



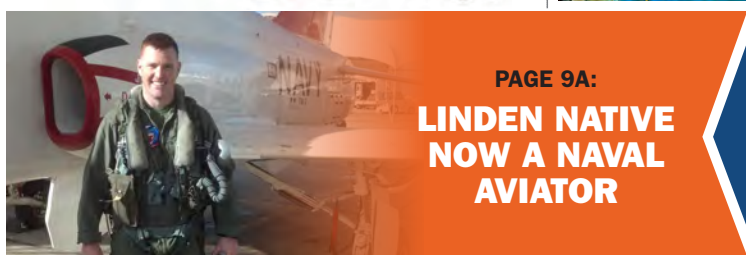
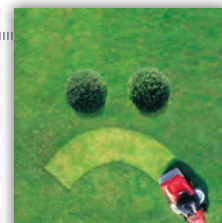
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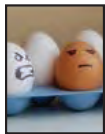
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“The media sensationalizes the private comments of a racist sports team owner, but ignores the blatant lies, chronic corruption and daily deceit of the president of the United States. That's treason.”



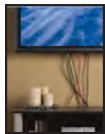
“Ask yourself, do you ever look at our president without considering the color of his skin? If not, you are part of the problem.”



“The new cable box and all the wires are ridiculous. Complete disregard for the customer, as always.”



“Thanks Charter, I paid a guy \$300 to mount my big screen on the wall and hide the cables. The HD box and cables are now all over the place.”



“ ” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“Do school buses really need to come to a full stop at all RR crossings? Wasn't that passed back when there were no flashing lights at RR tracks? What a waste of fuel and time.”



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**TEXT
YOUR
HOT LINE**



Fenton man could face life in prison if convicted of shooting neighbor

► Property dispute escalates to gunfire

By Sharon Stone
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Gregory Johnson, 46, of Fenton was charged with three felonies on Thursday in connection to a shooting that took

place on Monday in Fenton. Fenton police and deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a home in the 800 block of North LeRoy Street at approximately 12:50 p.m. on a report of a shooting.

Police Chief Rick Aro said

an ongoing dispute between neighbors escalated to where one of the neighbors allegedly shot the other. The chief said police were made aware of past disputes over lot lines, pets and yard maintenance.

Johnson is charged with shooting his 43-year-old neighbor

in his own yard over a lawn mowing dispute. Aro said one shot was fired from Johnson's registered .380-caliber semi automatic handgun, striking the neighbor in the hip area. Aro added that Johnson carries a concealed pistol license (CPL).

See SHOOTING on 21A



Gregory Johnson

Area schools sending 889 grads out into the world



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Fenton High School graduates practice the recessional (leaving the auditorium after graduation) and the processional (entering the auditorium prior to awarding of diploma) on Thursday morning. Grads spent the day trying on their caps and gowns, having their official class photo taken and rehearsing for their Sunday graduation ceremony. Fenton will graduate 293 students. **See story on page 23A**

State profits \$6.8 million from medical marijuana

► Overall number of registered cardholders declining since 2012

By William Axford
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The state of Michigan raked in \$10.8 million during 2013 through the state medical marijuana program.

With \$4 million in expenses, medical marijuana provided a \$6.8 million boost to the state finances, according to a Jan. 1, 2014 report on medical marijuana in Michigan filed to the state Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) department.

Last year's profits are slightly higher than 2012, when the state generated \$6.2 million in revenue from medical marijuana.

As part of the 2008 Michigan Medical Marijuana Act **See MARIJUANA on 21A**

Generation gap wider than ever

► Pew study confirms major differences among four current generations

By William Axford
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The people of yesteryear were hardworking, considerate and disciplined. Younger generations are spoiled, lazy and incapable of taking care of themselves.

At least that is the opinion of many of the Baby Boomer generation (born 1946 to 1964) and Gen Xers (born 1965 to 1980) when evaluating Millennials (born 1981 to the early 2000s) and Generation Z (born after mid-2000s). Of course, there generally is a bias when viewing your own generation versus others, as Fenton City Councilman Scott Grossmeyer admits.

See GENERATIONS on 10A

Times unveils quicker, sleeker, mobile app

► Easier to share, more news, photos, videos, cleaner look

By Tim Jagielo
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Scroll through vivid photos of The Laundry's rooftop, where 15,000 very busy honeybees now reside. Tap the photo for details on what's happening at that moment.

Watch the security video footage of a semi truck slamming into the Rockman & Sons Publishing building at the Tri-County Times complex.

See MOBILE APP on 19A

While many people still enjoy reading their Tri-County Times newspaper, many are enjoying the fact that the Times' mobile site contains everything the newspaper has to offer, plus much more.





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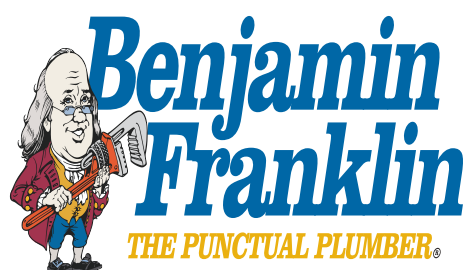
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Police & Fire report

RASH OF CAR BREAK-INS

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that over the past week, they have received reports of a significant number of car break-ins. He is urging residents to keep their doors locked and to remove all valuables from the vehicle. At the very least, store valuables out of sight. If anyone sees suspicious activity, which may be linked to this or any other crime, call 911 immediately. "The help of residents is critical in eliminating these crimes," said Aro. If anyone has information about these crimes, or any other crime, they can call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP (773-2587) to give an anonymous tip and possibly receive a cash award.

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What's on your bucket list?

► Create a list of experiences or achievements you want to accomplish in your lifetime

By Sally Rummel

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Penny Fausey of Fenton Township wants to dance at all eight of her grandkids' weddings. Missy Taylor of Fenton dreams about writing a screenplay. Stephen Martin of Fenton plans to visit all 50 states, but admits he's stuck at 35. Having just returned from Hawaii, Margie Shard of Fenton Township is inspired to learn how to surf.

These are all items on their "bucket list," a chance to express their goals to experience or achieve certain accomplishments during their lifetime. It's

more than just a to-do list to be checked off; it's an optimistic look at a rich future of enjoyment and achievement.

"I want to see a 'Prairie Home Companion' show, and ride a draft horse bareback."

Cindy Glubzinski
Former Fenton resident

Whether a bucket list includes travel to foreign lands or personal goals for self-improvement, many people today are making such a list based on the movie, "The Bucket List," which debuted in 2007. The movie stars Jack Nicholson and

Morgan Freeman as two terminally ill seniors who bust out of a cancer ward and tackle some of the adventures they want to experience before they die.

See **BUCKET LIST** on 19A



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Doris Malfese stands at the southernmost tip of South America at the Strait of Magellan, in a "bucket list" trip she took in January.



Five steps to a better bucket list

► **1. Give yourself time** and inspiration. When you first sit down to make your list, most of it will likely revolve around travel. But don't stop there. Keep thinking about your hopes and desires and don't be afraid to look at other people's lists for ideas.

► **2. Be specific and realistic.** Select goals that you will be able to do. Don't be afraid to add a few purchases on your list, too.

► **3. Improve daily life,** rather than just focusing on vacations. Upgrade your life's more mundane experiences, maybe to listen to audio books on your long commute, for example.

► **4. Build in accountability.** Share your list with others, which will help you find people who may be able to share opportunities with you, and also to help keep you accountable for making progress toward your goals.

► **5. Make it a living document.** Rather than just checking off items as you do them, realize that your goals and interests will change, as will your bucket list, especially as you build excitement and focus.

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10 rules for college grads

Across America there are tens of thousands college students graduating from our alleged education system and heading into the real world. Here are ten rules that will help them make the transition from the patty-cake, unrealistic world of academia into the real world. I wish I had seen these thirty years ago:

1) You are not special:

Everyone is not a winner. Everyone is not a good person. Everyone doesn't deserve to have high self-esteem. Everyone doesn't deserve success. Until you actually do something, there's actually nothing special about you.

2) Start saving money now – right now:

If you're like most people your age, you've heard people talking about the national debt but you probably haven't paid much attention. I hate to be the bearer of bad news but the fact

is that the \$6.5 trillion-plus debt you'll inherit from the Obama-amateur-hour fiscal policies means that you will probably never retire unless you save enough money on your own. Start saving now – right now.

3) Learn to cook: Take a class, learn from a friend or look online – but learn how to cook healthy and tasty meals. You'll be healthier, save money, and the girls/guys love it.

4) Be skeptical of all government, all the time:

All jokes you've heard about politicians being liars – they are true. They lie to get elected, they lie to escape blame, they lie to their enemies, and they lie to their friends. Government is the most dishonest, inefficient, ineffectual entity on earth.

5) Open up your mind: Disregard all the social/political nonsense you heard

from your pansy-ass professors over the last four years. It's highly likely you aren't even aware that you've been indoctrinated politically. Open your eyes, ears and mind and make your own evaluations, based on your own observations.

6) Save your student ID: Just because you're not in school anymore doesn't mean you have to give up all the perks and discounts. You are a student of life!

7) Your alma mater will call you for money: Don't give them a dime – ever. That's for suckers. Next to the government, they are the most wasteful, unaccountable organization on earth. Join a church and give your money to God – it's the best investment you'll ever make.

8) Create good habits now: The first few years after entering the real world is where you develop the core practices that stay with you for the rest of your life. Eat a healthy breakfast, stop smoking, save money, exercise regularly –

successful people are simply those with successful habits.

