More Millennials using computers and tablets vs. television sets

Streaming services gaining traction over cable companies

By William Axford

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If you’ve been frustrated dealing with Charter or Comcast lately, it might be time to take a cue from Millennials. Rather than deal with a cable company or watch television shows on the big screen, more teenagers and 20-somethings are opting for streaming services like Netflix and Hulu on their computers and laptops. Another emerging habit from TV watchers is using multiple devices while watching a show, such as updating social media on a smartphone or researching actors on a tablet. The change in consumer habits is

Broad anti-discrimination ordinance headed to vote

Exceptions carved out for religious organizations; complaints to be handled through city manager

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — The new anti-discrimination ordinance is drafted and ready for a vote, which will come next Monday at the regular City Council meeting. The ordinance is a general non-discrimination ordinance, covering the already protected groups of sex, race, age, nationality, color, marital status, physical or mental disability. It also covers sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

The ordinance amendment defines “sexual orientation” as being heterosexual, among other things.
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Tiny trend may be a big deal

**Smaller homes made out of shipping containers gaining popularity**

By Tim Jagielo

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Unofficially, a “small” home is less than 1,000 square feet and a “tiny” house is less than 400 square feet. Often, tiny homes are built on the frame of a cargo trailer, or out of at least one metal shipping freight container.

Today, tiny homes are a trend that pops up quite often online, like Pinterest boards and lists on Buzzfeed.

Technically, there is no difference between a manufactured home, and a trendy new “tiny” house, said Irvin Poke, director of Bureau of Construction Codes, in Michigan. They’re both regulated the same, and have to live up to the same building codes set by U.S. state, and local laws.

What’s interesting is what

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Scapegoats won’t cure VA’s ills

ALL OF THOSE piles of brush (from the storm) sitting out by the road for pick-up in downtown Flint are a tremendous breeding ground for mosquitoes. Why aren’t these things being picked up?

THE NEXT TIME that you see someone you love, tell them. Give them a hug and let them know that no matter what, you are there for them. Every day could be someone’s worst day — make it a little better. Remind each other that everything is going to be okay.

WHOMEVER SUGGESTED that our children do not need to learn a foreign language needs to crawl out from under the rock. Last I checked, business takes place all over the world. Just ask those colleagues of mine that have recently worked in Spain or Switzerland.

DOES ANYONE know of a party store in Fenton that gives you 50¢ on the dollar cash for your bridge card, I’m told to go to drive to Detroit or Flint every time I need money.

TO THE SIMPLISTIC who didn’t get the Obama joke, his dad was from Kenya. The fact that he was raised by his mom in the states is why a Kenyan village is missing its idiot.

SO WE SHOULD... give up alcohol because your husband abused it? I guess we should make all sweets and foods illegal, because of that abuse. Learn to control yourself instead of regulations to punish everyone else. How about freedom of choice?

PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE of Fast and Furious. People died at Benghazi. The IRS scandal is as bad as Watergate. People died waiting for the VA. When will Congress and the public force Obama to resign?

THE LIBERALS in the Hot line think they know all the answers, so I pose a question. Liberals say kids go to bed hungry and it’s the conservatives’ fault. Liberals also say kids are too fat and it’s the conservatives’ fault. Which is it? Dazzle me with your liberal logic.

WE ARE a dumb, arrogant nation. The majority of the world speaks at least two languages. We on the other hand, have difficulty speaking one. Most around the world speak English, not because it is required, it’s because we are too stupid to learn their languages.

NEIGHBOR SHOOTING NEIGHBOR? I was glad to read that the prosecutor sent a ‘strong message’... that this senseless violence will not be tolerated.

ed. No type of violence should be acceptable to a civil and educated society and must be held to the fullest. Is Fenton the next Flint?

THE CAUSE OF most social problems in America is lousy parenting. Government social programs increase the problem by enabling parents to be irresponsible, and the government needs to tell us how to raise children.

LET ME GUESS how the Republicans will spin the POW exchange: Obama negotiated with and/or released terrorists! The Talibam was the governing party when Americans were taken. When the Talibam prisoners are POWs. Every wartime American President in history who has negotiated with our enemies to get our POWs home.

