. So every single point the Tigers collected was vital in terms of staying in second and assuring the co-title.

Swartz Creek scored 151.5 team points at the meet. Fenton opened Flint Metro League Stripes Division duals against Swartz Creek on April 12 with an 81-56 victory, assuring the co-league crown between the schools.

Justin Miller took home two Stripes Division firsts. He won the long jump (20-foot-7 1/2) and also took the top spot in the high jump (6-4). Gavin Stuber earned an individual event first as well, winning the 300 hurdles (40.81). Finally, the 1,600 relay team of Evan Koch, Stuber, Benjamin Grob and Patrick Hamilton (3:34.46) also earned a first.

The Tigers had five other individuals earn top-four event efforts.

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LF track teams finish fourth at Metro meet

By David Troppens

Goodrich — The Lake Fenton varsity track teams each finished with fourth-place Flint Metro League Stars Division efforts at the FML meet at Goodrich High School Wednesday, but both squads had their share of quality performances.

The Lake Fenton girls had a relay finish with a league title while Francis Senter won an event first as well.

Senter took his title in the high jump, earning first with a leap of 6-foot-4. He edged out Fenton’s Justin Miller for the top overall spot in the league. Miller also cleared 6-4, but took two attempts versus Senter’s one at that height. Both missed all three attempts at 6-5.

The Lake Fenton girls saw their 400 relay team of Lonna Perna, Camryn Morton, Alexa Murray and Luciana Kamischke earn a first with a time of 53.86.



Lake Fenton’s Francis Senter won the high jump competition at the Flint Metro League Meet with a leap of 6-foot-5. Photo: David Troppens

The Lake Fenton boys and girls has six more individual top-four finishes each.

The others for the boys were Nolan Pinion, second in the 3,200 (9:59.07) and fourth in the 1,600 (4:38.85); Malte Vollmers, second in the 200 (23.31); Wyatt Marsh, fourth in the 400 (54.30); Abraham Beadner, fourth in the 300 hurdles (45.39); and Cole-

son Lessner, third in the high jump (6-0).

The others for the girls were Bella DeBoe, second in the 300 hurdles (52.13) and third in the high jump (4-10); Claire Hunt, second in the 1,600 (5:41.86) and third in the 3,200 (12:41.02); Kamischke, third in the 100 hurdles (18.49); and Perna, fourth in the 200 (27.88).



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Fenton tennis remains perfect in Metro

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls tennis team is climbing to the top of the Flint Metro League standings.

The Tigers (8-0 in the Flint Metro League) are the only remaining undefeated and untied team in league play, and have recently earned a handful of key victories, defeating area rival Holly 6-2 in a dual on Monday and Flushing 7-1 in another dual on Tuesday. The squad wrapped up the week with an 8-0 victory against Goodrich.

Against Holly, the Tigers won three of the singles and doubles flights. In singles action, Fenton's Makenna Fisher (No. 2), Laney O'Brien (No. 3) and Haley O'Brien (No. 4) earned victories. Mary Grace McAninch gave Fisher a strong battle at No. 2 singles, winning the first set 7-6(7), but Fisher rebounded to win the next two sets 6-2, 6-3. Laney O'Brien won her match 6-0, 6-0

while Haley O'Brien won when Holly retired the match, already losing by a sizable margin.

In doubles flights, only one match went to three sets. Fenton's Katelyn Burkett and Kayleigh Curnburn edged out Holly's Daisy Braid and Stella Fairless by a 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(7) score. The other two wins were a little easier, in straight sets Peyton Graham and Kiersten Lappa (No. 1 doubles) defeated Holly's Bella Smith and Kendall Stilwell in straight sets while Sana Saab and Ellie Murray (No. 3) earned a 7-5, 6-3 victory for Fenton as well.

Holly enjoyed two victories. Calli Sokolowski continued her strong season, by earning a 6-0, 6-0 straight set win at No. 1 singles, while Holly's No. 2 doubles team of Makena McGee and Anneliese Thisse won a tight match against Fenton's Alyssa Andrews and Josie Cherney 6-4, 6-4.