9) Stay informed! Watch the news but also read a newspaper every day. They are two totally different experiences. Expose yourself to varied news sources. Listen carefully to how different individuals, different networks and different newspapers tell the same stories differently. Read the local newspaper and the daily newspaper. Subscribe to 2 or 3 monthly magazines for in-depth, thoughtful narratives. Subscribe to a specialty magazine such as golf or health or cooking. Live, learn, read – it's a great habit that will serve you well your entire life.

10) Friends and family: Cultivate good friends and be a good friend. Stay connected with family. These are the people who will have your back the rest of your life.

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“...successful people are simply those with successful habits.”

Hot lines

Submit at: tctimes.com, call 810-629-9221 or text to 810-771-8398

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

I'D LIKE TO know if the Hot liner who said 'no more unemployment benefits for the lazy people' really means that. After all, what is Social Security and Medicare other than government benefits for people who aren't working anymore?

I WOULD LIKE to know how a public parking area can be assigned to a private business after years of being used by the general public.

COULD YOU PRINT a bi-annual story covering the market price of meats in Michigan, and include a chart we can cut out and use for shopping? It's so hard knowing what a good price is.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL that commented 'you people' about the HS 'prank.' Damaging phones and books with vinegar/water and writing over vehicles is called vandalism. It is not a 'prank' and you would not feel the same if it happened to you.

DID YOU REALIZE that circumcisions are now done in the doctor's office at least one week after birth? This way the doctor gets paid for it and not part of the cost of birth.

I LIKE ART, but think the pieces in

Fenton are hideous for the money spent on them. They are small for the areas they are in and how they are displayed doesn't contribute to how they look. Try having a contest for local sculptors, you might be surprised.

I HAVE A better word for ALL of us who dislike Obama, his lies, his deceit and his incompetence...VOTE! Make his crony Democrats pay the price for supporting his deception to America. VOTE for the rehab of this country after eight years of his destructive practices. VOTE!

FOR THOSE OF us who miss the best pharmacist Fenton ever had, we have to travel to Chesaning now in order to enjoy and appreciate his awesome customer service. Huge loss for Fenton.

ON MAY 28, I was going to fill up the gas tank at an Owen Road chain store station, \$3.89/gal. Went to the same brand station at Miller Road in Flint, \$3.71. Go figure!

YOU ONLY GOT one thing right about Obama and the VA. He did not start the problem but in his 2008 election campaign, he promised in certain terms that he would solve and end the problem. I guess that is like 'if you like your insurance you can keep it.'

IT WOULD BEHOOVE you to educate (well, not you, but someone who actually knows a language other than English) your children in Spanish as half the nation's population will be Spanish-speaking by 2050. You'll be dead so it won't matter, but it might come in handy for your children.

DARN, THE LEGISLATURE raised the minimum wage \$1.85 over the next three-and-half-years. Way too generous and that's really gonna 'hurt' business here in Michigan. You know what hurts businesses the most? Wages, period! Maybe if we bring slavery back, businesses will flourish!

I MISS THE Tri-County Times Hot line since I moved. I can say I don't miss the Fenton Township sewer bill.

FAIRY DOOR HUNT in Ann Arbor is really cool. It's free and any business can participate. I have never seen anything like this in Fenton, Linden or Holly and thought it would be great for our communities to draw more people here! In or at your business, just build a Fairy Door.

TO THE WOMAN who wants alcohol banned because her husband struggled with alcoholism. Do you also blame spoons for America's obesity problem? Banning things doesn't work. People will always get what they want.

DID YOU EVER think that a person who doesn't turn off their cell phone during a funeral might need it on for emergencies? I repair air traffic control equipment and I never turn off my cell phone. It bugs my pastor. I have to respond ASAP when radar fails.

HERE'S TO BACKWARDS America. A school bully is rewarded by allowing him to attend classes. One of his victims brings a shotgun to school and shoots his bully. The bully goes to hospital, then released and gets a hero's welcome coming home. He should be in jail, not the victim!

EVERY NEW PRESIDENT picks his own administration. There are a lot of scandals going on in American government. Who is the president? It's his administration that's screwing up everything.

IN RESPONSE TO Wednesday's Hot line: Does anyone in Linden drive Ripley Road? Answer: No. Everyone uses our subdivision, Saddlebrook Farms, to bypass it. Please, someone in Linden (police, city hall, mayor) do something about everyone using our roads as their personal speedway.

REGARDING THE SUNDAY alcohol sales. The council didn't 'add a silly law,' they repealed a silly law. You now have more freedom, not less. Thank you city council.

HEY YOU WOLVERINE football fans, did you notice that Rich Rod just got a two-year extension thru 2019 at Arizona? Back-to-back 8-5 records and two bowl wins – much better than Brady Hoke's 7-6 and 8-5 with two bowl losses!

FENTON VFW KNOWS that Memorial Day is to honor and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and died serving their country. Veterans Day is for veterans in November. Linden's Gold Star Mother was not on the sidelines but proud to walk with Fenton VFW. Linden's loss.

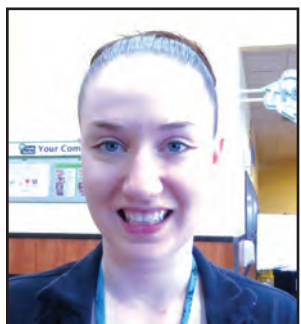
ILLEGALS, TERRORISTS, CONVICTS get better care than our vets. But Obama said he would look into it. He said that four and a half years ago.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Hannah Ball, intern

What have you checked off your bucket list?

streettalk



"I volunteered. I went to Haiti. I've been there six times."

— Maeghan Fincannon
Fenton Township



"Bungee jumping. I was in Florida when I did it."

— Jade Diem
Fenton



"Traveling out west. Yellowstone was the main stop, but we went all the way to Washington."

— Tim Horner
Linden



"I married a man with money 50 years ago."

— Dorris Schuette
Holly



"Zip-lining. In Arizona at a zoo, we zip-lined over the lions."

— Susan Jacobs
Holly



"In the U.S., I've driven from coast to coast, border to border."

— Brian Cameron
Fenton Township

Southern Lakes scouting new locations

►Five sites eyed, cost between \$1.5 and \$8.7 million

By William Axford

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Fenton — Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) is on the hunt for a new building location. On Wednesday, a representative from Cunningham Limp presented five possible locations SLPR could occupy and grow their facilities.

Amongst the sites is the old Farmer Jack location at 15110 Silver Parkway; Foley Park on Silver Lake Road, Silver Lake Park on Jennings Road, the former Fenton Township DPW site on 4344 Silver Lake Road and an agricultural field on Jennings Road.

Currently, SLPR operates out of an office within the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, as well as utilizing facilities at local high schools. A new location for the organization is still within the early stages, with board members unsure of if and when a new facility will be secured. Funding and approval from Fenton City, Fenton Township and Linden City are next for SLPR, if officials decide to pursue a new facility.

"This is just a starting point," said board member Shaun Shumaker, who helped scout potential locations. "We wanted to keep it near a highway and shopping areas, where parents could do things after dropping off their kids."

The final five sites were narrowed down from 250 possible sites within Fenton city and township. Public accessibility, ability to

brand the building and adequate square footage were major considerations to searching for a new location. An indoor pool, banquet hall, outdoor sports facility and gymnasium are amongst the biggest features officials are hoping to build into their new facility.

Building within Silver Lake Park or Foley Park would give SLPR the most acreage, however, costs could range between \$1.5 million and \$8.7 million, depending on location and what is approved for construction. Though the prices may be steep, board members are aware that SLPR is growing and needs a location of its own.

"The only way we grow is by having a bigger space," said Commissioner David Lossing, who is also mayor of Linden.

According to the organization's planning report, 29 percent of SLPR participants reside in Fenton Township, followed by 25 percent in the city of Fenton and 22 percent in the city of Linden. The three municipalities compose SLPR and outside residents have to pay out of district fees in order to utilize the organization's programs and facilities.

SLPR board member Robert Krug, who is also clerk of Fenton Township, had some issues with the locations and questioned whether better sites could have been recommended.

In the end, the board voted 5 to 1 to adopt the proposed plan, with Krug casting the dissenting vote. Board members will discuss which of the five sites will best suit their needs and how to present it to the local municipal board.

“The only way we grow is by having a bigger space.”

David Lossing
Commissioner of
Southern Lakes Parks
and Recreation

News briefs

ART IN THE PARKS

Art exhibits will be on display in Fenton City parks as part of the second annual Art Exhibit. According to Alan Annis, beginning Saturday, June 7 and running through Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 exhibiting artists will have their pieces on display for the community to see at various parks within the city (see dates and locations below). All Saturday shows will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for the show on Sept. 6, which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the event that it rains, the art exhibit will be rescheduled. Although there is no admission to the art exhibits, donations will be accepted, which will benefit the parks.

June 7 — Bush Park Gazebo

June 28 — Adams Park

July 26 — Freedom Park

August 16 — O'Donnell Park

September 6 — Fenton Gazebo Park

September 27 — Conklin Park

October 4 — Bush Park Gazebo

ANNUAL LINDEN/ARGENTINE AREA SHIAWASSEE RIVER CLEAN-UP

Organizers of this year's river clean-up are seeking volunteers to help with clearing debris from the Shiawassee River, beginning with a gathering at **8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14** at the Argentine Township Hall. Volunteers will pick up and bag debris along the river banks, parks and launch areas, pick up trash and trim branches in the river, clear obstructions and cut passage through trees

that have fallen, and move and/or cut logs to the river's edge for bank stabilization and habitat. They need volunteers with their own chainsaws, loppers, handsaws, canoes, kayaks and flat-bottomed boats for hauling trash and supplies. The day will begin with a free pancake breakfast and registration. Sign up by calling city of Linden (810) 735-7980 or Argentine Township at (810) 735-5050. Dressing for the event: Long sleeves and long pants (no sweat pants) will help protect against bug bites, scratches and poison ivy! You may want to bring bug spray, sun block, wear protective shoes — no flip-flops or sandals. Bring gloves that fit and hand tools that can be used on smaller debris.

