

Local family's home destroyed by fire

■ Firefighter recovering from first- and second-degree burns battling flames

By Sharon Stone

A Tyrone Township family of five lost their home, belongings and their cat, Freddy, when their home caught fire

Thursday, April 6 at 3 p.m.

Their three Great Danes were able to get out of the home.

The Fenton Fire Department was dispatched to the home on Farmhill Drive. The first truck arrived on scene within five minutes of the 911 call.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff

said there was heavy fire at the rear of the home. Those in the home made it out safely.

The fire was fed by a strong wind (17-20 mph) and it advanced throughout the home. Cairnduff said the home is a total loss.

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Sgt. Forbush promoted to lieutenant

■ Appreciates serving people of Fenton for more than two decades

By Sharon Stone

After 21 years with the Fenton Police Department, Daniel Forbush has been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant. He was sworn in to his new role by Fenton Mayor

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Fenton man charged

■ Faces second-degree murder following fatal crash in September 2022

By Sharon Stone

Robert Albert, 36, of Fenton, was arraigned April 10, for his role in the fatal crash that occurred on

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Robert Albert

'Equality – stronger together' badges attract attention



Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Heidie Ciesielski provides an update on the controversial "Equality – Stronger Together" badges that some Fenton teachers are voluntarily wearing. Photo: Sharon Stone

■ More than two dozen residents speak at Fenton Board of Education meeting

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — In front of a packed media center, Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) Superintendent Heidie Ciesielski provided a review of policy and district legal guidance regarding the Fenton Education Association (teachers union) "Equality" badges that have attracted attention, both positive and negative.

The Fenton Board of Education meeting was held in the media center at Fenton High School on Monday, April 10 at 6 p.m. School board meetings are typically held at the administration office, however, due to expectations of a larger audience, the meeting was moved.

In recent months, there have been numerous comments via social media speculating on the use of the controversial badges. People have been asking if the

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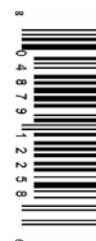


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River group plans cleanup event on Earth Day, April 22

■ Fish Lake Road launch completed in November

By Hannah Ball

The Shiawassee River recently became more accessible.

A new kayak/canoe launch was installed on Fish Lake Road in November 2022. To celebrate and make the public aware of the new river amenities, local organizations are planning a cleanup event on Saturday, April 22, which is Earth Day.

Headwaters Trails and the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy invite the public to come out to Holly Township's Shiawassee Park to clean up trash and remove invasive plants. The park is across the river from the new public access launch. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Shiawassee Park is 38 acres of land with river access on Fish Lake Road, between the railroad tracks and the Shiawassee River.

The new launch site has an entrance and exit, eight parking spots, plus paved handicap accessible parking, and a handicap accessible ramp down to the river. Headwaters will complete

landscaping with native trees and flowers.

Susan Julian, president of Headwaters Trails and executive director of Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy, said they've been working on installing a launch at Fish Lake Road for at least 13 years. The group purchased the land years ago and put a conservation assessment on the land to keep it natural but allow for a launch to be built. Julian said it's taken from 2009 to now to complete the launch.

June 10 will be the formal opening of the launch.

The Fish Lake Road access point is an important spot along the river. The full route from Holly to Fenton using the Shiawassee River takes about three hours. Launching at Fish Lake Road cuts down on that time by about an hour.

"It gives people options. Families with children might not want to spend that much time on the river. People who want to paddle and look at the wildlife may want to do that three-hour trip between Holly and Fenton," she said.

The launch was funded through See **RIVER** on 13



Submitted photo



Photo: Hannah Ball



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David's Dabblings

Some changes to possibly help some sports

Earlier this week, ex-Holly varsity football coach and Facebook friend of mine Ryan Culloty asked people what is the one thing people would change about a sport.

Of course, these types of threads can get interesting, so I thought I'd list some of the ideas. Here are some of Ryan's thoughts.

- He'd like two bye weeks for every NFL team. He also wants to make the field 60 yards wide versus the current 53 yards.
- He wants NBA free throws to equal two points. Players get two chances to make one free throw (or two points).
- NHL teams can win, lose or tie, but if you lose, there are no points rewarded in the standings.
- MLB – The season is done by October 14 with no exceptions.

Ryan had a few others, but those were the ones for the major sports. The wider football field is something I'd say no to, but could be fun. Collisions are already dangerous enough, and adding more space to create even higher impact hits isn't a good thing. Having two bye weeks is a good idea.



David Troppens
Sports Editor

I think there was a time teams did have two byes if I remember correctly. I remember that being a headache with my fantasy football teams about 15 years ago.

The NBA free throw proposal is an interesting one. Only issue I have is that an official calling a foul or not now becomes even more meaningful since it's much

more likely trips to the line will end with two points. But it's worth experimenting with somewhere.

I also like the NHL one. I don't like the point for forcing OT rule. I would like to see the game go back to one five-minute, five-on-five OT with all results still in play with the same point totals that used to be in play – two for a win, one for a tie, and none for a loss.

The baseball schedule doesn't rock my boat, but I understand why he mentioned it.

Of course, I had to put in my two cents. Here were the ones I included.

Basketball

- In NBA games, make the final quarter eight minutes. And whatever the

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READERS WRITE

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Wake Up Fenton parents and grandparents

Dear Editor,

My opinions below are not related to how adults choose to live their lives.

In my opinion our school system has been infiltrated by an extreme LGBTQ agenda. There are teachers and school board members marketing the LGBTQ agenda with banners and badges disguised as an equality message. These colorful badges are enticing minor children at all grade levels to engage in conversations about sexuality and gender fluidity. I recently pointed out to the superintendent and school board that these behaviors violate school policies and have no place in academic programs. School leadership has not prohibited the behavior claiming school employees are protected by the first amendment. In my opinion the intent behind these behaviors is to push an LGBTQ agenda, sexualizing our minor children through conversation and indoctrination. They want to cancel the traditional family values that have made Fenton a healthy and desirable community. We must stop this fringe element from pushing Fenton toward an extreme LGBTQ agenda. Don't be fooled by claims that these badges are about equality and are not about sex. We must protect our children's innocence.

Jim Sanchez, Fenton resident

Hotlines

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All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

THANK YOU, TRI-County Times, for the smart coverage of Linden Mills and its library and museum. Fantastic local journalism.

JUST FINISHED READING Jane's Journey written by Fenton's own Jill Wagner. Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. If you enjoy murder mysteries, you will love this. Can't wait for her second book to be released. Thank you, Jill and keep up the great work.

DOESN'T SEEM FAIR that the county just resurfaced all of Lake Fenton's 'millionaires' row,' while the rest of us have to live with crumbling streets or get billed in excess of \$7,000 each to fix them.

I DO NOT care about anyone in Fenton schools wearing an equality badge, what I do care about is only 39% of 12th graders in Fenton are college ready.

DOES LINDEN GOVERNMENT already have a handpicked buyer for Linden Mills or will it be listed for sale with a public notice and go to the highest offer?

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

What do you like about your job?



"I love being able to help people and bring new people into a hobby that has been a passion of mine for many years."

Greg Jones
Linden



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Dawn Hough Skinner
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Matt Norwood
Fenton



"What I like about my job...I'm retired from it after 40 years!"

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Lake Fenton Theatre presents...

■ 'CLUE: On Stage' — high school edition'

The Lake Fenton Theatre will present the wacky murder mystery "Clue: On Stage" — high school edition, on Thursday, April 27; Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. in the Lake Fenton High School auditorium.

On a dark and stormy night, six unique guests, plus a butler, a maid and a cook, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it is clear that no one is safe! Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Based on the popular board game and adapted from the cult classic film, "Clue" is the comedy whodunit that will keep you guessing (and laughing) to the very end.

The madcap cast of characters includes Duncan Mondeau (Wadsworth), Logan Overley (Mr. Green), Kendall Corkran (Miss Scarlet), Macy Page

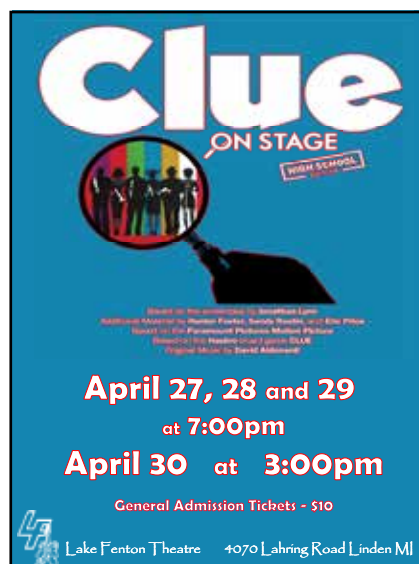
(Mrs. Peacock), Charles Cooper (Professor Plum), Lily Danner (Mrs. White), Daniel Medich (Colonel Mustard), Hannah Moreno (Yvette), Peyton Westfall (Cook), and an ensemble of players portraying several other characters.

The stage crew includes Eli Hatfield, Michael Rivett, Carson Bishop, Meara Kingsley, Marcus Simon, Indie Stanley, Lucas Kirby, Jessica Biggs, Cadence Bell, Piper Schloemp, Jax Bushroe, Sarah Stainton, Ollie Gawne, Alexis Kahn, Noah Morley-Ebert, Brenna Hubbard and Logy Mondeau.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission seating and will be available at the door 30 minutes prior to performances. The theater is located at the Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Rd., Linden.

Brenda LaBonte is the director and producer, with costume design by Barb Hubbard.

"Clue: On Stage" was written by Sandy Rustin. It's based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn. Additional material is by Hunter Foster and Eric Price.



"Clue: On Stage" is based on the Paramount Pictures motion picture of the Hasbro board game CLUE. Original music is by Michael Holland. It's produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing. Performance and rehearsal musical tracks were provided by Right On Cue Service.



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Event raises \$8,400 for summer camp

■ Adult Egg Hunt draws 600 egg hunters, 1,000 attendees

By Sharon Stone

The Adult Egg Hunt fundraiser hosted by Fenton Winery & Brewery in Fenton Township on Saturday, April 8 raised more than \$8,400 for Lions Club — Bear Lake Camp, a summer camp for visually impaired children.

More than 600 egg hunt participants and nearly 1,000 attendees were on hand for the event.

Matt and Ginny Sherrow, owners of Fenton Winery & Brewery, thanked many individuals, groups and businesses for making the event successful. They thanked Sawyer Jewelers, Bridge Street Exchange, Cyclefit Sports for prizes and other



Spins Spins, wearing the pink bunny costume, provided music and vibes for the Adult Egg Hunt fundraiser last weekend at Fenton Winery & Brewery.

donors that provided more than \$4,300 in prizes.

A dozen volunteers helped guide the participants, which was nearly double what the event has attracted in past years.



Come Get Cozy, at 123 N. Bridge St., has been open for approximately six months in Linden. Owner Loren Makekau Nichols was joined by family, friends and city officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony in November 2022. The family owned shop supports small business owners that create small batch, responsibly sourced goods ranging from eco friendly laundry soaps to pillows, jewelry, kimonos, home decor, greeting cards, gifts, reinvented necessities and more. Come Get Cozy offers weekly classes and workshops, including art classes and movie events. On Saturday, April 22, they will host a Earth Day Pop Up event with a harpist, build-your-own bouquet bar, and several vendors from 3 to 7 p.m.

PROMOTED

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Sue Osborn during the Fenton City Council meeting on Monday, April 10.

Forbush, 49, is a 1995 graduate of Linden High School. He joined the Fenton Police Department in March 2002. Police Chief Jeff Cross, Forbush and officer Tom Cole are all 1995 graduates of Linden High School.

In a March 2002 article in the Times, Forbush said that when he was younger, he always dreamed of being a police officer. He said at that time, “What can be more rewarding than being in the community each day and helping others?”

Forbush studied criminal justice at Pensicola Christian College in Florida, where he visited in high school as part of his youth group at Calvary Baptist Church in Gaines Township.

