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“Those complaining about President Obama should take a look over at Russia. The Russians are ruled by a lying thug who simply takes what he wants. He’s a dictator, not a leader.”

“Is anyone else as sick of ‘Boston Strong’ as I am? Quit celebrating a terrorist attack, it only encourages more of the same.”

“Businesses with signage should learn to spell. ‘Everyday specials’ is correct. ‘Specials everyday’ is not. Signed, a retired teacher.”

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Discovery Channel in Holly this week

►TV crew filming on-site manufacturing of ‘America’s supercar,’ the Falcon F7

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The village of Holly has just been “discovered” by TV’s Discovery Channel. Film crews are on site this week at Falcon Motorsports in Holly to film the on-site manufacturing of the Falcon 7, for a future episode of its “How it’s Made,” TV show.

“Discovery Channel is coming to see how ‘America’s only supercar’ is actually made,” said Noel Thompson, director of marketing for this local niche auto company.

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Crew members with Maj Productions out of Montreal set up a shot at Falcon Motorsports in Holly on Monday. Set up in the shop are two Falcon F7 models, in different stages of completion. The crew shot different parts of the assembly process for “How It’s Made,” on the Discovery Channel.

Top 10 fastest rising food prices

►Peanut butter, wine and citrus on the list

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It’s not your imagination that prices are rising fast at the grocery store. But it’s not your local grocer’s fault, either. Between droughts, disease and consumer demand, you can expect to see higher prices in all different aisles of the supermarket, from produce to meats, dairy, wine and more.

“People are definitely noticing big increases in beef and pork prices,” said Marvin Yono at Alpine Marketplace in Linden. “Because most people do shop around, they know it’s not just our store. For example,

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Oranges are one item expected to increase in price, due to a number of environmental factors, over which stores have little control.

Who’s hiring?

►Footwork, Times online classifieds and newspaper searches can get results

By Tim Jagielo
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There are 18 “help wanted” ads in the weekend edition of the Tri-County Times, and 13 in this edition. A quick drive around town yields four employment opportunities, some with online applications, and some in-person.

In March, U.S. unemployment held at 6.7 percent with 192,000 jobs added, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But now the spring seasonal hiring is underway at many local businesses.

Many positions are part-time, and some
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Worst season for allergies in a decade

►Long winter, short spring add more allergens into the air

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Even with 70-degree temperatures last weekend, we’re still feeling the effects of Old Man Winter with one of the worst

spring allergy seasons in a decade.

A long winter and shortened spring means more intensity for allergies, as pollinating trees play “catch-up” with higher than average amounts of allergens in the spring air. Your nose starts to run, and it itches, too. You keep sneezing or coughing and your eyes won’t stop watering.

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WAYS TO LESSEN ALLERGY SYMPTOMS:

The best way to reduce symptoms is to avoid allergens, but that’s difficult to do with billions of tiny pollen particles in the air. Taking steps to minimize exposure helps, plus using over-the-counter or prescription allergy medications, or allergy shots.

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Police & Fire report

HIT AND RUN, CHARGES PENDING

Charges are pending on a 55-year-old Argentine Township man. According to Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen, a man driving a pickup truck pulled into the parking lot by the township hall at 5:30 a.m. on April 19. While making a wide U-turn, the truck struck a township-owned vehicle and drove away on Silver Lake Road. An off-duty firefighter witnessed the crash and followed the truck while calling 911. Due to the high speeds, the firefighter lost sight of the truck. A few hours later, the suspect truck crashed through a fence and landed in a ravine behind a retail store on Silver Lake Road. The truck driver, who then fled on foot, is believed to be from Argentine. He denied involvement when questioned later by police.

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How to change a life, in four hours a month

► Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint matches mentors to children

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Fenton — Little sister Haley, 8, hid from the camera behind big sister Tiffany Stachiw during the interview in Stachiw's apartment. "Look how pretty you are," said Stachiw, 24. "I'm the one that should be hiding behind you." Normally outgoing, she didn't feel like being the subject of a story — but she did feel really safe around her big sister.

These two aren't related — they are a matched pair, through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint (BBBS), a program that links children aged 6-16 to people like Stachiw who want to volunteer their time, and mentor a "Little."

According to BBBS, there are 240,000 volunteers in the U.S., and the non-profit organization operates with donations from individuals, other organizations and governmental sources.

Big sisters like Stachiw spend at least four hours a month with their Little, much of it one-on-one time.

On this Wednesday, Haley was able to spend time in a relaxed home to watch SpongeBob SquarePants and do a little homework, while Stachiw's 5-month-old Aubrey bubbles from her bounce chair.

Haley was enrolled with the program at 5, and matched to Stachiw at 6. They've seen each other at least once a month since.



“She gets to get out of her house and do something special, do something a little different.”

Tiffany Stachiw
Big Sister

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Tiffany Stachiw holding baby Aubrey meets with little sister Haley, 8, last Wednesday. These matched pairs end up being part of each other's daily lives for at least an hour a week.

They mostly do fun things like make puppets, crafts, go to carnivals and movies, like the Monsters Inc, in a 3D re-release.

Sometimes they do homework like this



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TIM JAGIELO

Tiffany Stachiw paints Haley's nails while they hang out last week. "Girly" things like this, is one reason they were matched.

— Stachiw feels bad if she keeps Haley from her homework on a weeknight. Haley seemed more concerned with the delay in getting to ice cream with Stachiw and boyfriend Ken Beck.

The BBBS reports that Littles have more confidence in school performance, and are 52 percent less likely to skip school, use drugs and alcohol and they tend to get along better with their families. Haley has an older brother, but she enjoys the company of her big sister. "He doesn't put sparkle on your nails," said Stachiw.

To become a big brother, or big sister, one has to submit to a background check, and provide three references. Children and adults are interviewed about what type of person they'd like to be matched with. Interests and lifestyles are taken into account. "They want to match people who are similar," Stachiw said Haley likes "girly" things like getting her nails done.

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Can ethnic hate be a mental illness?**

In early April, the Anti-Defamation League reported a 'significant decline in anti-Semitic acts across America' in recent years.

Less than two weeks later a hate-motivated killing of three innocent people in Overland Park, Kan., occurred. Police have charged Frazier Glenn Miller, a white supremacist from southwest Missouri, with fatally shooting three people — including a 14-year-old boy — outside a Jewish community center.

Despite Miller's long-espoused hatred of Jews, it turned out that all three of his victims were Christian. That irony only symbolizes how inevitably the hatred that is directed at some of us spills over to threaten all of us.

It also revives a question that psychiatrists have raised in recent years: Could extreme racial and ethnic bigotry be in itself a form of mental illness?

At 73, Miller had been working the bigotry circuit since he was kicked out of the Army in 1979 after serving in the Green Berets and two tours in Vietnam. He was discharged for distributing racist literature.

He formed the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, led numerous public rallies and had a variety of run-ins with the law. Among other offenses, he served three years in federal prison for weapons charges, plotting robberies and calling for the assassination of the SPLC's founder Morris Dees.

In 2012, The Oxford Handbook of Personality Disorders included a new chapter on identifying and assessing 'pathological bias,' an extreme prejudice that could lead supremacists to commit random violence against another race.

The trouble comes when our more-advanced brain circuits don't work hard enough to suppress our fight-or-flight impulses about people who don't look like us. At a time when Americans have elected the nation's first racially mixed president, for example, who knows how many prejudiced brains are blowing a fuse?

As society becomes more comfortable with diversity, those who are not will stand out increasingly as misfits, which in itself can lead some to dangerously irrational behavior.

Racism may not be a sign of mental illness, but we owe it to ourselves to learn more about what is.

THE DEMOCRATS IN D.C. continue to wage wars — on babies with abortions; on the middle class with joblessness, and the war on our children who are facing increased taxes, Obamacare and increased student loans.

A NEW POLL shows that 60 percent of Americans believe that President Obama lies to the American public on important matters. Is it unbelievable that most Americans don't trust him?