TO THE PERSON wondering why gas is cheaper in Flint. Gas is always cheaper in cities due to the costs. Gas is shipped to cities and then distributed outward from those initial distribution points. The further you live from where it’s distributed, the more it costs to get it there.

DDA MONEY is separate from the budget but it’s still government spending of taxpayer dollars. The DDA gets its funding by stripping lousy parenting. The further you live from where it’s distributed, the more it costs to get it there.

THE HOT LINER who said ‘what is Social Security and Medicare other than government benefits for people who aren’t working any longer? I believe that these people worked and did put money into Social Security so they could live on it when they retired.

THE SEPARATION of church and state is an important Constitutional principle. Politicians who cannot separate their personal religious beliefs from their political lives should not be elected.

TO THE JERK who found the Redbox movie my husband left at Walmart on May 30. Thanks a lot. You took, watched and kept it. It’s going to cost me $3! I hope you are an out-of-towner. I would hate to think I live near people like you.

TO LOOK YOUR best you need to be your body when you invuned it. The result of diet, exercise, and sleep. You cannot take it. Put lipstick on a pig, it’s still a pig. Put a tuxedo on a pig...

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
From Kankakee to Kenya

Fenton woman takes Chicago inner city student teaching experience to missionary field

By Sally Rummel
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Hannah Taylor, 22, always knew she wanted to teach elementary school in an inner city environment. Her student teaching experience took her out of the classroom at Olivet Nazarene University in Chicago to the rough, inner city world of the Kankakee School District, where she taught first grade.

Now her first professional teaching job after graduating in May will take her across the world to Nairobi, Kenya, where she will teach fourth-grade at West Nairobi School, an American-based International School.

“Nairobi is part of the Network of International Christian Schools, located all over the world,” said Taylor, daughter of Dan and Cynthia Taylor of Fenton. Taylor will be teaching kids of American missionaries, as well as locals from Kenya and children of Asian parents who are conducting business in Africa.

“The main language in Kenya is English, except for in rural areas where Swahili is spoken,” said Taylor.

She will be in teaching in Kenya for two years, and then can choose whether to extend her contract or return to the states.

Her journey will officially begin on July 26 with a 14-hour flight that begins in Flint, and then takes her to Chicago, Saudi Arabia and finally, Kenya. She will travel to Memphis, Tennessee for training the last two weeks in June.

Taylor got the job after an intensive fact-finding period of six interviews. She learned about the teaching position from a friend of hers at school, whose parents are missionaries in Kenya. “I’ve always wanted to teach inner city kids, so this is following what my teaching goal has always been,” said Taylor. “I want to make a difference in kids’ lives.”

The school has 250 students from K-12, located in a safe, protected, gated area. “It’s a safe area, but I’m very aware that I’m a white, 6-foot tall woman, moving to a place where Muslims and Christians are fighting,” she said. “At first, my parents were very nervous, but it definitely has been a faith journey for all of us. I believe this is what the Lord wants me to be doing, as He has opened all the doors and keeps holding my hand.”

As a missionary teacher, Taylor will receive a partial salary, and then rely on partial support for her travel expenses, and her remaining monthly expenses. “I have to have $10,000 to get there, plus an additional $300 a month of support to help pay my living expenses,” she said. “Anyone who wants to find out how to help can read my blog, hannahmarieinmairobi.wordpress.com,” she said. “I’m also on a fund-raising website, gofundme.com/hannahmarieinmairobi.

Taylor knows that there will be many things she’ll miss when she’s gone for two years, most notably, her family. “We’re very, very close,” said Taylor, who’s the youngest behind brother, Paul, 25 and sister Molly, 30. “I know I’ll miss fruit snacks, too, because they’re my favorite, but they have fresh mangoes and bananas that I can just pick off the tree.”

Her entire family, including her brother-in-law, Joe, will be visiting her in Kenya, once she has her first year of teaching under her belt. “We feel it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Cynthia. “So we’re just going to do it.”