Cross said in 2020 Forbush was promoted to sergeant and he has overseen the Field Training Officers (FTO) program since.

“Lt. Forbush is a hard working individual who has proven himself as an effective leader,” Cross said. “He continues to lead by example, which has earned him great respect from his peers and myself. He will excel as the lieutenant and will continue to provide great



insight to myself and the other officers.”

Forbush appreciates his time spent with the Fenton Police Department and being promoted to lieutenant, which carries more responsibilities than sergeant.

As for the best part of working in the city of Fenton, Forbush said, “I really like the community atmosphere. It’s like a big small town. There’s a lot it can offer.”

Aside from being busy handling crime, the city is busy with many community events, which he enjoys. He’s lived in the Linden/Fenton area his entire life and he knows the community. “I’ve enjoyed the personal relationships getting to know the people we serve,” he said.

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Michigan Scouts honor Holly volunteer

■ Awarded 'Committee Chairperson of the Year'

The Boy Scouts of America's Michigan Crossroads Council recognized a Holly volunteer for years of exceptional service during the local district's annual banquet on April 8.

Barbara Blascoe received "Committee Chairperson of the Year," marking years of service in the role for Holly Troop 43 as well as support for its Cub Scout program, Pack 43. Chartered through Holly VFW Post 5587, the units have experienced exceptional growth in membership since the pandemic, a trend which local volunteers attribute to Blascoe's leadership.

"It was a surprise and very much appreciated," Blascoe said. "It was a hard year coming back from COVID, so it was nice to be recognized for the work involved with getting the units back up and running."

Within the Scouting program, a committee chairperson presides over the unit's volunteer committee, appointing all leaders and managing funds. Along with the



scoutmaster and chartered organization representative, the chair functions as a member of the unit's "Key Three" team.

Generally, a unit's volunteer leadership is comprised of Scouts' parents and other family members.

"The youth are more successful when the parents are engaged as well," Blascoe said. "They have the most fun when the parents are present."

Blascoe has remained a volunteer with the troop, even after her son, Evan Blascoe, earned the rank of Eagle and aged out of the program last year. She



(Left) Barbara Blascoe is presented with the award by Dane Bezemek, commander of VFW Post 5587. (Above) Troop 43 and Pack 43 parade through Holly in 2022. Submitted photos

said she has seen what Scouting can do for young people, and it has inspired her to continue. Blascoe was recently invited to be a staff member on the "Woodbadge" training course for volunteers, and she has considered becoming involved at the district level.

"I continue to volunteer because of the kids," Blascoe said. "I think that Scouting is good for them, and I want them to have the opportunity."

Those interested in learning more about local Scouting should visit beascout.org or call the district office at (947) 886-5736.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DO NOT think it is a coincidence that Linden Mills was allowed to decay, then Linden pushed through new zoning for alcohol establishments, and now city leaders are about to give away Linden Mills.

■■■
'EQUALITY BADGES' IN Fenton schools is another reason why we transferred our children into private schools. Teachers unions and school boards are forcing activism du jour on our children.

■■■
WITH FENTON STUDENTS' reading and math achievement in steep decline, the teachers' union cares more about wearing partisan political badges.

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Pickleball becoming more popular

■ Pickleball courts coming to Linden County Park

By Hannah Ball

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA).

This summer, Genesee County Parks and Recreation intends to resurface the current tennis courts at Linden County Park and add markings for tennis and pickleball.

Fenton is working on a plan to move the tennis courts at Rackham Park to Bush Park, where the city would also build pickleball courts. The old tennis court space could be used for additional parking.

Fenton residents Lisa Zupan and her husband Charles started playing pickleball about two years ago when her mother-in-law invited them to her birthday party.

“She wanted the entire family to get together to play pickleball, a game she has been playing for years. My husband and I had not ever played pickleball

and dressed up in crazy outfits, stopped to buy rackets at Dick’s Sporting Goods, and showed up to the party. Needless to say, after this party, we were hooked and started playing daily,” Zupan said.

Both she and her husband enjoy the sport. It’s not too hard on the body and allows them to be active. In the summer, they travel to find outdoor courts or play on a local high school court. They play three or four times a week in the summer and about twice a week in the winter indoors at a local church.

Recently, they have frequented courts in Brighton and Clarkston for better competition.

The couple also plays at a senior



citizen center in Clio and a church in Flint.

“We are in an area where the pickleball community is small but very welcoming. Given, both of us had an athletic background. Pickleball is a sport that allows us

to continue to be somewhat athletic, active and meet new people,” she said.

How popular is the sport?

April is National Pickleball Month. The Association of Pickleball Professionals (APP) found that more than 36.5 million people played pickleball in the United States from August 2021 to August 2022. The data, released in January 2023, showed that during that period, 14% of Americans played pickleball at least once, 8.5 million people played eight times or more, and 45% of survey respondents say they plan to play more pickleball in the next six months than they did in the prior six-month period.

This shows a significant increase from data from SFIA in 2021, which estimated there were 4.8 million pickleball players in the U.S. Participation in the sport has grown an average of 158.6% over the last three years, according to the SFIA. Players age 18-34 make up the largest percentage of pickleball players at 28.8% in the U.S.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE



North Oakland County Board of Realtors raise \$1,000 for Rose Hill Center

The 5,000 members of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors (NOCBOR) do more than list and sell real estate. NOCBOR has an active Membership Services Committee, which not only serves its members, but also the community. At least four times a year, NOCBOR members raise money for non-profit organizations. In addition to Rose Center in Holly, NOCBOR has contributed to the Michigan Animal Rescue League, Oakland Hope, OpenDoor Outreach Center, Fallen & Wounded Soldiers, Keller Williams Care, Federation of Youth Services and Waterford Backpack Program. Most of the money raised is done by conducting Euchre tournaments, raffling gift baskets and 50/50 drawings. Over the past five years, NOCBOR has contributed over \$12,000 locally. During a meeting on Feb. 21, 175 real estate agents participated in a raffle and \$1,000 was raised for Rose Hill Center in Holly.

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'The Taming of the Shrew'

■ Fenton Village Players continues 50th anniversary with Shakespeare play

By Sharon Stone

Performances of the Fenton Village Players' latest play, "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare, begin Friday, April 14 and run through Sunday April 23.

This will be FVP Trustee Kevin Emmons' directorial debut.

Emmons said that after acting in several productions and directing their live on-stage old time radio shows with the Fenton Village Players, he was excited to try directing his first main stage production this season.

"Directing William Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew' proved to be both challenging and incredibly rewarding," Emmons said. "As a fan of literature, I wanted to preserve the genius of Shakespeare's writing as

much as possible. I knew I had to be creative with putting my own spin in this production.

"Therefore, I chose to change the setting of this play, originally done as 1600s Italy, to 1960s America in an Italian-American neighborhood.

By changing this setting, it allowed me to connect the characters to the Women's Liberation Movement of the 1960s as a direct contrast to misogyny prevalent in the male characters of the play.

"In my mind, if Shakespeare's Katherina Minola were transported to this time period, she would have marched along with Betty

Friedan and Gloria Steinem in this second wave of feminism. As such, I have placed some hints to this idea throughout the play, some subtle, some not.

"I could not have asked for any better actors than our cast. Each one has taken the challenge with learning Shakespeare with tremendous skill and



Kevin Emmons
Director



The Fenton Village Players' cast of "The Taming of the Shrew" hold a dress rehearsal in preparation of performances this weekend and next weekend.

is doing it justice. I am so proud of each and every one of them. Their dedication has taken my spark of love for theatre into a full-fledged fire."

This performance is part of the group's 50th anniversary celebration. This play was originally performed by FVP in 1994.

FVP will be doing two weekends of performances and they also will have a matinee for a local high school.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is a comedy in five acts by William Shakespeare, written sometime between 1590-94 and first printed in the First Folio of 1623.

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Fire danger is high

■ DNR says burn permits will not be issued

Warm temperatures, winds and winter buildup of dry grasses and leaves have pushed fire danger to very high levels across the Lower Peninsula.

“People need to be careful when doing any outdoor activity that could spark a wildfire,” said Don Klingler, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) resource manager for the southern Lower Peninsula. “These fuels can ignite very easily.”

Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people, and yard debris burning is the top cause of wildfires in Michigan.

Burn permits will not be issued for the next few days, Klingler said. It’s always critical to check Michigan.gov/BurnPermit before you start your fire to make sure weather conditions allow for safe burning. In southern Lower Peninsula communities, consult local fire authorities.

Fire danger goes up when weather

is hot and dry and increases even more when it’s windy. Windborne embers can travel far and fast, turning a small fire into a large one. Lightning strikes are also an issue if stormy weather is predicted.

Due to the increased fire danger, the DNR has suspended most prescribed burns over the next few days.

Snow is still present in parts of the Upper Peninsula, but people should exercise caution in areas without snow.

The city of Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, “Yes, our area is at risk, which is typical this time of year.”

He said as we enter into the spring months coming out of winter a lot of the vegetation is still in a dormant non-growing state and can burn very easily. Mixing in nice weather when a lot of homeowners go out into their yards and start cleaning up after the winter months, especially the heavy snow and ice we experienced in the area, and you create a dangerous situation.

“Everyone should check with their



Due to the warm temperatures, strong winds and dry grass left over from the winter, the likelihood of grass fires is high.

local municipality before ever attempting to burn,” Cairnduff said. “Most have different rules. For example, in the city of Fenton, there are no burn permits issues and you are not allowed to open burn. There’s no burning of leaves, grass or yard waste of any kind.”

The only allowed fires in Fenton are recreational fires. They must be small and in a container or small pit. Only clean dry wood can be burned, and it cannot cause a nuisance to neighbors.

The chief said that in Tyrone Township, there is no longer burn permits issued, but residents must follow the rules



of the ordinance. The ordinance can be found at the Tyrone Township website at tyronetownship.us. There are also different rules for different areas based on zoning in Tyrone Township. Those rules also can be found on the website.

“Everyone needs to use extreme caution whenever they burn, but especially in the early spring or when we have drought like conditions,” Cairnduff said.

Safety tips to keep fires under control

When you’re working with fire or equipment outdoors, keep in mind that fires can take off very fast and that the

See **DNR** on 16



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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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APRIL 16

1943: In Basel, Switzerland, Albert Hofmann, a Swiss chemist working at the Sandoz pharmaceutical research laboratory, accidentally consumes LSD-25, a synthetic drug he had created in 1938 as part of his research into the medicinal value of lysergic acid compounds. After taking the drug, formally known as lysergic acid diethylamide, Dr. Hofmann was disturbed by unusual sensations and hallucinations. After intentionally taking the drug again to confirm that it had caused this strange physical and mental state, Dr. Hofmann published a report announcing his discovery, and so LSD made its entry into the world as a hallucinogenic drug. The manufacture, sale, possession and use of LSD were made illegal in the United States in 1965.

APRIL 17

1970: With the world anxiously watching, Apollo 13, a U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returns to Earth. On April 11, the third manned lunar landing mission was launched from Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise. The mission was headed for a landing on the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon. However, two days into the mission, disaster struck 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blew up in the spacecraft. Swigert reported to mission control on Earth, "Houston, we've had a problem here," and it was discovered that the normal supply of oxygen, electricity, light and water had been disrupted.

APRIL 18

1906: At 5:13 a.m., an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco, California, killing an estimated 3,000 people as it topples numerous buildings. The

quake was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long, and shock waves could be felt from southern Oregon down to Los Angeles. San Francisco's brick buildings and wooden Victorian structures were especially devastated. Fires immediately broke out and—because broken water mains prevented firefighters from stopping them—firestorms soon developed citywide. By April 23, most fires were extinguished, and authorities commenced the task of rebuilding the devastated metropolis.