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Linden soccer gets closer to league title, beats Kearsley

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity soccer team is two games away from repeating as outright Flint Metro League champions.

The Eagles cut that number to two contests by defeating the Kearsley Hornets 9-1 on Wednesday. Linden (8-0-1 in the Metro League) entered the weekend tied with the Lake Fenton Blue Devils (8-1-1), but the Eagles have played one less game, which means they still

hold control of their own destiny for the league crown. Flushing (8-1-0) also hold control of their own destiny. Metro action ends this week with Linden traveling to Coruna (Monday) and Flushing (Wednesday), while Lake Fenton travels to Kearsley on Monday. Flushing also hosts Fenton on Monday. If Linden wins out, the Eagles would earn 31 points. Flushing can max out at 30 points while Lake Fenton can max out at only 28 points

since the Blue Devils have only one game left in league play.

Against Kearsley, the Eagles were the expected favorite, and played like it. Linden dominated the contest with six different players scoring goals. Allison Maienbrook had a huge three-goal hat trick while Maddie Dewhirst scored a two-goal brace. Hannah Wasilewski, Shey Barkholz, Emily McKissic and Ava Skinner had a goal each.

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LF soccer posts strong 1-0 victory vs. Clio Mustangs

By David Troppens

It's going to be tough for the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team to end the season as Flint Metro League champions.

However, as the season comes to a close, the Blue Devils are playing like a team that could've been a league champ.

Lake Fenton opened the week with a 3-1 victory at Fen-

ton on Monday. The Blue Devils ended it by defeating Metro League contenders Clio in a 1-0 road victory on Wednesday.

The win places Lake Fenton (8-1-1) atop the league standings with Linden (8-0-1) with 25 points. However, with just one more week of games remaining, the Blue Devils are going to need massive help

to win a league crown. That's because Linden and Flushing have played one less game each and each can still win outright league crowns by winning each of their final two games.

"We battled for wins all this week," Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Evan Ghoujehgi said.

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Holly girls soccer collects two recent Metro victories

The Holly varsity girls tennis team has earned two key Flint Metro League victories this week, defeating Brandon 7-1 and Goodrich 7-0.

Against Brandon, Cali Sokolowski (No. 1), Mary Grace McAninch (No. 2) and Paige Vogel (No. 4) earned singles wins. The only loss in singles action was a tight 6-2, 5-7, 10-6 loss by Eva Beckett at the No. 3 flight.

In doubles action, the Bronchos won all four

flights in straight sets. The winning teams were Bella Smith and Kendall Stilwell (No. 1), Makena McGee and Anneliese Thisse (No. 2), Kaitlyn Allison and Emily Sorter (No. 3), and Daisy Braid and Stella Fairless (No. 4).

Against Goodrich, Sokolowski (No. 1), McAninch (No. 2), Fairless (No. 3) and Beckett (No. 4) earned straight set wins.

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the title even with a sweep. However, the Tigers would get some great redemption from a rival that swept them earlier this season.

During Tuesday's first game, Holly's Delaney Jenkinson hit a two-run home run in the Bronchos' three-run first and the squad never trailed. Later, Jenkinson added an RBI-double in the four-run fifth. Autumn

Lewis also had an RBI-double during the four-run fourth while Jenna Wiley had an RBI-single.

Rylee Parks chipped in a two-run home run in the fifth, setting up the mercy rule victory after six innings. Parks also had an RBI-single in the first. Maggie Boehm earned the victory on the mound.



Rylie Parks hit a two-run home run against Swartz Creek. Photo: David Troppens

In the second contest, a seven-run sixth by Holly blew the game open. The big shot was a three-run home run by Nora Kreft. The Dragons walked Jenkinson five times but it didn't work since Boehm hit a three-run double, two RBI-singles and a two-run single after those walks.

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Linden baseball stings Hornets

The Linden varsity baseball team saw its chances of capturing a Flint Metro League Stripes Division title end awhile ago.

