

# Two of three auto theft suspects in custody

## ■ Three handguns suspects stole in Fenton Township recovered

By Sharon Stone

Two juveniles believed to be involved with a stolen vehicle case in Fenton Township are in custody. A third suspect

remains at large.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson and Sgt. Scott Pritchard held a press conference Monday, Oct. 10 to update the community about the stolen vehicle and the three pistols that had been stolen from another vehicle in Fenton Township.

A Buick Enclave that was stolen from

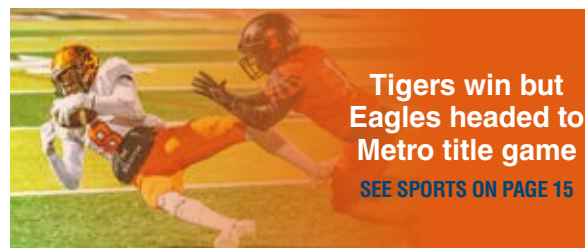
a home on Quail Ridge Court in Fenton Township on Friday, Sept. 30 at 5:47 a.m. was later recovered from Pineview Estates in Genesee Township on Monday, Oct. 3 by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

Two days prior to the reported auto theft, three handguns, including a .44 magnum, a .357 magnum and a loaded

Ruger 9mm, were stolen from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the 1600 block of Aspen Hollow, also in Fenton Township.

At 1:32 a.m. on Sept. 28, two males were caught on Ring surveillance video exiting a Chevrolet Cruze. They were seen checking the doors of vehicles on

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Tigers win but Eagles headed to Metro title game  
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## Witches take over Holly

■ Witches Night Out a fun Halloween celebration

By Hannah Ball

**Holly** — Witch hats, cloaks and brooms were in abundance in downtown Holly Friday, Oct. 7 for Witches Night Out.

Hundreds of people attended the annual event that is meant to celebrate Halloween, bring people downtown for a night of fun and support local businesses. Approximately two dozen people participated in the witches dance. The event also gave out awards for best witch hat and best witch laugh.

Nick Klemp, Holly Downtown Development Authority director, said, "The event went great. Many shops were open, we had a  
See **WITCHES** on 9



## Aussiedoodle litter celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

■ Dog party held at Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — Eight Aussiedoodles ran around the Thompson Road Regional Dark Park on Sunday, Oct. 9 with birthday hats to celebrate

turning 1 year old.

These Aussiedoodles, which are half Australian shepherd and half poodle, were born Oct. 4, 2021 in Howell. Different families adopted the 12 puppies in the litter  
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## Balcony Books donates collection to library

■ Holly Township Library accepts and sorts through thousands of books

By Sharon Stone

The owners of Balcony Books in Holly donated the entire collection of books to the Holly Township Library. The collection of approximately 8,000 books filled approximately 806 boxes.

Gregory Hayes, director of the Holly Township Library, said that about two months ago, a daughter of the Balcony Books owner contacted him regarding them donating the contents of their bookstore to the library.

"I believe the family felt that,  
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“Thanks to the sheriff's office for staying on top of those thefts from cars and the stolen SUV in Fenton Township. Still cannot believe someone left three handguns in their car, one loaded, with the doors unlocked. Luckily someone didn't shoot someone with it.”



“Thanks TCT for all the details about the statewide proposals in last weekend's paper. If you read closely, there's a lot of unwanted stuff in those proposals. I'm voting no on all of them.”

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Mary Ann Beltinck has been engraving for more than 20 years. In her Holly shop, she engraves items such as trophy plates, jewelry, knives, firearms, and memorial pieces. She

also creates signage for businesses and "Man Caves" and "She Sheds." Wood is her favorite material for engraving. She provides services to large corporate clients as well as the walk-in customers. "Every job is important to me," she said. She was taught basic engraving by a coworker in 2019 and knew she wanted to do more. Computer artwork has always been a passion of hers. She said every client has such a specific need that listening to their story usually gives her enough information to create just the engraving they want. She works with many organizations in communities, especially first responders and law enforcement. She loves working with our military and always extends military discounts. "I have three amazing children," she said. Both of her girls live locally and her son lives in Thailand. She's going to be a grandma in December. "I love to be outdoors and I hunt with my fiancé whenever I can sneak away from my shop," she said. Lastly, Beltinck said she'd like to thank the community for always supporting her local shop.

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## Go Tigers! Go Eagles!

■ Superintendents discuss friendly rivalry after Fenton vs. Linden football game

By Hannah Ball

Before the Friday, Oct. 7 varsity football game between legendary rivals Fenton and Linden, the Times asked the superintendents of each school district, who are married to each other, who they thought would win.

Russ Ciesielski, superintendent of Linden Community Schools, said, “Go Eagles.”

Heidie Ciesielski, superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools, said, “Fenton, of course.”

The couple attended the game together to support their respective

districts. To Heidie’s delight, Fenton won 28-21.

“As always, that game didn’t disappoint. (It was) exciting from the start to the end, and it was a huge celebration of two small towns that love Friday night football,” Heidie said.

Russ describes it as a “friendly” rivalry at home. They’re both proud of their districts, and to him, Linden will always be number one.

Russ is entering his 25th year of education after joining the field in 1998. He’s been with LCS since the 2001-2002 school year when he was hired as a teacher. He became principal of Linden High School in 2007 and superintendent in 2017.

“When I began as a teacher, I anticipated being in the classroom forever. I

Pictured at the Friday, Oct. 7 football game (from left) are Linden Athletic Director Lance Belill, Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network (FARR) Executive Director Dawn Placek, FARR Client Specialist Carla Juarez, Fenton Athletic Director Ed Uhrik, and Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Heidie Ciesielski. Submitted photo

was fortunate to have opportunities to grow as an educator and as a leader in the world of education. The positive impact an educator has is amazing. Linden has a special place in my heart and always will,” he said. “The students, staff, and community have been very supportive of the educational process that has been established in our community. Heidie and I have both been very fortunate to serve our students and staff.”

Heidie has worked in education since 1997, and this is her 12th year at Fenton. After serving as the executive director for teaching and learning for five years and previously serving as the principal of AGS Middle School for eight years, she entered her 26th year in the field of education as the superintendent. Her first day as leader of the district was July 1.

“I have always sought out leader-  
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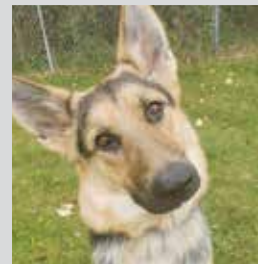
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## Building Brands

The other day I had the pleasure of working with the teenagers of our newest team member, Bridget. I had a ridiculous question I thought they could help me with and asked Bridget to ask them because I was sure if I asked, their first impression of me would be that I am a ridiculous person. (To be fair, I kind of am).