APRIL 19

1993: At Mount Carmel in Waco, Texas, the FBI launches a tear-gas assault on the Branch Davidian compound, ending a tense 51-day standoff between the federal government and an armed religious cult. By the end of the day, the compound was burned to the ground, and some 80 Branch Davidians, including 22 children, had perished in the inferno. On Feb. 28, 1993, agents of the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) launched a raid against the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives by the Christian cult.

APRIL 20

2010: An explosion and fire aboard the Deepwater Horizon oil drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, kills 11 people and triggers the largest offshore oil spill in American history. The rig had been in the final phases of drilling an exploratory well for BP, the British oil giant. By the time the well was capped three months later, an estimated 4.9 million barrels of crude oil had poured into the Gulf. The disaster began when a surge of natural gas from the well shot up a riser pipe to the rig's platform, where it set off a series of explosions and a massive blaze. Of the 126 people on board the nearly 400-foot-long Deepwater Horizon, 11 workers perished and 17 others were seriously injured. The fire burned for more than a day before the Deepwater Horizon sank on April 22 in some 5,000 feet of water.

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Weekend Scrambler

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TODAY'S WORD

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY

PUBLIC NOTICE LANDOWNER'S DUTY TO CUT GRASS, REMOVE WEEDS, ETC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of land in the Village of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan that they shall not permit grass, weeds, brush, noxious weeds, or other harmful vegetation to attain a height greater than six (6) inches. These conditions are detrimental to the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village and are deemed to be a nuisance. This nuisance shall not be permitted to exist on property in the Village beginning May 1, 2023 and continuing through October 31, 2023.

Growth and accumulation of the offending vegetation shall be cut or removed on all lands 1) to a distance of at least 100 feet from any structure designed for human occupancy or use or 2) to a distance of at least 50 feet from any land owned by another person when no habitable structure is near and 3) to a distance of at least 100 feet from the edge of the road or curb along a street or alley, as applicable.

WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE the Village will take the necessary action to maintain the property free of the nuisance during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October.

Holly Village ordinance provides that expenses incurred in the abatement of the nuisance shall be charged to the owner(s) of the land. Left unpaid, those expenses shall become a lien against the land. Landowners who refuse to destroy the noxious weeds are subject to penalties as provided for by the Village ordinance.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3-06, VILLAGE OF HOLLY CODE.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

Indy Bookstore Day is April 29

Local bookstore planning a day of celebration

By Hannah Ball

Independent Bookstore Day is Saturday, April 29, and Fenton's Open Book is celebrating with a day of prizes, giveaways, special merchandise, snacks and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, the store is one of 250 bookstores nationwide that will have a hidden golden ticket for people to find. The person who finds it will receive 12 free audio books from Libro.fm.

"It's just a way to celebrate having a bookstore in your community. If not that day, celebrate any other day. We've always done some pretty fun

activities," said owner Karen Piacentini. "This'll be fun. With us being a golden ticket store, that should bring people in."

The theme this year is "books are art of the mind." The store will have mystery grab bags with something special inside.

Holly author Jill Wagner will sign her book, "Jane's Journey," at the store from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Magic Steve returns this year to make balloon animals for kids and perform comedy and magic.

Independent Bookstore Day is a national event that takes place on the last Saturday in April to celebrate independent bookstores.

See **BOOKSTORE** on 16

Earth Day drive-thru recycling event

Sheriff's office partners with schools and credit union and others

Have an old bike or two cluttering up your garage, unused or expired prescription drugs taking up space or an old computer you don't want anymore?

Here is your chance to do a bit of spring cleaning in a convenient and environmentally safe way.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Oakland Schools and other community partners to host a free Earth Day drive-thru recycling event that can help you rid your home of unwanted bikes, electronic devices or equipment, and prescription medications you no longer need.

The event is set for **April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the parking lot of the Oakland Schools main campus, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

Participants remain in their vehicles while a team of volunteers quickly and efficiently remove the unwanted items, which include:

Bicycles through the Oakland County Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids program: The Sheriff's office will collect bicycles (new, used, or needing repair) for the Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids program. To learn more about the project, to volunteer or support it, contact Community Liaison Mandy Ford at fordal@oakgov.com.

Electronics through High Tech Recycling: Every year, millions of recyclable computers and electronic devices end up

in landfills. Recycling electronic devices can help prevent harmful materials from leaching into the soil and groundwater.

Visit hightechrecyclingmi.com to see the entire list of items that High Tech Recycling accepts.

Prescription Medications through the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Prescription Drug Collection Guidelines:

- Only prescription medications will be collected (no over the counter)
- No sharps (needles)
- All liquids must be tightly sealed
- All other drugs must be in sealed containers and no loose pills (zippered plastic bags are acceptable).

The sheriff's office, local law enforcement agencies, and the DEA are committed to making communities safer and healthier by reducing overdoses and overdose deaths.

Visit dea.gov/takebackday to search other locations for Take Back Day. The sheriff's office also sponsors Operation Medicine Cabinet, a prescription drug take back program, that operates year-round. To find a drop-off site for Operation Medicine Cabinet, visit oakgov.com/government/sheriff/community-service/domestic-safety/operation-medicine-cabinet.

The event is also sponsored by the DEA National Take Back, High Tech Recycling, Vibe Credit Union, Christ Church Cranbrook, the Oakland County Health Division, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division of Environmental Health (MDHHS-DEH)

The Village of Holly is seeking applicants for a part-time SMART Transportation Driver. The full job posting and application forms can be found on the Village website at: www.hollyvillage.org.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly has adopted the following ordinance on:

DATE: April 11, 2023

PLACE: Holly Schools Board of Education Room
920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon publication

Ordinance number 472 amends Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances. It adds sections to establish a Code of Ethics.

The full text of the Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

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grants and individual donations. The total cost of the project was approximately \$131,000.

“Our largest funding source was private individual donations,” Julian said. Headwaters Trails received a Ralph Wilson Jr. Design and Access Fund grant for \$50,000. Individual donations amounted to approximately \$80,000.

Kayak and canoe launches don't generally cost that much. However, this area of land is in the floodplains and needed to be engineered to withstand the elements. Julian said the entire launch area, except for the parking spots, was submerged after rainfall a few weeks ago. The river is slowly returning to normal spring water levels.

“It was built to withstand the high water levels we normally get in spring,” she said.

Julian said people used to race on the Shiawassee River but these races were abandoned when the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insects killed many ash trees along the river. Headwaters Trails volunteers take out the dead trees that fall

into the water during river cleanup days.

Headwaters will now work on the next phase of this project — adding more amenities to the area, including restrooms, a picnic area and a half-mile walking pathway following the river. Their goal is to create a pathway that will eventually connect to the LAFF Pathway in Fenton and Linden. The Road Commission of Oakland County created a pedestrian pathway across the river in October.

Headwaters will donate this area to Holly Township. The municipality will apply for a grant to secure funding for a walking trail along the river.

“These days, no one organization or municipality has funding to provide all the recreational needs for communities,” Julian said, adding that they have great partnerships with numerous organizations. This includes Holly Township, the Road Commission of Oakland County and more.

Volunteers who wish to help on Saturday, April 22 can sign up at headwaterstrailsinc.org.

Members from Headwaters Trails and The Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy will be on scene to guide vol-



unteers. A sack lunch will be provided to those who RSVP.

“When we river people get together, we have a good time. Yeah you're working but you're also working with like minded people. It's usually fun,” said Maggie Yerman, a member of the Keepers board of directors and member of the launch committee.

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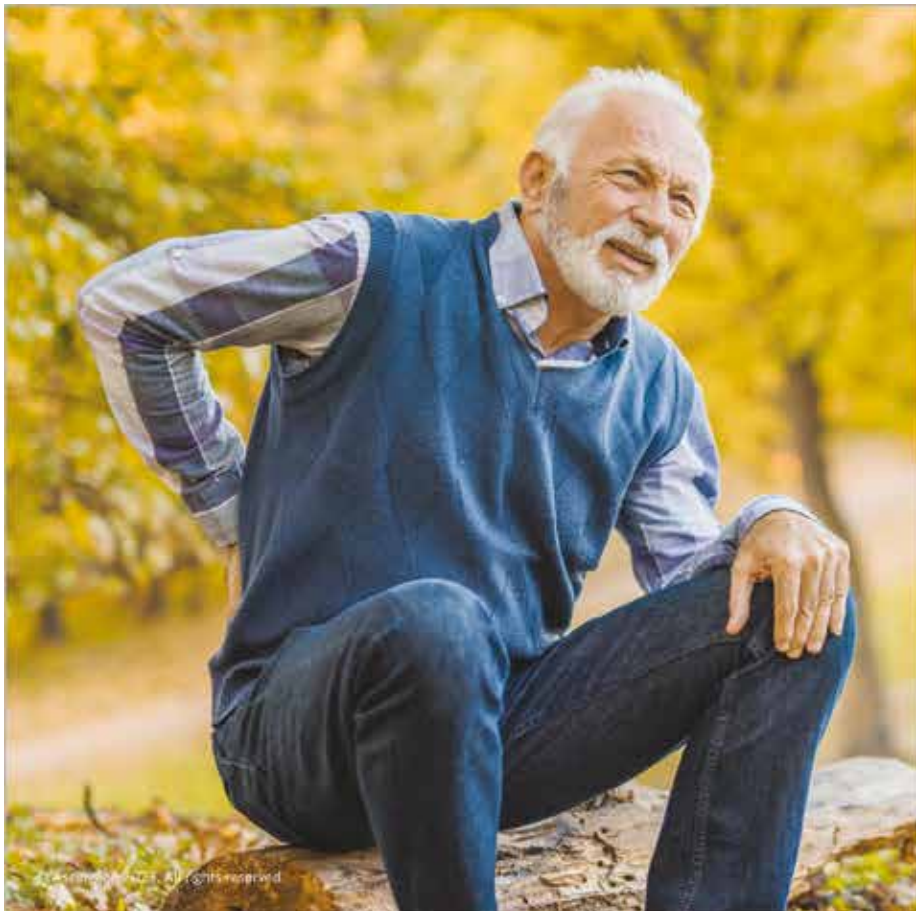
BRIEFS

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 18, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Holly Calvary Church, 15010 N. Holly Rd., Holly. To make an appointment, go to donate.michigan.versiti.org. Families will be grateful for your gift of life for their loved ones in over 85 Michigan hospitals. If you have questions, call the Versiti Blood Center of Michigan at 1-866-642-5663 or contact volunteer, Ellen Pease at (810) 265-4224. Patients in Michigan need your help.

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Transforming Futures aims to make the future brighter for children in Guatemala

Small town communities in Michigan have the power to help children worldwide.

Transforming Futures is an example of this. The organization, which has been based in

Fenton since 2019, raises funds to feed children and mentor teenage orphans in Guatemala.

“The generosity of the people of Fenton can transform the lives of children who live in extreme poverty and orphans in need of training in Guatemala. We have partners who live in Fenton and have partnered with us and have come on trips to see our work,” said Pablo Villagrán, director of Transforming Futures.

The nonprofit fundraises through various means, including hosting events, online donations, email marketing, crowdfunding and partnerships. With 15 local volunteers and many international volunteers, they support nearly 800 children.

The organization’s Feeding Centers provide daily meals to an average of 500 children who live in extreme poverty in the

Guatemala City Garbage Dump.

Making sure children have food is one of Transforming Futures’ goals. Not having enough healthy food can have serious impacts on children, especially on their physical and mental health. This affects their academic achievements and their futures, according to Feeding America.

“We believe it is important for the basic development of children. Especially in Guatemala, where 60% of children live in malnutrition. We believe that we can’t provide education to a child with an empty stomach, so providing food security for us is key to a solid foundation of development,” Villagrán said.

Another one of the nonprofit’s goals is to transform the futures of teenagers who live in Guatemala’s orphanages. Last year, Transforming Futures launched a new program called “Thinking Outside of the Box.” More than 60 teens have joined the program, which is the first of its kind in Guatemala.

The program addresses a problem created when teens turn 18 years old and

have to leave their orphanages. Many teens struggle to find meaningful work, and some could try to leave Guatemala altogether and attempt to make the journey to the U.S. border.