But the Eagles can still finish the division season with a pretty strong performance.

The Eagles improved to 9-5 in division play by sweeping Kearsley on Monday. Linden won the first game 12-3, and then won the second 13-3.

The Eagles blew the open-

ing game open in the first inning with five runs. They did so without the aid of a hit, walking five times and taking advantage of three Hornets' errors. Linden also scored two runs in the second, one in the fourth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Zach Hemphill collected the biggest hit of the game — a solo shot home run in the seventh inning.

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track coach Melanie Hall said. "The girls competed against a tough Linden team, which helped us to run some personal best times. We had 16 personal best performances. Everyone worked together to help us win the co-championship."

The Tigers enjoyed four event Stripes titles and had 15

individual event top four efforts. Three athletes won individual titles. They were Taylor Huntoon in the 800 (2:20.70), Isabella Henson in the long jump (16-0 1/2) and Victoria Henson in the high jump (5-0). The 800 relay team of Emma Dubie, Sophie Crane, Isabella Henson and Randi Foor also won their race (1:48.28).

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Turkey time triple slam



Justin Peterson (left), Scott Caré and Colton Caré were hunting in Holly on Saturday, April 30 when they shot these turkeys. All three birds came into their decoys together. Each hunter picked out a bird and shot at the same time. Scott Caré said it was a “Dream hunt!” Colton and Scott Caré are from Fenton Township. Peterson is a former Lake Fenton resident who now resides in Clio.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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House Bill 5765: Allow ‘double dipping’ for corrections pensioners
To allow “retired” state prison employees to collect a pension while also getting paid to do corrections work. This authorization would expire two years after the bill becomes law.
Passed 101 to 3 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 5569: Authorize spending more on state road patrol subsidies
To revise the “maintenance of effort” spending requirement that comes with counties accepting the privilege of having their own sheriff’s road patrols augmented with State Police “secondary road patrols” at no charge. This refers to a requirement that counties use this subsidy to permit a net-increase in patrols rather than substitute patrols paid for by state taxpayers for ones provided by county taxpayers. The bill would add some minor exceptions in some instances.
Passed 101 to 1 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4256: Let service dog trainers bring animals into public facilities
To revise a law that requires facilities open to the public (“public accommodations”) to permit the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, so that it also requires them to allow trainers to use the facility to train or socialize a service animal.
Passed 34 to 4 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) NO
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 4705: Record licensing board hearings
To require audio recordings be made and retained for one year of public meetings of a state licensing board, a state commission panel, or other state boards with rule-making authority.

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Passed 33 to 5 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 4252: Increase certain state payments to railroad companies
To increase the subsidies the state gives to railroad companies each year to maintain their active traffic control devices, circuitry, and appurtenances at rail grade crossings. Also, to increase the payments by 6.64% every other year going forward.
Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) YES
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Historic homes sparks friendships between generations

■ Past owners of one Linden house have all left letters to next 'caretakers'

By Hannah Ball

Linden — When an older woman knocked on the front door of Brenda and Mike Simons' historic Linden house in spring of 2019, they didn't know what to expect.

"This little old lady pulls up in the driveway. She had to have been 90. She gets out of her car, and she says, 'my name is Grace. I used to live here,'" Brenda said.

They invited her in and listened to her stories and experiences in the home. The Simons also learned that Grace Wardie, who moved to Fenton and died in 2020, is related to their neighbors.

This began a friendship that shows how historic structures can connect people and generations.

Their house on Bridge Street, walking distance from the main intersection of the city, was built in 1916, making it one of the oldest structures in the city. Previously, it was a church. It burned



down in the early 1900s. The house only had four previous owners before the Simons bought it.

"We call ourselves the caretakers instead of the owners," she said. "It'll belong to someone else."

When they moved in, they discovered a binder of old photos of the house, the site plan, the property deed, pieces

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“When I walked in the door, I felt peace and it smelled like cinnamon.”

Brenda Simons
Linden city councilor

Linden Councilor/Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Simons stands on her porch Thursday, May 12.