Taylor feels like she has been preparing for this trip ever since she wrote an essay about her future plans, when she ran for and was crowned Fenton’s 175th Anniversary Queen five years ago. “I told the committee back then that I wanted to make a difference in someone’s life,” she said.

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homo sexual, bisexual and whether the individual has a history of being defined as such, by orientation or practice.

“Gender identity or expression” refers to the individual’s actual or perceived gender, and the outward expression of that gender in appearance or behavior, whether it is aligned with their physical sex. Basically, this means a physical male feeling, acting, expressing themselves as female and vice versa.

The ordinance amendment protects these groups from discrimination in housing, public services and employment.

City Attorney Stephen Schultz said the law also has a provision that when the state eventually makes discriminating against sexual orientation and gender identity state law, the city ordinance will defer authority to the state.

Late last month, Gov. Rick Snyder said he’d like the state legislature to add an amendment to the current anti-discrimination laws to include sexual orientation and gender identity — though he’d like congress to first deal with Michigan roads and the Detroit bankruptcy. Schultz said there is no telling when the issue will actually be taken up at the state level.

The nine-page document lays out when the law applies, and its exceptions.

The ordinance makes it clear that places like fraternities and sororities, while Fenton doesn’t have any, can still only allow either males or females, and those under 18 are still restricted from buying pornography, or anyone under 55 from living in senior housing.

Also not covered are emancipated minors, cases where the federal law requires age discrimination, and occupancy requirements.

The amendment also creates exceptions for religious organizations. A religious organization may restrict use of their facilities, housing, employment programs, that operated as a direct part of the religious activities.

Should there be a complaint, a letter detailing the discrimination including dates, times and witnesses should be submitted to the city manager within 30 days, who will then try to mediate the problem. If it cannot be corrected, the issue will be turned over to the city attorney.

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Located in east Africa, Kenya has a total area of 224,962 square miles, slightly larger than twice the size of Nevada. With a coastline of 333 miles, Kenya borders the Indian Ocean to the east, Somalia to the northeast, Ethiopia to the north, Sudan to the northwest, Uganda to the west, and Tanzania to the south.

Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, is situated slightly south of the center point of the country.

Source: nationencycloped.com

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Container homes are made with one or more metal shipping containers, measuring 20- by 7-feet tall, and wide. Some containers cost as low as $900, and homes $9,000.

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they’re made out of. Often these tiny homes are built from converted metal shipping containers, and can look like modern art you can live in. “I think it’s an interesting trend,” said Poke. He’s seen them going back 20 years, even used as a challenge for architectural students — to turn a 20-foot by 7-foot metal container into a “module” for an office or home. He guesses the trend started in Japan, where living quarters are smaller, with more of an emphasis on manufactured homes, instead of traditional construction.

Even as far back as 1936 Frank Lloyd Wright designed Usonian Homes, which were more affordable smaller, one story homes, which could have influenced today’s container and tiny houses. These containers weigh around 50,000 pounds, and can be bought used for as low as around $900. The trend probably hasn’t arrived in Michigan, but they are more popular out in California, often being placed on rural property. SG Blocks, a container home manufacturer in New York, estimates there are 20 million of these metal containers around the world. They will build and deliver a “core” structure, partially fabricated container home, or a fully finished one.

Poke said that a benefit of these tiny homes is the reduced environmental footprint — even if a container home uses several containers, these are still metal structures that are being re-purposed. Of course no matter how elegant the design, a container house will always look out of place in a traditional neighborhood. Poke said it would take quite a social shift for these to not be such a novelty.

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Rearview cameras; mandatory by 2018

By William Axford

A customer receives her new cable box.

By 2018, rearview cameras in cars won’t be a luxury — they’ll be a standard option. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently issued a final rule that rear visibility technology will be mandatory in vehicles less than 10,000 pounds.

The new mandate is part of an overall effort to increase safety while in reverse, especially for the young and the elderly. “Safety is our highest priority, and we are committed to protecting the most vulnerable victims of back-over accidents — our children and seniors,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox in a March press release.

Under the new rules, the cameras must be able to provide the driver with a 10-foot by 20-foot view. Other requirements include minimum standards for response time, durability and image size.