Transforming Futures’ teaches the teens life and professional skills, connects them with mentors, and provides them with spiritual support so that they can build prosperous lives in Guatemala. The nonprofit partners with multiple congregations in the U.S. to accomplish their mission.

“We are so thankful for their partnership as well as other businesses that have partnered with us to Transform the Future of Children in Guatemala,” Villagrán said. “The community of Fenton has been helpful and very open to hear and support our work in Guatemala.”

Faith is an important and guiding aspect of their work at Transforming Futures.

“It’s very important for me that our faith as a team leads to actions of love and grace. We are a Christian organization and we believe Transforming Futures is the vehicle

that allows us to have an opportunity to provide love and transform children’s lives,” he said.

With their faith, resources and the help they receive from the community, the organization organizes trips for interested people to visit Guatemala and work side-by-side with their staff and see how their work benefits children. They take a few trips a year, especially during the summer and holiday season. However, volunteers can visit any time of the year.

Anyone interested in helping can become a monthly donor or provide a one-time donation. Those interested can also visit Guatemala during one of the Transforming Futures trips and see their mission in action. Residents can also sign up for a monthly newsletter to receive updates on the organization. Sign up at <https://transformingfutures.org/newsletter/>.

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BOOKSTORE

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“Independent Bookstore Day (IBD) is a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country on the last Saturday in April,” according to indiebound.org. “Every store is unique and independent, and every party is different. But in addition to authors, live music, cupcakes, scavenger hunts, kids events, art tables, readings, barbecues, contests, and other fun stuff, there are exclusive

books and literary items that you can only get on that day.”

Fenton’s Open Book is participating in the MI Book Hop event, in which people travel to different bookstores in Michigan to have a bingo card of bookstores stamped. Participants have a chance to win a grand prize of \$300 gift card to bookshop.org or a \$20 gift card to your favorite

participating indie bookstore.

The event runs through Mother’s Day. For a list of participating stores and full details, go to mibookhop.com. Piacentini said they will have a special giveaway for people participating in bingo. Bookshop.org, an online bookseller that gives a portion of proceeds to independent bookstores, will also have promotions and specials for

“It’s so important to have a bookstore in your community.”

Karen Piacentini
Fenton’s Open Book owner

Trees and the Plant Health Care Approach Plant Health and Maintenance

Plant Health Care, referred to as PHC, is described as a total health approach to landscape and plant health. In an analogy with human medicine, PHC places its primary focus on keeping plants and trees healthy rather than waiting to treat illnesses once they have taken hold.

A professional arborist can recommend a PHC program after inspecting the landscape and the various trees and plants growing there. The PHC program is essentially customized to each client by virtue of the fact that each homeowner’s situation is different, having different trees and plants, different soil conditions, and different priorities and expectations. The decision of the arborist does not mean that the more conventional reactive approach is bad or obsolete, but rather that the particular property and the trees and plants would benefit from an approach that considers all of them together as a whole, and works to maintain the health of each by preserving the health of the whole of that local ecosystem.

The customized approach, and its focus on health maintenance, requires a much closer communication between the homeowner and the arborist and plant health care technician. A PHC program will continue for an extended period, and at various



points, the arborist and/or the PHC technician may recommend specific action to the homeowner to address a newly discovered concern.

The PHC technician focuses on the landscape’s environment, looking for elements that cause plant stress, maintaining plant performance by providing plants with proper treatment, regularly monitoring the landscape to watch for potential problems, and identifying and treating those problems as they occur.

Some common problems are:

- The landscape is not entirely suitable to the plant’s particular needs.
- Plants may have been improperly planted.
- Plants may be receiving improper maintenance.
- A combination of improper plant siting (the wrong plant for the site), improper planting, and improper maintenance techniques

can cause stress and decline in the plant.

Your expectations will also be an important consideration for the PHC technician in carrying out a PHC treatment program. As an example, it will be necessary for you, the homeowner, to determine when you want to resort to chemicals for controlling pest problems, and how much damage you are prepared to tolerate. This may vary according to which tree is being attacked by pests, making it essential that these priorities are communicated clearly to both the arborist and the PHC technician so that your intent is plainly understood. Such understanding allows the PHC technician to make recommendations to the homeowner based on an understanding of the homeowner’s expectations and priorities.

The PHC program may require more active involvement on the part of the homeowner, and a longer-term service program, instead off a call to address a single observed problem with a particular tree, with perhaps one service call to treat it, but the maintenance approach takes proactive steps to keep your plants and trees healthy, and to head off problems before they become serious. Again, it is a matter of your priorities and expectations as the homeowner in

maintaining your trees and plants. The first and most important thing to do in deciding if a PHC program is right for your needs is to consult a professional arborist for an inspection of your property and a recommendation.

Homeowners in Oakland, Genesee, Macomb, Lapeer and St. Clair County, Michigan who are looking for someone to assess their trees and make recommendations should consult a professional arborist. For your safety and liability, make sure that the company you choose to do any work on your trees is licensed, trained, certified, and insured. An easy way to find a tree service in your area is to use the TCIA web site at <http://treecareindustry.org>

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Independent Bookstore Day.

“The town isn’t a town without a bookstore. To be a town with a bookstore, people should feel lucky and privileged to have something of this magnitude. We’re safe, we’re kind, we don’t judge. We can special order anything you want,” Piacentini said. “There are hundreds of bookstores opening up all the time. It’s so important to have a bookstore in your community. Bookstores are so important. We are not a dying breed.”

Fenton’s Open Book has a shelf of banned books. Piacentini said most are curious about the books and that the shelf will stay up “forever.”

“It’s important to have people aware of the censorship that’s going on,” she said. “We’re more than a bookstore. We support all these locally owned businesses.”

Fenton’s Open Book sells Michigan-made and locally made products including mittens, scarves, puzzles, games, pasties, mugs and more. Piacentini also works with local schools and is involved in numerous events such as Ladies Night Out, Witches Night, Spring Fling, Pride Night and more.

DNR

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remains of a fire smolder for some time. Here are some tips to keep it safe out there:

- Contain your campfire or bonfire in a pit or ring and make sure you put it out thoroughly before leaving for the night. Douse the fire with water, stir the ashes and douse again.
- Never leave any fire — including hot coals — unattended.
- Keep a hose or other water source nearby when burning.
- Prevent sparks. Keep trailer chains from dragging when you’re on the road; don’t park hot equipment on dry grass.
- Never shoot fireworks into the woods, dry grass or shrubs.
- Get more fire safety tips at Michigan.gov/FireManagement.
- It’s illegal to burn plastic, hazardous materials, foam or other household trash. This can release dangerous chemicals into the air.
- You can use a burn barrel with a screen on top to burn paper, leaves and natural materials.



Submitted photos

HOUSE FIRE

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Relatives of the family created a gofundme to help them with necessities. “The Wilson Family after House Fire” gofundme link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-wilson-family-after-house-fire>.

Cairnduff said one of Fenton’s firefighters was injured in the fire. He received first- and second-degree burns to his left hand, arm and shoulder. He

was treated at the Fenton McLaren ER and the Hurley burn clinic and will be off work for a couple weeks.

The Fenton Fire Department was assisted by Linden City, Fenton Township, Hartland fire departments and the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA). The village of Holly Fire Department assisted by covering Fenton’s fire station.

The fire is still under investigation, but the fire appears to have started on the outside of the home.

PICKLEBALL

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“The report places pickleball as one of the largest sports in America, measured by participation, trailing only running and cycling,” according to pickleheads.com.

How do you play pickleball?

Pickleball was created in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, just outside of Seattle, Washington, according to pickleballmax.com. It’s a combination of tennis, ping-

pong and badminton played on a court that’s one-third the size of a tennis court, which is the same dimensions as a badminton court.

The net is 34 inches high. The sport is played with a paddle and perforated ball similar to a wiffle ball.

Players serve the ball diagonally across the net using an underhand motion. They receive a point when the other team fails to return the ball. Points are only won by the serving team. Games are generally played to 11 points and won by two.

“We are in an area where the pickleball community is small but very welcoming.”

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Holly's Billy Labadie tries to make an acrobatic play on a ball during one of the Bronchos' games against Linden. Photo: Mark Bolen

Bronchos edge Linden in competitive weekday series

By David Troppens

Linden — It was a great way to start the Flint Metro League season baseball season last week.

Linden captured the victory in the first game, on Monday, defeating Holly by a 5-4 score in nine innings. Holly won the second by a 5-0 score.

The teams also finished the series on Wednesday. Holly won an 11-10 verdict on walk-off fashion in a game played at Holly's Karl Richter Campus.

In Monday's opener the winning run happened in Linden's ninth. Michael Bush singled with one out, and moved to second on a ground out. With two

out, Noah Harmon hit a ground ball that resulted in an error, allowing Bush to score.

Linden trailed at one time 3-1, but scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Three straight singles by Danny Roti, Alflen and Bush plated the two
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Bronchos pull off 1-0 win vs. Fenton in Metro opener

By David Troppens

Holly — The Holly varsity girls soccer team knew it was a time to celebrate.

Sure, it was only the first game of the Flint Metro League season, but this one came against a squad no one on the varsity had ever beaten before. And, of course, it's Holly's biggest rival.

So when the Bronchos defeated Fenton 1-0 at home on Wednesday, Holly made sure they enjoyed themselves — topped with dunking the water in the water jug on varsity girls soccer coach Darius Reynolds.

"It means a lot," said Holly senior Molly Rees, the player who scored the game's only goal. "I've been working all four years to beat Fenton, and it feels amazing that I have a great group of girls to help me out. I'm so proud of these girls."

"This means everything to us," Reynolds said. "It was all prep work and we all just focused on Fenton. That

was the goal coming into the season — to beat Fenton. We set that goal. We set a high standard this year. I believe in these girls. The girls believe in each other. We have a good thing going."

It was a pretty balanced game between area rivals at Holly (1-1-1 overall). Both squads had solid chances to score before either did. Holly keeper Grace Kubiak, who is a first-year keeper, made several outstanding saves, preserving the shutout. She made 11 saves.

Fenton keeper Jensen O'Brien also played well, making six saves. However, there was one she couldn't save. That shot came from Rees with 21:51 left from about 15 yards out.

"I saw the chance to take it by myself," Rees said. "I had the open space and I thought I might as well take it because you miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take. So I took it."

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Fenton's Madison Sheffield (center) battles with Holly's Olivia Cirino (left) and Ashley Sobczynski in Holly's 1-0 victory on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens



Nathan Katic won the 1,600 and the 3,200 run against Flushing on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton track sweeps Flushing

By David Troppens

Fenton — Talk about your close competitions.

The Fenton varsity boys track and field team needed every point the squad collected, edging out Flushing by a tight 69-68 score. The girls had a little easier go of it, earning an
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Linden girls track opens with victory versus Kearsley Hornets

It was a strong start for the Linden varsity girls track and field squad, as the Eagles attempt to defend its Flint Metro League Stripes Division title.

The Eagles defeated Kearsley 89-39. The Linden boys lost 76-57.

Lauren Goodman took firsts in four events. Individually, she won the 100 (12.87) and the 200 (27.86) and also was a member of two winning relays. She teamed with Reygan Acox, Isabella Sigsby and Hannah Wasilewski to win the 400 relay (53.40) and teamed with Malyna Nulf, Victoria Bransford and Blair Ungvarsky to win the 800 relay (1:58.67).

There was one more Linden female individual double-winner. Colleen Blackwood won the 800 (2:38.44) and the shot put (31-6). The other individual winners were Acox in the 100 hurdles (17.62), Julia Wagner in the 300 hurdles (54.81), Evelyn Taylor in the discus (85-0), and Kennedy Brooks in the high jump (4-6).

The boys took firsts in seven events, with Kyle Eberhard taking part in four of them. Eberhard won the 400 (52.44) and the 1,600 (4:40.54) individually and was a part of two winning relays.

