Election results are in…

Lake Fenton school board candidate Larry Godlewski reaches out to shade Carson Steffey’s hand at the polling station at Lake Fenton High School Tuesday evening. Carson, 5, of Fenton Township, is with his father, Steve, and brother Conner, 8. Godlewski was out with Mott Community College Education Association representative Brian Harding (right) and other candidates to thank residents for voting.

New board members in Fenton, Lake Fenton — Linden results up in air — library millage passes

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The unofficial results of the May 3 election are in. The residents in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district have elected two new individuals to the Lake Fenton board of education, Larry Godlewski and Christopher Fletcher. Former school board member Kristi Ocenasek was also elected to serve out a partial term.

Tamara Valley and Daniel Carter are the new members elected to the Fenton board of education.

In Linden, since there were only write-in candidates, no results were available at press time. Results will be posted online at www.tctimes.com today.

**FENTON SCHOOL BOARD**

Tamara Valley was the top vote getter with 428 votes (25.57 percent). With 20-plus years of corporate finance and accounting experience, Valley is looking to be an influence in how the board uses district funds.

“We have to figure out the school funding and what to allocate. Something has to be done. The only way I can look at it is as a matter of expense and income.”

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**

Prepare your family for a tornado

1. Make a Family Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

2. Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.

3. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

4. You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

5. Determine in advance where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning.

Is your home tornado ready?

> A quick guide to preparing for, and riding out the storm

By Tim Jagielo
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At 5:34 p.m. Aug 24, 2007, Fenton and Holly experienced an F-2 tornado that damaged homes and leveled buildings. When the tornado hit, John and Marcia Vamossy, of Fenton, headed to the basement. Marcia got in the basement, just as a pine tree fell, destroying the garage and part of the west side of their roof. The house was partially moved off its foundation, and required a new garage floor. It was the worst storm John had ever experienced.

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Being prepared for a tornado can make the event safer and less stressful.

City employees caught smoking could lose job

> Existing no-smoking policy could be revamped

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — After receiving several complaints from residents upset over seeing city employees smoking inside of city vehicles, Fenton City Council is looking at revamping its existing policy and adding consequences.

Mayor Sue Osborn told council members Monday during its work session that smoking in city-owned vehicles is against city policy, as well as being bad for public relations.

Osborn suggested that employees caught smoking could be reprimanded in some way. On their third time being caught, their employment with the city could end. “There’s plenty of people who want those jobs,” she said. Further discussions on the topic are planned.
City looks at using block grant funds for community center

New handicap-accessible elevator would be installed

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The consensus of the Fenton City Council is to move forward with plans to install an elevator, one that would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Michael Burns, assistant city manager and director of Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority, told council members on Monday during its work session that the city could use approximately $62,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and $80,000 available in the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget to make the upgrades.

The city had been considering using the CDBG funds to upgrade the gazebo site. However, after county officials visited the site, it was determined that only the high-cost project, at $121,000, would be feasible in that area.

As an alternative project, Burns said the city could steer the available funds toward the community center. One possible roadblock was that the project would need to be completed by April 30, 2012. Council members asked him to inquire if they could get an extension on that deadline.

Burns said the low-cost project to upgrade the gazebo area could possibly be added to the Streetscape project next year.

Mayor Sue Osborn said, “We need to make both (gazebo and community center) handicap accessible.”

Burns said the elevator currently in use at the community center is in bad shape and can barely accommodate one wheelchair chair. Councilwoman Cheryl King asked Burns how much an elevator cost and he told her that it would be about $100,000. Bids would be required for the addition of the elevator.

Osborn said the total restoration cost at the community center ranges between $1.2 million to $1.6 million. The city would look into whether it would be better off with loans or bonds to pay for the project.

City Manager Lynn Markland and Burns will bring further information to City Council at its next meeting.

Spend it here. Keep it here.
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INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
WHAT TO GET MOM for Mother’s Day

Gifts of love and sentiment top the list

By Sally Rummel

Flowers, cards and dining out are the most popular Mother’s Day gifts every year, according to the National Retail Federation.

But that doesn’t mean you can’t put a sentimental spin on this very special holiday, to honor your mother and all the other special women in your life this Sunday, May 8.

One easy way to share the special relationship you have with your mom would be to take a favorite photograph of the two of you, and have the photo experts at Biltmeier Camera in Fenton blow it up to poster size, depending upon the quality of the photo. “We could digitally add the words, ‘I love you, Mom’ on the poster,” said Rachel Herstein, lab tech at Biltmeier Camera.

See MOTHER’S DAY on 10

GOING ALL IN...

An accessible and popular sport anyone can play

By William Axford

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Mastering the game

Play often — Poker is a skill that you can only hone by playing. The more you play, the more you know.