Anyway, I heard that the “cool kids” refer to feet as dogs these days. It makes sense given the old saying “my dogs are barking” sometimes said after one spends a long day on his or her feet, but I wanted to know if it was true, because I think it’s really funny. She asked them and they confirmed that — in fact — cool kids do call feet dogs. As in, “Get your dogs off me!” when someone touches you with a foot or, “Put your dogs away” when you’d like someone to stop wearing sandals.

I can’t explain why I find this funny, but I do.

As a kid-less person who turned another year older just last week, I have to depend on the kindness of other people’s teenagers to make sure

that I stay relevant.

Defined as “appropriate to the current time, period, or circumstances; of contemporary interest” being relevant is something I’d wager we all want — for ourselves and our brands.

It also happens to be the theme of this year’s 82nd annual National Newspaper Week held Oct. 2-8. Celebrated each fall (always near my birthday!) National Newspaper Week is a recognition of the service of newspapers and their employees throughout the United



Emily Caswell

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With the arrival of the pandemic, those of us in the industry saw firsthand just how not old-fashioned we are. We were reminded of how relevant what we do is, not only when it comes to providing local news,

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“I’d prefer a cashier, but normally do self checkout 1. so I can bag my items how I’d like them grouped and 2. Because the cashier line is normally so long the wait is obnoxious.”

**Wendy Bruce**  
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“Self checkout in a land slide. It’s faster. I can organize better. Jobs aren’t lost in most cases, they’re just now redeployed to personal shoppers roles. I don’t find it to be ‘work’ at all.”

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“I go to the cashier no matter how long the line. Those employees are depending on their paychecks to feed and clothe and house their families, a lesson taught by my dad when I was only 7 years old.”

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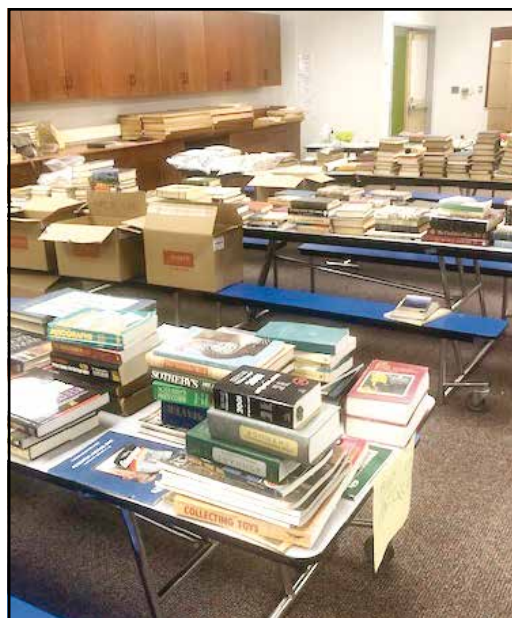
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**AFTER REVIEWING THE** ballot for the upcoming election, I saw a lot of names that I thought were health care professionals. They seemed to know everything and threaten other health care professionals with their license. Turns out, they were only politicians who ran us into the ground.

■■■  
**DEMOCRATS WOULD HAVE** you believe this election is about abortion. Less than 1/10 of 1% of the citizens care about abortion. This election is about the terrible job that liberals have done handling the economy. In two years, they have nearly destroyed this state.

■■■  
**WHINING HYPOCRITE NY** city Mayor Adams declares state of emergency over 17,000 undocumented immigrants, requests federal funds, city can’t afford impact, monetary burden on citizens. Democrats lack conceptual skills, understanding what’s happened to southern border states, their citizens in last two years from Biden Democrat policy ignoring law enforcement.

■■■



Pat Pfenning, president, and Sue Les, vice president, of the Friends of the Holly Library work on sorting through the substantial book donation from Balcony Books in Holly. Approximately 8,000 books are being sorted at the Karl Richter Center before they will find a new home at the Holly Township Library. **Submitted photos**

## BOOKS

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given that owner James Hilty was a prominent booster of Holly, the books would benefit the community," Hayes said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the library hired a moving company to transport the 806 boxes of books to the Karl Richter Center.

Library staff as well as the Friends of the Holly Library, students from the National Honor Society, and area veterans are now hard at work unboxing and sorting the books. After selecting volumes to add to the Holly Township Library's collection, the remaining books will be sold by the Friends.

"This wonderful donation will not only enrich our collection, it will allow Mr. Hilty's legacy to live on," Hayes said.

Penny Brackett is one of three daughters of Evelyn Raskin, who is 100 years old. Brackett said her mother and her first husband Henry Raskin started Balcony Books and Balcony Row Antiques, which are next to each other. Brackett said after Henry's death, her mother married James Hilty and they continued the business. Hilty died in 2017 at the age of 88.

When fire ravaged through several businesses in Holly in June, Balcony Books at 214 S. Broad St., sustained water damage inside the walls, since it is located next to the Holly Moose

lodge. Brackett said the structure of the bookstore is being restored and the books needed to be removed for the rehab work. She said the books were in the way.

With her mother being 100, she and her two other sisters help with her care. Brackett said once the rehab work is done, they'll likely put the property on the market. She said they'd like the space be used to help veterans.

Giving all of the books to the Holly Township Library was the family's way of giving back to Holly. Brackett said that's why she called Hayes at the library to offer the books.

Inside Balcony Books, Brackett said the front part contained a lot of Civil War books and items. Along the wall was a bit of everything and one room contained more contemporary books.

Brackett said her mother and Henry Raskin were one time owners of the old Battle Alley Arcade Antiques space and sold it many years ago. That business was destroyed in the June fire.

When asked how they came up with the name Balcony Row Antiques, Brackett said the property used to have a three story opera house, which burnt down in the 1920s or 1930s. She said her mother told stories of Jimmy Durante, actor, comedian, singer and pianist performing at that old opera house. She added that in the back of the building there are remnants of what used to be part of an old post office.

# Shake your mailbox

■ Will let owner know if it's secure, just in time for snow plow trucks

Before the snow begins to fly, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) asks residents who have mailboxes on a post adjacent to the road to prepare for the season by shaking their mailboxes this month.

Over time, mailbox posts can rot or become loose or wobbly. Shaking a mailbox allows residents to know if it is secure. Snow from snowplows has a surprising force that can topple an unstable mailbox, so it's important to make sure it's placed solidly in the ground.