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The Holly/Brandon co-op varsity girls lacrosse team won its first game of the season, defeating Flushing 13-6 on Tuesday. Photo: Kristine Freeman

Holly/Brandon girls lacrosse earns victory vs. Metro foe Flushing

By David Troppens

The Holly/Brandon varsity girls lacrosse team had a couple of cancellations and didn't play its season-opening contest until Tuesday.

Apparently, the wait was worth it.

The Redhawks dominated their road contest against Flushing, defeating their Flint Metro League foe 13-6.

Dakota Pinson scored a goal on the Redhawks' first possession of the game, and they never looked back.

Pinson finished with six goals and one assist while Lainey Lasky had four goals and three assists. Jady Brady had two goals and Lily Parsons added a goal.

Defensively, Olivia Hanson, Kiera Strange and Delilah Witchman helped make sure Flushing didn't score any first-half goals. Maddie Howe allowed just six shots on 24 shot attempts.

The Redhawks have 11 new players on the squad.

Fenton/Linden Heat earn two wins

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team is on a three-game win streak.

The squad's two most recent wins came with a different feel from them. One was a thriller, while the other was a pretty easy win.

The thriller came against Walled Lake Northern. Tied at 8-all with a minute left, Chloe Justus converted an eight-meter goal with 38 seconds left, earning the victory.

The other win was a Flint Metro League 15-8 blowout against Swartz Creek.

In the victory against Walled Lake Northern, Kaitlyn Mossett had a huge game, scoring five goals on 11 shots.

Paige Harrison, Justus and Shea Temrowski each scored two goals.

Sophia Chambers played in net and made 13 saves.

"It was a lot of fun and I'm so happy to see them win after working so hard," Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse coach Isabel Green said.

The Heat put the heat on the Dragons in the co-op's 15-8 victory. Mossett had another big offensive game, scoring eight goals on just 11 shots. She also collected a team-high seven ground balls.

Justus had five goals on seven shots while Paige Harrison and Ali Miner had a goal each. Justus also had an assist.

In goal, Chambers had seven saves.

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Linden softball sweeps Holly in Metro League opener

By David Troppens

Linden — The Linden varsity softball team is off to a strong start.

Three days after earning a double-header sweep at home against Fowlerville, the Eagles earned another twinbill sweep on Monday. This time, Linden defeated area rival Holly by scores of 6-3 and 11-6 in the two Flint Metro League Stripes Division games.

The first game was the closer of the two, but Linden never trailed. Linden took a 2-0 lead in the second, only to see Holly tie it with two in the top of the fourth. However, Linden scored two more in the fourth and fifth innings, pretty much icing the win.

In the Linden second, the big hit was an Eva Opper two-run double. Holly's Delaney Jenkinson walked and Maggie Boehm singled to start the fourth, and each scored on run-producing batted outs, one by Paisley McDougal and the other by Audrey Combs. Holly was tied 2-2. However, that deadlock didn't last long. In the bottom of the fourth, Morgan Pi-



Holly's Delaney Jenkinson tries to slide into second base under Morgan Piotrovsky's tag in the Eagles' sweep of Holly on Monday. Photo: David Troppens

otrovsky reached base on an error and scored on Maizy Aeschliman's two-run home run to left. Linden upped its 4-2 lead to 6-2 when Aeschliman hit a two-run double in the sixth.

Holly started the seventh with a Delaney Jenkinson single and a Maggie Boehm double, but couldn't get the game-tying run to the plate.

Lake Fenton softball's bats crush Corunna in Metro League Stars twinbill opener

By David Troppens

No area diamond team had to wait longer than Lake Fenton's varsity softball team to get its season going. The Blue Devils made the wait worth it.

Playing their first games against Corunna on Monday, the Blue Devils defeated the doubleheader hosts 16-0 and 17-2 in a pair of Flint Metro League Stars Division games.

In the opener, Camryn McMillan tossed a four-inning no-hitter and Lake Fenton's offense had 17 hits, setting up the 16-0 victory. Lake Fenton scored at least three runs in every inning. The biggest hit of the game came in the fourth when Leah Meyers hit Lake Fenton's first home run of the season, a two-run blast. Meyers had an outstanding 4-for-4 performance with five RBI and two runs scored at the plate in the opener. One of her other hits was a double. McMillan went 3-for-4 with three RBI while Breann Shively had two doubles and drove in two runs. Addison Fitzgerald and

Hannah Hooker also had two hits, each scoring two runs.

On the mound, McMillan walked three and struck out 10. Forty-three of her 67 pitches were thrown for strikes.

An 11-run sixth is what blew the game open as Lake Fenton won a 17-2 verdict. Lake Fenton batters hit 10 singles and walked twice during the 11-run sixth. Players having run-producing singles during the stanza were Fitzgerald (two runs), Hooker, McMillan (two runs), Parker Beardsley (two runs), Ava Goss, Reagan Barden and Fitzgerald again.

Lake Fenton had 18 hits in the second game, with Emily Antonangeli having three of them. She scored three runs and drove in one. Fitzgerald, McMillan, Meyers, Shively, Beardsley, and Barden had two hits each.

On the mound, Meyers pitched a complete-game six-inning contest. She allowed just one earned run, six hits and no walks. She struck out five. She threw 66 of her 99 pitches for strikes.

Megan Widner earned the win on the mound, allowing five hits and two walks over seven innings. She struck out six. Fifty-six of her 89 pitches were strikes. Boehm took the loss for Holly, striking out six batters over six innings.

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Holly track squads lose to Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity track program opened its Metro season with a dual against Swartz Creek, losing both duals.

The boys lost 78-58, while the girls lost 94-48.

The boys were led by Kendall Muddock, who won all four events he was in. Individually, he won the 100 (11.21) and the 200 (23.49). He also teamed with Jake DeVary, Lincoln Rice and Lance Xiong to win the 400 relay (56.78). He also won the 800 relay with DeVary, Rice and Brennan Maccombs (1:37.24).

Other individual boy winners were Grant Hoffman in the 1,600 (5:08.82), Konner Welch in the discus (97-1) and Maccombs in the high jump (5-6).

Alison Rockafellow and Ella Azbell were the stars for the girls team. Rockafellow won the 400 (1:20.05) and the 3,200 (14:56.53), making her a double-winner. Azbell was a double-winner as well, taking first in the 300 hurdles (54.36) and the long jump (14-7). Annabelle Basham also earned a first in the high jump (4-8).

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Fenton softball dominates Swartz Creek Dragons 9-0, 10-0

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team opened the Flint Metro League season with some strong pitching performances.

The Tigers played Swartz Creek and didn't allow a single run, earning a 9-0 and 10-0 doubleheader sweep.

The offense was pretty impressive as well, but the double goose eggs are hard to ignore. In the opener, Lily Turkowski and Ally Turkowski combined to toss a seven-inning one-hitter while striking out 11 batters. In the second game, Tammy Craven

tossed a three-hit, two-walk five-inning shutout. She struck out 11 batters while tossing 51 strikes among her 79 pitches.

Offensively, the Tigers had a strong performance as well. In the opener, the Tigers had 14 hits. Sophie Collins, Lily Turkowski, Craven, Sydney Dalimonte and Allie Michewicz had two hits each. In the second contest, Fenton had eight hits and walked eight times. Collins had three hits while Grace MacCaughan had two hits. Dalimonte and Courtney Swigert walked twice.

Fenton boys lacrosse loses Metro League opener vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys lacrosse team has had a strong start to its first season.

However, the squad took its first lump in a tight contest against Swartz Creek, losing a 6-5 double-overtime verdict.

The game was a tight defensive one throughout the entire contest with neither team scoring more than two goals in any quarter. Both teams scored two goals in the second and fourth quarters, while Fenton scored one in the first and Swartz Creek scored one in the third quarter. Neither team scored in the first overtime. Finally, in the second OT, the Dragons got the goal to earn the victory.

Most of the stats were pretty equal. Swartz Creek enjoyed a 36-32 edge on shots and just a 15-14 on goal lead. Both teams won eight face-offs. The one stat the Dragons did have a healthy edge in was ground balls. Fenton picked up 47 while Swartz Creek collected 61.

Nate Roberts scored two of Fenton's goals, taking eight shots to do it. Hougen Vaughn, Vaughn House and Nathan Fuller had a goal each while Roberts, Fuller and Garrett Clark had an assist each. Grant Hayden had eight ground balls while Clark collected six. Fuller and House had five each. Lance Sanchez played in goal, making nine saves on 15 shots on target.

Lake Fenton track swept by Goodrich

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity track program had to face rivals Goodrich in the first meet, and ended up losing both contests.

The boys lost 91-46 while the girls lost 89-39. The boys had three individual first-place finishes while the girls had two.

Nolan Pinion won two of the boys' firsts, earning them in the 1,600 run (4:58.01) and in the 3,200 run (10:17.17). The other individual boys first was earned by Teagan Hottinger, who won the discus (111-feet-0). Bella DeBoe earned both

girls' firsts. She won the high jump (5-0) and the 300 hurdles (54.74).

There was one other first-place performance. Lake Fenton's boys 1,600 relay team of Pinion, Avery Smith, Daniel Mueller and Nolan Schroeder earned a first (3:48.94).

The boys had six individual seconds. They were earned by Ryan LePlow in the shot put (36-2 1/2), Coleson Lessner in the long jump (6-0), Calvin Kamischke in the pole vault (9-6) and Avery Smith in the long jump (18-2 1/2).



Fenton's Haley O'Brien won her match in straight sets against Brandon on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton tennis shuts out Brandon

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls tennis team has a veteran squad.

The starting lineup includes eight seniors.

So the program looks like it's going to be one of the favorites in the Flint Metro League race.

The Tigers started impressively, defeating Brandon 8-0 in what was both team's first Metro match of the season.

The Tigers completely dominated the singles action, earning 6-0, 6-0 victories by singles players Laney O'Brien (No. 2), Camilla Dembowski (No. 3) and Ellie Murray (No. 4). No. 1 singles player Haley O'Brien also won in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

Three of the doubles matches also were completed in straight sets. The No. 4 team of Emily Mrazir and Carlee Best won 6-0, 6-0, while the No. 3 freshman team of Fernanda Gonzalez and Kiersten Rutley won 6-0, 6-1. Natalie Ra-



Fenton's Ellie Murray won her match against Brandon 6-0, 6-0. Photo: David Troppens

him and Celia Taringo won 6-2, 6-1. The closest varsity match was the No. 1 doubles match with Katelyn Burkett and Sana Saab earning a 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 three-set verdict.



Fenton's Landis Canada competes in the Tigers' win versus Flushing. Photo: David Troppens

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84-52 victory.

The Fenton boys won all four relays. The 400 relay team of Kristian Kilpartick, Rowan Derwin, Jake Nichols and Christopher Piwowarczyk won (44.85) while the 800 relay of Kilpartick, Derwin, Piwowarczyk and Chaz Weddle also won (1:32.21). Weddle, Nicholas Stiles, Ben Grob and Patrick Hamilton won the 1,600 relay (3:34.03) while Jake Huntoon, Dillon Hamilton, Hamilton and Nathan Katic won the 3,200 relay (8:35.12).

The boys also earned seven individual event firsts. Katic won the 1,600 (4:43.62) and the 3,200 (10:29.97), while Kilpatrick won the high jump (5-foot-8) and the long jump (20-11). Weddle won the 200 (24.16) and Patrick Hamilton won the 400 (52.91).

The girls had 14 firsts. Victoria Henson led the team winning the high jump (4-10) and the long jump (16-1). Other winners were Sophia Smith in the 200 (29.06), Emma Dubie in the 800 (2:42.16), Landis Canada in the 1,600 (6:05.31), Halle Thorp in the pole vault (7-0), Nina Frost in the 3,200 (12:37.40), Abigail Dekraker in the 300 hurdles (55.45), Genevieve Brennan and Erin McVey tied in the shot put (27-6) and Anna Logan in the discus (95-0).

