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Fenton man killed in crash

■ Incident under investigation

By Hannah Ball

A 40-year-old Fenton man was killed in a crash early morning Friday, Dec. 9 near Hogan Road and Major Road in Deerfield Township.

The Michigan State Police Brighton post reported that the call came in around 1:20 a.m. It was a single-vehicle crash. Police said the incident is under investigation and that alcohol and drugs appear to be a factor. His name is not being released at this time.

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Sheriff's office, community helping Fenton family



Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson, along with a group of people who participated in the Genesee County Sheriff's Office Christmas Spectacular, surprised the Nelson family of nine in Fenton on Saturday, Dec. 10. The family received a large care package with donated items, gift cards and a trip to Splash Village.

See story on page 11.

Photo: Hannah Ball

Linden students pack food boxes for families in need

■ Teacher organizes field trip to food bank

By Hannah Ball

Field trips can be fun and educational for students, and sometimes they focus on helping others.

Dawn Yankley, special education teacher at Linden High School, took 26 students to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint on Friday, Dec. 9. Some of the students are in the Peer 2 Peer program, which supports Yankley's students, and some are instructional leaders, a group that earns high school credit

from helping in her classroom.

“The purpose of the trip was to get holiday boxes ready for families in need. We filled 72 boxes, which is approximately 3,000 lbs of food,” she said. “The students loved it. Very organized and understanding of an assembly line. They really felt good about helping others.”

This is the second year Yankley has organized this field trip, and she hopes to take students twice a year.

See photos from the event on page 9.

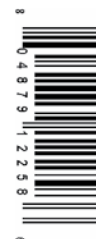
“I hope that everyone will take time to be kind and show our youth how to quietly pay it forward. It's a wonderful feeling to watch someone get a pay it forward. The automatic sparkle in their eyes, smile on their faces and skip in their walk.”



“I'd like to let the gentleman that paid for my meal at Leo's Coney Island Monday evening know what a pleasant surprise that was. I've done that but no one's ever done it for me. You made my night, sir, it was quite the surprise.”



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'You're not Santa'

■ Santa visits Linden Museum; man in costume talks about playing iconic role for 40 years

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Jim Thompson, 65, has only been discovered once in his 40 years.

It wasn't when he was serving as Linden Music Boosters president for years and students who saw him frequently didn't recognize him.

It wasn't during any of the hundreds of times he's dressed up with a white wig, a red hat and a red suit to meet kids at local events.

It was when his granddaughter, who was 3 or 4 at the time, sat on his lap at Hyatt Elementary that he was finally recognized.

"You're not Santa," she told him. "You're my grandpa."

His granddaughter is 13 now, and thankfully, it's been a while since he's been recognized.

Thompson has had a busy holiday this year dressing as Santa to meet children and ask what they want for Christmas. His latest event was Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Linden Mills Historical Society and Museum. Dozens of families brought their kids to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and to

explore the museum.

Peter Maas, president of the Linden Mills Historical Society, said their goal was to bring some holiday cheer and to get more people into the museum. "It was neat for me to just see the kids' expressions on their faces," he said.

Kathy Morgan, who played Mrs. Claus for the first time on Saturday, volunteered to take on the role during one of the monthly meetings for the Linden Spirit of '76 group.

"It was really fun," she said. "Today went great. It was the first time that they've done this here so that was very new. We weren't sure what to expect. It was a consistent flow of people. There was never a line to see Santa. It worked out really great."

She ordered a Mrs. Claus Bronner's costume for the occasion.

"The whole thing today was really trying to drive people to the museum," she said. "It's a beautiful museum. Both floors are just amazing... trying to get the younger people with young families from the area to see the building and see this, see what people do here."

She lives in Gaines Township but said her home is Linden. "I drive into town and I feel like I'm home," she said.

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Santa visits the Linden Museum



Santa at Jinglefest Photo: Hannah Ball

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

If everything goes as planned, a Fenton family with seven kids will be able to spend Christmas in their newly renovated home. Right now, they are staying at a hotel in Fenton. John and Jessica Nelson own their home on Sixth Street but found themselves falling behind with maintaining it. They both work and there was just never enough time to take care of the home built in the 1800s.

With seven children ranging in age from 5-17, the Fenton school district and the district's resource officer, Tom Cole, reached out to Dawn Placek, executive director for Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) to see if FARR could provide some resources for the kids.

After spending some time with the parents, it was evident to Dawn that the Nelsons were attempting to make major repairs on the home they own, however, they didn't have the resources or time.

I wrote about this in mid-November and so much has been done to the Nelsons' home since that time. First, the family temporarily moved out of the home and has been staying at the

'Miracle on Sixth Street' continues

Comfort Inn. Dawn said the hotel staff has been so wonderful to work with and they have provided a lot of help for the family. The house was pretty much gutted down to the studs so that damaged drywall could be removed. While doing this, they found the home had no insulation in the walls. The Nelsons had purchased a furnace, but didn't have the resources to have it installed. Dawn said for the last four years, they relied on space heaters.

FARR has been reaching out to its community of organizations and busi-



Sharon Stone

nesses and in turn, Dawn said they have had so many wonderful people stepping up with material and labor.

Last week, they were finishing up the installation of drywall and getting the home properly insulated. This week, the two bathrooms are being finished. They turned one large bathroom into two. She said

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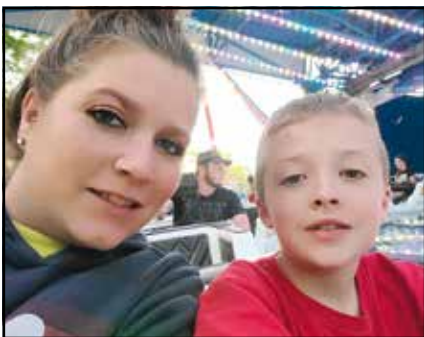
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Event raises more than \$15,000 for R&R employees

■ Patrons of burned down speakeasy hold fundraiser for affected employees

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — For one night, it felt like The Relief and Resource Co. was open again.