Residents should prepare mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and ensuring the post and box are secure enough to endure the large amounts of snow that can be thrown. If the mailbox moves when shaken, the box may need to be repaired or



Residents are encouraged to check their roadside mailboxes now to make sure they are stable and secure enough to handle heavy snow from snowplow trucks.

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Fenton	Linden Rd. (county line to Linden city limits)	Two-way traffic maintained	October 3 - October 12	none	Resurfacing
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One-way traffic	July 11 - Mid-October	Mill Rd., Beecher Rd., Ballenger Hwy	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between Gainey Dr. and Ruby St.	Detour posted	August 29 - November 18	Baldwin, Holly, McCandlish, Saginaw	Widening to 3 lanes
Mundy	Wyndemere Sq. and Wyndemere Ct.	Closed to thru traffic	August 29 - October 21	none	Asphalt resurfacing



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### Michigan's current marijuana laws

With all the news in the world, everyone may not be aware that on Oct. 6, President Biden announced

that he would pardon approximately 6,500 people who had been convicted of federal possession of marijuana charges.

He also called on state governors to issue similar state pardons and directed Attorney General Merrick Garland to review how marijuana is classified under federal drug laws.

Currently marijuana is a Schedule 1 drug, which puts it in the same category as heroin, methamphetamine

and LSD among others.

Because of the pardon, I think this is a good time to review some highlights and random facts as to Michigan's current marijuana laws. So here goes.

Both medical and recreational marijuana are legal in Michigan.

Recreational marijuana legalization allows adults 21 years of age or older to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana outside of their home and up to 10 ounces in their home. They may also possess and cultivate up to 12 plants.

Under the Medical Marijuana Act, qualifying patients with a medical marijuana card may possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana and may also possess and cultivate up to 12 plants. Their caregivers can also possess 2.5 ounces for them and also cultivate 12 plants.

Recreational and medical marijuana can be purchased at state licensed dispensaries.

Consumption of marijuana is illegal in public and possession is illegal

within 1,000 feet of a park.

Marijuana can legally be transported in a vehicle by qualified patients, caregivers, and adults provided it is in a sealed and labeled package in the trunk of the car. For vehicles without trunks, the marijuana must not be readily accessible from the vehicle's interior.

Recreational and medical marijuana and related products can be delivered to a person's home by licensed marijuana dispensaries.

In 2021, Michigan combined marijuana sales were \$1.31 billion up 81% from 2020 levels.

Nationally, 38 states allow some form of medical marijuana with 19 states allowing recreational marijuana. Only three states have no laws allowing legalized marijuana in any form.

Marijuana appears here to stay. A recent Gallup poll found that 12% of college graduates and 18% of non-graduates say they consume.

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# Suspicious encounter in Highland Township

## ■ Sheriff reminds parents to be vigilant, discuss 'stranger danger' with kids

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is reminding parents to be vigilant and talk with their children about "stranger danger" after an incident Thursday, Oct. 6 near a bus stop in Highland Township involving two boys and an unknown man.

"Parents should have an age-appropriate discussion with their children about contact with adults," Bouchard said. "Even adults they may have seen or met with does not mean they should do what those adults ask them to do like going in a house or getting in a car. In this case, the subject was not known to the boys. We would like to know the identity of this individual — if anyone has information — and to be alert in that area."

Two 10-year-old boys were playing after school by the Duck Lake Community Resource Center near Duck Lake Road and Connors Lane at approxi-

mately 3:30 p.m. when a man standing outside a black Chevrolet truck offered them candy and popsicles. The man had been eating a popsicle and watching the boys as his truck was parked on the side of the road. Both doors to the truck cab were open.

One of the boys ran away while the other appeared unsure what to do. A woman who lived in the area was driving by and witnessed the man talking to the boys. She asked the boys if they were okay. One of the boys replied the man was trying to abduct them. Upon hearing this, the unidentified male quickly got into his truck and fled. The woman then followed the boys to their homes where the sheriff's office was notified of the encounter.

The man was described as a white male with a long gray beard, between 60-70 years of age, wearing a green reflective safety vest and work boots. The model of the Chevrolet truck is not known.

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## SUSPECTS

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Aspen Hollow.

At 5:47 a.m. on Sept. 30, Ring surveillance video showed a male suspect walk into an open garage on Quail Ridge Court and drive out of the garage in a Buick Enclave. The sheriff said Monday, Oct. 10 that the homeowner had been loading items into their SUV parked in the garage and the vehicle was running. He said the owner went back into the home for a few minutes to get more items.

Multiple complaints indicate that some individuals are going out at night in search of unlocked vehicles.

A credit card that was in the Enclave had been used at a gas station in Flint.

The sheriff said the Enclave had been involved in a brief police chase when police had spotted it but the chase was cut short. He said one of the suspects in the vehicle threw the Ruger 9mm handgun into a river.

There was some damage done to the

vehicle. It's been dusted for prints and other physical evidence was recovered for testing.

Pritchard said Monday that the sheriff's office obtained an address in Oakland County for the juvenile suspects. When deputies arrived, the suspects were there, as well as the 9mm handgun, which had some rust on it. He said after the suspects threw the gun into the river, they apparently went back and retrieved it. All three handguns have now been recovered.

The sheriff is confident that the third suspect will be in custody shortly. He said it was a team effort between community members, Genesee Auto-Theft Investigation Network (GAIN), and area police departments to apprehend the suspects and recover the handguns.

Swanson urges people never to leave firearms inside vehicles and to always lock the doors of vehicles, garages and homes. If anyone has information about these suspects or thefts they are asked to call (810) 257-3422 or 911.

# Oct. 29 is drug take-back day

■ It's time to get rid of old, unused medications in your home

On Saturday, October 29, the Michigan State Police (MSP) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other law enforcement agencies for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

All 30 MSP posts will participate in the one-day "Take-Back" effort from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by serving as drop-off points for Michiganders to discard expired, unused and unwanted pills, which will be destroyed.

No liquids, inhalers, patches, or syringes are accepted.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Further, disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can pose environmental and health

hazards.

If you can't make it on Saturday, all MSP posts accept unwanted pills weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except holidays).

MSP collection sites can be found at [Michigan.gov/MSPposts](http://Michigan.gov/MSPposts).

Local police departments also accept unwanted prescriptions.

### Fenton Police Department

311 S. LeRoy St., Fenton

Acting Police Chief Jeff Cross said the Fenton Police Department has a drug take-back box in the station's lobby, which is open 24/7/365. Their rules are the same as MSP's in that they do not accept liquids, inhalers, syringes, patches or packaging.

### Holly Police Department

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Police Chief Jerry Narsh said Holly's take-back day is identical to the MSP's event, same day, just at the Fenton police station.