The house was built in 1916. Brenda and her husband, Mike, met one of the previous owners when she surprised them one day and knocked on their door.

Photo: Hannah Ball

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1920s bungalow homes survive

By Jan Rymerson

Built in the first few decades of the 20th century, bungalows survive and thrive in the 10-county area.

Look around, many of these houses still exist, although some are hardly recognizable because of additions and improvements. But look closely, the basic style remains. Park West of Seneca Realty & Investment of Fenton, says, "A cute bungalow is worth \$100,000 and upwards, depending on how it has been maintained."

Area bungalows are being beautifully restored and renovated, and although they may appear plain from the outside, the interior may be beautiful with woodwork, tile and brick fireplace.

The description of a bungalow is a small cottage, usually one or one and a half stories.

According to the dictionary, the origin of the word bungalow is from India, where the bungalow was a thatched or tiled house having one story and surrounded by a veranda. The word is thought to have

come from the Hindi word "bungalow," meaning "a house with a porch." These houses were built in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when working class people could afford to build a small house.

They represent a philosophy of life, simplicity and economy, as well as a style in craftsmanship. In the 1920s, bungalows were popular in the 10-county area, and many people still live in them today.

There is no one style, as bungalows can be found in many styles and sizes. They are a part of our history and should be preserved.

The job of a bungalow is to provide a place where people can live and work. It is a place where people can find a sense of community and belonging.

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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

CANDY, SPOIL, CUDDLY, BELIEF

Answer: The symphony's backup violinist didn't like playing —

SECOND FIDDLE

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

PRIEST, BATTLE, RIGHT, CANOPY

Answer: BORING

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 26 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Lunar Eclipse today, Sunday, May 15

■ Will be special for Michigan residents

The first total lunar eclipse of 2022, so-called The Flower Moon, is about to dye the moon red Sunday night. “The lunar eclipse will take place starting around 9:30 p.m., Sunday, May 15,” said Longway Planetarium’s Manager Patrick Ross, who frequently gives astronomy lectures during the planetarium’s “Skies Over Michigan” live shows.

While lunar eclipses are not as rare as commonly portrayed, Ross said this eclipse will be special for Michigan residents. “At the start of the eclipse, the Moon will be visible near the horizon to the east. Totality will occur when the Moon is close to the meridian, or the imaginary line running from north to south across the night sky. When the Sun, Moon, or stars pass over the meridian, they are at their highest possible points in the night sky. This means the lunar eclipse on Sunday night will be

far above the horizon and will be visible from any location without tall buildings or trees to the South.”

Ross also said that lunar eclipses are safe to look at with your eyes or a common telescope. “Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses do not require special eye protection.”

Eclipses of all forms occur when one object blocks another. In the case of a total lunar eclipse, the Earth intercedes between the sun and the moon.

If you’d like to learn more about the eclipse, or about constellations, stars and galaxies currently visible in Michigan’s skies, details will be presented during the regular Skies Over Michigan, a live, interactive astronomy talks Tuesdays through Sundays at 3 p.m. at Longway Planetarium.

Because of the Genesee County Arts, Education & Cultural Millage, Genesee County residents get 50% off admission tickets. Go to SloanLongway.org/Skies-Over-Michigan to learn more.

BOX CITY

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Culbert said the Box City program has been ongoing for about 10 or 11 years. He said it’s important to spark their interest in city matters when they’re young. Linden will give the students a plaque for their work when they come to visit city hall later this month.

“It ties the involvement of the kids in understanding the city, and that’s the thing that I like about it — community involvement starting with the kids,” Culbert said, adding that a few high school seniors have told him they remember doing the Box City program when they were younger.

City Manager Ellen Glass said every older student she’s talked to enjoyed participating.

“I think it’s cool, too, that they can see that they do have the ability to make an impact on the world that’s around them,” she said. “The biggest thing for me that I take away from it is that we do need to make sure that when we are planning the future — and right now we’re going through the master plan — incorporating the youth is extremely important. Making sure that we’re creating a world for them and a future for them.”