NHTSA reports there is an average of 210 fatalities and 15,000 injuries a year related to reversing vehicles. Children younger than 5 years old account for 31 percent of back-over fatalities each year and adults 70 and older account for 26% of back-over fatalities.

According to the Associated Press, 44 percent of 2012 model vehicles carried rear cameras as a standard option and 27 percent more had them as an option. For vehicles that don’t have rear view technology, kits varying between $100 and $200 should be available.

Randy Wise, Baic-GMC sales consultant Mike Yankee said cameras with blind spot alerts on the side and back of vehicles have greatly increased safety for drivers. “It makes it very easy. People who are a little older who can’t turn their heads can now see,” Yankee said. The back-hatch camera is especially popular with people who have hitches, allowing vehicles to be perfectly aligned with boats and trailers while reversing.

The NHTSA is expecting rearview cameras to save 58 to 69 lives per year once rearview cameras in vehicles become mandatory.

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The change has sparked outrage from some Times readers.

“The cabinet box and all the wires are ridiculous. Complete disregard for the customer, as always,” reads one Hot line that ran on the front of the Sunday, June 1 edition.

“Thanks to 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,” reads another.

Bill Morand, spokesperson for Charter said the transformation into digital receivers began last fall in Michigan. According to Morand, a majority of customers already had digital receivers with just 10 percent of viewers still using analog boxes.

Customers who experienced cable loss were given a digital box from Charter at a rate of $6.99. According to the Times article in May, the extra fee for every television within a household will give customers access to 75 additional channels, with another 25 by the end of summer. Internet speed through Charter is set to double at no extra cost.

“Treat this as seamless as possible, Charter is providing the first box for free,” Morand said. “As a result of this cutover, customers are going to have more than 200 high-definition options.”

Customers waiting for the new boxes at Charter’s office were somewhat confused by the change over.

“I thought someone might have hit the TV poll,” said Fenton resident Marthah Carney, who received two boxes from Charter last Thursday.

Morand said while customers may be inconvenience during the switch over, the gains will be well worth it. In addition to extra channels, Internet speed will double from 30 meg to 60 megs per second at no extra charge, according to the spokesperson. The cable company is also pushing into different mediums, offering apps for smartphones and other devices.

With more broadcasters choosing to deliver programs in HD, Morand said having analog requires reconfiguring channels and sending it back to viewers. Other customers have complained to the Times that channels have changed numbers and that they no longer receive some shows.

“There are going to be some pain points and we’re trying to make them as minimal as possible,” Morand said. “Customers can either go to the Fenton store or they can call 888-Get-Charter.”

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forcing cable companies and advertisers to reassess how content reaches viewers.

“Consumers are often now able to watch the content they want on the device of their choosing. As an example, they have decoupled the notion that TV shows have to be watched on home TVs,” Gerald Belson, vice chairman for the research group Deloette, said in a March press release.

More than half of Millennials ages 14 to 24 prefer to watch shows through a desktop, laptop, smartphone, tablet or gaming console according to Deloette. Viewers 25 to 30 watch more television than their younger counterparts, but not by much. Nearly 70 percent of Gen Xers and 88 percent of Baby Boomers watch shows through television and cable.

Consumers are also showing a bigger preference for being able to rent movies and television shows online, rather than owning a copy of the program.

While cable companies continue to adapt to the new consumer, other media outlets are seeing significant growth.

Netflix gained 2.3 million American subscribers during the last quarter of 2013, reaching 44 million users worldwide. Hulu, a similar streaming service, reached 38 million people last year.

Cable companies meanwhile are fighting to retain customers. According to the magazine Variety, Comcast has about 30 million U.S. subscribers while Netflix has 35 million. Viewers within the Fenton area have expressed frustration in dealing with Charter Communications’ recent efforts to switch all customers to digital boxes.

“Changes in how content is consumed across multiple devices accelerates as new technology is introduced,” Belson said. “This trend will continue as more consumers gain access to new media devices and consumption platforms. It brings about new challenges and exciting opportunities for organizations in the technology, media and telecom industries.”
Cinda Rachor describes Amelia as timid, sweet, tender, content to play by herself but also able to form a quick connection with other kids.