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# 'It was a good year'

## ■ Mosquito control company under budget due to fewer mosquitoes

By Hannah Ball

APM Mosquito Control has ended scheduled spraying for the 2022 season in Fenton Township.

"I come as a bearer of much better news than last year when we lost the war. Well, we didn't lose the war, we lost the battle," said Chuck Mullins, general manager of APM, to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Controlling the mosquito population in southern Genesee County was easier this year compared to last. With evening temperatures dropping, mosquito activity is nonexistent, according to Mullins report, and the trap counts have been low for the past month. APM Mosquito Control was approximately \$11,200 under budget this year.

Last year, they had 21 to 22 inches of rain between May 17 and Sept 15. This year, the area received 6 1/2 to 8 1/2 inches of rain, which is approximately 66% less rain.

APM had 282 calls last year for ser-

vice and they had more in the month of August compared to the entire year in 2022. This year, they had 306 calls and 212 were for parties.

"That tells you that the number of nuisance mosquitoes was tremendously down," he said. "It was a good year."

Mullins said they have a "darn good" crew of workers at APM.

"After a slow beginning of truck spraying in May, regular scheduled spraying was completed on a weekly basis throughout the summer. Weather remained hot and somewhat dry over the summer, with minimal rainfall compared to 2021," according to the report.

APM sprayed 1,206 miles and applied 277 barriers in 2022. To date, APM crews have applied a total of 2,232 pounds of Vectobac (Bti) by ground and 2,380 pounds by air, treated 1,117 catch basins, all targeting larval mosquito populations.

Mullins said the only properties that requested a second spraying were ones that had parties.

APM kept trucks and equipment available to respond through the end of September in the event of an unusual emergence of mosquitoes.

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## BRANDS

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but also when it comes to helping readers make buying decisions. To prove that, in recognition of National Newspaper Week the National Newspapers Association and NNA Foundation commissioned a survey of readers from across the country. It was conducted by the highly regarded Susquehanna Polling and Research team, and the results confirmed the relevancy of newspapers:

- 93% of respondents said their local newspaper keeps them informed.
- 83% of respondents said their local newspaper is relied on in their household for local news.
- 66% of respondents said they use their local newspaper to research candidates running for local office. (This was a big jump from the 46% reported in the same poll done in 2017-2019.)
- 81% of respondents said their local newspaper provides valuable local shopping and advertising info.

Local newspapers ranked No. 1 with respondents above direct mail, TV stations and social media as the top advertising medium for shopping and purchasing decisions with local merchants.

The survey also found who we are relevant to along with Baby Boomers:

- GenXers (for this survey ages 35-64) make up 50% of all local news-

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- Millennials (for this survey ages 18-34) make up 30% of all local newspaper readers.

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As far as your personal brand staying relevant, I suggest spending an hour or two with a teenager and putting your dogs in some chunky loafers. I hear they're really in this fall.

How do you stay relevant? Email me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com).

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

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**BIDEN, ADMINISTRATION, DEMOCRATS'** climate change radicals creating own so-called science, facts, idiotic predictions are to blame, 100% responsible for high gas prices, drastically reduced oil production and oil reserves, killing pipelines and jobs, crushing inflation impacting US citizens. Russia, Saudi Arabia aren't to blame, only Democrats.

**MIDWEEK MICHIGAN VOTES** listed eight fee increases out of the 12 proposals listed. The government 'Inflation Nation' takes care of its own first, as usual.

**IF YOU THINK** current gas prices are too high; imagine what the cost would be with Whitmer's 45-cent gas tax.

**REMEMBER, WHEN A** Democrat tells you what he is going to do for you, he is not telling what he is going to do for himself... aka ... insider stock trades.

**THE PROPOSAL WILL** allow for taxpayer funded drop boxes? Are you serious? Who will monitor these ballot drop boxes 24/7? Make the general election day a national holiday and let people vote in person. I smell the odd scent of fraud again.

**THANKS, GOV. WHITMER,** for fixing the roads.





Photos: Hannah Ball



## WITCHES

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great DJ playing music and people danced, shopped, hung out and had fun with the contest. Everyone enjoyed the witches dance too.”

The dance was choreographed by Angie Stinde. About 15 businesses participated in the scarecrow decorating contest. Battle Alley Brewery received the most votes. Local author Jill Wagner sold copies of her crime/psychological thriller novel “Jane’s Journey,” which is set in Holly

“Everyone that I heard from said they had a great time and the shops had a good time,” Klempp said. “The purpose is really just to bring people into town and see our great historic downtown and all the awesome shops that are in the DDA district from the north end to the downtown, and of course, to have some fun.”

“It is just a good time to do something different and hang out and have fun. It is always good to take some time and relax with friends and community and just enjoy being there and of course shop Holly!”

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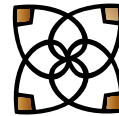


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## BIRTHDAY

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and thanks to Facebook, they've kept in touch. The eight dogs' names are Farley, Finley, Francis, Ripley, Nash, Ringo, Harper and Rikki.

"We knew we wanted to do something for their 1st birthday," said Kel-

ley Killop, who adopted Nash. They started planning a birthday party a few months ago and were able to get together on Sunday to catch up and watch the dogs play.

Howell resident Jackie Jewula, who takes care of the mother and father of the litter and adopted out the puppies, brought a cake for the humans, dog

treats, birthday presents for the dogs and the party hats.

Last year, she created a Facebook page for the group so everyone could stay in touch and post updates on the dogs. A few of the owners weren't able to attend on Sunday and they lost contact with another. Jewula said it was "awesome" seeing the dogs together.

"We've really gotten to know each other through the Facebook page," Killop said, adding that seeing the dogs' reactions to getting together was "pretty cool. They seem pretty excited."

Aussiedoodles are non shedding animals. Killop said the texture of each dog's fur feels different.

Township resident Billy Hoffman, whose family adopted Farley, was the one to suggest they meet at the TRRD because it's large and the dogs have plenty of room to run.

"It's crazy to see them all together. It's a really cool Facebook group that we have. Everyone stays in touch," he said.

Hoffman's mother-in-law adopted one of the puppies as a Christmas gift for her husband. The puppy stayed with Hoffman and his wife and kids until Christmas morning, and by then, Hoffman's two kids wanted one as well. They adopted Farley in early December last year. His mother-in-law then adopted another puppy from the litter. His in-laws have Ringo and Ripley.

The Hoffmans bring their Aussiedoodle Farley to the dog park about twice a week.

"This is a really good asset for the community," he said, adding that the dogs are high energy working/hunting dogs. "People don't think of poodles as hunting dogs but they actually are. They're French bird hunting dogs. Then they have Australian shepherd, which is a working dog. So you get those two mixed together, they're high energy and really really smart. Almost too smart."