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Fenton baseball sweeps three games vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Fenton — Now that's the way to start the Flint Metro League season.

The Fenton varsity baseball team's bats exploded for 33 runs in a doubleheader sweep of the Swartz Creek Dragons on Monday. The Tigers won the first game 12-1 and won the second 21-2.

The squad continued its offensive ways in the third game of the series, defeating Swartz Creek 15-0 in just four innings at home on Wednesday.

The opener took just five innings as Fenton blew the game open with six runs in the second inning. Fenton used nine hits and seven walks to score the 12 runs. Brendan Phillips had a strong game, driving in four runs with two triples. Spencer Luck had two hits as well, while leadoff hitter Nolan Alvord had two hits and drove in two runs.

Kyle Crow was the star on the mound. He allowed four hits and three walks in his five-inning complete-game victory. He struck out seventh.

The second game was even more dominating with the Tigers scoring more runs in each

inning. They scored two in the first, three in the second, four in the third, five in the fourth and seven in the fifth. The Tigers had 12 hits with two home runs included in the mix. Alvord hit a two-run home run and Noah Dotson hit a solo home run. Crow went 4-for-4 with nine RBI and two runs scored. Dotson and Ty Trosen had two hits. The Tigers also walked 11 times. Spencer Luck walked four times.

On the mound, Adam Barcome pitched 1 1/3 innings of shutout ball. He struck out two. Dotson pitched the final 3 2/3 innings, allowing one hit and two walks. He struck out four.

In Wednesday's contest, Fenton scored at least two runs in each of the four innings the Tigers batted, including seven in the third inning. The biggest swing was provided by Phillips who hit a two-run home run in the three-run second. There were plenty of other big offensive efforts. Crow finished 3-for-3 with two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored while Dotson also had two doubles, driving in two runs.

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Fenton's Leo Thompson tries to slide into home during the Tigers' 15-0 victory against Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

Photo: David Troppens

Lake Fenton baseball earns series victory versus Corunna

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team has begun the Flint Metro League Stars Division season on the right foot.

In the opener, the Blue Devils overcame an early 3-0 deficit to defeat Corunna 4-3.

The Blue Devils also trailed early in the second contest, but a four-run fourth helped Lake Fenton earn a 5-3 victory.

Linden softball makes it six straight wins, defeats Montrose

By David Troppens

Make it six straight wins to start the season for the Linden varsity softball team.

The Eagles earned their third twinbill sweep of the season, sweeping Montrose on Wednesday, 9-3 and 13-5.

The start was dampened a little on Wednesday, when Corunna won the final game of the three-game series 16-6.

In Monday's opener, Corunna scored a run in the first inning and scored two more runs in the third on a two-run home run. However, from there, the Blue Devils started to cut into the lead. In the fourth, Clay Cook singled and scored on Sam Shumak-

er's double, cutting the gap to 3-1. In the fourth, Carsen Lewis singled and courtesy runner Jacob Studer scored on Lance Willman's single. The lead was just 3-2.

In the sixth, Lake Fenton (2-1 in the Flint Metro League Stars Division) took the lead for good. Shumaker singled and an out later scored on Camden Fray's single.

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two runs. Olivia Burke had two hits and drove in two runs while Eva Opper had two hits with one being a double. Ava Siegwald had just one hit, but that safety was a two-run double in Linden's three-run sixth.

On the mound, Megan Widner went the distance, allowing eight hits and five walks. She also struck out 10 batters. Seventy-seven of her 118 pitches were strikes.

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runs. Bush's single drove in the runs. In the fifth, Linden took a 4-3 lead on an RBI-single by Aidan Haney. However, Holly tied the game in the top of the seventh. Xander Jacobson singled in Mason Clark, who opened the inning with a single.

Linden's offense was paced by Haney's three hits. Bush had two hits, including a double. He drove in two runs. Jacobson led Holly with three hits while Jordan Compton, Keinen Melton and Billy Labadie had two hits each.

Ben Wingblad pitched the final 4 1/3 innings for Linden, earning the win. He allowed one run while striking out four. Clark started for Holly and pitched three innings of one-run ball. He struck out five.

In the second game, Holly's Remy Dubreuil pitched a five-inning shutout, earning the Bronchos the 5-0 victory. He struck out three, walked one



Linden celebrates its first-game victory against the Holly Bronchos. Photo: Mark Bolen

and allowed five hits.

Offensively, Holly blew the game open with three runs in the top of the fifth. The big hit was a two-run single by Labadie. Jacobson also hit a sacrifice fly.

Zayne Dennie had one hit and walked twice to lead Holly's offense. Dylan Dreasky tripled for Linden while Roti doubled.

In Wednesday's contest, Holly led 10-7 entering the top of the seventh. However, Linden tied the game in the top of

the stanza. Luke Haney doubled and Aidan Haney walked with one out. A strike out put Holly just one out away from victory, but Alfien reached base on an error, loading the bases. Bush followed with a three-run double, tying the contest 10-all.

Holly answered back. Zayne Dennie walked and stole second. With two out, Labadie reached base on an error and Dennie scored on the misplay.

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Linden's Olivia Burke is greeted by her teammates after hitting a home run against the Holly Bronchos. The Eagles won both games of the doubleheader. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Both teams enjoyed some offense in the second game, but no one more than Linden's Olivia Burke. She went 3-for-4 with three runs scored

and six RBI. One of those hits was a two-run home run. Cassie Sylvester also hit a home run for Linden and had two hits. Holly was led by Jenna Wylie and Boehm who had two hits each.

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► Lake Fenton 182, Linden 189:

Lake Fenton's Ryan Pribble, Ryan Lukowski and Linden's Landen Watson earned medalist honors as each shot a 44 at Fenton Farms. Mason Stuve and Wayon Dorenzo completed Lake Fenton's scoring with 47s each. Gabe Titsworth shot a 46 for Linden while Ethan Acker and Conner Skellinger had scores of 48 and 51, respectfully.

► Fenton 172, Swartz Creek 180:

John Sage earned medalist honors with a 41 at Genesee Valley Meadows, leading the Tigers to the win. Alec Coenen and Will Dickens each shot a 43 while Carter Will shot a 45.

► Fenton 169, Brandon 196:

Preston Muntin earned medalist honors with a nine-hole score of 40 at the Coyote Preserve, leading the Tigers. Alec Coenen shot a 41 while John Sage and Carter Will had scores of 43 and 45, respectively.

► **Holly 200, Corunna 230:** Holly's Cooper Anderson earned medalist honors with a 44 at Corunna Hills. Chase Couchman had a 50 and Quintin Monty carded a 51. Wyatt Randall shot a 55.

► **Holly 196, Owosso 198:** The Bronchos had Chase Couchman earn med-

alist honors as Holly won a tight league match at Owosso Country Club. Couchman shot a 44, two strokes better than any Owosso player. Wyatt Randall shot a 48 for Holly while Quintin Monty shot a 51. Wyatt Wilke and Nolan Griffith each shot 53s.

► **Goodrich 170, Linden 183:** Landen Watson led the Eagles with a 44 while Gabe Titsworth and Lucas Sensor each carded 46s. Ethan Acker shot a 47.

GIRLS TENNIS

► **Holly 4, Brandon 4:** The Bronchos' No. 3 singles player Paige Vogel won a tight 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 match, earning Holly the tie. No. 1 singles player Mary Grace McAninch won her match 6-3, 6-2 while doubles teams Stella Fairless and Avery Lesch (No. 3), and Natalie Gutierrez and Adrianna Thisse (No. 4) won in straight sets.

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Linden 2, Flushing 1:** The Eagles remained undefeated, but trailed 1-0 early on. The Eagles got goals from Al-lison Maienbrook and Chelsey Chambless to earn the victory.

► **Lake Fenton 0, Goodrich 0:** Neither team was able to score a goal in this early season Metro League contest. Lake Fenton is 0-1-1.

DABBLINGS

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score is at that time, take the score of the current leading team, add 10 to it and have the teams play to that point total. The first team to match or eclipse that point total by two (maybe three) or more points, wins. A version of this would work in the NCAA men's game (the NCAA women play quarters). Just put 15 minutes on the clock for the second half and then institute the 10-point rule. This should cut down on fouling down the stretch and create some excitement when a team eclipses the total but doesn't do it by two or more. The game could go one for quite awhile - If that first rule isn't incorporated, then NBA overtimes should be two minutes long. In fact, every level should have overtimes no longer than two minutes.

• During live action in a basketball game, the only person who can call a time out is the actual person with the ball. This ends the silliness of if a team had possession or didn't when someone else on the team calls the time.

Baseball

• If the home team is trailing entering the ninth, have the home team bat first. I like this because it speeds up the game a bit. Second, it just seems silly to have a road team up by 10 batting in the top of the ninth, when it's really the bottom of the ninth that matters.

• One new rule change that has been made this year in MLB that I love is the pitching clock. I've watched more games on TV this year than I have since 2020 already because the idle time has been greatly reduced. Love it.

Football

• Eliminate the mindset that it can't be pass interference if the ball is uncatchable. If it's uncatchable, why is the opposing player interfering with his opponent? I've seen calls that were called uncatchable, and when you watch it, you wonder if it really was.

• A team can take the ball at its own 25 without a kickoff. I'd love this in the prep game. After a TD is scored in a prep football game it takes at least three minutes before another second drops off the clock. Do we still want on-side kick attempts? Maybe make a rule that any team trailing entering the fourth quarter may elect to kick off one time regardless if the opposition wants to take the ball at the 25.

College softball

All fair territory outfield fences must be at least 225 feet from home plate. The fence must be at least 6 feet high. This should not only drop the number of home runs, but it should bring speed back into the game. The gaps will be larger and outfield speed will be key. College softball is one of the most underrated games out there, but one thing that I think hurts it is just too many home runs. It feels like a backyard whiffle ball game from your childhood sometimes.

Weekend Sudoku

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING

LOCATION:
Karl Richter Community Center
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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING FROM 12 A.M – 2 P.M.

Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads.

Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck. THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICKUP, NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED.

You must be in line by 2 p.m.

Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. Tires and appliances will be taken.

Additional information may be obtained by calling George Kullis, Holly Township Supervisor at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.

City of Fenton Employment Opportunities

The City of Fenton Department of Public Works is accepting applications for the following positions:

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Contact: Scott Gordon, DPW Deputy Director at sgordon@cityoffenton.org
301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton Michigan 48430

LOOKING BACK

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APRIL 21

1973: The yellow ribbon has long been a symbol of support for absent or missing loved ones. There are some who believe that the tradition of the yellow ribbon dates back as far as the Civil War era, when a yellow ribbon in a woman's hair indicated that she was "taken" by a man who was absent due to service in the United States Army Cavalry. But research by professional folklorists has found no evidence to support that story. The Library of Congress itself traces the cultural ubiquity of this powerful symbol to the well-known song by Tony Orlando and Dawn: "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree," which topped the U.S. pop charts on April 21, 1973.

APRIL 22

2004: Pat Tillman, who gave up his pro football career to enlist in the U.S. Army after the terrorist

attacks of September 11, 2001, is killed by friendly fire while serving in Afghanistan on April 22, 2004. The news that Tillman, age 27, was mistakenly gunned down by his fellow Rangers, rather than enemy forces, was initially covered up by the U.S. military. He played linebacker for Arizona State University, where during his senior year he was named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. In 1998, Tillman was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals. In May 2002, Tillman turned down a three-year, multi-million-dollar deal with the Cardinals and instead, prompted by the events of 9/11, joined the Army along with his brother Kevin, a minor-league baseball player. A criminal investigation was eventually launched into the case and in 2007 the Army censured retired three-star general Philip Kensinger, who was in charge of special operations at the time of Tillman's death, for lying to investigators and making other mistakes.