Pay attention — Some people believe that good cards are the only way to win. Experienced players will tell you knowing when to bet and knowing when to fold is key to winning and can be more potent than having the highest hand.

Be honest with yourself — Winning every game is impossible. Play poker for skill and the challenge, not for a big pay out.

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This Limited Edition Mother’s Day bracelet from the Chamilia collection at Sawyer Jewelers is a piece of jewelry that can become sentimental, personalized gift.
PRESIDENT TRUMP? NOT LIKELY

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Sloan’s to lease former Linden Lumber Company site

Owner looking to expand store

By William Axford
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Linden — Sloan’s Sales and Services will be moving to the former Linden Lumber Company location in the near future. The lumber company closed its doors in January 2008 after 84 years and has sat vacant since then.

Having leased the location last week, Sloan’s Sales and Services owner Jeremiah Sloan will now be about a half mile from downtown Linden.

“The current lease is expiring and I had a friend who wanted to lease a lot with me,” said Sloan, who has been at his current location at ACE Village Hardware for the past two and a half years. “The lease came up at the right place and the right time.”

The new location will make things easier for both the owner and customers. Rentals are currently in the hardware store but separated from the main building, confusing some customers. The new location will allow Sloan to provide all of his services in one building.

Customers may also have a new line of products to choose from, as Sloan is considering expanding his inventory once he has moved. The owner will also use some of the property to store boats and lawn care equipment for certain customers.

The new location will cost the owner about the same as the current one, with a little more expenses for the utilities.

Despite these new additions, Sloan said that he is not out to completely transform the lot that Linden Lumberyard used to occupy. He is committed to maintaining the trucks that recycled old newspapers, even after he opens the new store.

“My vision and plans to move there in the transition and plans to move there in the current products inventory closer to downtown to lead to the company’s site.

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— Jeremiah Sloan

Owner of Sloan’s Sales and Services

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TORNADO
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Just last week, several states in the South experienced hundreds of deaths from a series of violent tornadoes. As to- 

ornado season approaches, it is important to take stock of how prepared you are.

The Vanossys are prepared in the event of a storm or tornado. In the basement, they have a sitting area for riding the storm out. Their kitchen is stocked with canned food. The couple now has a battery-powered radio, and three, fully charged flashlights.

“(You) better get ready,” John said. “You don’t know about what you have never experienced.”

The couple follows the common-sense advice given by Fenton Fire Department Chief Robert Cairnduff. The first thing Cairnduff recommends is being aware of incoming weather. If the sirens sound, do not hesitate to take cover. “We don’t do it when it’s not something serious,” he said.

A basement makes the best shelter in a home. If the home does not have a basement, go to the most central room with no windows, said Cairnduff. Bathrooms can often be the next safest place to a basement or shelter. Mobile homes often have a separate building residents are directed to go to.

After the tornado hit the Vanossy home, they were without power for two days. Having a battery-powered radio will help keep you informed, said Cairnduff. Keep flashlights, or LED lanterns on hand. They are better and safer than candles, he said.

Some residents prepare for power outages by installing a back-up, gas-powered generator. It is important that a generator not be placed inside the house or garage, said Cairnduff. It needs to be hooked up properly with adequate ventilation, if it is inside a garage.

According to www. ready.gov, one should follow the instructions of their local officials, and become familiar with their city’s disaster plans.

Tornado terms:
Tornado Watch means that the conditions are there to produce a tornado in your area.

Tornado Warning means that a funnel has been spotted in your area, and you should take cover immediately.

Planning and practicing specifically how and where you take shelter is a matter of survival.” www.ready.gov

What to have in an emergency supply kit
1. Water, one gallon of water, per person, per day, for at least three days.
2. Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
3. Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
4. First-aid kit.
5. Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape.
6. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
7. Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
8. Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).
9. Local maps.
10. Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.

School board approves all-day kindergarten

By William Axford

In a unanimous decision, the Fen-
ton Board of Education approved KindergartenPlus. The program al-

ows kindergartners to attend school for a full day. Parents will still have the option of having their children go for half day in either the morning or afternoon.

According to Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen, there will be 192 new students enrolling in the kind-
garten program next fall. Of 230 parents of 3 to 5 year olds surveyed, 75 percent of them supported full-day kindergarten.

Chief Steward for the Fennton Education Support Personnel (FESP) Carla Juarez raised concerns about where funding for the program would come from. “Is the state going to pay for a full day or not?” she asked the board. She is also concerned that the community may not be aware of the changes next fall.

The board voted 3-2 on postponing the full-day kindergarten decision during its March meeting. Secretary Nora Kryza opposed postponement due to the willingness with Kindergarten Round-up.

The full-day kindergarten will include a half-day of state-approved curriculum. The rest of the day includes a kindergarten facility for and students working on the curriculum in different ways.