All the dogs are now fully grown. Jewula said the mom of the litter is about 53 pounds. Hoffman said Farley is probably the smallest at 43 pounds.

Everything went great when they were born last year on Oct. 4, Jewula said. The veterinarian and technician couldn't give them an exact number of puppies to expect. They originally thought the mother would give birth to 10 or 11 puppies, and she had 12.

"We were actually super thankful and excited and amazed because they all were healthy, no issues. They were always checking out great at their appointments. It was an experience for our family and it all was luckily very wonderful," Jewula said.

The dogs were 8 weeks old around Thanksgiving when the families took them home.

Fenton residents Sally Pierce and Susan Pierce discovered the litter when Jewula posted about needing blankets for puppies on Facebook. Sally Pierce said she wanted to see the female dogs, and she and her daughter ended up choosing the same female, who they named Harper.

"I was so excited," she said.

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## SUPERINTENDENTS

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ship opportunities throughout my career, and I knew from early on that I wanted to serve my time in education as a leader as it gives me the ability to impact large groups of students. We both have been fortunate to find districts that we are proud to lead," she said.

She didn't realize how intense the Fenton vs. Linden rivalry was until 2010 when she was hired as the AGS Middle School principal and Russ was the LHS principal.

"I think we are both very proud of the districts we work for, and rightfully so. We try very hard to keep it friendly; however, being previous competitive athletes, we are just a 'skosh' competitive," she said.

Russ said, "Growing up as a Linden Eagle, the rivalry has always been there. I consider it a healthy rivalry for our students and community. We are fortunate to be in such close proximity of each other, compete against each other, and also share resources with each other that have been a benefit for our students."

Their children attend Linden schools. The couple do their best to limit talk about work at home, but they do often work on projects together due to the proximity of the school districts.

"We do our best not to bring our work home, but we have learned that we can provide each other with suggestions and different viewpoints," Russ said.

Heidie said she would have loved for their kids to join her at Fenton, but they're happy at Linden.

"Since I am a mom first, I honor their wishes and happiness over my wishes as a Fenton Tiger and superintendent," she said.

Have they ever disagreed with each other on a topic relating to being a superintendent or working in education in general?

Russ said, "Yes. Sometimes our philosophies do not match. In the end, we both want what is best for our districts. I value Heidie's expertise and knowledge, and even though our philosophies may not always be the same, I have learned to listen. She is one smart cookie."

Heidie said, "For sure, we are different people and different leaders; however, our profession isn't the most important aspect in our lives. Our family is, and keeping that in the forefront, makes us better people and leaders. I value his opinion greatly and I think he would say the same, but we both allow each other to have different opinions about what is best for the students, staff and communities in which we lead."

## HIGHLAND TWP.

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The Huron Valley Schools was informed of the incident and provided the information to parents. Bouchard and the school officials remind parents of the following safety tips:

- Try to avoid walking to and from the bus stop alone

- If you or your child see anything suspicious, call 911

- Never talk to or take anything from strangers

- Keep enough distance between you and strangers so they are unable to touch you

Anyone who may have seen the black Chevrolet pickup truck near a school or bus stop, or its driver should call the Sheriff's Office at (248) 858-4911.

## MAILBOX

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withstand the force of plowed snow. By preparing beforehand, residents can ensure that their mailboxes are stable and safe this winter."

County road agencies are not liable for damage done while fulfilling their

regular duties and/or maintaining the roadway, except in limited situations like a direct hit. "Our number-one job is to maintain a safe and efficient road and right of way system," Kolar said. "It is a resident's responsibility to ensure his or her mailbox is secure. Damage to posts and receptacles can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance."

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 9

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OCTOBER 10

**Mya Singer** (43)

OCTOBER 11

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OCTOBER 12

**Hugh Jackman** *Actor* (54)

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**ACROSS**

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- 5 Galoots
- 9 Stitch
- 12 Oompah band member
- 13 One
- 14 La-la lead-in
- 15 Post-WWII period
- 17 Texas tea
- 18 Hot and humid
- 19 "Haystacks" painter
- 21 Infinitive part
- 22 Follow
- 24 Merit badge holder
- 27 Chopper
- 28 Fury

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- 31 Mom's mate
- 32 Morsel
- 33 "Gosh!"
- 34 Dieter's target
- 36 UFO fliers
- 37 Phone inventor
- 38 Small change
- 40 Rocky Balboa's greeting
- 41 Words to live by
- 43 Sounded content
- 47 Grazing land
- 48 Period before one's golden years
- 51 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 52 "Dream on!"
- 53 "East of Eden" son
- 54 Born abroad?
- 55 Feet, slangily
- 56 Minus
- 6 Italian article
- 7 Showbiz job
- 8 Rose parts
- 9 Prehistoric period
- 10 Canal of song
- 11 Poet Whitman
- 16 "As I see it," in a text
- 20 Owned by us
- 22 Departs
- 23 Tennis barriers
- 24 Beach lotion letters
- 25 MSN alternative
- 26 Period that started with
- 27 Help a hood
- 29 Solidify
- 30 Slithery fish
- 35 Foundation
- 37 Northern
- 39 Wanderer
- 40 Actor Brynner
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# Midweek Jumble

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
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**KTLEN**  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**CAMPIT**  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**RANTOY**  
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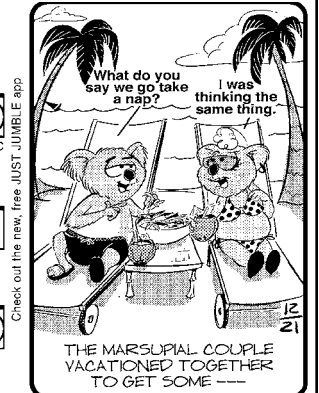
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# Horoscopes

For the week of  
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It may be tempting to throw your weight around and assert power in a situation, Aries. But this may backfire in the long run. Try to be a team player.

**TAURUS**

Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, someone close to you may be driving you crazy, and you're tempted to let them know. However, go with the flow instead and enjoy this calmer approach.

**GEMINI**

May 22/June 21  
Gemini, an important decision must be made in the days ahead. Take a calm approach and do your best to keep your emotions out of this discussion.

**CANCER**

June 22/July 22  
Once you involve others in a situation, it can be difficult to dial back their involvement, Cancer. Consider whether you should ask for input or go it alone this week.

**LEO**

July 23/Aug 23  
Leo, rather than shouting from the rooftops how much you love a person, it may be better to take a more subtle approach. Reel in your excitement for the time being.