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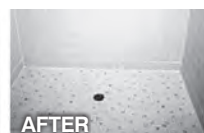
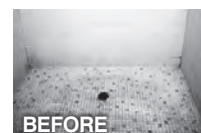
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Fenton City manager rated 'near perfect'

By Tim Jagiello

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Fenton — Even though he scored an excellent 4.71 out of 5, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland will bring ideas on how he can improve his performance as top administrator for the city. City managers like Markland oversee the day-to-day operations, manage and help author the budget and keep abreast of grant possibilities for projects.

Like any department head he is evaluated on a specific scale, with 29 questions and several sub categories. Each council member answers the questions and returns them to Mayor Sue Osborn. She said this year there were five pages of comments from council members.

By charter, Markland is evaluated every January. Osborn said, due to weather and personal scheduling conflicts, May was the first time that they could get all of council together for the evaluation.

After everything was added up in a spread sheet, he received 4.71 out of 5 points. "The council is very pleased with his manager style and his performances. It's the highest I've seen before," said Osborn, who has been involved in council for 29 years.

Of those remaining .29 points, she said it's really hard to get a 5, and "quite frankly, nobody's perfect. He's the closest to anything I've seen in quite a long time."

As the manager, she credits Markland with keeping the city afloat through the recession, and the projects he has initiated, like the Fenton Fire Hall, Cornerstone building, Community Center and Streetscape. "We're getting calls from developers everyday now, there's a lot of interest in downtown Fenton," she said,

adding that he follows up on all of them. "I'm proud to call him our city manager."

She said she's most impressed with his budgeting skills. He also took care of his ailing father, while doing his job as manager before he passed early this year.

Osborn said he's well respected amongst his peers.

"He's well known and well respected," said Grand Blanc city manager Paul Brake, regarding Markland's reputation. They had worked in neighboring municipalities, and belong

to the Michigan Local Government Management Association. He kind of gushed about Fenton's manager of six years, and admitted that he may be a little biased because he's known him for 20 years.

In Grand Blanc, they use a standard industry form, covering colorful topics like staff effectiveness, service delivery, democratic responsiveness and integrity. Grand Blanc uses eight pages and more than 30 questions with room for comments.

Dryness aside, Brake said the form and evaluation, if done well, can serve to improve services. "I find the feedback invaluable."

Brake will be evaluated next month. He said that because each municipality can handle their evaluations

per their own charter, so an average score is not really available.

But outside of the area, people know about what Fenton is attempting with all the projects downtown. Markland has been around long enough that big, long-term projects are starting to be realized.

Osborn said she can't share specific answers on his evaluation. It's also not necessarily linked to a pay increase — she said he'll get the same modest increase he's currently negotiating for the employees.



Lynn Markland

“Quite frankly, nobody's perfect. He's the closest to anything I've seen in quite a long time.”

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Calendar of events

WHEELZ, DEALZ & MEALZ CAR SHOW

The Wheelz, Dealz & Mealz Car Show is set for **Saturday, June 14** at 1025 Main Street, Fenton. This annual event is hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and is open to the public **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** with 8 a.m. entry for show cars and vendors. In addition to a wide variety of cool cars, there will be swap-and-sell car parts, craft vendors, pig roast dinner, beer and wine tent, live music, and 50-50 drawings every two hours. New additions this year for children are face painting and a 32-foot-long three-lane aluminum Pinewood Derby track. Children and adults are welcome to bring their cars made in Cub Scouts to run them down the track for \$5. Admission is free, parking is free, and there is on-grass parking for the show cars. For more information call (248) 217-0862 or email ltdavies533@gmail.com.

FUN FAIR IS SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 7

The annual Fun Fair and Silent Auction at Lake Fenton's West Shore Elementary and Torrey Hill Intermediate schools will run from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 — rain or shine.** The Fun Fair raises supplemental funds for the classrooms at those two Lake Fenton schools. The Fun Fair will have nearly 30 games, a bounce house, dunk tank, pie-throwing booth, candy store, bracelet making station, and "win a goldfish" game. Also on hand will be the Fenton Township Fire Department and a Genesee County Sheriff's Department patrol car. The Torrey Hill Robotics Team will be hosting a competition and the FC Bolton Soccer Club and Grand Blanc Gymnastics will be featured. Some of the silent auction items include a \$1,789 smoker grill, sports memorabilia, passes to the Detroit Zoo, teeth whitening certificate, and golf vouchers.

MICHIGAN TWINS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Michigan Twins Association's annual convention will be held in Frankenmuth on **June 27-29.** Tours, shopping, and attractions have been planned. For more information, go to www.michigantwinsassociation.com or call Jill Messing at (810) 622-8920 or (810) 404-8946 or email jbmessing@gmail.com.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL-HOLLY

Aglow International-Holly will meet at 315 South Broad St. in Holly on **Wednesday, June 11.** The event will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with fellowship and snacks followed by a **10 a.m.** meeting. Janet Wilson will be the featured speaker. She is a wife, mother, previous officer in Aglow International. For more information, call Julie at (248) 841-5126.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I KNOW THAT the DDA money is separate from the budget from the city, but when you see those ugly statues one day and read in the paper that the people who have worked for the city their whole lives may lose their health insurance, that the DPW has gone from 12 workers to seven along with police cuts, then it makes you think 'what is going on?' Nobody moves to Fenton to look at those statues.

I WAS WONDERING who was responsible for Ripley Road between Rolston and Silver Lake roads. There's foot-deep ruts in the dirt section and it's always a mess.

DON'T ANYBODY TELL me Obama hasn't been successful. He's been successful in irritating our closest allies by spying on him. He's been successful in the world leadership role where they found out he doesn't really know what he's doing. He's been successful at running us so far in debt that nobody reading this will be alive to see us out of it.

THE BIG ICE storm in January broke down a lot of limbs of the city trees. Maybe the little man who picks up the yard sale signs could pick up some on his rounds.

News briefs

FREE RESCUE 911 SCHOOL FOR KIDS 8-12

Rescue 911 is a FREE one day, six hour school focusing on children between the ages of 8-12. STAT EMS, Hurley Trauma Center and Genesee County Parks are hosting the Rescue 911 School, which will introduce children to several areas of public safety. Attendees will have direct hands on experience with paramedics, police officers, firefighters, and Hurley trauma team nurses. The school is designed to offer a positive view of all spectrums of the public safety world that include hands on demonstrations, bicycle safety course, fingerprinting, 911 phone skills, school bullying education, Internet safety, bandaging, and more! All classes run from **9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Register your child soon to reserve their seat by calling (810) 238-7672 or go to www.statems.net/rescue911.asp. Classes are as scheduled: June 24 — Flushing County Park; June 25 — Bluebell Beach in Genesee Township; **June 26 — Linden County Park on Linden Road in Fenton Township.**

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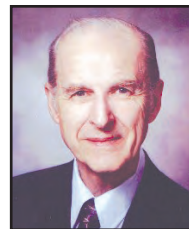
School news

Tony Simmons resigns

Wayne Wright, Lake Fenton Community Schools superintendent announced that Lake Fenton High School Athletic Director Tony Simmons submitted his resignation and the Lake Fenton Board of Education accepted it on Tuesday during its regular meeting. The school district will be conducting interviews for the next two weeks to find a new athletic director.

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



The art of gardening with God

My friend, Art, loved gardening.

“I feel closer to God when I’m on my knees in my garden than in any other place,” he once told me. Since man’s first home was a garden where he walked and talked with God, I thought it fitting that Art found his garden an ideal place to do the same.

The Garden of Eden was a far cry from the gardens of our time. In addition to plants and herbs, it was made more beautiful and productive by a variety of trees described in the Bible as pleasant to see and good for food (Genesis 2:9). A river flowed through it, adding to the scenic setting and providing a ready source for watering the fruits, flowers and vegetables.

Imagine the Garden of Eden when the trees were in full bloom and plants were pushing their way through the fertile soil of that unspoiled paradise. Weeds were but a woe of the future and pesticides were both unknown and unneeded. Keeping the garden groomed required work, another compassionate part of the Creator’s plan, because people are happiest and healthiest when they are productive.

If, like Art, you enjoy praying and worshipping God while in your garden, you’re sharing a long standing tradition rooted in the Bible.

In his book, ‘A Gentle Thunder,’ Max Lucado says, ‘The Bible is a story of two gardens, Eden and Gethsemane. In the first, Adam took a fall. In the second, Jesus took a stand.’

If you’ve been under the impression that you can only pray in a church, read about our Lord praying alone in the Garden of Gethsemane. Three of His disciples, Peter, James and John went with Him but they were only onlookers who finally fell asleep. It was the One who prayed alone in the garden that made the difference. The power of our Lord’s submissive prayers in Gethsemane can best be described in the four words that are the most difficult for most of us to pray: ‘Thy will be done!’ And that selfless attitude was crucial for enduring what was just ahead of Him.

Judas had already closed his traitorous deal for 30 pieces of silver and would soon enter the garden with more than 200 Roman soldiers to clinch it with a kiss. The mock trial, the cruel beating and the agony of the cross, awaited Jesus, but He would endure them for you and me through the strength gained from His garden prayers.

No one knows what tomorrow holds and as important as public prayer and worship are, never rule out personal private times with God. These quiet moments are vital if we are to triumph in tough times.

While Art was faithful in the services of his church, his favorite praying place was among the plants in his well kept garden. Where’s yours?