Jalkanen said that funding for KindergartenPlus would come from reallocated transportation funds. Mid-day transportation will be elimi-
nated with the reallocation, causing buses to run only during the morning and the afternoon.

“The school district will not charge the family extra for the full-time program,” he said, noting that some districts make families pay for the full-day service.

Parents will have to provide transportation for students who are half-day and need to be dropped off or picked up at school during the mid-day.

The board considered the downside to the program before voting on it. Jalkanen said it is the need to keep up with other districts that pushed the board to approve the program. “An all-day kindergarten is needed to remain competitive with other school districts,” he said.

Holly Academy, Linden and Holly schools are local schools that already offer full-day kindergarten.

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HOT LINE
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THE TORNADOES DEALT a devastat-
ing blow to Americans in an entire dozen states. They need our prayers and any assistance we can offer. In the midst of this tragedy, the EPA issued a state-
ment saying, global warming did this and it’s a good time for the South to go green on a conservative and Republican.

It would make the rebuilding take longer and more expensive. But it would move Obama’s social agenda forward and create government jobs.

IN REGARDS TO Snyder’s proposed tax on pensions, isn’t it unconstitutional? According to the Michigan State Con-
stitution, Article IX, Sec 2a, the accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivision shall be a contractual obligation, which shall not be diminished or impaired. Please explain how Snyder’s proposal is not diminishing this obligation.

WELL, I WAS right, after all. Snyder’s ap-
proved rating plummeted and most people in Oakland County are fed up with him.

There is hope after all.
Residents drop off whopping 54 pounds of unwanted meds

By Sharon Stone

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Holly police requested assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and a K-9 unit was dispatched to the scene. The K-9 unit established a track of the suspect and continued tracking the scent for about 30 minutes before it was lost in a wooded area near a swamp.

Det. Julie Bemus is following up on the investigation. Anyone with any information on the break-in is asked to call her at (248) 634-8221.

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Valley has experience with Fenton Area Schools as her 16-year-old daughter, McKenna, attends Fenton High School while her 8-year-old daughter, Ella, attends State Road Elementary School.

Valley is aware of the multiple challenges that parents face in Fenton. From the realignment of the sixth graders to the new full-day kindergarten program, she expects to learn a lot very quickly.

Daniel Carter also won a seat with 388 votes, putting him at approximately 23.18 percent of the total votes. Phillip Price was very close with 378 votes (22.46 percent). Charles Colombo had 258 votes (15.41 percent). James Shaw had 205 votes (12.43 percent).

LAKE FENTON SCHOOL BOARD

Two newcomers and one former school board member were elected to serve on the Lake Fenton board of education.

Larry Godlewski and Christopher Fletcher came in with the most votes, with 596 and 544 respectively, for the two available four-year seats. Results are unofficial.

Former school board member David Foerster, who was appointed to temporarily serve in Stan Bragg’s seat until June trailed with 204 votes. Newcomer Carrie Dershem received 305 votes.

Former school board member Kristi Ocenese, who sought to serve for the remainder of Bragg’s seat was elected. She ran unopposed and received 685 votes. There were two write-in votes.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, who oversaw the election said 1,150 registered voters out of a total of 12,500 (9.2 percent) voted at the school on Tuesday. Approximately 450 absentee ballots were received by the township.

Godlewski, 40, is a research engineer at the Ford Research and Innovation Center in Dearborn. He is also president of the Lake Fenton Little League, which now has 330 players.

Upon learning of the election results, Godlewski said he was very excited because he really enjoys doing things for the kids.

“Every decision of the board affects the kids,” he said.

Godlewski and his wife, Kim, have an 11-year-old son, Gavan, and a 9-year-old daughter, Taylor.

As a new school board member, Godlewski will be focusing his attention on understanding how a school board functions and to be trained properly. He believes it’s important, considering the cuts that schools are finding necessary, to understand what money is being allocated and where.

Since the board is in the process of updating all of its policies, Godlewski said he is glad that he can contribute to that. “I’m really excited about being more involved. I’ve always been a volunteer.”

Godlewski fully supports the teachers; however, he would like to see more interaction between the teachers and the board. He would even like to sit in on some classes and see firsthand how the school system functions.

Fletcher, 38, is the director of engineering and technical service at IRMCO. He and his wife Sarah have four children, Caleb, 15; Jacob, 12; Abigail, 10 and Matthew, 7. “We have one in every building,” Fletcher said. “It makes it interesting.”

As a rookie, Fletcher acknowledges that training is necessary. “There will be some hard things to deal with, as well as good things,” he said. “It will be a little bit of an overload. I’ll take it in stride.”

The budget is the most pressing issue right now and he knows there is much concern of where the cuts will be made. “We’ll spend some time and look at where our dollars are being spent,” he said.