The R&R WhiskeyClub Fundraiser raised \$15,511 after expenses on Saturday, Dec. 10 at The Laundry Room.

“It’s been good. It’s ultimately just amazing to see everybody,” said Jon Foley, head bartender and co-owner of R&R. “There was a culture that existed at that bar and tonight, it’s like it’s back for a night.”

It’s bittersweet for him.

“There’s an element of reliving what happened over and over again,” he said. “As amazing as this is, it wouldn’t be happening if it didn’t burn down. That’s not to say we’re not grateful but it would be nice to be back at work. It would be nice to be serving all you guys drinks again.”

He said the fact that they’re helping the staff, especially during this holiday

season, is “incredible.”

Foley told the audience that it’s “wonderful” to see everyone and that he misses the bar very much.

The restaurant and bar originally opened in August 2016. El Topo and Relief & Resource opened in August 2016 and were a popular destination in the city.

Zac and Vena Boddy, who have been members of the R&R Whiskey Club for years, planned the event to help the employees who served them drinks for years.

Boddy said that whenever he tells people he’s from Fenton, they ask if he’s been to the “Pringles” speakeasy because the door to the bar was the front of a Pringles machine. At the event, they had Pringles cans set out as table decorations and snacks, and they hung a few R&R posters that were saved from the fire.

Along with ticket sales, organizers held numerous fundraisers, games and raffles.

Zac Boddy said they had a few big donations. One anonymous donor contributed close to \$7,000 to cover the cost of The Laundry Room. Another person who



(Left) Zac Boddy, event organizer of the R&R WhiskeyClub Fundraiser, and Jon Foley, head bartender and co-owner of The Relief & Resource Co., sell cards during the event. (Right) Foley, standing next to Vena Boddy, event organizer, gives a speech and thanks attendees for their support. Photo: Hannah Ball

wasn’t able to attend donated \$4,000.

More than 60 people attended the event. Boddy was surprised at how a small group of people raised this amount money for the 10 employees.

We knew they created a great environment and great culture, but raising that amount of money with such a small group of people really speaks volume to how special of a place they created. It wasn’t just a bar,” he said.

Boddy thanked all the donors that made the fundraiser possible.

“We had a great time. Vena and I, it’s the first time we’ve organized anything like that. We were extremely nervous leaving up to the event,” he said. “The turnout was a much bigger impact than we had anticipated. It was pretty freaking awesome. It was the experience that we had envisioned creating for the R&R staff.”

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Today I'll discuss what "unavailable" means in Michigan and how a criminal felony trial can still be held without that testimony.

In felony matters, there are often District Court Preliminary Examinations conducted to determine if there is sufficient evidence (probable cause) to send the case to Circuit Court for trial.

When that happens and the case is about to be tried, but a witness can't testify, there are five main situations under a Michigan Rule of Evidence when the witness can be declared "unavailable." These include situations when the witness:

(1) is exempted by ruling of the court on the ground of privilege from testifying, an example being "spousal privilege" when one spouse isn't

required to testify against the other;
(2) refusal to testify despite a court order;
(3) lack of memory;
(4) inability to be present at the hearing due to death or physical or mental illness or other infirmity;
(5) is absent from the hearing and can't be served with a subpoena by the party wanting their testimony despite their best efforts.

When a witness is declared unavailable by the court, alternative ways are allowed to present prior witness statements as follows:

(1) former testimony such as at a preliminary examination, this is the most common method;
(2) statement under belief of impending death as to the cause or circumstances of death;
(3) statement against interest made by a witness;
(4) statement regarding personal or family history.

A witness is not unavailable if the reason for it is the wrongful acts of the party who wants to introduce the prior statements.

The above are just the highlights of the rule and there are many other possibilities. I have had criminal cases when a witness testified before me in District Court and then failed to appear at Circuit Court out of fear of retaliation by the defendant or their associates.

In the end, justice demands that trials be held when witnesses are unavailable and a just verdict can then be rendered.

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Submitted by Hillary Hatch

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224-unit subdivision approved

■ Age-restricted subdivision will be built in phases

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Planning Commission approved the final site plan for the 224-unit, age-restricted subdivision, which will be built on Lahring Road between U.S. 23 and Jennings Road, on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Brookwood Fenton will be a multi-family residential community age 55+ with recreation areas, pathways around the site, and a 2,500 square foot clubhouse. The property is 73 acres.

Garner Properties & Management Company plans to build the development on the north side of Lahring Road. The residential development is planned to have 20 six-plex buildings (120 units), 22 four-plex buildings (88 units) and eight two-plex buildings (16 units), for a total of 224 units.

Chris Garner of Brookwood Estate Senior Living attended the Thursday meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. Commissioners had concerns

and questions about sidewalks, driveways and more.

The units will be built in phases. The property was rezoned to PUD on April 2, 2022 with conditions.

“Storm water management will consist of multiple detention basins with one outlet to the existing watercourse. Public sanitary sewer and water main are to be installed for the development with connections to both services at Lahring Road. Landscaping will be provided and has been shown around the site to buffer the development from U.S. 23 and Lahring Road. A good portion of the site will be undisturbed to protect the natural features,” according to the information packet provided by Zoning Administrator Michael Deem.