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

Business briefs

Local firm wins ‘Practice of the Year’ award

Shard Financial Services, Inc. of Fenton has won Peak Advisor Alliance’s 2014 Practice of the Year Award. Peak Advisor Alliance, a consulting company for financial advisors, annually honors a financial planning firm from among its members that has significantly enhanced its service to clients and shown outstanding growth. Owner Margie Shard, Certified Financial Planner (CFP), received the award on May 29 in Chicago during Peak Advisor Alliance’s national membership conference. Her Fenton practice was chosen from among some of the top wealth management practices in the nation.

Notes of thanks

I would like to thank officer Bill Andringa of the Fenton Police Department. On Saturday, May 10, Officer Andringa helped me when my wheelchair battery died on my way to the store with my two friends Barbara and Lillian. Officer Andringa was kind enough to stop and offer help. I would also like to thank his friend who aided officer Andringa in transporting my wheelchair. Thank you both so much for help and your act of kindness!

— Lorraine Cassise, Fenton

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First Lieutenant Kyle McLeod is pictured here in Kingsville, Texas, after a solo cross-country flight in the T45c, used for Navy/Marine Corps pilot training programs for tactical strike missions.

Linden native earns his wings

► Kyle McLeod now a Naval Aviator in the U.S. Marines

By Sally Rummel

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First Lieutenant Kyle McLeod, recently commissioned as a Naval Aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps, always knew he wanted to fly.

"I was one of those kids who knew what I wanted to do since the third grade," said McLeod, a 2005 graduate of Linden High School and a 2010 graduate of Kettering University, magna cum laude, with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Having graduated first in his class from the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, Texas, McLeod was allowed to choose the aircraft he wanted to fly. "I've always wanted to fly the Hornet," said McLeod, referring to the F/A-18 Marine jet used for fighter escort, enemy air defense, reconnaissance, air control and close air support.

That dream is now coming true, as he begins flight training this summer at Naval Air Station Oceana, a military airport in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he will train on the F-18, as well as the F-16, for approximately one year.

After that, he'll proceed to his first duties at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina, where he will continue to hone his skills on the Hornet, as well as perform a number of duties on the ground. "You're an officer first and a pilot second," said McLeod.

McLeod, 26, credits the strong support he received from home and his community, for his military success. His parents are Rick and Valerie McLeod of Linden. "His passion and focus really set him apart," said Valerie.

"We knew he could succeed in whatever he wanted to do."

His community and education supported him as well. When he was in fifth grade at Linden Elementary School, his teacher, Mrs. Wright, got him an 8x10 photograph of NASA Astronaut Michael Bloomfield, with whom she

had gone to school. "That was very inspirational for him," added Valerie.

McLeod is very humble about his accomplishments. "I'm nothing special," he said. "At the end of the day, it's about showing up every day and working incredibly hard. I've been fortunate to be able to pursue my passion. The community has been such a great support. I'm a reflection of the community I came from."

“You’re an officer first and a pilot second.”

First Lieutenant Kyle McLeod
U.S. Marine Corps

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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GENERATIONS

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"I would definitely say my generation is hardworking, educated and dedicated," Grossmeyer said. "My generation is far more conscience of the environment, completing jobs and being prompt. I'm a little more prejudice, obviously."

Grossmeyer was quick to add that he knows plenty of hardworking and considerate people from younger generations. But as Grossmeyer has seen, parents have always wanted their kids to have better, with the Silent Generation working multiple jobs so Baby Boomers only had to work one.

The succession of parents wanting their kids to be better off financially have led some people to believe younger generations are lazier and weaker.

"I think (Generation X) is the last hard-working generation," said Terese Allen, a salesperson and a Gen Xer. "Generations after us have become more spoiled. Kids aren't disciplined."

While Allen has some reverence for older generations, she describes Boomers as "the last lucky generation." Safety nets such as pensions, retirements and company-paid health care are fading for her generation and won't exist for younger generations. With a view that younger generations have a deteriorating work ethic, Allen fears she'll have to work until the day she dies.

In their multi-media article "The Next America," Pew Research defines Baby Boomers as "Famous for leading the counterculture protests of the 1960s, but about half or more have grown more conservative as they've aged." Boomers range between the ages of 50 to 68, with 10,000 of them turning 65 everyday from now until 2030.

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Gen Xers are more comfortable with racial diversity than Baby Boomers.

Millennials range from ages 18 to 33 and they're "America's most racially and ethnically diverse generation ever. They're political and social liberals, they're social media wizards, they're highly educated, not very religious, they're slow to marry and have kids, and many are saddled with college debt and lousy jobs."

But it's not just older generations who view younger generations as lazy and indulgent. Britni Snavelly, 22, is a Millennial who said most of the people from her generation feel entitled or that they deserve more, even if they don't have the skills or education necessary to earn more income.

"They are very inconsiderate, they don't understand what discipline is," Snavelly said, who works as a receptionist. "There's always going to be a certain percentage of them because of age, but there are a lot of us who we're given more than our parent's generation. It's great to give your child more

than what you had but at the same time, you have to make them earn it."

Snavelly and Grossmeyer did admit Millennials and Generation Z have more competition for jobs than previous years and that the economy is not in their favor. Grossmeyer is impressed by the growing pace of technology and is beginning to see advancements he knows his generation will never understand.

While somewhat disheartening, older generations despising younger generations isn't new. Baby Boomers are known as the "Me Generation" due to their self indulgence unseen by previous generations. Much of the economic hardships Millennials have endured is attributed to poor leadership of Baby Boomers and Gen Xers. The 1980s was seen as one of the most extravagant and drug-induced decades in American history. Perhaps in a generation or two, Boomers and Generation X (if they're still around) will think differently of Millennials and Generation Z.

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Generation Z - Ages 17 and younger have little to no experience of life without the Internet and smartphones. The youngest generation is concerned about civil unrest and terrorism, having grown up in a post 9/11 world. Generation Z is likely to be burdened with higher personal costs and contributing to the welfare and retirement of older generations. This generation is more cautious than Millennials but will likely experience better economic times than the previous generation.

Source: *The Next America*, Pew Research &
Source: *Huffington Post*

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WISH SOME people would take more interest in their own children than they do other children.

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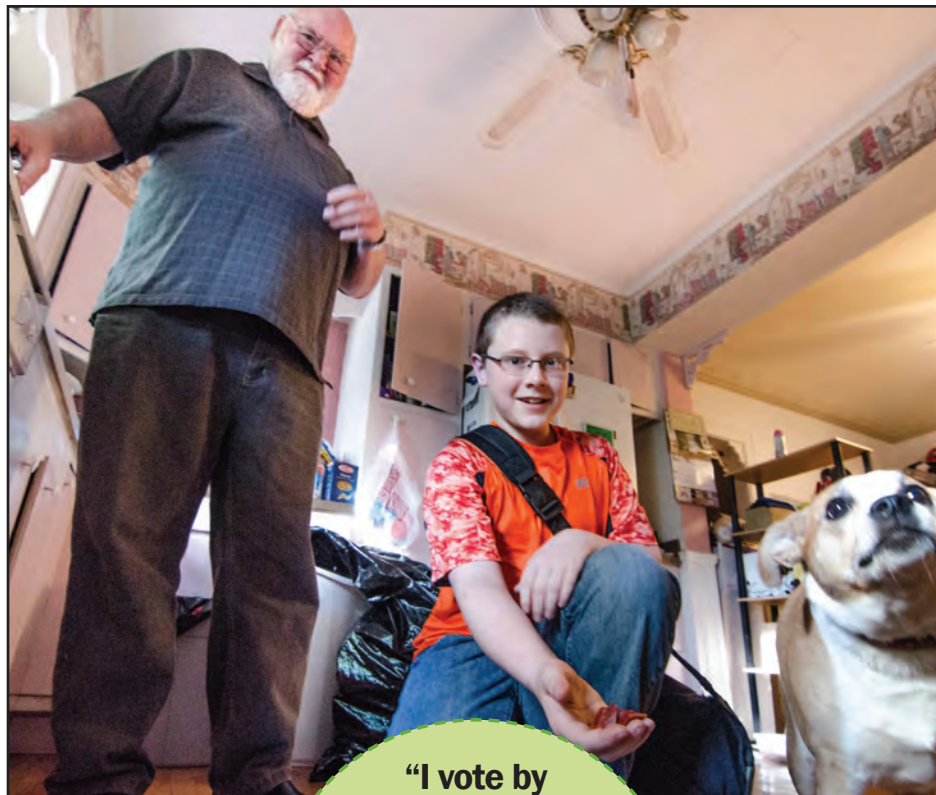
Lately, Les Bland, 67 is most known as a city councilman, and long-time DPW director. He's also a Fenton Lion and Jaycee. He has three grown children and five grandchildren, including one he's raised since birth — Andrew, 12. He was able to adopt him last year, and was legal guardian for five years.

What was the process of adopting Andrew like? It was time consuming, it's kind inspiring at times, they ask the same questions over and over, who he's gonna be in contact with, etc. It took up nine months to clear us to get him. I can see why it's very frustrating for people to adopt, and he's been with me his whole life.

You take care of him, but what does raising him do for you? He keeps me active, he likes to do things — that old truck sitting in the driveway, I bought that for him. We're redoing it and painting it. He considers it his truck. He's a good kid, he's energetic like any other kid. I help with homework as much as I can. It's a little different than when I went to school. I love him, he loves me. He's just a normal kid, he still sees his biological mother and father. I told him when I adopted him, I would never let him not see his mom and dad.

Do you have time for any hobbies? Golf. The only vice I have left. I used to be a good athlete, football basketball and baseball in school. I had my left knee replaced in 1997, so that took away my other activities. I've played slow pitch softball all over the United States. My hobby now is golf. I love to golf.

What does your experience as DPW director bring to council? I think I bring a little more expertise on what happens with the city, the administration of the city. I was an administrator for 25, 26 years,



"I vote by what I think in my brain and feel in my heart, and if I don't feel that way I'm not going to vote for it. That's the hillbilly in me."