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS proposed 442 tax increases in the last six years. Thank God, for Republicans who have helped to stop much of this insanity.

DOES ANYONE REALLY want to go back to the mess Bush left Obama? Why would anyone in their right mind support the party that destroyed the middle class in order to benefit the rich?

I ONCE SAW an interview with George W. Bush when the gasoline prices were at an all time high under his administration. Bush said, 'I have no idea what the price of gas is. What is it?' When he was told, Bush said, 'Wow that is kind of high.' He didn't say anything else about it.

IF YOU THINK Obama is responsible for the Benghazi attack, what do you say about Bush and 9/11? If you say Benghazi was preventable, then I say so was 9/11.

IF REPUBLICANS WERE in the White House, there'd be no GM and lost jobs. Think about the fact that not one Republican voted to save the car companies.

DEAR FENTON SCHOOL board, what is the cost for a special election?

IF I WANTED to destroy a culture, I would get people to trust in their things and not their God.

TOLERANT FOSTER CHILD — the king of hypocrisy.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN the Ukraine is what happens to a population that has their guns taken away. Think about that, they can't even resist against a little tiny militia that has taken over their federal buildings.

THE LOOSE CENTER has such interesting messages in their newsletter.

DID YOU GET your GED out of a Cracker Jack box? First, more species have gone extinct than exist now. Second Michigan was under ice just a little over 10,000 years ago. Third, more people die from cold than warm.

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Fourth, plants grow with CO2. Get with it.

YOU WANT MY vote because you 'understand finances.' What a joke! I hope the voters do their homework.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL service at Trinity Lutheran Church on Good Friday! All the kids and teens were wonderful. I was brought to tears with their program. Very good job for all involved. Thank You.

SO, THE CITY of Fenton wants to raise property taxes! They are in this crisis partially because they stupidly wasted money for dumb things like the 'Be Closer' campaign and the bulky ugly 'Welcome to Fenton' signs. Let's recall all of them. They do not know what they are doing.

HEY PEOPLE, HERE'S an idea, why don't you wait patiently for your turn at the bottle return while you contemplate the fact that the world does not revolve around you.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the sign in your doctor's office that reads, 'I will pad your bill all I can so I can be set for life and retire as soon as possible?'

IS IT WEIRD that the U.S. government holds a patent on Cannabinoids, the active ingredient in, 'Marijuana, pot, weed, etc.?' The U.S. Government (DEA) has it classified schedule 1 as a dangerous drug with no medical value. I recommend looking up the other conditions Cannabinoids heal for better health that we are prevented from using and with less side effects or even death!

CARL GABRIELSON, THE executive director of the Loose Center has such interesting messages in their monthly magazine. It's always interesting and a pleasure to read.

IF YOU DON'T read the Police Files column in the Times you are missing some hilarious stories. For some reason this area seems to have a lot of really drunk idiots and a lot of really stupid thieves. Keep 'em coming Times.

GOOD LORD, I rented the Wall Street movie because Leonardo DiCaprio was in it. OMG...how could this garbage ever have been made? I am not old, but I was totally embarrassed that I spent money on this trash.

IT APPEARS TO anybody with any common sense that John Kerry and Obama are way out of their league when it comes to dealing with Putin. I mean, way out of their league.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Kathleen Sebelius — scapegoat**

Dictionary.com offers its definition for scapegoat: 'A person or group made to bear the blame for others or to suffer in their place.'

Both definitions seem to fit last week's announcement of the 'resignation' of Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services, who presided over the disastrous rollout of the government's website, healthcare.gov, which was supposed to provide easy access for people who wished to sign up for Obamacare.

It wasn't entirely Sebelius' fault, though her experience with a website when she was governor of Kansas should have sounded alarm bells. Kansas Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee told the Daily Caller this: 'In the Kansas Senate, I chaired the Commerce committee. We had oversight over the Department of Labor. For years, we watched as the Department of Labor under Sebelius worked on that computer program. After seven years and \$50 million, something should work.'

Sebelius was tasked with putting the square peg of government into the round hole of free enterprise and competition. It didn't work in Washington any better than it did in Kansas. The problem wasn't just the Obamacare website. The problem was, and remains, Obamacare itself.

Those who have been paying attention know that the administration's claim to have signed up more than 7 million people is bogus. And only 14 percent of those who have enrolled in Obamacare were previously uninsured, according to Forbes magazine.

John C. Goodman, Ph.D., and author of 'Priceless: Curing the Healthcare Crisis,' writes the reason that Obamacare is failing is that '...the administration had to appease every single Democratic constituency and every major special-interest group — the insurance companies, the drug companies, the hospitals, the labor unions, AARP, etc., and no one was making sure that all the separate demands fit together in a sensible way.'

President Obama's nominee to replace Sebelius, budget director Sylvia Burwell, might turn out to be better at fixing websites, but she doesn't have the power to fix Obamacare. No one does because it is based on a weak foundation and the notion that government can do anything.

Obamacare is the wizard behind the curtain, but without the glimmer of Oz to back it up.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What are you allergic to?**streettalk**

"Penicillin and Sulfa. When I was a baby I had a closed throat reaction."

— Dee Sep, Linden



"Many drugs, like Colfax. I had a reaction when I was a young adult."

— Sharon Graham, Fenton



"Sulfa. It was in an antibiotic I took and I had a reaction."

— Ulrike Vanoever, Linden



"Guinea Pigs. After a long time of having one as a pet I started getting hives and a runny nose."

— Jennifer Morse, Linden



"Ginger, petroleum jelly and Latex. At 55, I happened to stumble upon all of them at some point."

— Grant Sefa, Fenton



"Grasses and mold. When I was younger I got tested by an allergist."

— Jim Maynard, Fenton

Garbage pick-up now on Mondays

►Argentine Township keeps cost down by switching to one-day-per-week service

By Sharon Stone

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Beginning Monday, April 28, garbage pick-up in Argentine Township will be done only on Mondays.

The Argentine Township Board of Trustees recently extended its garbage and recycling contract with Emterra Environmental U.S.A. until Dec. 31, 2020 and one way it held its cost down was to have all garbage picked up on one day. The township has already mailed out notices of the change to its residents.

Recycling and compost will continue to be picked up every other Monday.

Property owners are assessed \$150 per year for garbage pickup and recycling. This breaks down to \$11.30 per residential stop. There are currently 2,554 stops. The contract also includes four dumpster pick-up sites.

Under the previous contract, Argentine Township would have paid \$11.55 in 2015 and \$11.82 per stop beginning in 2016. Under the terms of the new extended contract, the township will not

pay \$11.82 until the year 2020.

One free residential drop-off per month is available at Emterra's disposal site in Montrose. A pass is required and may be obtained at the Argentine Township Office. Residents are allowed one free recycle bin, which can be obtained at the township office.

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Township reviewing pool ordinance

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees is looking to pass a new swimming pool ordinance and hold owners accountable for failing to maintain them. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said that some pools are abandoned in the summer time, causing a potential health problem. "Sometimes people just let pools dry out and the algae and everything goes to the bottom, it's just a mess," Mathis said. "We have terrible blight situations. It's a bad health risk." Mathis noted that abandoned pool water often breeds algae and attracts mosquitoes. Those who do not keep their swimming pools clean of floating materials, sediment and scum could be ordered to have their pool taken down completely. The ordinance will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

Developers seek to finish neighborhood

Developers with the Old Mill Farms condominiums in Fenton Township are looking to start building new condominiums in the unfinished neighborhood. While trustees agreed that new units would help the township, the board disagreed on allowing RBF Construction to start building due to possible concerns that the developers may not be able to finish the project. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said many developers pulled out a few years ago when the economy did poorly and that some are starting to rebuild again in the area. The decision whether RBF Construction can resume rebuilding will be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

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►New company expects adult beverage to be available this fall

A form of alcohol in the form of powder called Palcohol is awaiting approval by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and it has gained the attention of news outlets in recent days.