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government resistance and timing.

“So thankful, so relieved,” said Cinda. “It’s a surreal feeling really, almost of shock,” said James standing amongst the excited crowd. Also there were their five biological children — Amelia’s new brothers and sisters.

The bemused travelers leaving through the gate wound their way through the crowd with their rolling luggage. They had no idea the culmination of efforts the moment and the 100-strong crowd represented.

When the Rachor family arrived, regular passengers behind them smiled, maybe figuring out what was happening — friends, family, community and church members gathered to welcome Amelia.

Amelia grew up in the Dorie’s Promise orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and she was referred to the Rachors as an infant. They were even able to name her at that point.

They were able to adopt another Guatemalan child shortly after receiving Amelia’s referral. Hope, 7, has been their daughter since she was a baby, and on Saturday, she led Amelia around by hand, from group to group, like a family reunion.

While Hope’s adoption went smoothly, problems with Amelia arose when she was reportedly abandoned at the orphanage. If they can’t immediately identify, and then get the mother’s blessing to adopt, it’s almost hopeless. They were told to give up on her. They waited three years to see if the mother would rejoin her, but by the time, the country closed all adoptions.

James said it took around 40 trips to the country, pressure from the U.S embassy on the Guatemalan government, and even a “feisty, tenacious” Guatemalan lawyer to get traction. Also, the mission to get her to the U.S. cost large sums of money — but James said it’s not about that.

Cinda also credits this same community for supporting them through the process. “It was a long road and they made it a lot easier,” she said, pausing as emotion sweeps over her. “They just watched the road with us, this is a super happy day but there have been some very difficult days of wondering if this would ever end.”

The family plans a calm next few months for the addition to their family, that isn’t necessarily new, but finally physically present. Cinda said she’s already watching and learning, and enjoys her time with her brothers and sisters.

For being a shy child, she handled the attention, the hugs, the cameras, and the signs remarkably well. She eventually ended up playing with the other children in the lounge area, weaving between the pillars, playing with sticker books.

James and Cinda said they want to help her keep her Spanish language as she learned English, and will take her back in a year to visit with the girls she grew up with in Guatemala.

James, Cinda and 8-year-old Amelia Rachor approach the crowd of family, friends and church members for Amelia’s homecoming on Saturday at Bishop Airport in Flint.
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‘Weird’ fruits offer nutritional benefits

Widen your repertoire to keep meals, snacks interesting

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FARM

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It’s easy to feel good and go to work when you’re working for a company whose mission is to strictly help people who need to eat.1

It’s that sense of accomplishment that attracted approximately 2,000 volunteers last year. This year, organizers are hoping to attract about 3,000 volunteers. Yancho isn’t worried Forgotten Harvest will have trouble finding that many people who are looking to get their hands dirty. In the age of instantaneous communication and endless screens, Yancho said spending days on the farm allows volunteers to feel closer to their ancestors. “Everybody had a grandpa or great grandpa who was a farmer and they want to try it out,” Yancho said. “We get some folks who come out just one time and then people who just can’t get enough.”

The food, grown or recovered from other vendors, is then shipped to outreach programs such as food pantries and faith-based organizations. Food grown directly from the farm may be given to those in need via mobile food pantry, where organizers will set up a mini farmers market in parking lots.

While anyone can volunteer, corporations and companies often bring teams of employees out to volunteer. Chrysler, General Motors and DTE are a few companies that have donated volunteers and equipment for the farm. Yancho said the first company to volunteer their time on the farm was The State Bank of Fenton.

John Owens, director of communications for Forgotten Harvest, said the organization was started in 1990 by Nancy Fishman, a psychologist who once stood in a food line. Since then, Fishman has been committed to eliminating hunger in Michigan. While originally focused on the greater Detroit area, Forgotten Harvest has expanded into the Genesee County area, especially with the farm in Deerfield Township.