During past meetings, citizens raised concerns about traffic, especially with the proximity to Lake Fenton High School. A Wade Trim traffic study conducted in January 2022, with both actual traffic counts and historic pre-COVID traffic counts, found that the Brookwood development will have minimal effect on traffic.

How to prevent package theft

■ Install security cameras, coordinate with delivery companies, check with neighbors, and more tips

By Hannah Ball

The holiday season is the busiest season for online shopping.

Delivery drivers leave packages in mailboxes if they fit. If they're too large, boxes and packages are placed on porches and/or in front of doors. While this is a convenient method of shopping, it gives thieves ample opportunity to steal.

In the U.S., approximately 49 million Americans have reported at least one package stolen in the past 12 months, according to security.org.

“Package theft was more common in multi-family dwellings than single-family homes, as well as in urban areas (16 percent) than in suburban (9 percent) and rural areas (8 percent),” according to a survey from Consumer

Reports.

Incidents were also reported more frequently among younger people and lower-income households.

Fortunately, local police chiefs say package theft is not a significant problem.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said they haven't had any reported incidents last year or this year.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said they haven't seen a problem here in Linden. He encouraged people to track their packages, know which company is handling delivery and save the receipt and tracking number. People can also request a signature confirmation upon delivery, which prevents the delivery driver from leaving the package unattended.

Buyers may also be able to request a specific delivery time.

Sutter also recommends asking the delivery company to leave your packages somewhere it can't be seen

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from the street.

“Consider installing security cameras, both as a deterrent and to assist the police if you become a victim of porch pirates,” he said. “Delivery alerts. Many delivery companies offer - at no cost - text notification to your cell phone when a package has been delivered.”

Those with Amazon Prime can use Amazon Key and let delivery drivers place packages inside your garage. Online shoppers should also consider buying a PO box at a nearby post office to have packages delivered there.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said they haven't had any reports of stolen packages. He often sees on social media people posting about receiving a package that wasn't sent to them and delivering it to the right place.

“Unfortunately, this is the time of year where opportunists will drive around searching porches. They will target neighborhoods as they have more

opportunity for a package on a porch. There are several ways to mitigate this kind of theft,” he said. “The best is the lock box that is available at online locations.”

“Or, in an even better way to shop securely- shop local. See if there is a local business that is selling the items you need. Our local retail stores are the places that support our community and donate to local causes. Ask your local Downtown Development Authority for a list of businesses in your area, you may just discover the safest purchase yet,” Narsh said.

Tips from Narsh:

1. Check with neighbors. Sometimes, your package may not be stolen, just simply at the wrong address.
2. Don't leave unattended packages.
3. Ship to a local store.
4. Use a security camera.
5. Require a signature.
6. Consider a package receiving service.
7. Purchase a secure porch lock box for package delivery

SANTA

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Thompson, a Linden High School graduate and member of the Linden Mills Historical Society, also has deep ties to Linden and the area. He first played Santa after a friend asked him if he was interested in taking on the role for the Holly Dickens Festival. In his 40 years of playing Santa, he's donned the costume hundreds of times.

Thompson has an old edition of The Fenton Independent dated Dec. 3, 1998, with him on the front page dressed as Santa.

“It's a lot of fun, the kids are a lot of fun,” he said. The kids ask for anything from dinosaurs to robots. Every year is a bit different. One kid said she wanted her grandpa to get better.

His wife made the costume and they bought the wig. Thompson colors his eyebrows gray and puts blush on his cheeks to make it seem like he just came from the North Pole's cold climate. At one point, he wore a fat suit around his middle. It takes him about 20 minutes to a half hour to get changed.

People call Thompson frequently and ask him to attend events. The first weekend

in December is always the busiest. Over the years, he's been Santa at Jinglefest, Holiday Happening, local school events, Boy Scouts events and more. He also does private parties. He once delivered a horse to a young girl when he was dressed as Santa.

Some of the busiest events this year were Breakfast with Santa at Hyatt Elementary on Dec. 3 and Jinglefest in Fenton.

“I enjoy doing it. I do it for the kids,” he said.

He's experienced at staying in character so the kids don't suspect anything. The kids in the Linden Music Boosters program never recognized him when he played Santa in the Linden Holiday Happening Parade.

“I would go talk to them because I did it for many years. Not one of them over the years knew it was me,” he said.

Neither did most of the young children in his family. In photos of his niece meeting Santa as a young girl, it's actually Thompson in the costume. At family functions, he would dress up as Santa to deliver presents, change and then rejoin the family. The kids never suspected anything.

His tips for people who wish to play Santa? Enjoy meeting the kids and have fun.



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had been going to the laundromat.

Costs that have been covered include approximately \$1,000 for insulation, \$20,000 for the two bathrooms, and \$15,000 for the kitchen. Dawn said in total, approximately \$75,000 has been spent on making their home livable again.

Demo work has provided some surprises for workers. Early on, when they ripped out a ceiling, an envelope containing \$2,000 fell out. Recently, when electricians were redoing all the electrical, they discovered live wires that led nowhere inside the walls. Dawn said they are lucky their home didn't catch fire.

The Fenton Education Foundation is taking care of the kids this Christmas.

FARR has their team of financial advisors and counselors working with all the family members so that they all will be successful maintaining their home and keeping up with all their school work.

The two oldest kids will have their own bedrooms and the five younger ones will share rooms. The boys asked their room include trucks and the girls requested pinks, purples and yellows. Dawn said Heather Green with God's Love Foundation worked with Jessica and together they incorporated ideas they found on Pinterest to decorate the rest of the home. Jessica realized she likes barn doors, so they are including a couple for her. A member of The Rock Church is making them a large farm table. Dawn said the family has never had a table large enough for them to eat together.