Fletcher and Godlewski met through their children, and their daughters are good friends. “I’m really looking forward to working with the board members,” he said. “It will be both rewarding and exciting.”

LINDEN SCHOOL BOARD

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Linden Election Commission Chairperson Anne Mahnke, of Linden, rings the official poll station bell saying, “Hear ye, hear ye, the polls are closed.” This is her responsibility by law. The last resident to cast his vote at Faith Baptist Church in Linden is Daniel Drew, who tries to vote in every election, and be moderately informed for each. For him, the school board election is the most important.

Although polls were officially closed at the time, it is unknown who will fill the one open seat on the Linden Board of Education. In the running are Steven Losey, Marty Rymarz and John Walsh. Because all of the candidates were write-ins, official results can only be counted by the Board of Canvassers, according to a spokesperson at the Genesee County Election Division. The Board of Canvassers will count the write-in votes, and determine if an incorrectly spelled name counts for the candidate.

By law, the canvassers have up to seven days, according to the Genesee County Clerk’s office to announce official results for write-in candidates, but results will likely be known by late afternoon on Wednesday.

GENESEE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PASSES

With all 169 precincts in Genesee County reporting, 15,827 (57.3 percent) residents cast votes in favor of the library millage. The number of “no” votes was 11,801 (42.7 percent). A total of 27,628 votes were cast.

With the passing of the levy, a new additional millage of 0.25 mills (25 cents on each $1,000 of taxable value, on all property subject to taxation in the library district, until 2016 will be in place.

The purpose of the increase is for continuing the same level of public library services as currently provided by the district.

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MOTHER'S DAY
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If you look just a little deeper in your photo archives, you might also find a picture of you and your children, your mother and you, and her mother with her, that could be placed in a trio of frames as an honor to three generations of mothers.

Mothers who enjoy getting flowers might really appreciate a new twist on a traditional theme. Since flowers do speak the language of love, you can express your own personal feelings about your mother by sending a particular flower. Mother’s Day ranks second only to Christmas in the purchase of flowers, according to the Society of American Florists.

Of flowers purchased for Mother’s Day, 40 percent are cut flowers, 37 percent are outdoor bedding and gardening plants, and 22 percent are flowering and green houseplants.

Roses are the traditional flower of love, but other herbs and flowers “speak volumes” about the special relationship you share, and can be placed together in custom baskets to express those feelings.

“Pansies express ‘thought’ and lavender means ‘devotion,’” said Kathy Mathews of Heavenly Scent Herb Farm in Fenton. “You can actually send a message to your mom through the flowers you choose, and we can help you pick just the right expression.”

Custom-made, giant hanging baskets that combine unique colors, textures and “drapes” make a thoughtful gift, as well as unusual floral varieties, such as scented geraniums—with fragrances from lemon to nutmeg and peppermint.

For mothers who love having flowers in the garden but aren’t up to planting, a very personal, thoughtful gesture would be to purchase annual or perennial flowers and plant them as part of the Mother’s Day gift. Jewelry is another traditional Mother’s Day gift that can be as thoughtful and sentimental as the family relationship itself. “Mother’s Day is all about tradition,” said Chip Beltinck, of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton. “Jewelry pieces representing mothers and families are a ‘rainbow of color,’ depending upon the birthstones that represent each child. We can also custom design a special piece that will be like no other.”

Many of the popular “life story” charm jewelry pieces, available locally at Sawyer Jewelers, Most Art Jewelers, Medawar Jewelers and Eclecions, include Mother’s Day charms. Moms of all ages also enjoy diamonds, gemstones and other pieces of traditional jewelry, hand-selected for her.

Whatever gift you choose, keep in mind that most moms don’t appreciate a gift of a household appliance, which implies “work,” but they still love a handmade gift from their child. A sentimental gift like this only slightly-edged out jewelry and flowers on a survey of 300 mothers conducted by wishlist.com. Spa and massage pampering came in next, followed by a getaway vacation.

Being together with family on Mother’s Day is still the most important fantasy of mothers everywhere, but a gift to show your love is always appreciated.

BEST
Mother’s Day gift Ideas
Handmade gifts..........................13 percent
Jewelry .....................................12 percent
Flowers ......................................12 percent
Spa/massage pampering .............8 percent
Getaway trip .............................8 percent

WORST
Mother’s Day gift ideas
Nothing .......................................16 percent
Household appliances ...............11 percent
Cooking/cleaning supplies ...........7 percent
Socks ...........................................6 percent
Non-fitting clothes .....................6 percent