Palcohol is the creation of Mark Phillips of Phoenix, who is an admitted sports enthusiast and active individual. On his website, he shares how he sometimes found himself wanting to relax with a refreshing adult beverage after spending hours at an activity. These activities, however, prevented him from lugging heavy bottles of wine, beer or liquor. The only liquid he wanted to carry was water.

Phillips began his quest to create a light and easy-to-carry powder form of alcohol. After years of research, he developed Palcohol, which will be marketed in packets small enough to fit into any pocket.

Since they are packages of powder, Phillips is also promoting his new product to travelers who fear broken bottles in their luggage.

When used as directed, Phillips explains on his website that by adding five ounces of liquid to Palcohol, it will be equal to a standard mixed drink. The powder contains the equivalent of an ounce of alcohol, natural flavorings and Sucralose as a sweetener.

So far, Palcohol, which is owned by a company called Lipsmark, has four cocktail versions — the Cosmopolitan, Mojito, Margarita and Lemon Drop. Cocktails can be made just by adding water.

Beginning later this year, Phillips expects Palcohol to be available anywhere liquor can be sold and the buyer must be of legal drinking age to purchase and consume. The company stresses that when Palcohol does become available, people are to use it responsibly and legally.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

**Ask the
judge****Statewide ballot proposals for 2014**

I am hopeful that most people know that here in the State of Michigan there is a primary election this year on Aug. 5 and a general election on Nov. 4.

In past columns, I have discussed how important it is for people to exercise their franchise or the right to vote.

Under our system of government one of the best ways to make one's voice heard is at the ballot box.

Usually at this time of year, candidates for elected office are readying their campaigns for the upcoming elections. Additionally, proposals are either being readied or are already approved for submission to the legislature or for a vote of the electorate.

For today's column, I want to discuss the status of some of Michigan's statewide ballot proposals for 2014, but first a short primer.

Generally, there are two ways to have a law enacted. The first and most common way is for the legislature to pass the law and then have the governor sign it.

The second and certainly less commonly used procedure, is for citizens to use the initiative or petition process by having a certain number of voters sign a petition to have a proposed law put before the voters or the legislature or to repeal an existing law.

As of April 1, there are two proposals, which have received approval to appear on the statewide ballot. The first is a referendum concerning the allocation of use tax revenues for various purposes (August 5) and the second is a proposal to eliminate a previous law allowing an open hunting season for wolves (November 4). Without going into great detail as to this second proposal, the legislature has already enacted a second law, which in essence still allows wolves to be hunted. As to this issue, there are other proposals pending both pro and can.

There are also other pending proposals including allowing referendums on bills containing appropriations; the establishment of a part-time Michigan legislature; the extension of the rights of initiative and referendum; and raising Michigan's minimum wage.

We will all have to wait and see how these proposals fair.

POLICE

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BREAK-IN ON ROLSTON ROAD

Argentine Township police are investigating a breaking and entering, which occurred at a home in the 7000 block of Rolston Road, between Cole and Hogan roads. Police believe the break-in occurred between 6:30 p.m. on April 17 and 8:30 a.m. on April 18. Police Chief Dan Allen said suspects forced open a side door and made entry into the home, which was being prepared for an estate sale the following day. The thieves stole a substantial amount of work tools and power tools. If anyone noticed any suspicious vehicles or people in that area they are to call Argentine police at (810) 735-5317.

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The Big Boy restaurant at 3401 Owen Road in Fenton is hosting a Family Fun Night to support the American Cancer Society Fenton Relay For Life from **6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.** There will be live entertainment, clowns for the kids and music by Morris Fulcher and Jerry Flewelling. Those dining could win prizes including a gas grill, cooler, flowerpots, bistro table set and carryall caddies. Prizewinners will be drawn from paid dinner receipts at the end of the evening — need not be present to win. Fifteen percent of all dinner proceeds will be donated to American Cancer Society Fenton Relay for Life.

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Sneezing, itching season for pets too

►Cats and dogs are allergic to many of the same things as humans

By William Axford

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It's not just people who get itchy eyes and runny noses as spring comes into full bloom. Like humans, cats and dogs are susceptible to pollen, mold and dust, triggering allergies. But unlike humans, cats and dogs aren't able to tell you what's interfering with their immune system. To find out whether a pet has allergies, owners and veterinarians have to diagnosis symptoms and recognize allergic reactions.

"A lot of this you'll see allergies manifest themselves in the feet and ears," said Maggie Brainerd, head licensed veterinarian technician at Animal Health Clinic in Fenton. "Cats and dogs can be allergic to all the things that we are, like fungus and dust."

Beyond irritated skin and leaky eyes, Webmd.com reports some allergies can cause vomiting, diarrhea and loud snoring from an inflamed throat. In extreme cases, pets may experience hair loss and skin infections.

Since pets can be allergic to a variety of different things, pinpointing the allergies can be difficult, if not impossible, without the help of a professional.

"Pets can be allergic to grass, trees, flowers and different things in their food," Brainerd said. "Food allergies can come from chicken, pork or beef. They can get horrible skin infections and an abscess."

Other causes for allergies in pets may include fleas, perfume, feathers and certain types of shampoos. Brainerd said if untreated, some allergic reactions like in the ears could cause pets to lose their hearing. Brainerd also added that most over-the-counter medications don't clear up allergic reactions for pets like they do for people. Benadryl will help for bug bites and small bumps but it won't help with itchy eyes and sneezing.

Diagnosing food allergies is a little more difficult. Webmd.com states, "The

only way to diagnose a food allergy is to feed your dog a prescription or hydrolyzed protein diet exclusively for 12 weeks. The importance of not feeding your dog anything but the diet cannot be emphasized enough — that means no treats, table food or flavored medication."

The diet is meant to clean out all other potential allergy causing foods. Then, a variety of foods are reintroduced into the pet's diet, with owners and veterinarians watching to see which foods cause allergic reactions.

If a pet is constantly biting or scratching certain parts of their body, Brainerd stresses bringing them to a veterinarian before the allergies become too much to handle.

"If the animal starts licking or scratching, blood cells start working overtime and the pet can have nausea from the infection," Brainerd said. "Bring them to a clinic where (veterinarians) can treat infections and secondary issues."

“Pets can be allergic to grass, trees, flowers and different things in their food.”

Maggie Brainerd

Head licensed veterinarian technician at Animal Health Clinic

SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES OF ALLERGIES

Common allergic reactions:

- Itchy, red, moist or scabbed skin
- Increased scratching
- Itchy, runny eyes
- Itchy back or base of tail
- Itchy ears and ear infections
- Paw chewing/swollen paws
- Constant licking

POSSIBLE SOURCES THAT CAUSE ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

- Tree, grass and weed pollens
- Mold spores
- Dander
- Feathers
- Cigarette smoke
- Food
- Prescription drugs
- Perfumes
- Cleaning products
- Fabrics
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Brinley, 3, visits Animal Companion Hospital on Monday with her father Kreston Canada to pick up their dog, Finn.

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To help you figure out the Medicare plans for you, there are a variety of services and tools available today depending on how much help you need. Here are several to get you started.

Free Resources

A good starting point to get familiar with Medicare is the "Medicare & You" 2014 handbook that overviews the program and your options. You can read it online at medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf, or you should receive a free copy in the mail one month before your 65th birthday.

The Medicare website also offers a free "Plan Finder" tool at medicare.gov/find-a-plan that can help you find and compare health plans, supplemental policies and prescription drug plans in your area. Or, if you don't have Internet access, or don't feel confident in working through the information on your own, you can also call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and a customer service representative will do the work for you over the phone.

Other free resources that can help include planprescriber.com or ehealthmedicare.com, two websites developed by eHealth Insurance that will compare Part D, Advantage and supplemental plans in your area and connect you to a licensed insurance agent.

In addition, the Medicare Rights Center (medicarerights.org) staffs a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer your Medicare questions.

And your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor see shiptalk.org, or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

And, for tips on choosing a top Medicare Advantage plan, see the HealthMetrix Research Cost Share Report at medicarenewswatch.com. This resource lists the best Advantage plans by area based on your health status.