“We rescue from 800 donor locations — dairy farmers, wholesale sales and anybody who has fresh, perishable food that would go to waste,” Owens said. “Forgotten Harvest is a model for other farms. We believe we’re the largest organization like ours in the country.”

For those looking to volunteer or donate, visit ForgottenHarvest.com. Volunteer time and activities are separated by months, with a limited number of slots available for each program. The website also has resources for those in need of food assistance.

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Three tri-county diamond district titles

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Linden — The Lake Fenton varsity softball team was down by one with two outs and nobody on base in the squad’s Division 2 district final game. But the Blue Devils found a way to win. And it was a senior, who has had a flair for the dramatic in the past that capped the run. Consecutive singles by Kayla Ward, Alexi Melton set up Taylor Sheyachich’s game-winning two-run single to center, earning the Blue Devils a 5-4 victory against Owosso in the D3 district title game held at Linden High School on Saturday. Lake Fenton won its district semifinal contest against Durand 8-5 to earn a spot in the finals. Sheyachich has made a habit of district-championship game-winning hits in the seventh inning. During her freshman year, the senior first baseman hit a two-out two-run double in the top of the seventh inning, giving the Blue Devils an 8-5 lead, a lead they didn’t lose in the bottom of the seventh against Byron. “It was the same situation (my freshman year),” Sheyachich said. See SHEYACHICH on 15

Fenton softball notches first district trophy since 2009

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity softball team never had an easy path to earning a district title. The path wasn’t easy this year either, having to face the seventh-ranked team in the state in the championship game on Saturday at Milford High School. But the ninth-ranked and Metro League champion Tigers aren’t any pushovers themselves, and they proved it by winning the district title with a 6-4 victory against Lakeland. It was Fenton’s first district crown since 2009.
“It’s a great feeling to finally win not only a Metro title but a district title as well,” senior Ellie Cowger said. “That has been (fellow senior) Dori Carpenter and my goal since we were underclassmen, and it’s an awesome feeling to finally be able to pull it off with the hard working and driven group of teammates we have.”
The Tigers (37-4) opened Saturday’s action with a 11-1 victory against the Holly Bronchos, and the bats remained hot at the start of the championship game against Lakeland. Fenton scored five runs in the first two innings, taking a 5-0 lead into the third inning. From there, Lakeland was able to cut the lead to just one run after scoring three runs in the third and one in the fifth, but the Tigers scored another run in the fifth and held on for the victory. “Saturday’s game was all about See FENTON on 14
Two Eagles earn All-State honors at D2 track meet

By David Troppens

Justin McKenzie didn’t want to try the pole vault during his freshman year when one of his friend’s dad suggested the event.

The Linden senior is happy he finally tried it his sophomore year.

McKenzie placed second at the Division 2 state meet in the pole vault, leapin 14-feet-10 in the event Saturday at Houseman Track in Grand Rapids.

“My friend’s dad told me about it and said I should try it and I didn’t like it,” McKenzie said about trying the pole vault.

“My sophomore year I came around. It looked fun and I really enjoyed it. And from there I picked it up really fast.”

McKenzie’s effort was one of two All-State performers at the meet. Fellow senior Kyle Frederick placed third in the long jump (21-9 3/4), helping Linden finish in a tie for 13th place with 14 points.

At the state meet, McKenzie cleared 13-4, 14-4, 14-7 and 14-10 each in one attempt. However, he suffered an injury during his 14-10 attempt.

“I got a blister the size of a penny on my hand,” McKenzie said. “I tried to fight through it, but I couldn’t.”

Algonac’s Mitchell Mueller won the event, posting a personal-best leap of 15-9, 15 inches higher than his previous best jump. “My goal was to get into 15-feet and hopefully win it, (Mueller) PRd by 15 inches and had a great day,” said McKenzie, who will vault at Indiana Tech next year.

“Second place is not what I was shooting for, but I couldn’t be any happier.”

Frederick didn’t even run track until this year, but had an eye-popping season, finishing it by taking third in the long jump. He also competed in the 300 hurdles, taking 16th (42.44).