Les Bland
Fenton City
Council member

so I've got the inside perspective on how budgets operate, and those types of issues. Knowing the system, how it works, getting an ordinance passed, those types of things. I thought I could make a difference if someone had questions with roads, sewer mains.

Have you used that knowledge for any votes yet? I think we will on the roads issue coming up. I've been pushing for roads for a while, and they're starting a program with that now. To get the money they need, they can't do it with taxes they have now, because we've lost over \$1 million in tax revenue. If they don't do something to increase the revenue, they're not going to be able to repair the roads.

How did you come to work in Fenton? I was dating a young lady who was a secretary there who lived in Fenton, when I saw (the newspaper) article. I applied for the job and got the job and I've been here ever since. The ad asked for a skilled laborer, back hoe operator, grater operator, who could run heavy equipment.

Do you have any goals in council? The only goals I had was to improve the quality of life in town. I was hoping to educate people about (water and roads). My goals were just to be an educated person on city council on what's actually going on. I just didn't want to be a cog in the wheel, I wanted to be the wheel. My term's up in about a year and a half, and I haven't decided if I'm going to run again. I've enjoyed it it keeps me busy, keeps me

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Grandson Andrew, 12 holds some treats for Abby, before grandfather, and adopted father Les Bland takes him to school.

young, gives me something to do.

Do you have any life goals? I'd like for my health to get better. I'm a diabetic so I'd like that to get better. I'm 67 right now and like to keep up my quality of life. Live as long a life as I can, love my children and my grandchildren and do a good job on the council and go for there. Someone asked me if I wanted to run for mayor and I said 'no way!'

What are you most proud of in life? I'm not necessarily 'proud,' but I'm proud that I've served the city of Fenton for almost 46 years, I think I'm respected around the city. I don't lie. I give 'em the truth. Whenever there was a question I was direct. I gave them an answer, maybe they didn't like it. People can come talk to me any time they want.

What part does faith play in your life? I'm a Christian. I go to The Freedom Center I sing on the worship team I'm one of the backup singers. Faith is a big part of my life, always has been. My mom was a big believer in faith. I believe in the bible, the way it was written. I try to live my life like a Christian should. Be faithful, not telling lies, be as open as possible to what they ask of me. If everyone lived their life that way, it'd be a whole lot better around the world.

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He's been grilling steaks on the same grill for 50 years

By Hannah Ball

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The MacLachlan family of Flushing has found a way to beat traffic delays at one of the biggest racing events of the year — grilling steaks.

Starting in 1964, this little Kenmore grill has helped the MacLachlan family enjoy the wait while trying to leave after the Indianapolis 500. This last Sunday marks 50 years of a grilling tradition.

"When I went the first time in 1963 to the Indy 500, I quickly found out that with 2,000 people trying to leave after the race, it's a mess," said Walt MacLachlan, 73. He was better prepared the year after when he brought the grill. "We decided to grill steaks and then two hours later, you can leave."

MacLachlan said the grill works "real well. We always say the steaks taste better there than any place else."

The family has grilled New York strips to T-bones on the 24-inch Kenmore grill. It can hold five or six steaks, depending on how big they are.

The grill has been going to the Indy 500 for 50 years, but MacLachlan has missed a few of those races. He missed the event in '65, while in the army. He was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky and they wouldn't give him leave to go to the race.

While at the race, the grill attracts attention.

"The first year we had it in 1964, A.J. Foyt won the race. A woman came along and she had roses in her hand. Fans are known to put roses on the winner's car. She said 'I'll give you some roses from A.J. Foyt's car for a steak,'" MacLachlan said. "We turned her down. We'd rather have a steak than a rose."

MacLachlan has not considered getting another grill. "This one works so well. Why would we get another?"

"The grill has been going to the Indy 500 for 50 years."

Walt MacLachlan
Flushing resident



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BATTLE OF AREA POWERS

Chargers defeat Lake Fenton in district opener



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Q This defenseman was part of three Stanley Cup title teams with Edmonton and one with Pittsburgh, but not one with Detroit. Name him.

A Paul Coffey turns 53 on Sunday. He spent nearly four seasons with Detroit.

GIRLS CLASS A DISTRICT

LF golfers fail to qualify for state due to player being hit by ball

Getting hit by a golf ball can hurt.

And occasionally it can knock a team out of the state tournament.

The Blue Devils tied for second in the Division 3 regional held at Glenbrier, but were unable to qualify for the state meet due to the fact that their fifth golfer had to retire early due to being hit by a golf ball. The top three teams qualified for the state meet, which meant the tie among St. Charles, Lake Fenton and Williamston — all had team scores of 328 — was going to be broken by the fifth golfer's score. But John Gorwney wasn't able to finish his round due to regulations when he was hit in the head with the ball. That gave St. Charles and Williamston the final two state spots.

Wesley Potts qualified as an individual, however, posting an 18-hole score of 78. Merrick George carded a 79, while Blake Bonicki had an 84. Joshua Mundy carded an 87.

Eagles' offense leads squad to district finals

By David Troppens
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Linden — The Linden varsity girls soccer team remains a young unit.

It's a squad with just two seniors. But, it seems the young players are starting to look more like veterans during the district tourney.

Linden (14-4-3) had six different players score eight goals at Claude Cranston Stadium on Thursday, earning the Eagles an 8-0 district semifinal victory against Fowlerville. The win placed the Eagles in the Division 2 district title game, played Friday against Brandon. Results of that game can be found at www.tctimes.com.

Perhaps more important than the eight goals was how they were scored. The Eagles communicated well, played as a team and distributed the ball throughout the contest, resulting in the easy victory. And defensively, the Eagles were perfect. They not only shut out Fowlerville on the scoreboard, but the Gladiators never got a shot off during the contest. Linden beat Owosso 8-0 in the district opener.

"I like how it was the second game in a row we were passing well and moving it," said junior Grace Walterhouse, who had a goal and an assist. "The energy was there. Even when we got five goals up, we

still kept the pressure up. I liked how our team is acting like a team, and not breaking under pressure and arguing with each other. (The communication) comes along with progressing through the season and everyone being more comfortable."

Linden's first goal came from Jamie Magalski from about 25 yards out, and then with about 28 minutes left in the first half, Sarah Ford scored on a corner kick attempt after her cross hit the far corner. That shot seemed to open the floodgates. Linden scored three more goals before the first half was 20 minutes old. A cross from Maddie Zayan resulted in a goal by Jordan Holscher, and Erica Freeman scored two goals in a matter of 55 seconds. The first came on a rebound shot, with Walterhouse taking the first chance. The second came with 21:32 left in the half on a thru pass from Elizabeth Walterhouse. Linden enjoyed a 5-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Magalski scored her second goal on Zayan's second assist, and Amelia Simberg scored. Grace Walterhouse's goal late ended the contest.

"I was really pleased with how they knocked the ball around," coach Kevin Fiebert said. "When you get up 5-0, people have a tendency to get selfish, and they didn't do that at all."



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Linden's Erica Freeman (right) scored two goals in the Eagles' 8-0 district semifinal victory against Fowlerville on Thursday.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Tim Sines pitched four innings of one-run ball in the Eagles' 10-1 predistrict victory against Durand on Thursday.

Metro champs crush Durand in district opener

By David Troppens
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Linden — The Linden varsity baseball team is on a nice roll of late.

At one time the squad was 12-8. Since then the team has rattled off eight straight wins, captured a co-Metro League title and a second straight Greater Flint Tournament championship.

And on Thursday, the Eagles got another important win, defeating Durand 10-1 in a predistrict opener, earning the squad a spot in the district semifinals against Lake Fenton, at home, Saturday at 10 a.m.

Linden (20-8) scored two runs

in the second inning and never looked back. Starting pitcher Marshael Ryan pitched three shutout innings for the victory, while Tim Sines tossed the final four innings, earning the save. The only run he allowed was a single run in the bottom of the sixth with the Eagles leading 10-0 at the time.

"I feel like we are playing our best baseball of the year right now," said Brady Sarkon, who had three hits. "I feel like we can make a long run in the tournament."

The Eagles are getting used to pressure baseball. They had to sweep Fenton and then Lapeer West to capture their first Metro crown since 1987. The Eagles

learned they earned a share of the crown on Wednesday after practice.

"It is a huge accomplishment," Sarkon said. "It's the first time since 1987, so it feels great. We got out of practice and coach (Steve Buerkel) texted us that East beat Brandon (meaning the Eagles had a share of the title), and we were pretty excited."

"It means a ton," Buerkel said. "In fact I'd rank it as the greatest accomplishment because we haven't done it in 27 years. It's been so long and it shows you how difficult (winning the Metro League title) is."

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► **Linden 8, Owosso 0:** Jessie Magalski scored 24 seconds into the contest, and the Eagles never slowed down, winning the district opening contest against Owosso at Linden High School on Tuesday.

Madeleine Zayan scored two goals, while Grace Walterhouse, Madison Maxheimer, Erica Freeman and Alia Frederick had a goal each.

Katie Wilkowski had two assists, while Frederick, Elizabeth Walterhouse and Sarah Ford had one each.

In net, Madison Paige and Bridget Adams had a save each to earn the shutout.

► **Brandon 1, Holly 0:** Brandon's Sarah Buda scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick with 22 minutes left, earning the Blackhawks the district victory.

BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton at Davison regional:** The Tigers John Lloyd qualified for the state tourney by posting a 75 and by winning a spot in a playoff. The Tigers took 10th with a team score of 336. Max Martin shot an 85, while Jack Berry carded an 87. Anthony Flannery shot an 89.