The city is in the process of evaluating the master plan and seeking public input on what residents want for the city. Glass said Box City makes her excited

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – PARTS OF SHIPS
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Where would you take a sick ship?

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CABIN	S	T	E	R	N	H	A	O	A	E
DERRICK	W	T	H	I	G	U	R	D	N	R
ENGINE ROOM	I	E	B	D	I	L	D	E	G	I
GANGPLANK	N	A	O	K	N	L	A	R	P	S
HELM	C	V	A	N	E	C	R	R	L	C
HULL	H	E	L	M	R	E	M	I	A	O
KEEL	R	R	E	W	O	T	L	C	N	P
MAST	A	N	C	H	O	R	K	K	K	E
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Riddle answer: _ _ _ _ _

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Answer



To the dock.

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Word Search

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FRIENDSHIPS

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of the wallpaper that had been removed and more. Gloria Stark, who owned it after Grace for about 22-23 years, made the binder. She now lives in Florida.

Also included were notes from the previous owners to the new owners, welcoming them to the home. Grace wrote a note to Gloria who wrote a note to the Simons.

The Simons lived on Thompson Road for 22 years before moving to Linden. The house on Bridge Street caught their eyes years before they bought it.

"My husband and I would come through here all the time and just look at the trees up and down the street and the houses. We fell in love with the area but it took us seven years to move down here," she said. Once their kids moved out, they wanted a new adventure.

"This was the house we looked at. We were like, 'wow, that would be really great to have that house.' For seven years, we said that," she said.

Luckily, this house was for sale when

they sold their Thompson Road house. "I walked through the door and went, 'oh my gosh, this is it,'" she said. "When I walked in the door, I felt peace and it smelled like cinnamon."

The craftsman bungalow-style, three-story house was a revolutionary homestyle trend in the 1910-1920s for middle-class Americans. Bungalow homes were simple and comfortable, with porches, overhangs and a sloping roof, a contrast to the over-industrialized lifestyle when people lived in cramped quarters, according to old-houseonline.com.

The Simons love the proximity to downtown and staying involved in city matters. Brenda has been a Linden City councilor since 2017 and is a Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation commissioner. Mike is on the Linden Planning Commission. They're close friends with their neighbors, including Gayle Wardie, who's on the Beautification Committee. Many of their neighbors also have historic homes.

Caring for an older house comes with

challenges. The most recent previous owner of the Simons' house installed new drywall, new cabinets, leveled the floors and did other improvement projects. The Simons took out the old knob and tube electrical system. They meticulously clean the original wood floors and windows.

The sturdy fieldstone porch was built in 1916, originally with indoor/outdoor carpet. It's occasionally been repaired with new cement in places. At the start of the pandemic, her husband managed to remove four coats of paint off the original front door to show off the braiding details.

The Simons put in a new tile ceiling in the kitchen, which was popular during the turn of the century in the early 1900s. They put in a new countertop. "We have had no structural problems at all," she said.

Technology has made significant improvements since the house was built in 1916, and most systems and appliances in the house have been updated. The house is no longer heated with coal.

However, some historic engineering remains, such as the windows. A rope on the top of the windows is connected to weights inside the wall, which holds them open. When the weights become detached, the windows won't stay open. They'll have to have someone pull the trim off to fix it.

At the end of the stone driveway is the original carriage house. They currently use it as a workshop, but they're moving that to a larger barn they own farther into their property.

"It's the ambience of the early part of the century that I love. You're living where people lived who didn't have a TV or didn't have modern conveniences," she said.

Technology may improve and the house may run more efficiently now, but certain aspects stay the same.

On the front door was a small circular plaque with the phrase "May the spirit of the Lord rest upon this place." The Simons moved it next to the front door.

"We just feel that's the peace that's upon this house," she said.