Prom season in full swing

►Seniors gearing up for one of the biggest high school nights

By William Axford

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High school students are renting tuxedos and picking out stylish dresses for upcoming proms. Short for promenade, proms in America originated as dances amongst elite colleges. According to the Chicago Tribune, proms became common in most high schools during the 1920s, continuing well into the Great Depression and onward.

Today, Visa figures the average family spends \$1,139 on prom per year, primarily by girls. "Promposals" have become more popular since the advent of the Internet, with boys devising creative ways to ask their date to prom. Fenton senior Justin Hang got Disney Channel actress Allie DeBerry to say "yes" after posting a video and getting his proposal spread across the Internet.

As seniors leave high school and transition into adulthood, prom is often viewed as a rite of passage. Here's the rundown of when and where high schools in the tri-county area will be celebrating their respective proms.

Lake Fenton High School

Captains Club at Woodfield
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HIRING

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can lead to full-time. Popular Fenton spots like Uncle Ray's Dairyland are all but finished hiring, with a 20-person wait-list, said owner Dave Durant, who took 140 applications starting Feb 2.

He only hired 16 — but it was his most ever in preparing for the summer season. His quick advice to applicants — “choose your attitude.”

Here are businesses around town that are still hiring:

Kmart

Location: 18055 Silver Pkwy, Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-2232

Where to apply: go to kmart.com, and scroll down to the “careers” link on the bottom left. It will prompt you for a location. Type “48430” for the Fenton zip code, or simply enter “Fenton, MI.”

Store manager Marie Sussalla said there are 20 positions available, part-time seasonal work. On the website, there are six different positions for which to apply.

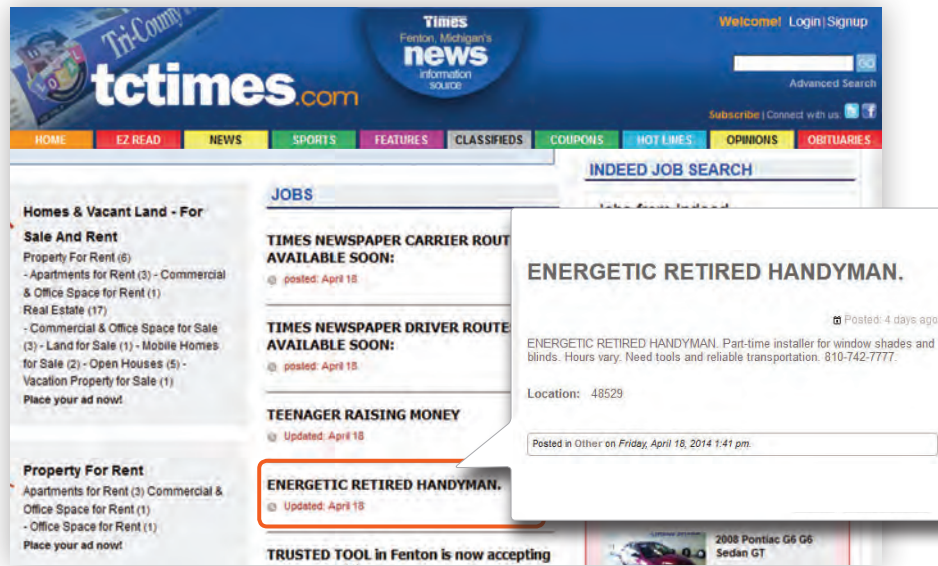
There are no age restrictions, and she said the less schedule restrictions the better chance a person has of being hired, because night and weekend are where the most help is needed. “We need their flexibility,” she said.

Though the jobs are part-time, she has promoted three people to full-time in the two years she's been manager. It all depends on staffing.

Tractor Supply Company (TSC)

Location: 3265 Owen Rd, Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-9972

Where to apply: send resume's to Attn: Recruiting, 200 Powell Place, Brentwood TN 37027. Fax to (615) 484-4920



In a small city like Fenton, online, and newspaper classifieds are still useful places to find work. Go to tctimes.com and go to “jobs” under the “classifieds” tab at the top.

The TSC on Owen Road in Fenton is advertising positions for retail, district and assistant managers, for those with retail experience.

While the sign advertises the position, it could not be found online.

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Manager Debby Dailey said they are hiring a part-time “shipper,” to receive orders. Computer, and customer service experience is a plus, and lifting 75 pounds safely is a requirement.

This store sells in-home supplies like braces for joints, lift-chairs and cold packs. It's part-time, but she said depending on staffing levels, promotions are possible

after six months. They've taken four applications so far.

The Home Depot

Location: 15255 Silver Pkwy, Fenton
Call: (810) 714-2962

Where to apply: go to careers.thehomedepot.com, and use the “search for opportunities” field to select an area of employment. In the Fenton store, there is a cashier position available, and a sales position at the Flint location. There are 10 positions open, total.

Auto Zone

Location: 3809 Owen Rd, Fenton
Call: (810) 714-3121

Where to apply: go to autozone.com, and scroll down to the “career” link.

Parts Sales Manager Donald McCarty said they have two to three positions in

sales available at the Fenton location, and some driving is possible depending on the applicant.

He said that naturally, automotive knowledge is important. “The more you know the easier it will be for you,” he said. A quiz over automotive knowledge is given because knowing what parts are needed to make repairs is part of the job.

McCarty said he started part-time, and was a manager within a year, so advancement is possible.

Shoemaker Services, Inc

Location: 380 S Fenway Dr., Fenton
Call: (810) 629-8600

Where to apply: walk in for an application in person. There is a “help wanted” sign outside, and according to the website, there are a number of positions they accept applications for at any time. For more information, go to shoemakerservices.com/employment.



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TIM JAGIELO

Some side-walks in Dibbleville and downtown Fenton have been restored by Consumers Energy after they were torn up this winter due to gas line work. Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki said the next step is restoring the landscaping, for which the power company will also pay.

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MichiganVotes.org, is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. The Senate did not meet last week, and the House met once briefly, passing two non-controversial bills. Therefore, this Friday, April 18 report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

Senate Bill 896:

Increase speed limits

Introduced by Sen. Tom Casperson (R), to increase the speed limit to 80 miles per hour on rural freeways, 70 mph on urban freeways, 65 mph on state highways, 60 mph on county roads, 55 mph on unpaved (gravel) roads except in Oakland and Wayne counties, where it would be 45 mph. The limit for trucks would be 70 mph on all freeways (vs. 60 mph under current law). The limit on unposted residential subdivision and traditional downtown business district streets would remain at 25 mph. Speed limits on city streets outside subdivisions could only be set according to the table of driveway frequency, or based on a speed study. Referred to committee, *no further action at this time.*

House Bill 5284:

Give contractor licensure board more discretion to deny license

Introduced by Rep. Marilyn Lane (D), to give the board of political appointees authorized to establish standards for allowing a person to get a state license to earn a living as a residential builder or renovation contractor sole discretion in choosing whether to allow a particular individual to get a license. *Reported from committee, pending before the full House.*

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The film crew hired by the Discovery Channel had the run of the shop on Monday, filming from late afternoon into the evening, for its show "How It's Made."

DISCOVERY

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They're not the only ones who will be surprised by the Falcon 7, a high-end supersports car that very few people have heard of. Most people in the Motor City hadn't heard of it either, until it debuted as a concept car at the Detroit Auto Show in 2012, and quickly caught the attention of automotive media. Motor Trend magazine called the Falcon 7 a "Midwestern, mid-engine missile."

The Falcon 7 is a high-end "super car" built by the dreams of one man, Jeff Lemke, a self-admitted car nut who took his mind's images of his favorite cars and blended them into the F7. Formerly in Dodge Viper aftermarket sales, Lemke took his auto dreams many steps further by designing his own super car in 2009. The nation's economic downturn, felt heavily in Detroit, gave Lemke opportunities to work with some of the most knowledgeable experts in the automotive field, all grateful for work and wanting to be involved on the ground floor of such an innovative project.