► **Holly at Auburn Hills regional:** The Bronchos missed qualifying for the state meet by six strokes, taking fourth with a 327 at Fieldstone Golf Club. Parker Rowse shot a 79, while Kyle Pepper carded an 81. Mitchell Huges shot an 82.

► **Linden at West Branch regional:** The Eagles placed sixth with a 336. Alec Bond led Linden with an 81, while Zach Sutika carded an 82. Trevor Sundrla shot an 86, while Dylan Elmer had an 87 at The Nightmare.

Fenton softball headed to district semis

By David Troppens

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With the aid of rain delays, it took the Fenton varsity softball team over four hours to finish its Division 1 pre-district game against Hartland on Tuesday, but the wait ended up being worth it.

Fenton scored single runs in the first two innings and then relied on starting pitcher Paige Dean and the Tigers' defense to earn a 2-1 victory at Milford High School. The win means the Tigers (33-4) will play Holly at noon at Milford High School in the district semifinals. The winner of that game will play Milford or Lakeland in the title match about 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The Tigers took the early lead on a first-inning home run by Katey Cairnduff, her sixth of the season. Fenton followed that run with another in the second. Rachel Siekierski doubled to start the second and scored on Macie Keller's RBI-single, making it 2-0.

From there, the Tigers only managed one more hit against Hartland starter Katie Singer, but it mattered little. The Eagles had their challenges against Dean all game long. Dean scattered six Hartland hits and two walks, while striking out two. Dean was tossing a shutout until the Hartland sixth. Shelby Hard scored the Eagles' only run on an RBI-single by Lindsey Pajot. Rain came just minutes later, creating the game's second lengthy delay. When the game resumed, Dean ended the sixth with two outs, keeping the Tigers up 2-1.

Hartland got the game-tying run to



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Paige Dean tossed a six-hitter, helping lead the Fenton Tigers to a 2-1 victory against Hartland in predistrict action on Tuesday.

second base, but Dean got the next three batters out in order, the final out coming on a strike out, to cap the Fenton victory.

The Tigers' defense played a large role in the game, committing no errors and turning one double play. It came on

a nice catch by shortstop Ellie Cowger, who then threw to third, forcing out a runner on that base. That play helped end a potential scoring chance for Hartland.

Fenton's only other hit was provided by Brenna Hatch. It was a single.

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Fenton's Mac Hamilton (left) slides safely into first as Hartland's Alex Wagner waits for the throw to get to him. Hartland won the Division 1 predistrict contest 2-0 in eight innings on Wednesday.

Eagles edge Tigers in eight, 2-0

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It's been nearly impossible to attack Fenton starting pitcher Jamie Castiglione this spring.

Hartland found that out during Division 1 predistrict action.

But, eventually in a battle of great pitching performances over the span of two days, the Hartland Eagles (23-10-3) finally scored two runs against the Tigers' senior ace, capturing a 2-0 victory on Wednesday at Fenton High School.

After allowing just one hit and four walks over the first seven innings of a game that was delayed on Tuesday in the fifth inning due to weather, Hartland put together three hits in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs and earning the win. The eighth inning started innocent enough, with Castiglione getting the first two batters on a ground out to first and

a strike out. However, Hartland's leadoff hitter Marcus Ziebold and Alex Vydick followed with consecutive singles. Then, Max Cadman responded with a two-run single to right, putting the Eagles up 2-0.

The Tigers (13-18) were unable to score against reliever Nathan Lohmeier, who pitched all four innings of Wednesday's second half of the contest. On Tuesday, it was Hartland's Alex Wagner who matched Castiglione.

"It was a little bit tough," Castiglione said about coming back and pitching the second day. "I had to get up a bit earlier and stretch more than I usually have to because I threw yesterday. I found out this morning (I was going to pitch again) and I wanted to throw today."

"Jamie Castiglione did a great job for Fenton baseball this year," Fenton coach Shawn Lawrence said. "He kept our team See **TIGERS** on 18A



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Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman (front right) tries to elude Powers' Ally Haran (back right) during the Chargers' 6-1 district opening victory against the Blue Devils. Haran scored two goals and Newman scored one in the contest.

Powers' late charge sparks win

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — It was a storybook start to the game for Jordan Newman and the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team.

Facing off against undefeated Flint Powers in the opening round of the Division 3 district, the Chargers provided 12 of the first 14 shots on net against the underdog Blue Devils.

However, eventually Kaitlyn Begley sent a thru pass to the state's all-time leading scorer, Newman, who then scored from about 25 yards out. Suddenly, the Blue Devils had a 1-0 lead against a squad expected to be among a limited sampling of teams to contend for a state championship.

But from that point, it was all Ally Haran and her Powers teammates. Haran, whose primary role on Tuesday was to help defend Newman, did a solid job with that task and scored the team's first two goals, leading the Chargers to a 6-1 victory.

Lake Fenton (15-3-2), who finished the season as the Genesee Area Conference's regular-season and tournament champions, couldn't be too upset with the effort. The Blue Devils trailed just 2-1 when lightning created a rain delay with 30:29 left in the contest. It remained just a 2-1 Powers' lead until there was

16:01 left in the contest when Morgan McKerchie scored. That goal opened the floodgates, as three other scorers put in goals for Powers over the next 5:13, earning the Chargers the win.

"It was a great experience. I am happy I played high school instead of committing to club (soccer)," Newman said. "You meet a lot of girls. It's a different level, different friendships. You get to play teams like Powers and you get to come together. It's different than club for sure, it's good different."

Newman's goal was just Lake Fenton's third shot, and it created a conversation at the end of the game with Powers keeper and friend Heather Rolls, who made two saves in the victory.

"I used to play with Heather, so after the game we talked and she said, 'You chipped me,'" Newman said. "Every time I got the ball after that, she ran to her line. It was nice. I was happy. It was the first goal of the game. It pumped us up, definitely."

If that goal pumped up Lake Fenton, it was Haran's goal that got the Chargers back on track. Her first goal came just 3:55 after Newman's tally with 10:11 left in the half. Off a free kick, McKerchie sent a pass to Haran for the shot and goal.

"Morgan knows how to perfectly place the ball," Haran said.

"She made the perfect pass, and I was able to touch and finish. I couldn't have done it without her. It was perfect."

Powers enjoyed a 21-3 shot edge in the opening half, but were tied with Lake Fenton 1-all.

That changed just 18 seconds into the second half, when a handball in the box resulted in a PK. Haran provided what would end up the game-winning goal by shooting the PK to the keeper's left, and scoring.

"You are not supposed to base (where you shoot) on the keeper, but I always do," said Haran, who is headed to Wake Forest in the fall. "She looked like she was going to go right, so I stuck with my decision."

The rain came about 9 minutes later with Powers enjoying the 2-1 lead. When the game resumed, the Chargers brought their game up another notch. Newman didn't touch the ball more than a few times the final 30 minutes and Powers enjoyed a 10-0 shot edge during that period.

Once the goals started going in, Powers provided them in abundance. A cross to McKerchie resulted in the third Powers' goal with 16:01 left in the game. Just 2:55 later, a far-post cross to Andrea Glubzinski resulted in another goal. Then just 32 seconds after that, a cross to

See **CHARGE** on 18A

Tough fifth inning ends Eagles district run in opening round

By David Troppens

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Linden — For four innings the Linden varsity softball team was locked in a tight battle with Durand.

The two teams were tied 2-all entering the fifth inning of their Division 2 predistrict battle at Linden High School.

However, the Railroaders scored 10 runs in the top of the fifth and cruised to a 12-2 five-inning mercy-rule victory against the Eagles.

"It's been a problem all year. We've lost a few games like that," Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. "We'll be competitive and the second or third time around the order, teams will start hitting a bit, and the defense suffers. It snowballs a bit."

The Eagles (11-24) took a 2-1 lead with two runs in the bottom of the third. With one out, Rhiannon Morse was hit by a pitch. Sterling DeGayner sacrificed, but the ball was thrown wild, allowing both runners to be safe. Another error happened as Morse ran to third, plating her, and putting DeGayner at second. A batter later, Sydney Jacques singled in DeGayner, putting the Eagles up 2-1.

However, Durand tied it up with a run in the fourth. Three singles by Durand plated the run. Sarah Dunivant drove it in with her two-out single.

The fifth inning was one Linden would rather forget as Durand began the threat with a Linden error and continued



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Linden outfielder Rhiannon Morse catches this ball right next to the outfield fence. The Eagles lost to Durand in a predistrict contest 12-2 on Thursday.

it with four straight hits. Another error followed, and a bases-clearing double by Adrianna Hammer blew the game open. Before the inning was over, Durand had 10 more runs.

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Beating Durand wasn't as tough. Chris Kitch and Travis Petts got hits and scored on fielder's choice grounders by Jacob Klosek and Kevin Bates in the second inning. Linden led 2-0.

The gap grew to 6-0 with four more runs in the third inning. Jake Marshall was hit by a hit and eventually scored on Sarkon's single. Sarkon scored on a Kitch single and Kitch scored on an RBI-ground out by Klosek.

In the fourth, two more runs scored. Sarkon singled and Ryan reached base on an error. Sarkon scored on Cameron Cook's RBI-ground out and Ryan eventually scored on a bases loaded walk to Bates. Linden led 8-0, flirting with the 10-run mercy rule.

Linden reached 10 runs, but wasn't able to win by mercy. The ninth run was scored in the fifth when Marshall walked and scored on Sarkon's RBI-double. The 10th run came in the sixth when Klosek singled and scored on Bates' RBI-triple. However, Durand was considered the home team and batted in the bottom of the sixth and scored a run, forcing the seventh inning.

Linden outhit Durand 11-3. Ryan allowed one hit and two walks, while striking out two batters. Sines allowed two hits and no walks while striking out one.