City of Fenton, Water Main Flushing, May 23 through May 27, 2022 and May 31 through June 3, 2022

Fenton, MI: The City of Fenton Water Department will perform water main flushing in Quadrant 2 beginning May 23rd through May 27th. Quadrant 4 will begin on May 31st and continue through June 3rd. Water main flushing will be performed from 10:00PM through 4:00AM to minimize low water pressure conditions.

Flushing water mains removes minerals and sediment that naturally accumulate in the water distribution system. Fire hydrants are used for the flushing process, allowing Water Department personnel to operate fire hydrants to ensure proper function for fire protection.

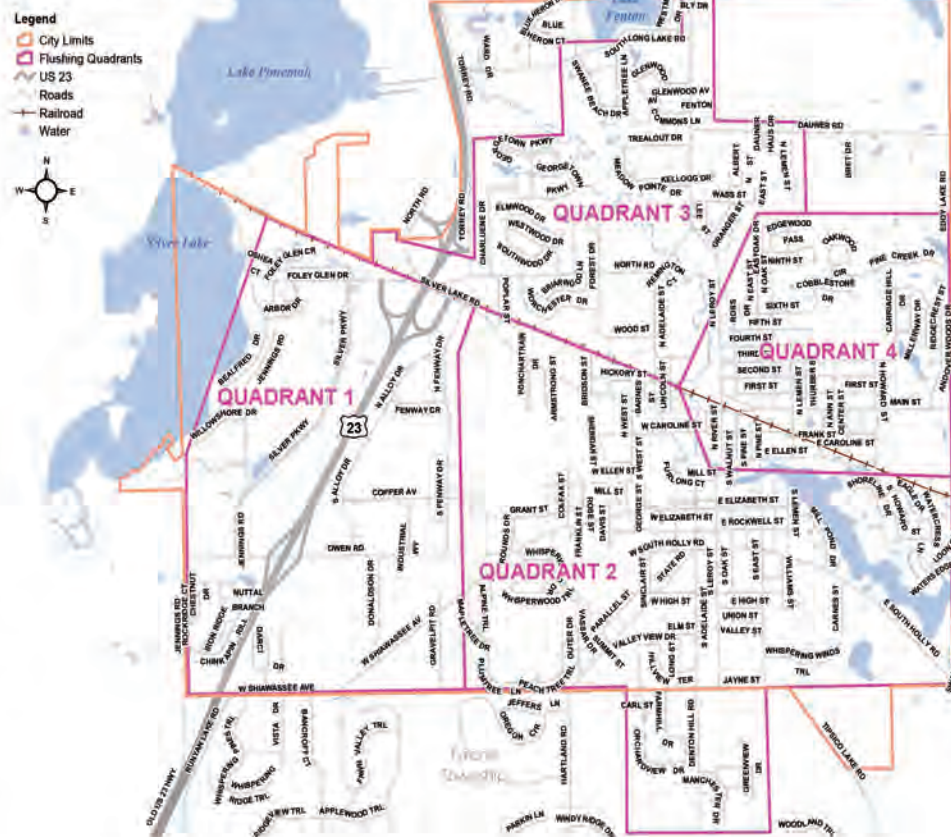
Once flushing is completed in your area, water may appear rust colored because iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains are stirred by high velocity water flow associated with the flushing process. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water and the water customer may need to run the cold water tap at all faucet locations in the home to eliminate discolored water. We recommend waiting a day after any discolored water is flushed from your pipes before doing laundry.


If you are experiencing discolored water after at least five minutes of cold water flushing at all faucets in your home, please contact the City of Fenton Water Department at 810-629-6347 for assistance.

Please refer to the map (at right) where **QUADRANT 2** will be flushed May 23rd through May 27th and **QUADRANT 4** May 31 through June 3rd from 10:00PM to 4:00AM.


Additional information on the city's Water Flushing Program is posted on the city website, www.cityoffenton.org.