A mid-engine aluminum monocoque sport coupe powered by a 620-hp V8, the F7 boasts an extremely high power to weight ratio, promising speeds up to a 200 mph.

“The Falcon 7 starts at \$295,000 and goes up to \$700,000.”

Noel Thompson
Falcon Motorsports

"We're building one now with 1100 hp," said Thompson.

Lemke started with one concept car and let his dream toward more production grow with the car's fast reputation. He sold the first car to a car enthusiast in New York, giving the owner a lifetime guarantee of adding refinements to his car at no extra cost, as they are developed.

So far, Falcon Motorsports has sold six cars, two in New York, three in Michigan and one in Texas.

"This year, we're going to build 12 cars, in lots of three, each built to specs, with the customer able to choose any colors or finishes," said

Thompson.

These supercars don't come cheap. Priced from \$295,000 up to \$700,000, they are designed for an elite car enthusiast, who just might be found while watching this "How it's Made" Discovery Channel show.

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More photos from
the Falcon F7

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Head fabricator and mechanic Kevin McLaughlin swaps a six-speed Lamborghini transmission into an F7 as filming continues.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Maj Productions crew members Patrick Dô (left) and Yanack Legrand (right) go over a shot with Jeff Lemke, CEO.



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A finished Falcon F7 sits outside the shop in Holly.

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FOOD PRICES

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milk prices have been going up, but we're taking a loss on every gallon sold rather than pass that price increase on to the customer. We keep hearing the price is going to be going down."

According to latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, retail food prices in March rose .4 percent from the preceding month, matching February's increase. These marked the largest monthly gains in food prices since September 2011.

These prices reflect the Consumer Price Index one-year increase through March 2014. Any food products reflecting a decrease in price already showed high price increases in the last four years.

• **Bacon** — up 13 percent, due to the spread of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus in hogs.

• **Ground beef** — up 8 percent, due to drought in the western U.S. and declining numbers of cattle being sent to slaughter. Lean and extra lean cuts are now at an all-time record-high price.

• **Oranges** — up 23 percent, due to citrus greening, a disease spread by a small invasive insect.

• **Coffee** — down 17 percent (but up 31 percent since 2010). A poor crop yield in Brazil has caused coffee futures to rise considerably, up nearly 70 percent year-to-date. Consumers haven't felt the

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pinch yet because many producers have stockpiled their product. Higher prices may eventually reach consumers.

• **Peanut butter** — down 2 percent in the last year, but prices have risen 30 percent since 2010. Poor growing conditions for peanuts in the southern U.S. are behind the increased prices.

• **Margarine** — down 1 percent, yet up 30 percent in the last four years. High prices attributed to plummeting margarine sales due to trans fat, plus higher prices for soybeans and corn.

• **Wine** — up 8 percent, partially due to the California drought. Since wine production rose 18.7 percent in European Union last year, this may be good for future prices for wines produced there.

• **Turkey** — up 9 percent, due to corn and soy-based turkey feed. Turkey breeding is also down slightly, but turkey production is expected to increase due to stronger projected turkey prices and lower feed costs.

• **Chicken** — up 5 percent. Americans are switching their loyalty from beef and pork to chicken, so high demand factors in the increase.

• **Grapefruit** — up 6 percent, due to citrus greening that has devastated Florida's citrus crops, resulting in a massive national production decline. According to the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, citrus greening poses the most serious threat that the Florida citrus industry has ever faced.

ALLERGIES

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"Yes, this has been a rough allergy season so far," said Christopher Harrison, D.O., of Parkway Family Medicine in Fenton. "People come in with what they think are respiratory ailments, and they're really allergy symptoms."

These are all signs of seasonal allergic rhinitis, also known as "hay fever." It's most commonly caused by tree pollen that irritates your nasal passages. In the past year, almost 17 million adults were diagnosed with hay fever.

Typically, trees make a gradual entrance into spring allergy season. But in a short spring like we're experiencing, the process squeezes into a few miserable weeks for allergy sufferers.

The moisture in the ground from melting snow, topped with spring rains, adds another element to allergies. Such moisture leads to mold, and mold spores can trigger more respiratory problems related to both allergies and asthma. As long as there is moisture, mold can grow on almost any surface, from wood to soil to buildings, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

If you feel like your symptoms are getting worse every year, you just might be right. Research shows pollen counts are slowly rising and expected to double by 2040. There also seems to be a connection between allergies and migraines. Recent preliminary research has linked nasal allergies and hay fever to an increase in the frequency and severity of these painful headaches.

Worst cities for spring allergies in 2014:

1. Louisville, Kentucky
2. Memphis, Tennessee
3. Baton Rouge, Louisiana
4. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
5. Jackson, Mississippi
6. Chattanooga, Tennessee
7. Dallas, Texas
8. Richmond, Virginia
9. Birmingham, Alabama
10. McAllen, Texas

SYMPTOMS

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• **Check pollen counts.** If levels are high, limit your time outside and take allergy medications.

• **Shut the windows.**

• **Move outdoor activities to the afternoon.** Pollen counts are usually highest from 5 to 10 a.m.

• **Wear a mask** if you plan to do outdoor chores.

• **Head out on rainy days.** Moisture helps clear pollen from the air.

• **Strip and shower.** Wash your clothes and rinse pollen from your skin and hair after being outdoors.

• **Dry laundry indoors.**

• **Use high-efficiency filters** in your forced air-conditioning and heating systems.

• **Try a neti pot.** Rinsing your sinuses is a quick, effective way to flush out mucus so you can breathe better.

• **Check with your doctor** before using any medications because of side effects they may have. Your doctor or allergist can help determine your best treatment plan.

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MENTORS

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"They're not gonna match a boy who's really into sports with someone who is more of a gamer," she said.

Although teens can become big brothers or big sisters, she said retirees make the best mentors because they have the most free time.

Stachiw, a social worker, struggled to find time during her pregnancy, and still does sometimes, though she plans to make a regular weekly schedule.

As a former BBBS caseworker, she saw the waitlist, is what compelled her in part, to volunteer.

According to the BBBS, Littles come from all different backgrounds, household income included. Stachiw said that there are far more little brothers waiting on the list than sisters — especially in the Flint area.

But what's the base function of a big sister? "Just hanging out," said Stachiw. "She gets to get out of her house and do something special, do something a little different."

The organization discourages spending a lot of money — they encourage a lot of one-on-one time, and healthy activities like eating a meal, tossing a ball around, playing games or going to a museum.

The aim of the program is simple, according to BBBS — "Just four hours a month can change a young person's life."

Lisa Humphrey is VP of Programming for BBBS. She said the organization services around 700 children each year in Genesee County, and there is a revolving wait list of around 300. There are 355 currently.

She said that while divorced, both parents are involved in Haley's life, but she needed



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Tiffany Stachiw helps Haley with homework, as Aubrey quietly watches.

more structure.

Haley's intake interview said she had some difficulty listening, is affectionate and energetic. The objective for her mentoring included new hobbies, and improved academics.

Humphrey said for the match to work, family support and the child's enthusiasm are important. Since becoming a Little, Haley has started ballet, and has other social outlets introduced. Humphrey said that Tiffany has gone to her recitals, and was even brought to Haley's school for "special person" days.

How to volunteer

There are two programs with which to volunteer with Big Brother Big Sisters. The **community-based mentoring** puts volunteers one-on-one with Littles out in their respective communities. The **site-based mentoring** establishes regular meetings at a school library or community center for an hour a week to talk and hang out. Go to bbbs.org, and enter your zip code to get started.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

LF baseball throttles Beecher 22-0, 15-0

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team dominated Beecher on Monday, earning them two easy wins.

In the opener, the Blue Devils had 18 hits. Cody Alexander, Trevor Wright and Thomas Messenger had three hits each. Messenger also finished with five RBI. All of Alexander's hits were doubles.

Robbie Alexander, Neil Allor, Joe Boughner and Logan Crisp had two hits each.

On the pitcher's mound, Jared Smith tossed a no-hitter, striking out seven and walking just one.