"We got some quality at bats in today," Sarkon said about the strong hitting game.

"Obviously it's great to hit the ball around, so that helps our confidence a lot."

Tigers' offense shut down by Blackhawks

By David Troppens

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Linden — If one looked at the statistics from Thursday night's Division 2 district game against Fenton and Brandon, it would be easy to think the Tigers won the game.

After all, Fenton enjoyed a whopping 29-5 shot edge, and controlled the ball most of the game, probably spending about 70 percent of it deep in Brandon's defensive zone.

But it wasn't the Tigers who came out of Claude Cranston Stadium with the victory. It was the Brandon Blackhawks.

Aided by keeper Logan Owen's steady play in net, Brandon's defense held the Tigers from getting too many great scoring changes despite the crazy possession disadvantage. And, with 14:32 remaining, the Blackhawks' Madison Puleo scored the game's only goal on a nice free kick that got in the far-side corner of the net, resulting in the Blackhawks' 1-0 victory.

"It happens in sports, and what can you say," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "The girls played their hearts out. I feel bad for the seniors. It was a great season. We have no regrets. They did everything we asked of them. Sometimes these things happen."

Despite the Tigers' great shot edge, the problem was most of the chances weren't great scoring opportunities or even on net. Of the 29 shots, only seven were on target, meaning Owen made seven saves for her shutout. It was Brandon's second 1-0 victory of the tourney, defeating Holy by that same score.

In the second half, the Tigers tried



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Fenton's Hannah Evo (second from left) tries to sneak a header among a bunch of Brandon defenders in the Tigers' 1-0 district semifinal loss to the Blackhawks on Thursday.

to put more pressure on Brandon, and it resulted in 19 of the Tigers 29 shots. However, only five ended up on net. Conversely, Brandon had just three shots, but all three were on target, with the third one resulting in the game's

only goal.

"It gets harder and hard to shoot as the time goes down," Sullivan said. "And then they got that goal and it really gets hard to shoot. You start thinking too much."

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in a lot of games and gave us a chance. Unfortunately, there were a lot of times we were not able to reward him. That's where I feel bad for him. There were opportunities for us for us to do something."

Hartland had Wednesday's first great chance when the game resumed with one out and runners on first and second base. However, Castiglione forced a double-play grounder, keeping the game scoreless.

Fenton had its lead-off hitter on base each of the next three innings, but each time had mistakes end the chance. Mac Hamilton walked to start the fifth, but was caught stealing on a blown hit-and-run call. Drew Garrison walked to start the sixth, but courtesy runner Bailey Rudzinsky was picked off of first by the lefty Lohmeier. In the seventh, Justin Norris reached base on an error, but was thrown out attempting to steal second.

Meanwhile, Hartland put a runner on first in the sixth with one out on a walk, but Castiglione got the next two batters

out in order. In the seventh, Castiglione struck out the side.

And with two out, it seemed the senior was going to get out of the eighth, but the three hits followed, including Cadman's two-run single.

"Max has had several big hits for us this year so it was nice to have him up in that situation," Hartland coach Brian Morrison said. "He delivered again, and he did a nice job behind the plate, throwing a couple of guys out."

On Tuesday, Hartland had just one single against Castiglione, who ended up tossing a four-hitter, while striking out eight in the eight innings. The Eagles' first real threat was the fifth-inning situation where the game began on Wednesday.

Fenton had just one hit against starter Wagner on Tuesday, a single by John Leaske. He advanced to third, but never scored.

"It stinks we had to end the season so short," said Castiglione, who is headed to Mott Community College in the fall. "But we played a good game. We were a good team. It was a fun season."

CHARGE

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Kristin Syrowik provided Powers' fifth goal. Finally, the four-goal pounding ended with 10:48 left in the game on a goal by Kennedy Clothier.

With the two best teams in the district playing, the victor was expected to win the title. Haran, who was on Powers' state championship team in 2011, likes her squad.

"We are really close," Haran said.

"We are able to connect on and off the field. That's what it comes down to."

The Blue Devils were pleased with their season.

"The team is amazing," said senior Miranda Quick. "We have fun and we work on a lot of things. I will definitely miss playing with this team because we worked well together on everything."

"Powers is a big challenge. And against them every challenge on the field counts. They are a great team."

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BUCKET LIST

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While its plot may have been less than plausible, the idea of coming up with a list of things you want to do before you die struck a chord with the public, and people began to make lists and write books about the topic.

Doris Malfese of Fenton Township has had four more years of living her bucket list, since the Times first did a story about her "extreme" bucket list in 2010. Now 78, she continues to challenge herself with exotic travel, including a trip to South America this past January, where she visited Chile's Atacama Desert, which hasn't had a drop of rain in more than 400 years.

"I didn't have any interest in going, but my friend really wanted to, so I did," said Malfese. "It was amazing. One area called Rainbow Canyon features rocks in hues of pink, yellow and green. Moon Valley looked just like the moon. The trip was very, very special. Every time I think I've visited my favorite place, the next trip brings something even more special."

She's leaving later this month for a trip to Belize with her 18-year-old grandson, but they won't be lying on the beach. They'll be visiting Caves Branch, a jungle lodge full of adventure, where her grandson will be hiking in the caves and doing the black hole drop, while she plans to float down the river through a cave and do a jungle night walk.



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Malissa Bossardet tandem skydives in this 2012 photo. Tandem dives like this are a popular bucket list item.

"I keep adding onto my list so I can live long enough to be able to do it!" said Malfese, who has added a glider ride to her bucket list.

Tony and Margie Shard recently returned from a business/leisure trip to Hawaii, which prompted them to write a joint bucket list. "We were watching a Hawaiian surfing movie, 'Blue Crush,' over the weekend and Margie decided right then that she wants to watch a top Hawaiian surfing competition, as well as learn to surf herself," said Tony. Tony's top bucket list item is to buy a vacation home on the west coast of Florida, so

their family can catch a break during a long Michigan winter, closely followed by his dream of a visit to the Hamptons in New York.

Missy Taylor and her husband, Tim, wrote a bucket list together 12 years ago, at the time their daughter, Addy was born. "We've had it hanging on the side of our refrigerator for years," said Missy. "We've been lucky enough to cross a few things off, including a trip to Disney World."

She would like to write a screenplay someday, a "Big Chill" type of story starting back in the good old college years, she said. "I'd love to see it produced, but really, just to get it written would be good!"

Her bucket list also includes a family trip to the Carolinas to see the sea turtles. "I just think it's the coolest thing that every year the same event takes place and these tiny babies make their way to that huge, open ocean!"

MOBILE APP

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The new Times mobile app gives you a media experience through which you can scroll, tap and "drill deeper" through photos and headlines. This new format replaces the typical index-of-stories model used by many media websites.

The changes are due to the dramatic demographic shift of device preference for accessing the Internet. iPhones, Androids and tablets are rapidly replacing laptops and desktop computers as the Internet access portal of choice.

The Times has kept up with this trend with its own m.tctimes.com mobile app, bringing the same website content into a concise, mobile-friendly layout. Over the last two months the tech

crew at the Times has enhanced and further developed the new app in order to update it, and the Times' content, to provide a better looking and more sharable experience.

The design is simple, clean, and has tabs to access videos and related stories. Social media buttons have been added, along with online comments. Share via

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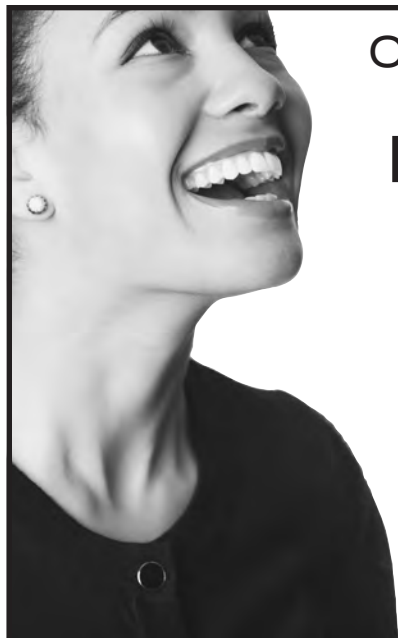
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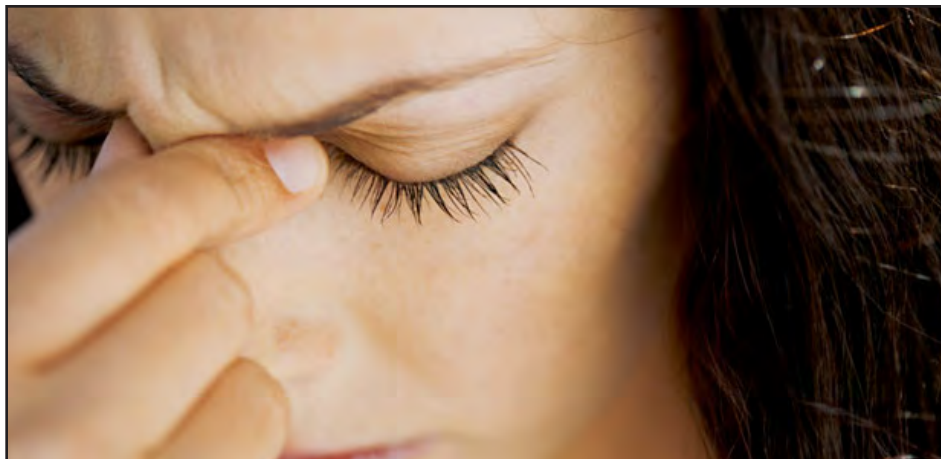
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Food, stress and anxiety can cause migraines and are more frequent in women.

What triggers migraines?