Since the plan is to have the family back in another week or so, Dawn said The Home Depot of Fenton is providing the Christmas tree and all decorations for free.

As of last week, the one big ticket item they still needed was flooring. Dawn was hopeful that another miracle would happen. I don't know about you, but I'm excited to be on Sixth Street when FARR does the big reveal, which of right now has not been scheduled.



Linden High School students help pack food boxes for families at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan on Friday, Dec. 9.

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Sheriff's office, community helping Fenton family

■ Sheriff's office includes Fenton family in this year's Christmas Spectacular

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — There's been a miracle on Sixth Street in Fenton.

A family of nine in Fenton will have a happy Christmas this year thanks to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and community support in fixing up their house.

Sheriff Chris Swanson and the GCSO included the Nelson family in this year's Christmas Spectacular, which is when they deliver care packages to families that need a little extra help during the holiday season. Sponsors donate toys, household items, toiletries, food and more for these packages. This year, they delivered approximately 200 boxes.

Swanson and a group of people surprised the Nelson family on Saturday, Dec. 10 at their Sixth Street residence.

"We're going to bless you today, man," Swanson told John Nelson and his seven kids. "We got people coming from all over the country to help bless you. You can thank the Tri-County Times and FARR. We know that sometimes things happen that you don't ask for but we're going to help you out."

The family was given gift cards to McDonald's, Kroger, a care package, and a free three-day trip to Splash Village for the entire family.

"To get a break from everything and just go and enjoy and play games,"

Swanson said.

Nelson, father of seven, was visibly emotional and responded with a simple "thank you."

Times Editor Sharon Stone first learned about this family in early November after talking with Dawn Placek, the executive director of Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR). She wrote a column called "Miracle on Sixth Street" project about FARR helping the family. Swanson wanted to help, too.

Nelson said he and his wife, Jessica Macdougall-Nelson, purchased the home in 2013.

"Unfortunately, there just seemed to be more work than I could get accomplished. COVID hit as I was trying to get everything done. I just couldn't get everything done between my job, making sure I could provide what I could for the kids. I was buying what I could when I could, trying to do the repairs as I was going along. It got to be overwhelming," he said. "Officer Tom Cole from Fenton reached out to me because of my kids in the schools."

"Between them and God's love and this whole community, my home's getting fixed for my family," Nelson said.

Cole is the school resource officer who contacted FARR about the family's situation. They're living in temporary housing while work is being done on the home. The structure needed a new furnace, drywall repair, a new bathroom, a laundry room and more. The city

became aware of a water issue and city officials deemed the home unlivable. This prompted a faster response from FARR. Placek said Cole was determined to not let this family lose their house.

The Home Depot, Vic Bond Sales and Goyette Mechanical have been major contributors to the home renovations. GFL, the city's trash collectors, donated two large dumpsters. An owner trying to sell a large wooden playground set donated the set to the kids. God's Love Foundation moved the set to their backyard.

Nelson's wife, Jessica, was working on Saturday during this time and

Swanson surprised her at work to tell her the news.

While making these deliveries on Saturday, the GCSO was joined by sponsors from McDonald's, Kroger, and more as well as people from New York and Los Angeles. A group of volunteers were at the Sixth Street residence working on the home when everyone arrived. The public can see this moment on the GCSO Facebook page.

Swanson described the event as a "group effort" and thanked all the Christmas Spectacular sponsors that participated. He offered the Nelson's more support in the future if needed.

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12 "Madam Secretary" actress
14 Opposite of "sans"
15 Very hungry
16 Gambling city
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24 Any time now
25 Stuffed Italian pasta
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50 Still, in verse

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25 Cheap way to live
26 Chorus syllables

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Midweek Jumble

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Horoscopes

For the week of
December 12, 2022

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, no matter how much you try to tip the odds in your favor, this week is much more about the luck of the draw. Keep a positive outlook and things may turn out in your favor.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if winter's chill is getting you down, you may want to plan a getaway to somewhere warmer. That may be just what you need to recharge.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

The two sides of your personality are lately at odds with one another, Gemini. You have to make an important decision, so seek out a friend for advice.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, you lean toward an optimistic view on most things, but it is alright to be realistic at some points along the way, or even slightly skeptical. Balance is key.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you are feeling under the weather this week, you will have to put on a smile and push through. It is the holidays, after all. Seek as much help as others can muster.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are on borrowed time regarding your finances. Take a careful look at your budget this week and make the tweaks necessary to stay afloat if income wanes.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

A companion animal in your life needs some attention, Libra. There may be some vet bills to contend with, but luckily you can handle that without much issue.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

The activity you have been turning to provide mental stimulation just may not be cutting it any longer. Start to explore some other options and see if there may be a better fit.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

A health issue that has been getting the better of you for some time will be resolved for in the days to come, Sagittarius. It'll be birthday good news. Start celebrating.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, after a tumultuous few weeks, things in your life finally settle down. Embrace the opportunity to rest and do not take on any new projects until next year.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, things may not be going completely according to plan on the professional front. But at home you have gotten into a solid groove. Use this win to boost your mood.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

There is much more to a situation than meets the eye, Pisces. Delve deeper to learn about a person's true motivation.

Lady Bronchos break long losing skid, defeat Dragons

By David Troppens

The date was March 18, 2021 when the Holly varsity girls basketball team defeated Clio 54-24.

That was the last time the Bronchos won a game, losing 23 straight.

But now a win streak is starting. The Bron-

chos took a lead and held on down the stretch, earning a 35-33 victory against Swartz Creek.