**VIRGO**

Aug 24/Sept 22  
Keeping secrets is not the way to go, Virgo, especially when they are kept from someone close to you. Why all the smoke and mirrors? Be open and honest with yourself and others.

**LIBRA**

Sept 23/Oct 23  
A financial situation may be worked out this week or even inflamed, Libra. The only way to stay ahead is to keep careful track of your expenditures.

**SCORPIO**

Oct 24/Nov 22  
Be honest with yourself about your needs, Scorpio. If you don't feel like socializing in a loud and public manner, organize a group to come over for some more quiet R&R.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Nov 23/Dec 21  
Getting involved with chores and other tasks can occupy your mind with some busy work, Sagittarius. After a brief mental break, you can return to more serious tasks.

**CAPRICORN**

Dec 22/Jan 20  
Finances may get a boost this week as a new income stream falls into your lap, Capricorn. Investigate it fully before getting deeply involved.

**AQUARIUS**

Jan 21/Feb 18  
Opening up about your personal life may relieve some pressure and stress that you have been feeling, Aquarius. Find someone who doesn't have a close stake.

**PISCES**

Feb 19/Mar 20  
Don't spread the word about a big idea until you are sure about it and ready to move, Pisces. Don't let others steal your thunder.



Holly's Ashton DeHart catches a TD pass in a recent contest.

Photo: Mark Bolen

## Bronchos keep showing progress, defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

Holly's first-year coach Billy Keeney Jr. had one goal for his first season as the Bronchos' mentor. He wanted to change the culture.

Seven games into the season, it's fair to say he's done that, and has won some

games along the way of doing it.

The Bronchos improved to 4-3 overall and are knocking on the door for a playoff spot after Holly defeated Kearsley 28-21 on the road. The four-win season is the most the Bronchos have had since winning five games in 2017. And, of course,

the Bronchos still have two regular season games left — both against Brandon. Next week it will be at Holly. During the ninth week it will be at Brandon.

"It's good to see the kids learn to do things correctly and also get the win."

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# Sports Times

## Tigers win but Eagles headed to Metro title game

By David Troppens

**Linden** — In the tri-county area, no rivalry is more personal than the Fenton-Linden one.

And during Friday night's contest pitting the two rivals, it probably was most personal for Fenton junior Chris Piwowarczyk.

His involvement extends three generations within his family extending all the way to his grandpa, Joe Piwowarczyk. Chris's grandpa was Linden's athletic director, and Linden High School's gymnasium is currently named in honor of his grandpa. Chris is now a third-generation member making his mark on the rivalry.

And what a mark he made in Friday's game. Piwowarczyk had an interception, defended many passes and made a couple of tackles for losses for Fenton's defense. Offensively, he also collected his first TD of his Fenton career on offense, helping lead the Tigers to a 28-21 victory.

The win earned the Tigers (5-2) a share of the Flint Metro League Stripes Division crown along with Linden (5-2) and Swartz Creek. Each of the teams posted 4-1 Stripes Division records. However, due to tiebreakers, the Eagles will be the squad representing the Stripes Division in Saturday's

Metro League Championship Game against the Goodrich Martians, the Stars Division representative.

The game also meant more to Piwowarczyk due to the fact he was unable to play in last year's Linden contest due to being one of the Tigers who were diagnosed with COVID.

"It means so much to me," Piwowarczyk said. "I just told the guys I have such a burning passion for Linden. I didn't get to play against them last year because I was out with COVID. So, coming into this game and giving everything I got, playing for my grandpa and stuff like that on this field — it's very emotional and I used that emotion to bring out the best of me."

It was a pretty emotional day for another Fenton player, Ja'Hion Bond. The Tigers decided to use the passing game to earn a victory against the Eagles, and it worked pretty well. Quarterback Nolan Alvord completed 9-of-17 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns. See **TITLES** on 17



(Top photo) Fenton's Jake Nichols runs between two Linden defenders in the Tigers' 28-21 victory against Linden. (Above) Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond made many strong catches including this one with Linden's Aidan Haney defending. Photos: Mark Bolen



Lake Fenton's Carsen Lewis throws a ball downfield during a recent contest. Photo: David Troppens

## Blue Devils lose defensive battle vs. Goodrich, 14-7

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity football team came about 18 yards and a two-point conversion from earning a spot in the Flint Metro League Championship game for the second straight season at Goodrich High School Friday night.

The defending Flint Metro League champion Blue Devils drove from its 15 to the Goodrich 18 trailing 14-7 with three seconds left in regulation. The final pass of the night had to go to the end zone and was intercepted by Goodrich, earning the Martians the 14-7 victory and the championship game's spot in the Metro League's Stars Division.

"We had a couple of times where we drove the ball deep, and we had a couple of blown assignments here and there and if we pick those up, it could've been a different story. See **DEVILS** on 17



Fenton's Leigh Stafford does a cool down during a recent meet. Stafford took second in the 200 individual medley and in the 100 backstroke during the Tigers' victory against Corunna. **Photo: David Troppens**

## Tigers cruise past Metro foe Corunna easily, 128-54

**By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity girls swim team's domination of the Flint Metro League continued on Thursday.

A couple of days before competing at the MISCA Meet, the Tigers crushed Corunna 128-54.

The Tigers took first in all but one event. Josie Fries was the only Tiger to win two individual events, earning a first in the 200 individual medley (2:31.76) and the 100 freestyle (1:03.02).

Meanwhile, Tess Heavner won the 50 freestyle (25.78) and helped all three relays earn

firsts. She teamed with Sana Saab, Sophie Stefanac and Addison Dolliver to win the 200 medley relay (2:05.86) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.89) and also teamed with Ashlee Michelson, Layne Barz and Elena Kinsman to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:17.14).

Five other Tigers earned one first. Saab was the victor in the 100 butterfly (1:08.33) while Michelson won the 500 freestyle (5:57.71). Ella Koch took the top spot in diving (183.70) while Dolliver (1:07.65) and Stefanac (1:17.23) won the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke, respectively.

## Fenton swimmers perform well at MISCA

**By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity girls swim team competed at the MISCA meet and accomplished what squads hope to do at the event — they earned eight state-qualifying times.

The Tigers' had three top-five performances at the meet. Tess Heavner had two of them while Sophie Stefanac had the other. Heavner took second in the 200 individual medley (2:05.15) and third in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.75). Her 200 IM time was

about 13 seconds faster than the state-qualifying time while her 100 breaststroke time was about seven seconds faster.