Source: History.com

VILLAGE OF HOLLY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 154 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on a request for a variance of Ordinance 157.043(D)(1), 157.165(A), 157.169(A) and 157.190(A) on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a variance was filed by Thomas Maraugi. The property is located at 15191 N. Holly Road, IH 01-27-151-016. The applicant is requesting a variance of Ordinances 157.043(D)(1), 157.165(A), 157.169(A) and 157.190(A) which provide regulations for exterior lighting, exterior landscaping, interior landscaping and site plan review.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the hearing. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices, located at 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

BADGES

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badges are a political statement, if they are needed, are they a sign that teachers are talking about sexuality concerns with students without parental consent, are they against the law, why aren't parents provided information about the badges, and more.

Based on the comments made at the meeting, people are passionate about their personal beliefs and opinions.

Numerous attendees wore T-shirts with the word "equality" printed on it and similar to the badges in question and several wore red, a color to show support for the teacher's union. Two Fenton police officers were on hand monitoring the meeting.

Ciesielski told the audience she was giving an update at the request of the school board. She said there had been various statements made recently that teachers were using/wearing the equality badge.

According to social media posts, some local teachers were wearing "I'm Here" badges containing a QR code that provided a link

to nea-lgbtqc.org. The badges are made available from the National Education Association (NEA).

On Monday, Ciesielski re-read her statement she gave in February about the badges that "promotes inclusivity and acceptance." She said at no time was the FEA promoting the NEA badge with the QR code and the FEA never condoned the information linked to the QR code.

She said the redesigned badge voluntarily worn by some staff at Fenton schools looks dramatically different from the NEA badge. She said not all staff members are wearing the badges and those who choose to wear one voluntarily are not violating any local school policies. She added that legal counsel has indicated teachers wearing the badges are protected by federal law.

Ciesielski said as we face unprecedented times, polarizing issues, a national teacher shortage, school violence, anger and fear, she implores everyone to stay out of the political battleground. "We need to ensure there are teachers in the classroom," she said.

Public comment time was held
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP TREASURER ADMINISTRATOR POSITION OPENING

Holly Township is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the Vacancy of Holly Township Treasurer Administrator. The Treasurer Administrator position responsibilities include collecting property tax payments and other cash receipts, processing address changes, maintaining records, and other duties as assigned. This position is also trained to become the Deputy Treasurer, serving as a back-up for the Treasurer responsibilities including tax disbursements, tax refunds, tax reconciliations, bank deposits, bank reconciliations, payroll, accounts payable, and other related duties. The ideal candidate would have knowledge and experience in local government, particularly in the Treasury department. Additional traits preferred include customer service, communication, organization, cash handling experience, and computer skills (particularly BS & A).

The salaried position ranges from \$43,470 to \$54,756 based on qualifications with a 4-day work week and excellent benefit package.

A cover letter and resume should be submitted by mail, email, or in person by 4:30 pm on May 11, 2023 at the address below:

Holly Township Treasurer
102 Civic Drive
Holly, MI 48442
248-634-9331 Ext. 302
email: treasurer@hollytownship.org

CONTINUED from previous page immediately after Ciesielski's report to the board.

Senior student representative on the school board Madelin Burnau was the first to provide comment on the equality badges. She said she was in favor of the badges. Being a student at the high school, she said having someone within the school supporting you is huge. She added that if students feel safe in school they will stay in school. She noted suicide rates have increased. "Outward support keeps us alive," she said.

According to the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), high school students identifying as lesbian, gay or bisexual attempt suicide at a rate nearly four times higher than heterosexual students.

Twenty-two individuals spoke out in favor of the equality badges and five spoke out against teachers wearing the badges.

Fenton resident Katie Ford has two students in Fenton schools. She said kids come from various backgrounds and have feelings. She said these badges are a sign of support for all of our children and that they are all important.

Rebecca Bishop of Fenton said her daughter graduated from Fenton and her son is a sophomore. She expressed support for the badges. It lets kids know that, "I see you and I'm glad that you are here."

Lienelle Stalmack said she has two kids in the district and that the school board is to protect students from harm. "How does a \$2 badge help? Are they qualified to counsel?" She said there could be legal issues as well in case they counseled one of the students and the student killed themselves. "They are impressionable youth," she said. "The NEA is politicizing the classroom."

Jordan Brown graduated from FHS in 2009 and is the mother of a student. She supports the badges and added that we need to wrap our arms around our kids and be thankful they are alive.

Shawny Palazzo has two children in Fenton schools. She said there is nothing offensive about the badge. If parents don't like it, they can put their kids in private school or homeschool them. "Respect our teachers and



(Top) The Fenton Board of Education meeting on Monday, April 10, attracted a large number of residents to discuss the Equality badges. (Right) Teachers across the country, including Fenton, had access to "I'm Here" badges earlier this school year that were available from the National Education Association (NEA), the largest teachers union in the U.S. (Left) Fenton Area Public Schools opted to use its own Equality badge with no QR code.

move on," she said.

Jim Sanchez of Fenton questioned, "Is this really about equality?" He said the badge is not age appropriate and that it's potentially racist. He said that children must attend school by law and that they are a captive audience. He believes the badges are marketing material with subliminal messaging to entice engagement. He said "this is a violation of First amendment right of freedom of thought."

At the meeting, Jennifer Wright said she supported the badges and her colleagues at Fenton for wearing them. "I stand with them," she said. "If you take our badge away, we won't change what we do."

Kim Owens has two children in Fenton schools. Being a family of two moms, she supports the badges to allow support for the most vulnerable youth.

Jason Teddy of Fenton said the badge contradicts its intent. He said they create division and that six of the eight symbols on the badge reference

sexuality. "Why talk about sex with kids in school," he said.

Jeanine Dunn graduated from Fenton. She asked why the FEA adopted the badge with links to sexual websites. "Why not tell the kids in Fenton what teachers can legally say?" She was not in support of the badges and doubted they were inclusive.

During a follow-up interview on Wednesday, Ciesielski said, "The teachers were told by me that the NEA 'I am Here' badges were not permitted to be worn as they violate district policy in the fall."

A committee for the badge was created by the FEA and its members. "The district printed them (badges), however the FEA was charged for that service," she said. "As a district, we routinely provide printing service to the FEA and then they are charged for this service based on using district resources."

When asked if teachers given instructional literature for counseling

if they wear the badge, Ciesielski said, "All teachers have had training in Title IX, and non-discrimination training and have had an understanding of what is within their scope or purview and how to seek district resources to help students and families struggling with acceptance."

When asked if teachers are required to tell parents of any private interactions they have had with students regarding anything beyond academics — such as all of the images on the Equality badge, Ciesielski said, "Absolutely. Many families of the students who are struggling with acceptance or inclusion are brought in as partners to ensure the student is supported and has the resources they need to be a healthy person. With the exception of an abusive situation then every teacher is a mandatory reporter and would have to file a report with MDHSS."

To watch the entire meeting online, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu8yprw1us>



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ROBOTICS TEAM CAPTAIN HEADING TO

WORLD COMPETITION



11th grade Fenton student plans on pursuing STEM

By Hannah Ball

Fenton will have a strong presence at this year's robotics FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas from April 12-22.

The Fenton Middle School Team, the Fenton Tiger Tech Orange #7643, is preparing to compete at the event, and Audrey Flynn, captain of the Fenton High School Titanium Tigers #5114, is up for a Dean's List award.

Flynn was one of 14 students in the state who was named a Dean's List Finalist. She won

this award at the FIRST State Championship the weekend of April 7. Heidi Ritchie, Fenton Robotics lead and FRC #5114 head coach, said only the "cream of the crop" robotics students win this award.

For the world championship, judges will decide winners based on their essay. Flynn does not need to be in Houston for the event.

Fenton has seven robotics teams, one high school team, two middle school teams and four elementary teams. More than 60 students participate in the program.

Flynn was introduced to robotics through a family friend and has been on the robotics team for two years.

"I love everything STEM and do plan on pursuing this in my future. Starting this year, we do have new coaches, and we are all adapting along the way," she said.

On Saturday, March 25, the FHS Titanium Tigers Robotics Team #5114 competed in Midland to come out on top as winners of the Midland District Event. High school robotics teams work as an alliance of three teams. The Titanium Tigers were part of the #2 seed alliance with the E-ville Empire team #5216 from Essexville and Radical Jays Team #5231 from Shepherd in Isabella County.

They competed at the FIRST State Championship the weekend of April 7 at Saginaw Valley

State University. They finished 25th in their field out of 40, and 86th in the entire event and statewide.

"This weekend we did really well and held our own amongst very tough competition," Flynn said.

Their team's robot is named "Bumpy Wumpy." It's designed to pick up both a soft inflatable cube and/or a small cone and transfer the pieces into the scoring area. They were the second pick made by the 5th Alliance captain team. Their alliance made it to the quarterfinals.

"Leading up to the finals, everyone competed in qualifying matches, and we are very happy with our performance. One

"I love everything STEM and do plan on pursuing this in my future."

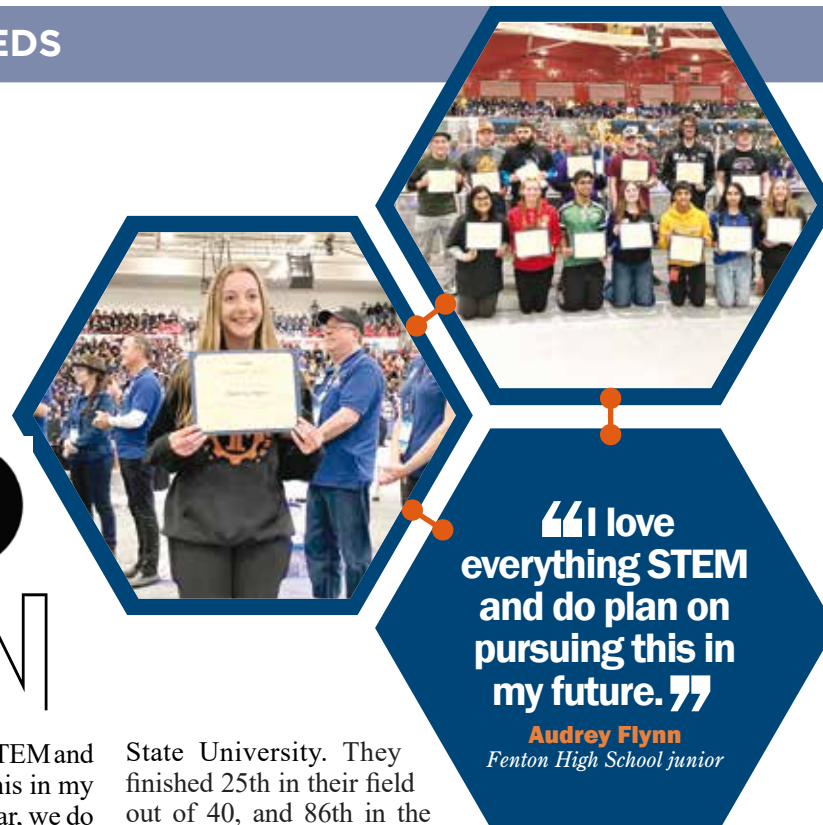
Audrey Flynn
Fenton High School junior

of our matches got a world record-high score of 175 points," Flynn said, adding that their score has been surpassed, but they were very excited with the "phenomenal score."

"It was definitely very tough competition because these are the best teams in the state," she said.

Since winning a Dean's List award at the state level, the 11th grade student now qualifies for the World Championship in Houston, Texas on Friday, April 21.

"I won a district champion- See **ROBOTICS** on 30



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO BADGES IN schools other than 'Go Lake Fenton,' 'Go Fenton,' 'Go Linden' or 'Go Holly.' This madness of adults talking about potentially life-changing issues with minors without a parent present must stop immediately. I pray for our kids.

THE TOWNSHIP CONSIDERS firearms ordinance. They cited three cases had to be dealt with since August. The new ordinance would not have stopped any of these cases but would collect money from fines from each person. Hmm.