“It’s huge,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. “They’ve been working and believing, so this is huge for them. We finally hit some shots. If we can make shots, we can be competitive.”

The contest was, by far, the Bronchos’ best of the season. And the third quarter, which is usually a big bugaboo stanza for the Bronchos, wasn’t in this game. Holly scored a season-high 15 points in the third. Holly led just 15-12 entering halftime, but the 15-point third gave

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Holly’s Makena McGee

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Lake Fenton’s Emerson Baker chases down a ball during a recent contest.

Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils defeat Brandon Blackhawks

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team is off to an outstanding start to the 2022-23 season.

The Blue Devils have played three games and recorded three double-digit victories.

The most recent one came against the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks. Lake Fenton’s defense held Brandon to three or less points in three of the four quarters en route to a 69-16 victory.

“It was a great team win and great defense again,” Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said.

Nine players scored and four recorded double-digit point totals. The squad jumped to a 20-2 lead in the first quarter with five players scoring, but none of them hitting more than two field goals during the eight-minute period. Kendyl Smith hit a trey and a two-pointer, giving her five for the quarter, while Cola Sisk, Makenna Clement and SJ Fellenbaum had two field goals for four points

See **BLUE DEVILS** on 15

Sports Times

Eagles open Stripes action with a victory

By David Troppens

Linden — Jase Becher has a friend on Linden’s JV boys basketball game who scored 23 points Thursday night.

Becher didn’t want him to win high-scoring honors for the week.

“I said I had to one-up him, and I outscored him by one point,” Becher said.

The sophomore post player did a little more than that. Becher had a game-high 24 points, 16 rebounds and three blocks in the Linden varsity boys basketball team’s 62-56 Flint Metro League Stripes Division win against Kearsley. It also was first-year coach Matt Christensen’s first win at the helm with the Eagles.

“It feels good to get it out of the way so we can focus on getting better,” Christensen said.

The Eagles did get better since their first game of the season on Monday at Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils won that game by a 71-41 margin.

Kearsley did sneak to the early lead, taking an 11-6 lead after a three-pointer by Da’Kari Neely, but the Eagles responded. Bryson Phillips dished an assist to Colin Weiss for a three-pointer, and Konner Hulett hit a free throw, cutting the Kearsley

lead to just 11-10 entering the second quarter.

The Hornets started the second quarter with back-to-back layups from Jakhi Johnson and Neely, but the Eagles responded with an 8-0 run that gave them the lead back. The run started with an assist from Tyler Willard on a Becher bucket and ended on a putback hoop from Becher. When the run ended, the Eagles enjoyed an 18-15 lead. Linden would never trail again.

Kearsley cut the gap to 18-17 on a baseline drive by Lucas Groulx, but Weiss assisted a driving layup by Becher and Hulett followed with a layin of his own, giving Linden a 22-17 lead. The Eagles took a 24-20 lead into the half.

The Eagles took over in the third quarter. They hit 8-of-17 shots while Kearsley managed to hit on just 4-of-11 shots, allowing the Eagles to raise their lead to double-digits. It grew to double-digits for the first time on a jumper by Joe Miller, giving Linden a 41-30 lead with 1:28 left in the third quarter. Later, the gap grew to as many as 45-31 on a hoop by Weiss. Linden enjoyed a 45-33 lead

See **EAGLES** on 15



Linden’s Jase Becher scored 24 points in the Eagles’ 62-56 Metro League Stripes Division victory against Kearsley. Photo: Mark Bolen

Bronchos start hot, end hot in road victory at Creek

By David Troppens

There were hot streaks and there were cold streaks for the Holly varsity boys basketball team in its Flint Metro League Stripes Division road contest at Swartz Creek Friday night.

But for the most part, it was a pretty impressive effort by the Holly Bronchos.

Holly almost led the entire contest from start to finish, earning a strong 49-34 victory against the Dragons.

The Bronchos (1-1) started mighty hot against Swartz Creek, scoring the game's first 13 points. It started with an Andrew Lewis dish to Mason Clark for a three-pointer, and that was followed by a Clark to Lewis three-pointer. Clark followed those shots with a short six-footer, giving the Bronchos an 8-0 lead with 4:29 left in the first quarter.

The Bronchos remained hot. De-shawn Willis hit a layin and Clark hit another trey, raising the gap to 13-0 with 3:00 left in the opening quarter. The Dragons went on a small 6-0 run of their own, but Ashton Dehart ended the first quarter with a driving layup at the buzzer giving the Bronchos a 15-6 lead.

But as good as the first quarter was for the Bronchos, the second was the direct opposite. Holly converted just one free throw the entire quarter, converted by Willis with 3:54 left in the half. The Bronchos still led 16-8 at that time, but the Dragons scored six straight points to end the quarter, cutting Holly's lead to 16-14 at halftime.

Swartz Creek scored the first two field goals of the second half, and took its first lead of the game at 18-16 on the second one. However, KaVion Smith responded with a three-pointer, giving the Bronchos a 19-18 lead. Swartz Creek tied it with a converted free throw, but a putback hoop by Bowen Moore gave the Bronchos the lead for good. Moore was also fouled, and he hit the free throw, giving the Bronchos a 22-19 lead at the time. It was followed by a Smith fastbreak layup, a driving layup by Tony Simmons and a Smith jumper. The Bronchos led 28-19, and eventually would take a 33-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

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Tigers post strong road victory vs. Flushing, 52-47

By David Troppens

Sometimes it takes a senior to help lead a squad to victory by doing something more than scoring points or playing great defense.

Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said he had a senior that proved that Friday.