“The main reason that I decided to run track again was to just see how far I could jump.” Frederick said. “I wasn’t really sure what to expect this year, but I never thought I would do this well.

“My goal for this season was to break the school record of 22 feet, two inches, but unfortunately I didn’t make that. But I still plenty pleased with taking third at states.”

Other Linden performers for the boys were Alex Kissel, ninth in the discus (148-6); Andy Roberts, 17th in the shot put (45-5 1/2); and Hunter Holsinger, Dave Doyle, Andy Bennett and Dustin Sack in the 3,200 relay, who placed 13th (8:15.43).

“I thought Saturday went very well,” Linden coach Nick Douglass said.

“We finished with two All-Staters, so that was awesome. We had a couple of PRs as well, as Alex Kissel moved to fourth place all time at Linden in the discus and the 3,200 relay took more than five seconds off their season best.

“I thought overall the year was a huge.”

The Linden girls were led by Sydney Elmer, who placed 17th in the 1,600 (5:35.61). Rebecca McDonald competed as well taking 18th in the 100 hurdles (16.39).

Holly, Fenton at Division 1 state meet

Holly’s Allyssa Copley captured fifth place in the shot put; leading area competitors

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Linden prepares for rematch with Lapeer West

By David Trompens
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Linden — The Linden varsity girls soccer team was a squad of promise starting the season. There was undeniably now that the Eagles have realized that potential.

The Metro League champions added a Division 2 district title to their mantle by defeating Brandon 3-0 in the district title game at Linden High School Friday night.

“We are so excited and I didn’t believe we’d make it this far and now we have,” said junior Grace Walterhouse, who scored one of the three Linden goals. “And now I believe if we really want it, we can go far in this competition.”

“This is a great accomplishment, to go undefeated in the Metro League and winning districts,” said freshman Ali Frederic, who scored the other two Linden goals. “I want to go as far as my brother did (during the fall during the boys soccer season). I want to go to the regional finals at least. I think that would be really cool as a freshman.”

Linden coach Kevin Fiebert was pleased with his team.

“We got off to a slow start but that’s credit to a tough team,” Fiebert said. “I thought we possessed the ball really well. We’ve been working on it and it’s getting a lot better. I’m really happy with what the girls have been doing. Now, the real test will come next week, obviously.”

The Eagles return to action in the Berkley regional on Wednesday with a contest against Lapeer West at 5 p.m.

Linden dominated the shot battle (29-5) and the possession battle throughout the night, but it remained a tight contest for most of the competition. Leading just 1-0 entering the second half, Linden freshman Ali Frederic provided two goals within a span of 46 seconds, blowing the game reasonably open. The first goal came on a nice diagonal thrust pass from senior Sarah Ford with 6:43 remaining in regulation.

“I saw the two defenders and I saw they prepared split, so I decided to shoot the gap,” Frederic said. “Sarah played a great ball into me and I finished.”

Then, with 5:57 left, a header by Jessie Magalski set up a second goal by Frederic inside the Brandon box. The Eagles led 3-0 and weren’t in danger from that point.

“Jessie headed it and ever since I’ve been little I’ve been taught to go through the ball, so that’s what I did,” Frederic said. “It hit it and it barely trickled in, but it did.”

Linden took its 1-0 lead with 22:26 left in the first half on a shot from about 35 yards out by junior Grace Walterhouse off an assist from Magalski. The shot perfectly placed between the crossbar and the height of Brandon keeper Logan Owen, who made 17 saves during the night.

“I knew that all of our offensive players were marked,” Walterhouse said. “I saw the opening in the corner and I just decided to take the shot.”

The defense was strong all game long, with the Blackhawks rarely attacking the Linden net.

“I was so proud of the defense today,” Walterhouse said. “We took everything we learned from the season and put it into this game. That is one of the reasons why this game went the way it did.”

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staying level-headed throughout the game,” Cowger said. “While we took an early lead, we knew they were a good offensive team and still needed to bear down and hold them when they had runners on base. It was also very important for us to put each inning behind us no matter how well it went, and I think we were able to do that very well.”