Your own treasured photos can make a thoughtful, sentimental gift for Mother’s Day. Rachel Herstein, of BIlmeier Camera in Fenton, put this three-generation photo collection together for her own mother.
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Merriam Webster defines poker as a game where players bet that their hand is higher than the other players and that “the player holding the highest hand at the end of the betting wins the pot.”
Birch attributes the genesis of poker to the movie “Rounders” and the success of Chris Moneymaker. Starring Matt Damon as a professional poker player, the movie exposed mainstream America to the possibility of playing poker, full time.
Moneymaker then turned that fantasy into a reality by winning an online tournament that bought his way into the World Series of Poker. Starting with $40 as an entry fee in the online tournament, Moneymaker won the World Series and earned $2.5 million. It was one of the first times that an unknown poker player defeated a slew of professionals.
“You can sit down and win either by chance, skill, or get that rush every time,” said Birch.
Online poker is a major component of the poker’s popularity said Birch. As a serious player since early 2004 and card dealer, Birch said online play was “essential to being good.”
But online poker may no longer be an option for players. The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act declares that online poker is illegal and has shut down major web sites such as Pokerstars.com and FullTiltPoker.com. Online poker’s future is unclear for the moment.
As both a serious player and card dealer, Birch said that he is seeing more live play — that is, more people physically getting together and playing the game.
Starting poker as an hobby is an easy investment. At minimum, interested players need cards and poker chips. Chips vary in price depending on what material they are comprised of. Players can also invest in tables specially built for the game. For those interested in testing their skills against local players, the minimum may be $2.5.
People can also bet online with websites such as Sportsbetting.com and Pokerstars.com where they can play for free and make safe bets.
“Poker is math, discipline, and pattern recognition. Combine that with hard work and determination and anyone can win.”
— Derek Birch, Legends of Poker organizer

Poker lingo
Bet — The amount of chips wagered during a round.
Bluff — Betting a big amount of chips while having a low hand. The idea is trick other players into thinking you have the bigger hand.
All-in — Pushing all your chips into the middle, frequently without any rounds of betting. Luck and the fate of the cards determine if a player doubles their chip count or loses it all.

Charitable gambling
Gambling in public, outside of a casino in Michigan, is generally unheard of. Legends of Poker is allowed to conduct tournaments through the charitable gaming license that is given through the state of Michigan. The license holds that a percentage of the earnings must be given to a charitable organization and is the only avenue for qualifying businesses to gamble legally.

STORY: CLOGGED SEWER LINE
“Obviously there are a few issues with our sewer system, but we continue to pay the highest rates in the county and potentially statewide. Provide us with a more detailed accounting of how this money is being spent, what you are doing to reduce costs and who is actually overseeing the day-to-day work performed by the contractor as opposed to the smoking mirrors and business as usual approach.”
— M. Smith

STORY: DISPATCH TO STAY OPEN
“Make, by saving the city of Flint, the DDA is preserving their financial investments. As Chief Aro has stated, by keeping our dispatch and jail open, they can deter petty criminals and apprehend hard criminals by faster dispatch times. This effectively ‘preserves deterrence in business districts,’ and residential districts.”
— Kevin H.

STORY: FENTON SOFTBALL
“That’s my niece, sliding head first.”
— Stacy

STORY: TEACHERS
“Teachers did not create the culture our children live in today, broken homes, custody battles, poor nutrition, lack of sleep, reading disabilities, etc. I could go on and on about all the reasons a child could fail in school, but you want to blame it all on the teachers. I can’t wait until all the good teachers, who pay thousands to maintain their teaching licenses, decide they’ve had enough of Michigan’s abuse and take jobs in states begging for their experience. Then, see what you have left to teach your children.”
— Uncle
By Al Zipsie

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Linden — Linden had won five straight and Holly won its first six games of the season. Both were hoping to continue solid streaks against each other in a twinbill on Monday.

But both teams had to settle for a split. Holly won the opener 12-2, but Linden bounced back with a 6-5 win in the nightcap.

“This team is funny. They are a good group of kids, you just never know which team will show up,” said Linden coach Steve Bauerki. “It builds some character. Every time they have their backs to the wall, they come back. After losing the first game, we had to get the split.”

In the nightcap, the Eagles (4-2, 7-5) broke a scoreless game with five runs in the bottom of the third. With one out and the bases loaded, Dillon Nash hit a three-run double. Mitch Juhl then chased home Nash with a single and eventually scored on a sacrifice.

In the fourth, Holly got on the scoreboard with an RBI-single by Matt Beckner. Linden’s Josh Hoeberling then relieved Luke Tunningley in the fourth after he gave up a lead-off walk. Matt Beckner chopped a base hit up the middle to get Holly on the scoreboard. With the bases loaded, the Eagles came up with a double play. But the Bronchos loaded the bases again and David McNeil brought in three runs on a batted ball that had two errors on the play. Max Lambert followed with an RBI-single, tying it up at 5-all.

Linden scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the fourth. Linden’s Bryce Benedict hit a leadoff single, and Hoeberling followed with a hit-and-run single. Benedict scored on Tunningley’s fielder’s choice grounder, putting Linden up 6-5.