In the second game, John Fernelius tossed the no-hitter, striking out seven and walking just one.

The Blue Devils had six hits in the contest, with Cody Alexander having three safeties and four RBI.

Lake Fenton hosts Montrose for a doubleheader Thursday, starting at 4 p.m.

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INSIDE SPORTS:

KATIE WILKOWSKI

Eagles beat John Glenn.



Home runs spark Fenton's sweep of Goodrich

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — Dori Carpenter had so much fun hitting a home run in her first time up in a twin-bill against Goodrich, the Fenton designated hitter did it again in the second contest.

But it wasn't only Carpenter who had a big day against the Martians.

The Fenton varsity softball team's offense showed its power, its speed and its ability to get on base through slapping and hitting the ball to the outfield, earning a doubleheader sweep against Goodrich Monday afternoon.

In the first game, the Tigers tagged Goodrich for six straight hits, including a three-run four-bagger by Carpenter, earning six runs in the first inning. The Tigers eventually won the contest 11-0 in five innings. In the second contest, Carpenter and Katey Cairnduff had home runs, and the

Tigers had 15 hits overall, leading the squad to an 8-3 second-game win.

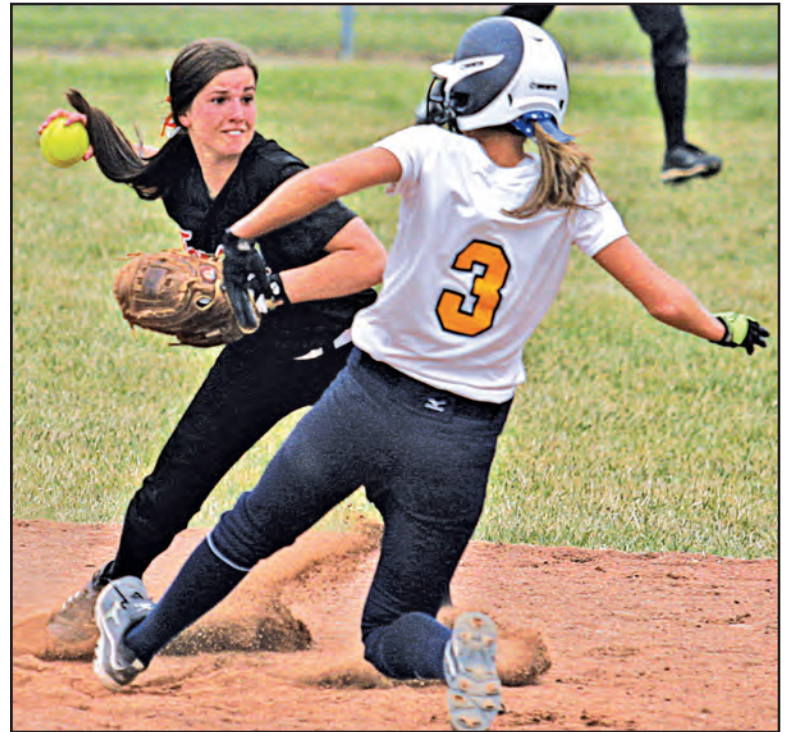
"(The pitch on the first home run) was right down the middle," Carpenter said. "I was timing my strokes well. I just swung and I hit the home run in my first at bat. Once I hit that first home run, I was confident the whole time and kept hitting them down the middle."

Carpenter's second home run of the day came during Fenton's two-run first in the second contest. Later, Cairnduff's two-run blast in the Tigers' three-run fifth blew the game open 5-0.

"I was basically looking for the pitch count," Cairnduff said. "I thought it was a beautiful pitch, so I swung at it. It felt great coming off of the bat."

The opening contest took Fenton just over an hour to complete because of the six-run first.

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Fenton's Macie Keller (left) gets a runner out at second and tries to turn the double play during the Tigers' doubleheader sweep of Goodrich.



Linden's 'Field of Dreams' event attracts over 300 baseball, softball enthusiasts

By David Troppens

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Linden — It was a beautiful Saturday morning, and in many ways Linden High School was experiencing its version of "Field of Dreams."

Located on all of its baseball and softball diamonds were hundreds of athletes ranging from the ages of 5 to early-aged teens. And those who were teaching them weren't much older themselves. In fact, it was the middle

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Jack Fischer hits a ball into the batting cage netting during Linden's baseball/softball field day held around Linden schools on Saturday.

school and high school baseball and softball players themselves.

It was players like Linden varsity baseball player Travis Petts asking the campers "What's the most important part to hitting a baseball" prior to allowing the kids to hit balls on tees. And, later, it was Hunter Jacobson teaching another camper, Jack Fischer, 12, what the term "squashing the bug" means to hitting a baseball.

But overall, everyone had fun during the Linden Little League's

and the Linden baseball/softball program's fifth annual camp.

"The number one goal to me is that the kids have fun and experience that fire in their chest to want to have that Linden 'L' on their chest some day," said Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel. "And to me, it's programs like these that help drive that and build the program long term. Even though we are both from Linden, the school teams and the Linden Little League are two different entities. But it's a collaborate cooperation. We work together for the betterment

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Ward's four-baggers sparks LF's DH sweep of Mustangs

► Devils crush Beecher

By David Troppens

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Desperate to get at least a couple of games in before Easter weekend, Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Amos Rinks quickly scheduled a morning doubleheader against Clio on Friday.

We're guessing Kayla Ward is happy the games were scheduled.

Lake Fenton's No. 3 hitter clubbed three home runs in the twinbill, leading the Blue Devils to the doubleheader sweep.

Ward's first-inning home run was the only run scored in a 1-0 Lake Fenton victory. In the second game, she hit a two-run blast in the third and a solo shot in the sixth, leading the Blue Devils to an 8-3 victory.

On Monday, Lake Fenton opened Genesee Area Conference action with its annual doubleheader sweep of Beecher, defeating the league foes 28-0 and 30-0.

"I thought the girls played well," Rinks said about the Clio games. "It was a total team effort with a few exceptional performances. Kayla Ward is the first player I have coached to hit three home runs in a scheduled doubleheader."

In the opener, the Blue Devils only had two hits, but the solo shot by Ward was enough because Lake Fenton hurler Kim Roe tossed a four-hitter, striking out five and walking three. The closest Clio came to scoring happened in the first inning when the Mustangs loaded the bases with just one out. However a fly out to Melody Draeger and a flyout to centerfielder Patricia Whittaker ended the threat. In the second inning, Clio had runners on second and third with two out, but a flyout to Draeger at second ended that threat as well.

In the second game, the Blue Devils scored two runs in the top of the second inning to take the lead for good. The key shot was a two-run double by Allison Petts, plating Whittaker and Sidney Sheyachich, who each got on with hits. In the third inning, Ward followed Draeger's single with a two-run shot, followed by a solo home run by Alexis Melton. The Blue Devils led 5-0 and Clio never seriously cut into the lead.

Roe was the winning pitcher in the second game as well, allowing eight hits and just one earned run. The Blue



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Lake Fenton's Kayla Ward runs to second during a game last spring. Ward hit three home runs in a sweep of Clio on Friday.

Devils finished with 17 hits, with Whittaker, Ward and Draeger having three hits each.

Rinks was pleased with the team defense as well.

"Kayla made a couple of plays from shortstop that I am sure only a few girls in the state could have made," Rinks said. "Alexis Melton played extremely well, blocking several drop balls thrown by pitcher Kim Roe, who pitched fantastic."

The Beecher twinbill victory was expected, but maybe what wasn't expected was a 25-run first inning in the opener and a 24-run first inning in the nightcap, resulting in two three-inning mercy victories. In the opener, the Blue Devils had 18 hits with Roe leading the way with a triple, a home run, a single, three runs scored and five RBI. Ward hit another home run in the opener against Beecher. She had three hits and four RBI. Allison Petts also had three hits and three RBI, while Melton, Taylor Sheyachich, Whittaker and Sydney Sheyachich had two hits each. Roe tossed a three-inning no-hitter, striking out eight.