Stefanac recorded a fifth-place performance in the 100 breaststroke (58.46), earning a state time by about four seconds. Stefanac also had a state-qualifying time of 58.92 with her eighth-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Two relays earned strong state cut times. The 200 medley See **SWIMMERS** on 17

# Eagles earn D2 title at county meet

**By David Troppens**

It was a day of some top performances for the tri-county area's boys cross country teams at the Greater Flint Cross Country Championships held at the Cummings Center on Saturday.

Linden's Kyle Eberhard won the county's individual title for the second straight season, the Eagles won the D2 boys team title and Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion broke a school record at the event.

Linden's boys took second overall with 146 points while earning the D2 title. Fenton was 11th overall while Lake Fenton took 19th.

Eberhard won the county championship race with a time of 15:47.7, earning Eberhard his sixth victory this season. Finishing in second about three seconds behind Eberhard was Clio's Elliott Sirianni (15:50.37) followed by Pinion, who broke a school record with his third-place time of 15:51.88.

"I'm super proud of the team," Eberhard said about the Eagles' performance. "A lot of guys had their best race of the season. We're looking good going into the championship season."

"I was thinking about the school record," Pinion said.

"During my long run last week, I decided this was the course and I was going to beat the record on Saturday. I felt a little slow at first going out at the start. Then, as I watched I could tell a lot of people were going out too hot, so I waited for my chance to pass them later."

The Eagles were beat by the Flushing Raiders, who finished with 135 points versus the Eagles' 146 points. Davison was third (147) and Clio finished fourth (148).

The rest of Linden's top five runners were Ryan Blackwood in 12th (16:33.28), Clayton Ackerman in 14th (16:36.86), Caleb Monaghan in 52nd (17:48.79) and Davin Meckstroth in 69th (17:48.79).

The Fenton Tigers were paced by Nathan Katic who finished in fifth (16:06.07), while Luke Defina was 29th (17:15.41). The rest of Fenton's scoring five were Anthony Maini in 34th (17:23.11), Jack Scott in 93rd (18:45.63) and Justin Perantoni in 126th (20:03.17).



Linden's Kyle Eberhard (front) won the men's county meet race, while Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion broke a school record time. **Photo: David Troppens**

Pinion recorded his first sub-16 minute time of his career with his time of 15:51.9. He broke Kyle Smith's old school record time of 15:53.2. The rest of the Blue Devils' scoring five were Gavin Hiler in 116th (19:37.74), Carter Klott in 146th (20:44.19), Drew Huestis in 154th (21:07.19) and Will Daniels in 173rd (23:15.22).

## Lady Eagles place fifth at the XC county meet

**By David Troppens**

The tri-county area saw three girls teams compete at the Greater Flint Cross Country Championships at the Cummings Center on Saturday.

Two of the teams finished in the top 10. The Linden Eagles finished fifth while the Fenton Tigers placed seventh. Lake Fenton's girls placed 18th.

The Eagles had Colleen Blackwood record her best time of the season, posting a 20th-place finish in 20:00.60.

The rest of Linden's top-five finishers were Ava Fahrenkopf in 24th (20:12.90), Taryn Craven in 32nd (20:31.50), Stelilah Strauss in 43rd (21:06.90) and Madelyn Strauss in 66th (21:45.90).

The Tigers had the top performer at the race. Izzy MacCaughan finished 11th with a time of 19:44.50. The rest of Fenton's top five runners were Emma Dubie in 21st (20:05.00), Taryn Craven in

32nd (20:31.50), Lauren Gadola in 59th (21:40.10) and Sophia Resa in 72nd (21:59.90).

Lake Fenton was paced by Kaitlyn Hatfield who took 87th (22:35.10), while teammate Maureen Fenoll wasn't far behind in 89th (22:39.60). The other three scoring runners were Grace Roy in 109th (23:10.50), MacKenzie McCall in 129th (24:04.10) and Jillian Steckroth in 136th (24:26.10).



# Fenton volleyball captures tourney championship

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity volleyball team continues to improve.

The squad proved that at its own tournament, capturing the Fenton Invitational tourney title on Saturday.

The Tigers defeated Cheryl Stockwell Academy, South Lyon and Ovid-Elsie in pool play. The Tigers also earned a draw against Valley Lutheran. That earned them a spot in the semifinals where they faced Valley Lutheran again, and won a 25-15, 25-20 verdict, earning them a spot in the tournament final. They then won the championship match against Davi-

son 21-25, 25-21, 16-14 and did so at one time trailing 14-12 in the final set.

In that final set, Lily Pihlstrom went to the service line with the Tigers trailing 14-12, but then served out the rest of the game, earning the Tigers a 16-14 set win and the championship match victory.

“My girls are focused on every game and every win,” Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jenna Long said.

The Tigers’ offense was strong. Adrie Staib continues to provide strong numbers, collecting 40 kills with a 30.8% hitting rate on the

board. Eva Long also had 30 kills while Lily Turkowski hit at 31% and had 11 kills. The front line was strong at the net. Staib had nine blocks while Paige Bakker and Long had four each.

Serving also helped the Tigers win this game. Long had a whopping 20 aces at the tourney, nailing 97% of her services. Allie Mowery was a perfect 100% and had nine aces while Pihlstrom had six aces.

The Tigers’ quest to at least a co-division title continues today with a road match at Holly. They host Kearsley on Monday.



Eva Long had 30 kills in the Fenton Invitational.

Photo: David Troppens

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18 passes for 194 yards and three touchdowns. Bond was one of the primary weapons he went to with Bond catching six passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

“I was excited from the start because we are not a big passing team,” Bond said. “Teams look at us as not a big passing team, but together as guys we know what we are capable of and we know what we can do together as a team, and it

gets the job done for all of us.”

Fenton silenced Linden’s home crowd for most of the first half. After the Tigers’ defense stopped Linden’s first possession quickly, it took the Tigers just two plays to score the game’s first TD. A screen pass to Jake Nichols went for 19 yards, and the next pass was a 28-yard TD reception by Piowarczyk. After Adam Barcome made the first of his four extra-point kicks in the contest, the Tigers led 7-0.

“I’ve been playing varsity football for three years and that was my first-ever

varsity touchdown,” Piowarczyk said. “It was a perfect ball by my quarterback Nolan Alvord, and I couldn’t have asked for a better ball to be thrown. I was just in the right place at the right time and made the play.”

Fenton’s defense stopped Linden on its second possession. One of the big plays was a two-yard loss that Piowarczyk recorded. Once they got the ball back, The Tigers drove 75 yards in nine plays, scoring on a 25-yard TD reception by Bond.