“The hit-and-run was fun,” Hoeberling said. “It was a good game. The team has had some bad times, but we have been able to come back.”

Pitcher Cass Guzdziol starred for Holly in the first game. He scattered five hits.

Holly’s, Linden split Metro League doubleheader

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Linden — If a tie can feel like a win, the Holly varsity girls soccer team may have experienced just that on Monday night.

Trailing 3-1 against the defending Metro League champions, the Bronchos scored two goals during the final 10 minutes of the contest, earning a 3-3 draw against the Linden Eagles.

The Bronchos can thank Kayla Skopek for that. She scored both goals, forcing the draw. The first one came after she missed her initial shot, but the rebound came back to her. She then pounded that ball into the net, closing the gap to 3-2 with about seven minutes left in regular time.

Then, about three minutes later, she scored again. This time, Nicole Rombach sent a cross to her, resulting in her shot and the game-tying goal.

“When I went for that (first) goal, she blocked it at first,” Skopek said. “I had to get it. I was so thirsty for that goal. “Whoever it was that crossed it to me, I was happy they did. It was awesome. I’m so happy I got those goals.”

“We were down and it showed a lot of heart. The team never gave up,” Holly coach Mike Streibel said. “I was concerned how we would face adversity like that. They kept at it, played hard and good things happened.”

The contest had its share of thrills after that goal. The Eagles probably had the best chance to score after Skopek’s second goal. Linden’s Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz, who had two goals earlier in the contest, took a shot with about five minutes remaining, but the attempt was saved by keeper Ellie Curtis.

The draw keeps Holly at 1-0-1 in the Metro, while the Eagles fell to 0-1-1, already in trouble in the Metro League chase.

Holly took the early lead in the first half. Olivia Smith took a shot that hit the crossbar but bounced right back to her for a rebound goal. The Bronchos led 1-0.

Fiebernitz, who sprained her ankle a day earlier in practice, responded with the game’s most entertaining and athletic goal. Off a corner kick from Sam Thornton, she attempted a bicycle kick for a goal from about 15 yards out. The teams went into the break tied at 1-all.

Both teams had ample scoring chances to break the tie in the second half, and Linden eventually did. With about 28 minutes left, Thornton was sent a ball from Jordan Sargent resulting in a semi-breakaway and a goal from about 18 yards out. About 15 minutes later, the Bronchos were called for holding in the box during a Metro League chase.

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**Linden** — Apparently, Katie Berlin and her Linden varsity softball teammates were seeing the ball pretty well on Monday.

The team collected 29 hits in less than 10 innings of play, leading to a double-header sweep of Holly. Berlin went 4-for-4 with four runs scored, leading the Eagles to a 14-3 victory in the opener in just five innings. In the nightcap, Berlin had two more hits and drove in three runs in the Eagles’ 11-1 five-inning victory.

“We hit really well today,” Berlin said. “We had a lot of contact, we all got on base and were cheering each other on. It was nice to see your spirits rise up.

“I’ve been hitting pretty good all year, but this was one of my better days.”

“Katie Berlin has been hitting all year, and so has Tori, but the last couple of games the middle of our lineup has picked it up — Maija (Satkowski), Kaitlyn Dunleavy and (Katelyn) Webster,” Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. “That’s where a lot of our run production was tonight.”

The Eagles’ bats were the story all night long, as Linden never trailed. In the opener, Berlin singled to start the bottom of the first and scored on a single by Satkowski after her hit was booted. An RBI-ground out by Katelyn Webster made it a 2-0 lead for Linden.

The offense never stopped. Consecutive singles by Berlin, Tori Davis, Satkowski, Webster and Dunleavy sparked a four-run third, making it a 6-0 lead. Satkowski singled in Berlin, who doubled, for the first of two runs, in the fourth. The second scored when Satkowski stole home.

Finally, a six-run fifth created the mercy rule. Taylor Wilson doubled and Savannah Weaver singled, both scoring on wild pitches. An out later, Julie Guckian walked and Berlin and Davis followed with singles. A wild pitch scored one run, and Satkowski’s sacrifice fly scored another. Consecutive RBI-singles by Webster and Dunleavy ended the game.

Holly scored a run in the fourth on an RBI-single by Hannah Steigerwald. That plated Chelsea England, who doubled.

England also hit an RBI-single in the top of the fifth, plating Ashley Wolfefelt, who had two hits in the game.

Guckian went the distance on the mound for Linden, allowing six hits and striking out five.

In the nightcap, Linden had three two-run innings, and capped the game with a five-run fifth. The fifth started with back-to-back doubles by Dunleavy and Morgan Granter. An out later, Bri Senter reached base on an error and Olivia Williams had an RBI-single. Berlin reached on an error and two runs scored to make it 15-0.