SOUNDS LIKE FENTON Township needs to offer a class in firearm safety. A class on the existing law might also be a good idea. If people would follow the existing laws, we wouldn't have nearly as many problems with firearms.

WE STOPPED WALKING our corgi in Fenton because of pit bull owners who'd taunt our dog or clearly couldn't control their dog.

VERY FRUSTRATED BY the rude and inconsiderate people that move into a pet restricted community then proceed to get a dog and call it an emotional support animal. If your dog is barking, growling and lunging after people, it is an unruly pet. What about everyone else's emotional well-being?

TO THE HOT-LINER when referring to pit bulls said there are no bad dogs just bad dog owners. Pit bulls have been banned or restricted in 30 countries. That should tell you something.

ONCE TEXAS ROADHOUSE opens, it will be even more difficult to make a left out of Walmart onto Silver Parkway. Hope someone is planning a roundabout or maybe a traffic light there.

AS USUAL, OUR liberal governor's promise of cash was fiction. Same old story, lies to get votes. Democrats never change.

ROBOTICS

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ship before at Kettering, and winning the award then allowed me to qualify to compete at the state level. To qualify for the award, I had to undergo interviews and questions in front of judges, and explain to them what I do for the team in terms of giving back and what I do to spread STEM throughout my com-

munity, while also taking into account my academics," she said.

The Titanium Tigers have 16 members on the team. There is a chance the FHS team could compete at the world competition as well. The team is ranked 86th in the state. Only the top 80 in the state make it to the world competition. If some teams decline their offer, Flynn said FHS could potentially qualify and compete.

PLAYERS

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The play describes the volatile courtship between the shrewish Katharina (Kate) and the canny Petruchio, who is determined to subdue Katharina's legendary temper and win her dowry.

The play opens in Padua, where several eligible bachelors have gathered to claim the hand of Bianca, the youngest daughter of the wealthy Baptista. But Baptista has stated that Bianca will not be wed before her older sister, Katharina. Petruchio arrives in Padua in search of a rich wife. His friend Hortensio sets Petruchio's sights on Katharina (the shrew). Although Katharina responds hostilely to Petruchio, he woos, wins, and tames her by the sheer force of his manly insistence and by his wit; Katharina is attracted to Petruchio in spite of



William Shakespeare's **The TAMING of the SHREW**

herself, since clearly he is her match in a way that other men could not be.

Tickets can be purchased online at fentontheatre.org/fvp, at Fenton's Open Book at 105 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton or at the door at the Fenton Village Playhouse at 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton.

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- Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m.
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CHARGED

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Sept. 9, 2022 at the intersection of Denton Hill Road at Denton Creek Drive in Tyrone Township.

Albert has been charged with one count of second-degree murder, one count of operating while intoxicated causing death and one count of operating while intoxicated causing serious injury. He remains jailed on a \$400,000 cash surety bond.

As previously reported in the Times, Christy Ambrose, 46, of Tyrone Township, was killed in the automobile crash. Her 48-year-old husband, who was a passenger in her car, was trans-

ported to the hospital in critical condition and later released.

Albert, driving the second vehicle, also was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries while his 37-year-old female passenger was not injured.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling southbound on Denton Hill Road when an eastbound 2017 Chevrolet Camaro attempted to turn north onto Denton Hill Road from Denton Creek Drive in front of the pickup. As a result of the crash, both vehicles left the roadway and required heavy extrication by the city of Fenton Fire Department.

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: HAVING FLITTING THOUGHTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of Chrysler's K-cars
 - 11 Imaginary
 - 21 Lack of refinement
 - 22 Open to discussion
 - 23 * Golf format not based on the number of holes won
 - 24 * Part of an internal-combustion engine
 - 25 Take an ax to
 - 26 Ornate wardrobe
 - 28 Nice 'n Easy product
 - 29 Shin locale
 - 30 Stumblebum
 - 33 Austrian cake
 - 34 Up on the latest
 - 37 "Binary" singer
 - 39 S. Amer. country
 - 40 Much like
 - 41 Calculus pioneer
 - 42 Hot temper
 - 43 Scanned ID in a market
 - 44 Cartoon pic
 - 45 Twist, as in a hose
 - 47 Dark deli loaf
 - 48 City haze
 - 49 The Browns, on sports
 - 50 Volunteer's response
 - 52 Star pitchers
 - 54 Getz of jazz
 - 55 List-curtailing abbr.
 - 56 Brief letter
 - 57 Roofing material
 - 59 Like an old apple's consistency
 - 60 Bit of a script
 - 61 Fear greatly
 - 63 Longtime operating system
 - 64 Spanish pot
 - 65 Blackthorn fruits
 - 66 Supplement
 - 67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers
 - 69 Trousers
 - 70 Car navig. aid
 - 72 Owner of WordPerfect
 - 73 Cato's "I love"
 - 75 Brainteaser
 - 79 Sacred spots
 - 81 Soviet spacecraft series
 - 86 "Lord Jim" novelist
 - 87 * Buyer's final figure
 - 88 Membrane covering a lung
 - 89 Creole cooking pods
 - 90 Temporarily stylish thing
 - 91 Take to court
 - 93 Leash, e.g.
 - 94 Tony winner
 - 95 Roofing material
 - 96 "It's so-so"
 - 99 Winter illness
 - 101 Director
 - 102 Roof part
 - 103 Mine car load
 - 104 Yoko of art
 - 105 Shark part
 - 106 Sped
 - 107 Genesis twin
 - 109 Small stream
 - 111 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 113 * Vessel for crustacean fishing
 - 117 * Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears
 - 122 City in central Illinois
 - 123 Hawaii's nickname
 - 124 Super-corny
 - 125 Occupancy levies
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Talk smack to
 - 2 Like official public statements
 - 3 Freed from federal restrictions
 - 4 Give off light
 - 5 "Look, mice!"
 - 6 Ripen
 - 7 Lil Jon's genre
 - 8 Around H'wood, e.g.
 - 9 French card game
 - 10 Actress Jane
 - 11 One asked to attend a party
 - 12 Less remote
 - 13 Eye creepily
 - 14 Thanksgiving mo.
 - 15 Summer, to Jeanne
 - 16 Form a lap
 - 17 Tough
 - 18 Many a virtual bidding event
 - 19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac
 - 20 Lion's home
 - 27 Paris airport
 - 29 "Righteously" singer
 - 30 Desk wood
 - 31 Pseudonym
 - 32 Groups for devotees
 - 34 Vast Asian mountain system
 - 35 Satirical device
 - 36 Tent securer
 - 38 Straight up, in a bar
 - 46 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 48 Fair booth
 - 51 Straight up, in a bar
 - 53 Sutured
 - 54 Like altruists
 - 55 Singer
 - 58 Obtain by threatening
 - 59 Singer Rita
 - 62 Church teachings
 - 65 Film holders
 - 68 Rock's Clapton
 - 71 Launching platform
 - 74 Star athlete, for short
 - 75 Place to learn, in Lyon
 - 76 Smartphone company
 - 77 The opposite way
 - 78 Cemetery plot
 - 79 Animal trap
 - 80 Pack full
 - 82 Information group for analysis
 - 83 Big name in car cleaning products
 - 84 Speechify
 - 85 "Thwack!"
 - 90 Remote
 - 92 Moniker for a Yale student
 - 95 Coverer of a bald spot
 - 96 Unlike gods
 - 97 Brian of Roxbury Music
 - 98 Pipe with a flexible tube
 - 100 Open, as a Ziploc bag
 - 108 Band blasters
 - 109 Renege (on)
 - 110 Drug bust unit
 - 112 Mgr.'s helper
 - 113 "Wait a —!"
 - 114 "In your face!"
 - 115 Actor Saget
 - 116 Singer Rita
 - 118 Topping sort
 - 119 That girl
 - 120 Supped
 - 121 "Definitely!"

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William Franklin Lahring 1928 – 2023

William Franklin Lahring - age 94 of Gaines, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023, surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held 11 AM Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the Byron United Methodist Church, 101 S. Ann St. Byron, followed by a luncheon reception. Pastor Lisa Lahring and Pastor Barbara Benjamin co-officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday from 4 - 8 PM and at church Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Medical Team Hospice or Carriagetown Ministries. Bill was born October 14, 1928 in Gaines, to Clara (Sneed) and Caleb Lewis (C.L.) Lahring. As a boy and young man, he worked with his father, mother, and brother (Donald) on the family farm. Bill enjoyed caring for the animals on the farm, especially the lambs. He learned to play the piano as a boy, and his love of music continued throughout his life. Bill attended Boyd Country School and later graduated from Byron Agricultural School in 1947. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. While stationed in Pusan, South Korea, he was a chaplain's assistant



and played the organ for the church services on the base. After returning from Korea, Bill married the love of his life, Lorraine Hungerford, in Fenton, on February 21, 1954. Together, they raised two daughters, Tara and Shannon. He worked for General Motors for 30 years, retiring in 1994. He was a lifelong member of the Byron United Methodist Church where he played the organ for Sunday services

for over 50 years. Bill loved traveling, gardening, vacationing at the family cottage in East Tawas, and most of all, spending time with his family. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his dedication to his family, and his steadfast faith. Bill is survived by his wife of 69 years, Lorraine; daughters, Tara (Mike) Parker of Gaines and Shannon (Dave) Atkinson of Gaines; granddaughters, Michal (Kris) Bordine of Clinton, Melinda (Gabe) Keway of Byron, and Lauren (Tom) Zettel of Midland; and three great-grandchildren, Mya, Christian, and Kingston. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Vicinia Gardens and the Medical Team Hospice. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michele Keely

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Robert Miller

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John Toler, Jr.

John Toler, Jr. - age 96, died April 12, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Barbara "Buffy" Billings 1953-2023



Barbara "Buffy" Billings, 69, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Ascension St. Mary Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan. Per her wishes cremation

has taken place. She will be privately laid to rest with military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Barbara to Tunnel 2 Towers (www.t2t.org). Buffy is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Larry. Her two sons, Russell (Selena) Billings of Ft. Myers, FL, and Tyler (Jessica) Billings of Linden. Grandchildren, Nate, Cade, Lucy, Hunter, McKenna and Walter. Sisters Christie Cottrill of Grand Blanc and Amy Cohoon of Fenton. She will also be missed by her nieces, nephews and friends. Barbara Jean Billings was born to the late Sara Jane (Morgan) Arehart in Flint and attended Flint Southwestern High School. She went on

to serve our country with the United States Army before earning three bachelor's degrees from Mott Community College. Though she was offered

a full scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Barbara had started a family with Larry and was building her career. Barbara was known as "Buffy" to all who knew her and while she earned her living as an electrical engineer, her passion lied in her family, the people she cared for, gardening, camping, raising chickens and being a beekeeper. Mrs. Billings was preceded in death by her mother; daughter, Stephanie; and brothers-in-law Mark Cottrill and Craig Cohoon. Online tributes may be shared on Barbara's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:
ICING, WAIVE, PIGLET, NOTION
Answer: The twins usually knew what each other was thinking because they were — "IN-TWO-ITIVE"

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

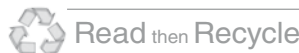
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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
ENFOLD, BATTEN, DEMAND, APPEAL
Answer: DEFEAT

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 25 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Stock #1187910

**2023 SILVERADO 1500
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LEASE: \$374/MO + TAX
BUY: \$46,701 Was \$55,345

SAVE \$9,560**3.0 DURAMAX
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Stock #1686438

**2022 SILVERADO 1500
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LEASE: \$467/MO + TAX
BUY: \$53,270 Was \$62,830

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BUY: \$27,235 Was \$29,865

SAVE \$4,443

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BUY: \$36,967 Was \$41,410



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EQUINOX LS**
\$21,379 | Stock #1146054B



**2019 FORD
EDGE SEL**
\$24,561 | Stock #1127815C



**2019 MERCEDES-BENZ
C-CLASS C 300 SEDAN**
\$30,571 | Stock #6154264A