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“...been a different outcome,” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. “But my exact words to the kids was I was as proud as I can ever be about a team. We were battling and it felt like a heavyweight fight — blow after blow on both sides. Unfortunately, they came out on top.”

The Blue Devils’ defense stopped Goodrich on the game’s first possession when an incomplete pass on a fourth-and-8 play gave the Blue Devils possession at their own 36.

On the next play, Lake Fenton quarterback Carsen Lewis completed a 20-yard pass to Carsen Lewis to the Martians’ 44. The drive continued with the Blue Devils converting two more third downs, one on an 11-yard completion to Carson Haddad on a third-and-6 play and another on a three-yard run by Jack Conley on a third-and-2 play. The Blue Devils had a first down at the Goodrich 4, and eventually scored on a second-down seven-yard TD throw by Lewis to Haddad. Ashton Hunter converted the extra-point and the Blue Devils led 7-0 with 15 seconds left in the first quarter.

Goodrich responded by scoring on its next drive. The Martians scored on a fourth-and-6 play from the Lake Fenton 21 when Gavin Hart completed a 21-yard TD pass to Caden Kolanowski. Kolanowski made the extra-point and the contest was tied at 7-all.

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relay team of Stefanac, Heavner, Sana Saab and Addison Dolliver earned sixth (1:51.60) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Dollier, Stefanac, Saab and Heavner placed seventh (3:45.00). Both times were below the state cut times.

Dolliver and Saab also earned individual state times. Dolliver placed 15th in the 500 freestyle (5:25.82) while Saab took 19th in the 100 freestyle (55.59). Dolliver also placed 29th in the 200 individual medley 92:19.27), while Josie Fries placed 58th in the 100 backstroke (1:05.30).

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Keenist Jr. said. “The kids are learning to play the game the right way and learning how to work hard over the week, and when they win on Friday, that helps everything. They worked super hard in the offseason. We have miles and miles to go, but it’s nice to have some success.”

The success against Kearsley came ear-

ly as the Bronchos jumped out to a 21-0 lead. The Bronchos scored on their first possession when Noah Cycholl scored on a five-yard TD run. The lead grew to 14-0 early in the second quarter when Deshawn Willis scored on a one-yard run. Finally, the lead grew to 21-0 when the Bronchos scored their third rushing TD — and Cycholl’s second of the game — on a five-yard scamper by Cycholl.

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## PREP REPORT

### CROSS COUNTRY

► **Holly at Oakland County Championships:** The Holly boys placed 23rd at the event with Grant Hoffman leading the Bronchos with a 48th-place finish in 17:39.4. The rest of Holly’s scoring five were Chase Chalawich in 144th (19:00.2), Zachary Brown in 145th (19:00.5), Ian Smith in 152nd (19:08.3) and Ryan Walker in 159th (19:15.9).

The Holly girls placed 32nd with Jessica Booher leading the squad with a 138th-place finish (23:05.4). The rest of the scoring five were Alison Rockafellow in 166th (24:20.7), Ambrielle Hoffman in 209th (28:298), Gabriela Knight in 211st (29:28.9) and Gabrielle Sornson in 218th (33:07.0).

### BOYS TENNIS

► **Holly at D3 regional meet:** The

Bronchos placed fourth with seven points at the regional event. Seven flights won a match each. In singles matches Adam Booher (No. 1), Jake Distel (No. 2) and Wyatt Randall (No. 3). The doubles flights winning a match were Walker Glass and Quintin Monty (No. 1), Ben Kittle and Nate Costigan (No. 2), Ethan Tillier and Drake Setera (No. 3), and Ryan Tiell and Eric Ranck (No. 4).

► **Fenton at D2 regional meet:** The Tigers didn’t score any points at the D2 regional at East Lansing.

### GIRLS GOLF

► **Holly at Farmington Hills Golf Course regional:** Kendall Stilwell carded a 95 while Makena McGee posted a 101. The Bronchos didn’t field a complete team at the event.

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## Ronald Wayne Elkins

1950 – 2022



Ronald Wayne Elkins, 72, of Fenton, passed away October 10, 2022. A Memorial Gathering will be held Saturday, October 15 from 2- 4 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton, MI. at a later date. Ronald was born June 28, 1950 in Oneida,

Kentucky, the son of Orville and Rosie (Barrett) Elkins. He graduated from Hartland High School in 1970. Ronald served in the United States Army. He worked at General Motors for 30 years before retiring in 2006. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching University of Kentucky Basketball, Detroit Lions and the Detroit Tigers. But what he loved the most was watching any of his grandchildren's sporting events. Surviving are: Son, Greg (Renee) Murany; Daughter, Crista (Craig) Weddle; four grandchildren, Ryan, Jayson, Keegan, Chaz; Niece, Dana (Carl) Snavelly; great-nephews, Christopher (Angela) Snavelly; Josh (Ashley) Snavelly; great-niece, Britni Snavelly. He was preceded in death by parents; son, Jeffery Elkins; siblings, Cecil Elkins, Junior Elkins, Pauline Duke, Eudella Jorgenson. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Mary Jo Jones

1936 – 2022

Mary Jo Jones, 86, of Flint Township formerly of Fenton, passed away Monday, October 3, 2022. A graveside service will be held 5:00 PM Friday, October 14, 2022 at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Mary Jo was born March 14, 1936 in Tuckerman, AR, the daughter of Joe Cephes and Stella Mae (Milligan) Henderson. She was a graduate of Fenton High School. She married Curtis Leon Jones on February 25, 1972 in Flint and he preceded her in death on December 17, 1997. Mary Jo had resided in Flint Township coming from Fenton/Tuckerman, AR. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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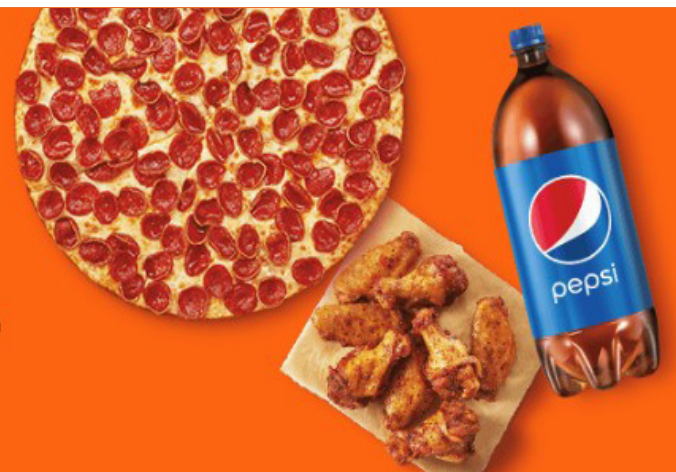
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