**TWINBILL** on 15

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**Linden, Fenton split twinbill**

It was completely two different types of games, but in the end Linden and Fenton split a Metro League baseball doubleheader Friday.

In the opener, Linden won a quick-played pitchers’ duel 2-0. The Eagles had only one hit before the bottom of the sixth, but they got three safeties in the sixth to score the game’s only three runs. Scott Lunn doubled and scored on Luke Tunningley’s single. Dillion Nash had a single, scoring Tunningley. Benedict held Fenton in the last at bats for the shutout.

“Tyler Benedict threw very nicely,” Linden coach Steve Buwerkel said. “Both pitchers were very good and it could have been either way.”

In the second game, Lenzi came on in relief in the fifth inning with one out. He got the win, only allowing a double to Benedict in the final inning. While Lenzi held Linden in check, the Tigers took the lead for good with runs in the top of the sixth. Ryan Surface walked and then Chad Schupbach ripped a triple to the gap in right center. The throw to third went wild and Schupbach scored, giving Fenton an 11-9 lead.

“I love the pressure, and don’t let anything get in my head,” said Lenzi. “My arm hasn’t fallen off. I am always ready to go. It is better to look down (on the league standings) than to try and play from the downs-up.

“We just weren’t hitting the ball in the first game. It happens. Ninety-eight percent of the time that would be enough for a pitching win.”

“David threw only 74 pitches in the first game,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “He is typically on the back end of the starts, we needed the game so we spent it here. Keep it here.

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**TENNIS**

**Holly at Lahser Invitational:** The Bronchos took third place at the event, which featured two teams ranked in the state. Two flights finished with two wins. No. 2 singles player Brianna Rodriguez earned two wins, as did the No. 4 doubles team of Natalie Clink and Jessica Aderholdt.

Shannon Renahan (No. 1 singles); Stephanie Collier and Carly Postma (No. 1 doubles); Hale Weiss and Audrey Cimmins (No. 2 doubles) and Cortney Munger and Leah Moller, (No. 4 doubles) each won two matches.

**Fenton 6, Lapeer West 2:** The Tigers (2-2) swept the four singles matches, earning the win. Kendal Stephens (No. 1), Justine Hanson (No. 2), Maggie Pooler (No. 3) and Morgan Kraut (No. 4) won the singles matches. Kelly Chopaski and Kaitlyn Pradel (No. 3) and Josie Foguth and Kelsey Kodl (No. 4) won doubles matches.

**Soccer**

**Fenton 3, Davison 1:** Fenton (6-2-1) got goals from Allison Calkoszewski, Callie Tooso and Mackenzie Murphy in the victory. Murphy, Payton Maxheimer and Gabi Garza had assists.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES**

**DAVID TROPPENS**

Holly pitcher Alyssa Boots (standing) tries to make a play at the plate on Linden’s Taylor Wilson. Wilson was safe on the play. Linden swept both games of the doubleheader on Monday.
TIMES MIDWEEK

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to our whip.

“In the first game their kid (Benedict) threw a great game. That was as fast as a complete game I’ve seen played in high school baseball. We came out on the short end of the stick in the first game, and on top in the second. It was a good team ef- fort to come back after being down 4-1 in the second game. It was a big clutch hit (by Schupbach).”

“The second game was a little sloppier. They were early and we were late,” Buerkel said. “After we fell behind, (relief pitcher) Dillon Nash was rolling pretty well, we had a chance but fell short when all was said and done.”

In the second game, Linden’s Scott Lunn and Tim Cook scored for a 2-0 lead. In the top of the second, Fenton’s Kyle Jenkins beat out a throw for an infield hit, which scored his brother Derek Jenkins, who had doubled. Linden then went up 4-1 with another pair of runs in its second. A Tyler Castro single scored Brandon Puddack. Castro scored on a close play at the plate on a Lunn RBI-single. Linden led 4-1.

Fenton responded with four-run innings in the third and the fourth, taking a 9-4 lead. The Tigers went ahead 5-4 on Schupbach’s RBI-single. Derek Jenkins reached on an outfield error, scoring Schupbach. A Ryan Delecki sacrifice brought home Jenkins. They added four more runs in the fourth. The key batted ball was a single and a two-base error off of Derek Jenkins’ bat, spark- ing the lead.

Linden used three Fenton errors to score four runs in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the margin to 9-8, but that’s as close as it would get. Schupbach’s triple would give the Tigers the insurance runs they needed in the sixth.

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through six innings and fanned 10.
The Bronchos had a six-run third in- ning breaking the game wide open. The big blow was a three-run double by Gudziol.

Holly (2-2, 8-6) led at one time 9-0 be- before Linden scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth. The Bronchos scored three more runs in the sixth for the mercy rule. Brent Smiles finished with two hits for Holly. The Eagles were hurt by eight errors.