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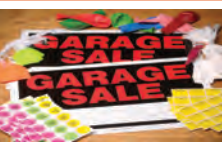
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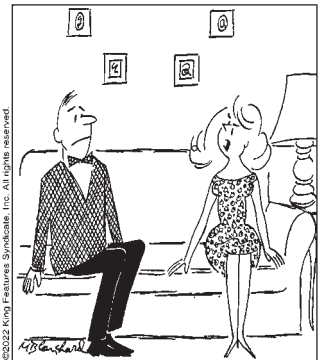
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TODAY'S WORD

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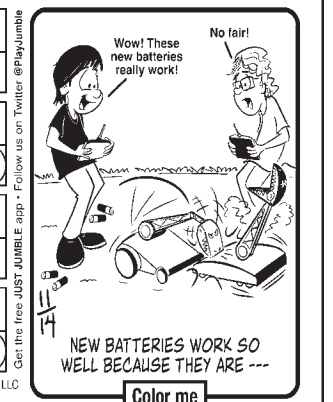
Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

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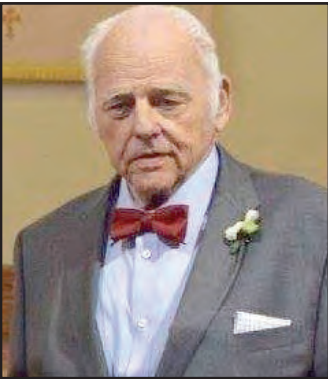
Irene Mary Adams (Makohon)
1941 - 2022

Irene Mary Adams (Makohon) – age 80, passed away at home in her sleep on Sunday, May 1, 2022 in Holly. Irene was born in Drohobycz, Ukraine on September 8, 1941, the only child of Ivan and Theodora (Iwanczuk) Andruszczakewicz and later the adopted child of Osypa (Josephine) and Jurij (George) Makohon of Flint. Irene leaves her husband of 57 years, John D. Adams (Jack) of Holly; son, Andrew J. Adams of Columbia, SC; daughter, Anne A. Bliss (Tim); and grandchildren, Clark, Henry, and Claire Bliss of Petoskey. Palliative care was provided at home through Residential Hospice. Cremation was handled by Detroit Cremation Society of Grand Blanc. No service is planned.



Roger B. Gilbert
1938 – 2022

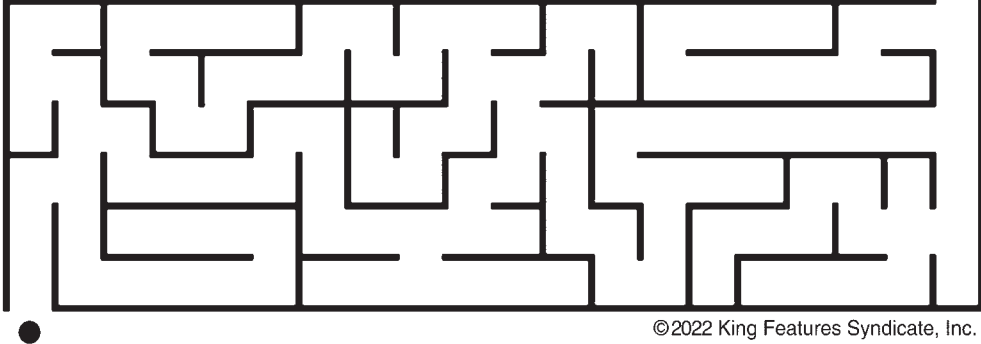
Roger B. Gilbert - age 83, of Gaines, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Roger was born June 7, 1938 in Swartz Creek, the son of Richard C. and Helen M. (Tunningley) Gilbert. He married Dona McKeon on July 4, 1959; she preceded him in death on May 16, 2005. Roger was a veteran of the US Army. He retired from General Motors in 1992, after 32 years of service. He was a hard worker and loved tractors, especially John Deere. He is survived by his daughters, Cynthia (Mark) Webster and Sandra Gilbert all of Gaines; grandson, Mark (Sarah) Webster of Kalamazoo; granddaughter, Katelyn (Joshua) Dean of Durand; great-granddaughter, Adrielle Webster of Kalamazoo; brother, Gary (Judy) Gilbert



of Lowell; sister, Sharon Lampi of Gaines; sister-in-law, Shirley Gilbert of Grand Blanc; many nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Dan and Jim; sister-in-law, Shelia Gilbert; brother-in-law, Gordon Lampi; mother-in-law, Minnie McKeon; sister-in-law, Mary Jo Murphy; brother-in-law, Chuck Murphy. A Celebration of Life will be at 1 PM Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Visitation will be from 12 PM until the service time on Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to the charity of one's choice. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kids' Maze