In the second game, Whittaker had a home run to go with her four hits. She scored four runs and had six RBI. Others with three hits were Draeger, Ward, Melton and Taylor Sheyachich. Sheyachich was the winning pitcher, tossing a no-hitter and allowing just one walk while striking out six in three innings of work.

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Linden's Erica Freeman (front) tries to keep possession of the ball while being forced to the ground. Linden won the contest against John Glenn 4-0 on Monday night.

Linden, Fenton capture non-league soccer victories on Monday

By David Troppens

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After suffering the team's first losses of the season at the Chelsea Invitational on Saturday, the Linden varsity girls soccer team got back to winning against John Glenn.

The Eagles' Madison Paige posted a shutout in net as Linden captured a 4-0 victory in the non-league game on Monday.

Linden dominated play, collecting 15 shots in the contest. Three different players scored for the Eagles. Maddie Zayan collected two goals, while Katie Wilkowski and Jessie Magalski had one each.

Wilkowski, Sarah Ford, Alia Fredrick and Erica Freeman also had assists.

Fenton 2, Mason 1

Miranda Crews scored on a rebound shot with about 10 minutes left in the first half, helping lead the Tigers to the non-league victory.

All the scoring came in the first half. Fenton's Chloe Foor scored first on a breakaway about seven minutes into the contest. However, Mason scored about three minutes later, tying it all up at 1-all. However, Crews' goal broke the tie for good. Carly Granger and Allison Cialkowski had assists.

DREAMS

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of all of Linden baseball."

Of the players on the fields between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, probably about 75 percent were participating in the baseball portion of the event. However, on the varsity softball diamond, there was a small group of younger campers just as enthusiastic for softball. Most of softball campers were 10 or younger, creating a youthful dynamic to their day. And the goals remain

the same for softball as baseball — to create interest in the game. In fact, the program has worked. Linden varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison said this year's camp had its first player instructors teaching who also were campers in a past year.

"We let the girls teach because we want them to pass down what they learned, to teach the kids something," Jamison said. "One or two that came to the clinic in the past helped out this year and they thought that was pretty special to now be teaching."

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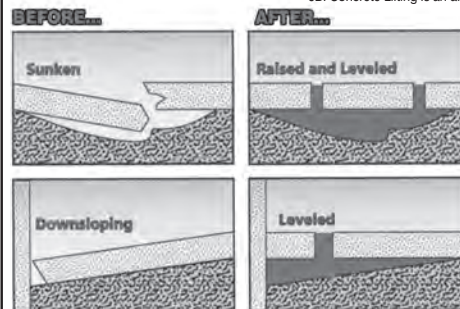
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HOME RUNS

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Those having safeties during the string of six straight hits were Ellie Cowger (double), Emma Brant, Cairnduff, Carpenter (home run), Logan Carter (double) and Taylor Mowery. Two outs later, Brenna Hatch reached base on an error, and Cowger capped the threat with an RBI-single.

From there, the Tigers pecked away at the 10-inning mercy rule. Starting pitcher Paige Dean had an RBI-single in the second and Hatch and Cairnduff singled in the third, scoring another run. In the fourth, Sabrina Cleis had an RBI-single, raising the gap to 8-0. The lead hit 11-0 in a three-run fifth.

Dean got the victory, tossing a five-inning compete game, allowing three this and walking one.

In the second game, the Tigers kind of edged themselves ahead without a real big inning. In the first, Brant singled and scored on Carpenter's second home run of the game.

In the second inning, Mowery singled and scored on Macie Keller's two-out single. The Tigers led 3-0.

Fenton's biggest inning was the fifth,

scoring three runs. Cowger doubled and Brant singled her in. Cairnduff followed with her two-run home run. Fenton led 6-0.

In the sixth, Keller's single scored Hatch, who also reached base on a single. The lead was up to 7-0. It grew to 8-0 in the seventh when Mowery hit a two-out triple and scored on Hatch's single.

Goodrich didn't get to Fenton starting pitcher Cowger until the seventh, scoring three runs on four hits and a walk during the stanza. However, by then it was a matter of too little, too late for the Martians. The Tigers like their squad.

"I love this team," Carpenter said. "Most of us have been playing on the same travel team in the summer since we were 10 years old, so we have really good team chemistry because we know each other so well. I think that helps us on the field, too."

"Our team is pretty solid," Cairnduff said. "We are a really good hitting team. I have a lot of high expectations for us. I feel like we can go very far in the districts."

Fenton hosts Brandon for a double-header on Thursday, starting at 4 p.m.

PREP REPORT

BOYS GOLF

► **Linden at East Lansing Invitation-al:** Zach Sutika earned match medalist with a two-over-par 72 at Walnut Hills at the tourney. He helped lead the Eagles to a 10th-place team finish with a score of 334. Alec Bond carded an 81, while Dylan Elmer had an 89. Nolan McDonald carded a 90.

► **Fenton 174, Brandon 193:** The Tigers remained perfect in Metro action with the victory at Tyrone Hills. John Lloyd led the Tigers with a 37, while Anthony Flannery carded a 44.

► **Holly 160, Clio 180:** Kyle Pepper shot a 38 at Clio Country Club. Mitchell Hughes shot a 39, while Connor Patterson carded a 40.

SOFTBALL

► **Fenton at Clarkston Ladies Pink Classic:** The Tigers defeated Swartz Creek 16-5, Stevenson 9-6 and lost to Clarkston 18-6.

In the victory against Creek, the Tigers ripped 14 hits, while Ellie Cowger and Emma Brant combined for half of those hits and for seven runs. Paige Dean also had two hits. On the mound, Emily Angus got the win.

In the victory against Stevenson, Dori Carpenter had two doubles and three RBI, while Katey Cairnduff and Brant had three hits each. Rachel Siekierski, Cowger and Brenna Hatch each had two hits.

In the loss to Clarkston, Cowger had two hits and scored three runs. Siekierski also provided two hits.

BASEBALL

► **Holly vs. Brandon:** The Bronchos (3-4) lost the opener 10-0 and lost the second game 3-2.

In the second contest, Brandon took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Drew Eggleston tossed a strong contest in defeat, allowing eight hits and no walks in six innings of work. He struck out seven. Adam Tooley led the offense with two hits. In the opener, the Bronchos had just four hits.

► **Holly vs. Lakeland:** The Bronchos (3-2) lost to Lakeland 2-1 and beat Lakeland 13-4 in a non-league contest on Friday.

Adam Tooley had just one hit, but also walked three times, stole two bases and scored three runs. Tom O'Connor had two RBI in the second game. Jackson Garber had two hits, as did Joel Perry.

In the opener, Caleb Halterman tossed a one-hitter, but the Bronchos' offense never got going. The squad left runners on base every inning, including three times on third base.

► **Holly vs. Lapeer East:** The Bronchos lost the opener 5-1, but won the second game 5-2. In the second contest, Joel Perry had an RBI-triple, stole home and also tossed the complete-game victory. He struck out 10 and walked just one. Tom O'Connor also had an RBI-single. In the opener Drew Eggleston pitched the seven-inning complete game and got the loss.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

WednesdayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WALBY

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TEVLE

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CUSSEN

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: OR ○□□□□○□□□□□

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

KEITH ROACH, M.D.

To your good health



DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband has numerous skin tags under both arms. Now he's starting to get them around his neck and on his eyelids. A dermatologist he saw told him to get a good pair of cuticle scissors and cut them off, but there's way too many to do that. Is there anything else we might try? — R.L.