Logan told senior Ben Grob that he wasn't going to start Friday night because he wanted the Tigers to have more size in its starting lineup when Fenton played a road game against the Flushing Raiders.

"I told him I wanted to move him to the bench and start a bigger body and he took it without blinking," Logan said. "Now, that's leadership. He didn't start pouting, and that could be the key to our season. I wanted to start 6-foot-3 Justin Banura so we could get physical on the boards. He just moved on. That's one switch that may help us down the road, and that's good senior leadership."

The move worked. Banura scored 11

Holly wrestlers finish 2-3 at Frankenmuth

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team competed at the Frankenmuth Invitational and came home with a 2-3 record.

The Bronchos defeated Pinconning and Whitmore Lake, but lost to North Branch, Lapeer and Mt. Morris.

Two wrestlers finished with perfect 5-0 records. Chase Couchman (120) went 5-0 with five pinfall victories. Sean Murray (126) also went 5-0 with four pinfall wins. Another wrestler competed in multiple matches and went perfect. That was Jacob Devary, who won all four of his matches by pin.

Jayden Higgins (215) earned four pinfall wins and went 4-1 while Christian Preston (150) went 4-1 with a pin-

Fenton wrestlers compete at Romeo tournament

The Fenton varsity wrestling team competed at the Romeo Team Tournament on Saturday.

Fenton beat Crestwood 56-12, while losing to Detroit Catholic Central 55-18, Imlay City 43-36 and Romeo 64-15.

points, but also provided six blocked shots, including a key one late, helping lead the Tigers to a strong 52-47 road victory against the Raiders.

"Justin Banura and Jadon Burnau played around the basket in the second half and they were really dominant," Logan said. "They gave us long arms and big bodies. Banura had six blocks and those two affected at least as many shots that they didn't block."

The Tigers trailed 16-11 after one quarter, but had the lead cut to 26-25 by halftime. Fenton quickly took the lead in the third quarter, and usually led by about four to eight points. Colin TerBurgh hit a three-pointer during the quarter, helping Fenton take a 46-41 lead after three quarters.

Fenton struggled at the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, but their defense was strong. Maybe the key moment of the contest came defensively when Banura blocked a shot with 40 seconds left. He

fall. Hunter Hummel (190) recorded a 3-2 mark with three pinfall wins while Macklin O'Neal (175) was 2-2 with a pinfall win.

Holly wrestlers to earn a victory were Andrew Cross (144), Konner Welch (157), Hunter Bishop (165), Logan Carrollos (150), Kendall Drake (175) and Riley Hummel (144).

Corunna 39, Holly 30

Holly 63, Byron 6

Holly had five wrestlers finish with 2-0 marks. Hunter Hummel (190) and Jayden Higgins (215) had the strongest showings, each recording two pinfall wins. Hummel had one of his pins in just 1:07 while Higgins had one in 1:22.

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The Tigers had two wrestlers finish with perfect 4-0 records — Jamal Horne (113) and Phillip Lamka (175).

Kyle Dunfield (165) and Carson Krzeszak (285), each finished with 3-1 records with three pinfall wins.

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Fenton's Sam Dillard attempts a shot during a recent game. Photo: David Fleet
also scored nine of his 11 points in the second half.

"That was a hard fought Metro League win at Flushing," Logan said.

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 26, Clio 4:** Holly's Evelyn Wollesen had a two-game series total of 231 to lead the Bronchos to the victory. Tatum Stuenke had a series of 209. Holly also won both Baker games.

► **Owosso 17, Fenton 13:** The Tigers were led by Jena Fijolek's two-game series of 160-173-333, while Danielle Weaver bowled a 129-151-280 series. Fenton won one of the Baker games 150-136.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Owosso 28, Fenton 2:** Fenton's Brandon Cairnduff bowled a 179-152-331 two-game series while Dylan Pampreen bowled a 174 for the Tigers.

WRESTLING

► **Linden at the George Hamblin Invitational:** The Eagles' Bryce Shingleton (132) won his individual championship at the meet, defeating Utica's Hunter Thomson by pinfall in the finals. Ben Wingblad (126) also made it to the title match, but settled for second place. Jase Grundy (190) took third while Michael Bush (175) finished fourth. Lucas Carr (157) and Itiel Delgado (215) earned fifth-place finishes.



Linden's Addison Acker drives the lane in the Eagles' Metro League Stripes Division victory against Kearsley. Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles rebound vs. Kearsley, 58-24

By David Troppens

Linden — Well, that second game had to feel much better for the Linden varsity girls basketball team and first-year coach Brian Klein.

The Eagles recorded their first victory of the season at home Friday against Flint Metro League Stripes foe Kearsley, earning a 58-24 win at Linden High School.

On Monday, the Eagles opened the season against one of the Metro League's top teams, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils, losing that contest 56-16. Obviously, it was nice to end those memories with an impressive win four days later.

"Today was about getting right, playing more our game and playing basketball," Klein said. "I think the hype of the opener of the season on Monday kind of tripped us up a little bit. But they responded all week, and they got to have some fun tonight. I'm happy for them."

The Eagles (1-1) got off to what looked like a decent start in the first quarter. Kayla Widner, Olivia Mawhinney and Kelsey McLennan each scored four first-quarter points, leading the Eagles to a 16-8 lead after one period.

The second quarter was true Linden

dominance, led by Mawhinney. Mawhinney scored 10 points, six on two three-pointers, leading the Eagles to a 23-point second quarter. Addison Acker chipped in five points while Megan Widner hit a three-pointer. Meanwhile, the defense was equally impressive, allowing Kearsley just one field goal during the eight minutes. The Eagles led 39-13 at halftime.