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Roy Michael “Rip” Brody 1950 – 2022

Roy Michael “Rip” Brody - age 72, of Linden, died Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Port Charlotte, Florida. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 PM, Saturday, May 21 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9450 Duffield Rd., Gaines. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Friday May 20 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton with a Vigil service at 7 PM Friday; and visitation one hour before the mass Saturday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions toward research at the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Program at www.leadersandbest.umich.edu. Roy was born February 17, 1950 in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Roy Clarence Brody and Anna (Sebastian) Brody. He married Susan Kalinowski on June 28, 1970 in Harvey, Illinois. He had resided in the Linden area since 1970, most recently spending winters in Florida. He worked as a leader in the grocery business for over 40 years at Hamady’s, Kessel’s, and Kroger. Roy spent most of his youth in Harvey, Illinois, the oldest of nine siblings. He attended Thornton High School where he served on student council, and competed in track and cross country, setting the



school record for the 2-mile (9:17). Most importantly, it was at Thornton where he met his future wife and life partner, Susie Brody, a love story that continued for 54 years. He climbed the leadership ranks of the Flint area grocery business starting first as a stock clerk at Hamady’s, and then quickly ascending into senior leadership roles at Hamady’s, Kessel’s, and Kroger. Notorious for his attention to detail and “to do lists,” Roy helped develop dozens of senior leaders across the grocery business landscape in Michigan. An avid golfer, first as a caddie at Calumet Country Club, and later as a member of Spring Meadows Country Club for over 40 years, Roy had 7 holes-in-one and 4 prestigious Brody Cup titles. He loved the game and loved living on the first hole of Spring Meadows. Most recently, he enjoyed seeing his grandchildren take up and excel in the game as

well. Roy was especially proud of his three sons, all who went on to take senior leadership roles in the golf, technology, sports, and financial services industries. Roy enjoyed retirement in Lake Suzy, FL, extending the golf season and taking up home improvement projects, while keeping up with all of his favorite Detroit and Michigan area sports teams. Anyone that knew “Rip”, knew him as a straight shooting, competitive, no non- sense leader, that had a zest for both hard work and good times. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Susan “Susie” Brody; three sons, Douglas (Jenn) Brody of Grand Blanc, Dean (Lindsey) Brody of Clarkston, Derek Brody of Linden; seven grandchildren, Dru, Kate, Luke, Tyler, Elle, Reese and Ben; daughter-in-law, Tifany Brody; siblings, Bill (Kathy) Brody, Alan (Shelley) Brody, Debra Armstead, Renee (Terry) Keener, Suzi (Shawn) Alejandro, Sheri (Lewis) Ball; sister-in-law, Vicky Brody; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, David; sister, Denise Davis; and brother, Steve Brody. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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by Helene Hovanec

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			CHORUS	___	HOURS

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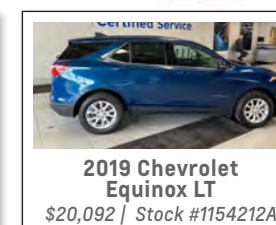
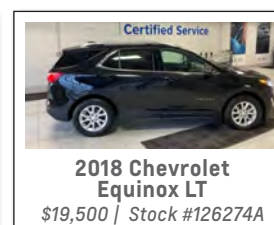
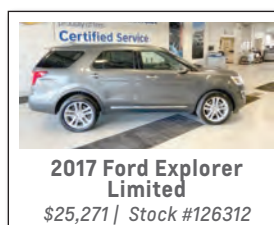
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