A common type of headache characterized by throbbing pain on one side of the head, migraines affect millions of people across the globe. Many people who suffer from migraine headaches get a warning that one is coming on. That warning manifests itself in a series of symptoms known as an aura, a group of vision disturbances. In addition, migraine sufferers may experience nausea, sensitivity to light and vomiting. While such symptoms are well known among migraine sufferers or those closest to them, what exactly triggers these painful headaches is less widely known.

According to the United States National Library of Medicine, migraines may be triggered by the following factors:

- Loud noises or bright lights
- Alcohol
- Stress or anxiety
- Smoking
- Caffeine withdrawal

• Changes in hormone levels during the menstrual cycle or changes triggered by the use of birth control pills (migraines occur more often in women than men)

- Missed meals
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Certain foods, including those that contain monosodium glutamate, or MSG; baked goods; chocolate; nuts; peanut butter; dairy products; onions; foods containing tyramine, including red wine, aged cheese, smoked fish, and certain beans; and certain fruits, including avocado, banana and citrus fruits.

Contrary to popular belief, migraine headaches are not a byproduct of brain tumors or other serious medical problems. That misconception likely stems from the similarity of certain symptoms of a migraine to symptoms of brain tumors and other serious ailments. More information about migraines is available at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.



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After administering first aid to the victim, he was transported to Genesys Health Park for medical treatment.

Police do not believe alcohol played a factor in the incident.

If convicted as charged, (see sidebar) Johnson faces up to life in prison.

Aro said, "The charges authorized by the prosecutor were significant, but appropriate. I think they send a strong message to our community that this type of senseless violence will not be tolerated."

A cash surety bond of \$300,000 was ordered and he is to have no contact with the victim. Johnson's preliminary exam in Genesee County District Court has been scheduled for June 11.

Shootings in Fenton City are uncommon, according to police. Aro said the last time his department responded to a shooting was in January 2013. During that shooting, intoxicated residents were handling a firearm and one person was accidentally shot in the leg.

Prior to that incident, Fenton police responded to another accidental shooting in January 2009. During that call, four people were sitting in a car at the Fenton Party Store parking lot. One passenger mishandled a gun he was carrying, causing it to discharge, striking the front seat passenger.

“The charges authorized by the prosecutor were significant, but appropriate.”

Rick Aro, Fenton police chief

CHARGES FILED AGAINST JOHNSON

Count 1: Assault with intent to commit murder — punishable by up to life in prison.

Count 2: Dangerous weapons, carrying with unlawful intent — punishable by five years in prison.

Count 3: Weapons felony firearms — punishable by two-year mandatory sentence, served consecutively prior to other sentences above.

MARIJUANA

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(MMA), a statistical report must be submitted to the state at the beginning of each year. The revenue is generated through licensing fees.

Between Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013, 82,193 applications for a medical marijuana card were approved while 11,612 applications were denied.

The state approved 36,175 applications for a renewed license and denied 8,672 patients with existing licenses.

Amongst the 118,368 total registered medical marijuana cardholders, 7,988 of them reside in Genesee County, the fourth numerous county in the state for registered medical marijuana holders. Wayne ranks the highest at 14,169 registered patients, followed by Oakland at 10,741 and Macomb at 7,997.

Compared to last year's numbers, medical marijuana patients in Genesee and Oakland counties have fallen 243 and 376, respectively. Overall, there were 124,131 cardholders in 2012.

Patients seeking a medical marijuana card must have a health condition to do so. Severe and chronic pain accounted for nearly 70 percent of claims, followed by severe and persistent muscle spasms, severe nausea and seizures.

No registry cards were revoked in 2013 and 2012. The number of doctors registered to prescribe medical marijuana dipped from 1,928 in 2012 to 1,457 in 2013.

Legal disputes over dispensaries

“There have been little to no inquiries on dispensaries, which are not allowed in the community at this time.”

Jerry Walker
Holly village manager

caused local municipalities to amend medical marijuana ordinances a few times in the past few years. From moratoriums to outright bans, each municipality responded differently as medical marijuana continued to grow. Currently, dispensaries remain illegal but a slew of House bills may make medical marijuana shops legal again. Only one medical marijuana dispensary was established

in the tri-county area, Well Greens in Holly. Since being raided by police in early 2013, incidents involving law enforcement and medical marijuana have been nonexistent in Holly.

“We’re following the current state law and federal regulations,” said Jerry Walker, village manager. “There have been little to no inquiries on dispensaries, which are not allowed in the community at this time.”

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Senate Bill 788: **Codify property owner trespasser liability waiver**
To establish in statute (in addition to existing case law or common law) that a property owner or tenant is not liable for physical harm to a trespasser caused by the owner's lack of reasonable care to make the property reasonably safe and not endanger the trespasser. The bill

authorizes exceptions for willful and wanton misconduct by the property owner, "active negligence," or in the case of harm to a child, knowing that an "attractive nuisance" exists. Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R).
Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County:
☒ YES ☐ NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County):
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5566: **Create Detroit fiscal oversight panel**
To establish a Detroit fiscal management oversight commission consisting of two state department heads, five other individuals appointed by the Governor, the Mayor, and the president of the city council. Among the commission's powers would be final approval of city budgets and larger purchases, borrowing, union contracts (except police and firefighter contracts imposed through binding arbitration), and more. The commission could waive its powers if city financial management meets specified

conditions, and resume them in the event of backsliding. This is attached to proposed \$195 million state grant to the city. Introduced by Rep. John Walsh (R).
Passed 103 to 7 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 211: **Establish firefighters' cancer presumption**
To establish a presumption that, for purposes of granting workers compensation benefits, certain cancers contracted by non-volunteer firefighters arose out of their employment. The burden of proof would be on the employer to show the disease was due to smoking, nonwork-causes or specific incidents. Any benefits would be contingent on the legislature appropriating money for them. Introduced by Sen. Tory Rocca (R).
Passed 32 to 6 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County:
☒ YES ☐ NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County):
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5569: **Cap Detroit employee health insurance benefits**
To prohibit Detroit from providing employee health insurance benefits whose premiums cost more than \$5,500 for a single person, \$12,250 for a couple and \$15,000 for a family plan (indexed to the "medical price index"), or alternatively, require city employees to contribute at least 20 percent toward the cost of their health insurance. The bill is one of several conditions for a state grant of \$195 million toward Detroit's bankruptcy settlement. Introduced by Rep. Andrea LaFontaine (R).
Passed 100 to 10 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5574: **Give Detroit \$195 million**
To appropriate \$194.8 million for a gift to Detroit, which is related to a potential bankruptcy settlement. Introduced by Rep. Thomas Stallworth, III (D).
Passed 74 to 36 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5568: **Limit but allow new Detroit employee traditional pensions**
To limit the normal contributions to Detroit employee retirement benefits, but let the city continue to enroll new hires in a "defined benefit" system that creates underfunding risks for taxpayers. The normal contribution caps would be 7 percent for pensions and 2 percent for retirement health savings accounts. The bill also restricts "pension spiking" and "13th check" extra-benefit schemes. It was introduced as a condition for the state giving Detroit \$195 million, and originally would have prohibited creating new unfunded pension liability risks with each new hire. Introduced by Rep. Gail Haines (R).
Passed 85 to 25 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

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Local seniors graduate to next life phase

► Schools in high gear with rehearsals, honors assemblies, grad preparation

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Thursday morning was all about instructions for Fenton High School graduating seniors.

How to take a photo, how to sit on the bleachers, how to find their seat, what to do while sitting, who to watch during the recessional. "The goal is to make them look good on Sunday," said Principal Mark Suchowski.

Graduation is in the air, and it's an exciting time of the year for seniors leaving school behind as they know it, for potentially new opportunities.

In all, local school districts graduated 889 seniors. Fenton had 293, Holly High School 220, Linden 219 and Lake Fenton 157.

Fenton seniors came in Thursday for caps and gowns, a giant class photo on the bleachers, and a full rehearsal of the processional, recessional and walking across the stage, to get their actual diploma — which is why Suchowski said they're so strict about keeping names and seats in order.

Graduation is Sunday, the baccalaureate, or ceremony involving prayer was Thursday, and honor assembly was Friday.

Holly's graduation rehearsal events were on Wednesday, with the practice in the morning, followed by a senior picnic inside (it was raining Wednesday) and cap and gown pickup after that.

Teachers Haley Street and Kim Wheeler run the whole graduation program for the seniors.

At Lake Fenton High School, Wednesday night was the baccalaureate, which is not related to Fenton's International Baccalaureate program.

Friday was practice for graduation, before the real deal on Sunday. The preceding Friday, students wore caps and gowns and had senior awards night that week.

Sandy Schlitters, parent and senior class sponsor, has been working on graduation for the last two or three weeks in preparation for graduation, and baccalaureate.

Linden High School's baccalaureate will be Thursday, June 5, with rehearsal the next morning. The honors ceremony was set for Friday night. Sunday, June 8, is graduation.

Counselor Tanya Armour said although graduation happens for students each year, it's still meaningful for staff and teachers as well. "They're stepping out on a new phase of their life," she said. "They're so excited, how can you not be happy for them?"

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Linden High School counselor



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Fenton High School seniors wait outside the gymnasium, hopefully in the correct order, during graduation rehearsal Thursday. The order is important to ensure that each graduate receives the correct diploma.

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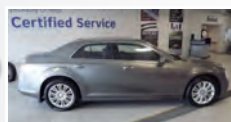


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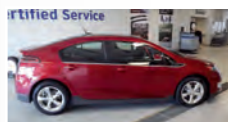


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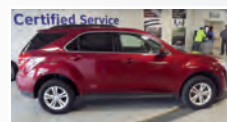
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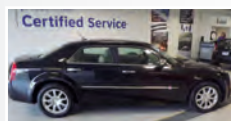
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