The third quarter was just as impressive as the second from a defensive perspective. Kearsley scored just four points. Meanwhile, Acker chipped in another four points while Shaye Barkholz and Megan Widner had three-pointers. The Eagles led 54-17.

A good portion of the quarter was played with the continuous clock going due to Linden enjoying a sizable lead.

"We just need to continue to build momentum with all of the little things on both ends of the ball," Klein said. "We know that when we run into some big teams in this league, we need to play better consistently on both ends. Our girls have talent. ... Just believing it and being able to work for four quarters get getting rewarded for it — we have to continue to work on that."

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Griffins finish 1-1 at weekend event

By David Troppens

There was good news and bad news during the Fenton-Linden Area Griffins' most recent hockey games in Grand Rapids.

The first game on Thursday was a resounding success, resulting in a 10-2 victory against the Lakeshore Badgers. However, the Friday contest was a tough 9-1 loss against the Portage Muskies.

Against Lakeshore, the Griffins scored four first-period goals and then three in each

of the final two periods. Jace Dumeah had the biggest night, scoring four goals, the most by a Griffin player in a game this season. Mitchel Luck continued his strong start to the season with a six-point performance. He had three goals and three assists. Meanwhile, Caden Crandall had two goals and three assists and Carson Gardner had a goal and three assists. In goal, Porter Lobocki earned the victory.

BLUE DEVILS

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each. Meanwhile, Emerson Baker chipped in a three-pointer.

Lake Fenton's domination continued in the second quarter, as the Blue Devils outscored Brandon 19-8 during the stanza. Six players scored during the quarter with no one

scoring more than Baker's five points. Fellenbaum and Parker Beardsley had four points each while Ella Prevost, Sisk and Clement had two points each. Lake Fenton led 39-10 at halftime, and the competitive phase of the game was already pretty much over.

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Kearsley tried to make it interesting in the final quarter and did cut the Linden lead back into the single-digit range. However, the Eagles iced the game at the charity stripe, making 11-of-14 free throws in the final quarter. Reed Krueger made a perfect 4-for-4 to lead the way. Kearsley did cut the Linden lead to just 60-54 with 14.9 seconds left on a layup by Groulx, but Weiss locked up the victory by making two free throws just two seconds later.

Becher liked what he saw.

"I think the talking, the energy and the overall working as a team was much better than (against Lake Fenton). And nerves was a big thing," Becher said. "(The

last game) was our first game. We were super nervous. But today, we locked down and we felt better."

Others had strong games for Linden. Miller finished with 12 points and two steals while Krueger had eight points and four rebounds. Weiss had seven points four rebounds and three assists while Monte Keener chipped in six points and 10 rebounds.

"I think we had to get the rust off," Christensen said. "We had a lot of guys playing football and that was their first game in a while. They had to get back into it. We saw what we are capable of tonight."

Groulx led Kearsley with



Linden's Monte Keener (right) had six points and 10 rebounds in the Eagles' win against Kearsley. Photo: Mark Bolen

26 points, while Neely had 14 points.

LF wrestlers repeat as Don Johnson Wrestling Invitational champions

By David Troppens

A year ago the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team proved their talent early in the season when the squad won the Don Johnson Wrestling Invitational.

The Blue Devils repeated history on Saturday.

Lake Fenton had five first-place finishers and won the 14-team tournament, with 211 points. Laingsburg was second with 198 points.

Two of Lake Fenton's individual champions earned pinfall wins in the finals. Jorge Marvin

(106) was one of them, defeating Flushing's Dylon Labelle by pinfall in 3:05. Meanwhile, Ty Johnson (144) also won his title by pinfall, defeating another Flushing foe, Damon Eaddy, with his coming in 1:32.

Noah Hall (150) also earned a spot in the championship round, and earned a 14-2 major decision victory against Laingsburg's Kyle Boettcher in it. The other two championship winners did so with decision wins in the final. Clay Cook (120) defeated Flushing's Wyatt Mar-

tin by an 8-4 score while Wyatt DeVasher defeated Marshall's Joshua Gearin by a 12-6 decision.

Drew Corcoran (138) also earned a spot in the finals, but lost to Lainsburg's Aden Baynes in the final by pinfall.

Other Lake Fenton placers at the event were Kaleb Digai-como (132) and Karson Crist (175) in third place; Josh Ezell (215), Cohen Dangcil (106) and Robby Moore (126) in fifth place; and Luke Wright (165) in sixth.



Fenton's Noah Hall (left) earned a first-place finish in his weight class at the Don Johnson Invitational on Saturday.

Photo: David Troppens

LF boys remain perfect, defeat Brandon

By David Troppens

It's said defense wins championships.

But the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is proving scoring points isn't so bad either.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 on the young season, earning a 72-48 victory on the road against Ortonville-Brandon on Friday night.

The Blue Devils reached the 70-point plateau for the second time in two games, earning a 72-48 road victory against Ortonville-Brandon on Friday night.

Lake Fenton opened the season with a 71-41 victory on Monday at home against area rival Linden.

The Blue Devils' balance was pretty incredible against the Blackhawks. Lake Fenton scored at least 14 points in every quarter, but never had a single player score more than two field goals in any of them. Still, it took awhile for the Blue Devils to blow the game open.

In the opening quarter, Gavin Teffner hit two treys while Coleson Lessner had five points and Brandon Bossert netted four points, leading the Blue Devils to an 18-12 lead.

The Blue Devils scored 18 points in the second quarter as well. Ashton Hunter hit two treys and Jett Husted had six points off of two field goals



Lake Fenton's Gavin Teffner scored 19 points in the Blue Devils' win against Brandon. Photo: Mark Bolen

and two free throws, leading the squad to another strong period. Brandon managed 13 points, keeping them within screaming distance at halftime. Lake Fenton led 36-25.