“We need to show up focused. We have to be in for all 14 innings,” said Holly coach Matt Parker. “A split each game is not going to be enough for a shot at the end of the league.”

Both return to Metro League play Thursday. Holly travels to Fenton, and Linden is at Chio.

BATS
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and Davis walked. Sadowski capped the game with an RBI-single. In earlier innings for Linden, Berlin hit a two-run double and Webster hit an RBI-double. Graniter also chipped in an RBI-
single.

On the mound, Paige Harwood was strong, tossing a four-hitter and striking out eight. After a hit batter and two wild pitches to start the first inning, she got the next three batters to strike out without the run scoring.

LINDEN
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and taking fourth in the long jump (20-3 3/4) and sixth in the 400 (53.0). Mark Wright placed fifth in the 1,600 (4:37.20) with a personal best time.

“The competition was as good as we’ve seen all year, and the boys came away with some hard-earned places,” Linden coach Nick Douglass said.

The girls also competed with seven earning personal bests.

Kristyn Ressegue improved her time in both hurdle events, with her time of 50.24 seconds in the 300 hurdles being good enough for sixth-best in Linden history. Mayce Varacalli and Danielle Starr placed in the top 10 in the 800, and Lexi Downes had a shot put throw of 31-6 1/4, Mariah Lengyl, Kate Tucker and Cassidy Dolby each had time drops in the 3,200.

Holly’s only run came in the fifth inning. Wohlfel singled and eventually scored on an infield error off of Alyssa Booteen’s bat- ted ball. Steigerwald followed with a single, but a strike out ended that threat.

Linden is 2-2 in the Metro and 6-4 overall.

“We have improved a whole bunch since last year,” Berlin said. “We were pretty down last year because we were a new, young team. But now we are at the point where we want to be and it’s nice.”

Linden hosted Fenton if weather permitted on Tuesday. Holly hosted Swartz Creek as well.

SOFTBALL

Lake Fenton 25-35, Beecher 0-0:
The Blue Devils scored an amazing 60 runs in the conference twinn.

Fenton at Michigan Stars Tourna-
ment:
The Tigers (8-5) went 3-2 in the tourney, defeating Milford 2-0, Imlay City 4-3 and Farmington Hills Harrison 7-0. They lost to Grand Ledge 5-3 and Armada 6-5.

Against Milford, Ellie Cowger tossed a two-hitter and drove in a run, while Sammi Cowger went 2-for-3 at the plate. Gabri Johnson drove in a run as well.

Against Armada, the Tigers had just five hits. Marina Cleis drove in two runs.

In the loss to Grand Ledge, the Tigers were held to just two hits. Ellie Cowger tossed a two-hitter.

Against Imlay City, the Tigers scored a run in the top of the seventh to earn the win. The 13-hit attack was paced by Sammi Cowger’s three hits and two RBI. Ellie Cowger pitched two innings of shut- out relief to earn the win.

Against Farmington Hills Harrison, Ellie Cowger struck out nine in five innings and tossed a one-hitter. She also had two hits, while Cleis had two hits.

BAEBALL

Lake Fenton 16-16, Beecher 1-0:
In the opener, Blake Bourdeau and Tyler Hammond had two hits and two RBI each, and Cory Pierce had three RBIs and hit their first home run.

Against Flinton’s ninth, Mitch Kirk struck out five in three innings.

Kyle Hooks had two hits, while Spencer Quick, mayor of Chandler, and Neil Affor also had hits.

Lake Fenton (11-0) walked 25 times in the twinn.

Bay City Western 11-5, Fenton 6-0:
The Tigers dropped a non-league double-
hitter to the Hatchets.

Lake Fenton at Flint Invitational Tournament: Nathan Francis struck out eight and threw to just a two-hitter, leading the Blue Devils to a 14-0 victory against Flint Northern.

Offensively, Spencer Quick had two hits and drove in three runs, while Wyatt Wilson had two hits.

Lake Fenton 16-20, Durand 9-6:
The Blue Devils’ Blake Bourdeau drove in five runs and got the win on the mound, leading Lake Fenton to the win. Neil Affor and Tyler Hammond had three hits each, while Wyatt Wilson chipped in two, including a triple.

The Blue Devils took just five innings to earn the 20-6 win. Mitch Kirk pitched shutout relief, and got the win. Offensive- ly, Cory Pierce had two hits and three RBI, while Jim Lyons hit a three-run double.

Affor had two RBI. Devon Evans and Kyle Fenton had two hits each.

GOLF

Fenton 157, Brandon 153:
Fenton’s Jake Fogath shot a 36 at Goodrich Coun-
try Club, earning a tie for match medalist honors. Alex Gerber carded a 38, while Alex Payne had a 30. Kevin Berry carded a 43.

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