ANSWER: Skin tags are benign growths that are very common on the neck, armpits, groin or other places where skin rubs. They are harmless, and nothing needs to be done about them unless they are cosmetically important. The best way to remove them is to have a dermatologist or other expert remove them directly. I don't recommend trying to remove them yourself with scissors, since I have occasionally seen them bleed enough after removal to require a stitch. The last time I wrote about skin tags, several readers wrote to recommend Tag Away, an over-the counter product.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 United nations
- 5 Half (Pref.)
- 9 TV overseer (Abbr.)
- 12 Pearl Harbor site
- 13 Former mates
- 14 Carte lead-in
- 15 Honesty of purpose
- 17 Charged bit
- 18 Sudden rush of wind
- 19 Glossy alternative
- 21 Earth tone
- 24 Apiece
- 25 Hammer's target
- 26 As one
- 30 Web address
- 31 Melodic
- 32 Anger
- 33 Individuality
- 35 Error
- 36 Very dry, as champagne
- 37 Cock and bull
- 38 Figure of speech
- 40 Suitor
- 42 — canto
- 43 Nightstick
- 48 Ailing
- 49 Love god

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23 Backwoods

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26 Hit the horn

27 Yoko of music

28 Great Lake

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31 Hitched a ride
- 34 To and —

35 Pasta toppings

37 Has permission

38 Sacred Egyptian bird

39 Farmer's home?

40 Rorschach picture

41 Differently

44 401(k) alternative

45 Fond du —, Wis.

46 G8 member

47 Foundation

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1. "To reflect that persons who are eighteen (18) years or older, versus those who are twenty-one (21) years or older, are eligible for elective office, shall section 4.1 of the Village Charter be amended to read as follows:

4.1. Eligibility for Office in Village.

(a) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to any elective or appointive village office if such person is in default to the Village. The election or appointment of any such person in default shall be void.

(b) As used in this section, "in default to the Village" means delinquent in the payment of property taxes or delinquent in a debt owed to the village if one of the following applies:

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(2) Another debt owed to the village remains unpaid 90 days after the due date, unless the debt is the subject of an administrative appeal or a contested court case.

(c) No person shall be eligible to hold any popularly elective office of the Village unless he or she shall be eighteen years of age or older, a registered voter in, and shall have been a resident of, the Village for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of his or her election."

1. "Shall the Village Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 5.3 which requires that the Village hold a regular election in March of each numbered year?"

3. "Shall the Village Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 6.4 which establishes a Health Officer?"

4. "Shall section 6.5 of the Village Charter, which calls for at least two monthly meetings, be amended to read as follows:

6.5 Meetings of the council.

(a) The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two (2) meetings per month, excepting the months of November and December, in which months at least one (1) meeting shall be held."

5. "Shall section 8.2 of the Village Charter, which requires the submission of budget estimates in April, be amended to read as follows:

8.2 Submission of itemized budget estimate.

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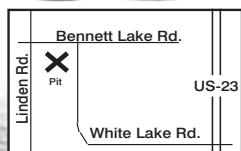


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Weston Ferrand Raven

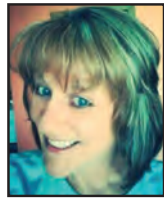
1922-2014

Weston Ferrand Raven - of Linden, formerly of Caro, age 91, passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014 at Caretel Inns in Linden, following a lingering illness. Wes was born November 17, 1922 in Mulliken, the son of the late Emmett L. and Ethel (Peabody) Raven. He graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1940 and enlisted in the Army, transferred to the Marines and then the Navy where he served as a Naval Officer during WWII. Wes was united in marriage with the former Alize "Tommy" Atkins on September 4, 1946 in Bad Axe. Wes was employed in Caro with Detroit Edison in 1950, retiring in 1988 after more than thirty-seven years of service with most of that time spent in Government and Community Affairs. After more than sixty-four years of marriage, Wes was preceded in death by his wife, Alize "Tommy" Raven on August 11, 2011. Surviving are three children and their spouses, Karen Morison of Petoskey, John and Cindy Raven of Greenville, Sally and Paul Trisch of Linden; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Jan Smith of San Antonio, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Wes was preceded in death by two brothers, Erwin and Eldridge Raven. A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Caro First Presbyterian Church with Rev. David Myers officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Caro First Presbyterian Church, Caro Community Hospital or Caro American Legion Post #7. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.

Martha Frances Blanchard

1967-2014

Martha Frances Blanchard - age 47, of Fenton, passed away on April 17, 2014. Services will be held 7 PM Wednesday, April 23, 2014



at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road. The family will receive friends from 4 PM until time of service. Interment will be 11 AM Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the family c/o Sharp Funeral Homes. Martha was born on February 3, 1967 in Flint, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Murphy) Becker. She was a graduate of Lake Fenton High School and Central Michigan University. Martha was a dedicated mother and worked in a home business so she could spend time with her daughters. She loved golfing, gardening, spending time on the water and all things Michigan. Surviving are: daughters, Katy Margaret and Emily Marie, and their father, Richard Blanchard; mother, Margaret Becker; sister, Tina Karsten. She was preceded in death by father, Frederick. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Todd Neal Hammond,

Todd Neal Hammond - age 53, died suddenly, Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at his home in Valtice, Czech Republic. Funeral service will be held in Valtice, Czech Republic Saturday, April 26, 2014. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rita F. (McNamee) Gifford

1941-2014

Rita F. (McNamee) Gifford - age 73, of Fenton, died April 21, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, April 24, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Wednesday, with a Rosary at 8 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of Mass Thursday at church. Rita was born February 16, 1941 in Flint, the daughter of Francis and Loraine (Carigan) McNamee. She was married to Kenneth Gerald Gifford on January 9, 1965 in Flint. Mrs. Gifford had been a resident of Fenton since 1968, coming from Flint. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, was a Master Gardener; enjoyed traveling and gardening. Surviving are: husband, Kenneth; son, Steven and wife Lisa Gifford; grandsons, Ian, Alec and Hunter; sisters, Alice Courney, Anne and husband Jim Allen; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant sister, Rose Marie; infant brother, Joseph Anthony. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Lou Ricksgers

1928-2014

Mary Lou Ricksgers - age 85, of Holly, died Sunday, April 20, 2014. Funeral services will be at 10 AM on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 3-9 Thursday, April 24, 2014. Mary Lou was born on May 26, 1928 in Fenton, MI. She is survived by husband George and 4 sons Craig (Mary), Gary (Michele), Keith (Mary) and Dale (Cindy); 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Lottie (Meeker) Dormire, brothers Alvin, Robert, Leslie and her sisters Marion, Dorothy, Virginia, Helen, Ruth, Mildred and Nellie. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Ronald Mahlon Wise

1928-2014

Ronald Mahlon Wise - age 85, of Holly, died Sunday, April 20, 2014. Funeral



services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Ben Glupker officiating. Burial immediately following in Tyrone Memory Gardens. Visitation was held at the funeral home Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM and also will be held Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to The ALS Association or Gentiva Hospice in Flint. Ronald was born November 7, 1928 in Mundy Township, the son of Mahlon and Mable (Ingram) Wise. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He married Betty Mae Oldswager October 26, 1950 and she preceded him in death February 25, 2003. He retired from the City of Flint Department of Parks and Recreation after 21 years of service. Ronald had resided in Holly since 1955. Surviving are: 4 children, Lana Pierce and husband Greg of Holly, Crystal Bentley of Holly, Cristy Lloyd and husband Kim of Davisburg, and Dennis Wise and wife Susan of Holly; 3 granddaughters, Heather Morton and husband Brandon, Angela Miles and husband Ron, and Melissa Wise; 2 great-grandchildren, Tyler and Mae Lynn Miles; 2 sisters, Florence Sortman and June Miller both of Fenton; and his precious dog, Lucy. He was also preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters, Dorothy Stiff, Alberta Lanning, and Roseann Szcodronski; and 4 brothers, Leo, Bill, and Charles Wise and Harold Ripley. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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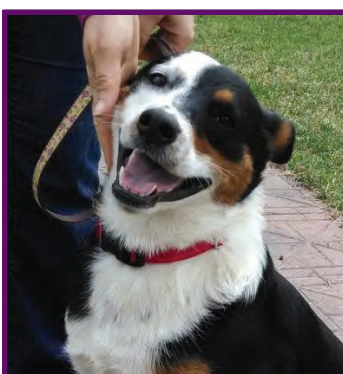
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