The Blue Devils continued to stretch the lead in the third quarter with their best offensive output of the game.

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Tigers lose road verdict vs. Flushing

By David Troppens

It's a tough ask for any team to begin a league season on the road at Flushing.

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team found that out the hard way Friday.

After winning two straight games, the Tigers stuck with the Raiders for a quarter, but were outscored 20-5 in the second stanza eventually resulting in a 53-32 Metro League Stripes Division loss.

The Tigers played a strong first quarter, tying the contest twice and taking a lead in the first eight minutes. The team's first tie came on a steal and fast

break layup by Maddie Sleziński, making it 2-2. The Tigers tied it at 6-6 as well on a runner hoop by Adrie Staib. Fenton enjoyed its only lead of the game on the contest's next hoop when Grace MacCaughan earned a steal and a breaking layup. Fenton enjoyed an 8-6 lead. However, Flushing scored the final hoop of the first quarter, and tied it at 8-all entering the second stanza.

The Flushing scoring run that started with the final bucket in the first quarter grew to 14 straight points.

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Holly bowlers place fourth at tourney

A week after winning its first weekend tournament, the Holly varsity boys bowling team had another strong showing at another one on Sunday.

The Bronchos finished fourth in the 20-team Bay City Western Bakers Dozen tournament.

Holly went 10-3 in 13 Baker games, earning a 200-pin bonus. They posted a pinfall total of 2,325. It also earned them

the No. 1 seed entering the elimination rounds.

In the opening round the Bronchos defeated Frankenmuth 342-326. However, the Bronchos lost its next match against Metro League foe Swartz Creek 358-320, earning fourth overall.

The squad converted strikes 27 percent of the time, while recording spares on 58 percent of their spare chances.

ter of the year. We scored more points in it than any other quarter this year," Varner said. "Makena hit four shots herself. She made three twos and one three."

The Bronchos never trailed but the Dragons made it close down the stretch.

"We kind of held on. They cut it to two on us and we made a basket," Varner said.

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the Bronchos (1-3) a 30-19 lead entering the final quarter. During the quarter, Makena McGee had her biggest offensive stanza of the season as well.

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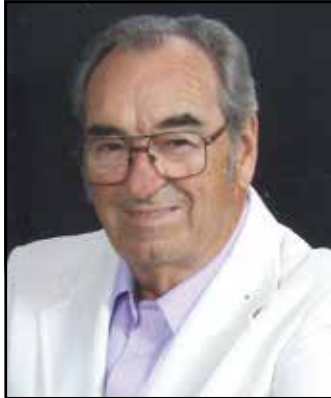
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Thomas H. Kaye 1934 – 2022

Thomas H. Kaye - age 88. of Argentine Township and Palmetto, Florida died peacefully Saturday, December 10, 2022, with family by his side. Thomas was born in Detroit on August 29, 1934, to Herman and Evelyn (Haggerty) Kaye. He is



His strong love and caring for his family will be deeply missed. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will be held 4 - 8 PM Friday,

survived by wife of 65 years, Shirley R. (Lundy) Kaye. He was a loving father to Shirley M. (Robert) Norman, Thomas A. (Nancy) Kaye and Eric L. Kaye. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Thomas worked at General Motors Corporation for 24 years, retiring in 1987. His hobbies in life included boating, fishing, golf, bowling and flying his ultra-light planes.

December 16 and 10 AM – 1 PM Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc c/o Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, MI 48451. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia “Pat” Cox 1930 – 2022

Patricia “Pat” Cox – age 92, of Holly passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at home surrounded by the love and support of her family. Pat was preceded in death by her husband Gerald “Bud” last year. Born April 9, 1930, in Pontiac, Pat had three sisters and a brother. After



daughter's family they were involved in every activity the busy family did. There wasn't a soccer game that they missed or a float building that they didn't help with or a basketball game that they didn't attend. Pat was incredibly proud of her family and would take any chance she

could to tell you about it. Her great grandchildren called her GG Ma and she loved them so very much. Patricia was a key volunteer for 25 years at Neighbor for Neighbor in Davisburg and a member of the Davisburg Methodist Church and most recently of Calvary Methodist Church in Holly. Visitation was held at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly on Sunday December 11, from 12 – 6 PM and the funeral service was held at Dryers on Monday, December 12 at 11 AM with a luncheon that followed the graveside interment. Donations may be made to Neighbor for Neighbor. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

graduating high school Patricia went to Spring Arbor college outside of Jackson where she met Bud, and they married in 1955. After moving to Redford, they adopted a daughter; they were active members of the Parkway Heights Free Methodist Church. They moved to the Holly area in 1988 with their daughter Ruth and her husband Bill Andrews and have lived there for over 35 years. They were the best grandparents to Ruth and Bill's six children, Amber (Tim) Rowen, Andrew (Dolly) Hellow, Ashley (Brandon) Darling, Alyssa (Trevor) Emery, William Andrews and Gerry Andrews. Having lived on the same property with her

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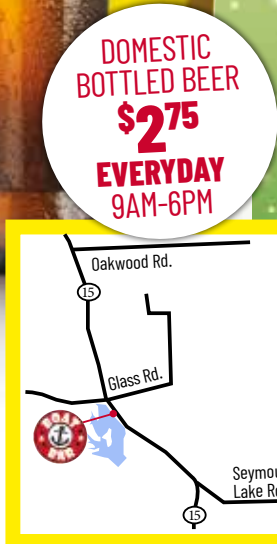
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