The Tigers opened the bottom of the first inning with a Cowger single, eventually scoring on Kately Caidmuff’s one-out RBI-double. Caidmuff scored on Carpenter’s single, giving Fenton the early 2-0 lead.

The lead grew to 5-0 with three runs in the bottom of the second. Taylor Mowery doubled and scored on Brenna Hatch’s single. Macie Keller sacrificed Hatch to second, and Cowger drove her in with a single. Cowger stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Emma Brant’s sacrifice fly.

Life wouldn’t be that easy in the title game for Fenton. Starting pitcher Paige Dean allowed only five hits, but four Fenton errors allowed Lakeland to score four runs (only two earned), cutting the gap to 5-4 entering the bottom of the fifth. However, during that stanza, Logan Carter walked and scored on Hatch’s RBI-triple, earning the Tigers another run.

In the opening contest against Holly, the Bronchos popped out to an early 1-0 lead after a solo home run by Katie Deweby, but that edge didn’t last long. Fenton’s lineup pounded out 14 hits, placed by Caidmuff’s three-run home run. Hatch and Mowery (two RBI) had three each, while Cowger (two RBI) and Carter had two hits each.

Cowger went the distance, allowing three hits and no walks in five innings of work. She struck out eight.

Fenton travels to the Hartland regional on Saturday, playing second-ranked Romeo at 10 a.m. The winner of that game plays in the regional championship contest on Saturday at about 2:30 p.m.

“We know we’re in an extremely talented (region),” Cowger said. “We’ve scammed Romeo before and know how well they play. Like I said we just have to take it one inning at a time, and look to win each inning. We’ll be putting in a lot of work this week in practice to prepare for our region.”
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The first hit Austin Buerkel “allowed” would’ve been some- thing most wouldn’t even consider a hit. With two outs in the second and a runner on first, due to a walk, the runner on first was hit by a batted ball, ending the inning. By official scoring standards, the play also is considered a single. Beyond that hit, Buerkel only allowed one more safety. “I went out there looking to throw strikes, get ahead of the count and give our team a chance to win,” Buerkel said. “Throwing strikes played a big part of that. And pitching with confidence played a big factor in that as well.”

Linden scored twice in the third inning, getting both runs on a Brady Sarkon two-run single. Buerkel was hit by a pitch to start the inning, while Jake Marshall followed with an infield single. In the fifth inning, Linden scored two more runs. Jacob Klock opened the inning with a single and eventually scored on Buerkel’s RBI-single. Burkel also scored on another RBI-single by Sarkon. That was all the Eagles needed to win the contest.

Lake Fenton (11-9) gave the Eagles fits for the early portion of the game. An RBI-single by Cody Alexander and an error in right field off of Logan Crisp’s bat gave Lake Fenton a 2-1 lead after one inning. However, Linden tied it in the third on a Sarkon sacrifice fly. It plated starting and winning pitcher Jake Marshall, who doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Linden took the lead for good in the fourth with two runs. Travis Petts singled and Klock doubled. Kevin Bates followed with an RBI single, and a batter later Marshall had a sacrifice fly. Linden led 4-2.

A four-run fifth blew the game open. Chris Kitch singled and Cameron Cook was hit by a pitch. Petts bunted the two runners to second and third and Klock walked. Bates hit the Eagles’ fourth sacrifice fly of the contest, making it a 5-2 lead. Then, Buerkel followed with a two-run single. Buerkel also stole home on a double-steal.

Lake Fenton added another run in the bottom of the seventh on an RBI-double by Crisp, but that’s as close as Lake Fenton got. Linden’s first run was provided by a sacrifice fly as well. Buerkel opened the game with a single and he scored on Sarkon’s first sacrifice fly.

The fourth inning may have cost the Blue Devils the contest. Joe Boughner singled and Thomas Messenger doubled, putting runners on second and third with no out. However, Linden starting and winning pitcher Jacob Marshall got the next three batters out in order, all with strike outs.

“I think we outhit them, but we wasted six and they walked one and they made plays and we made some errors,” Lake Fenton coach Brad LaRowe said. “That’s what it usually comes down to, what team is going to make the plays and what team is going to move their guys over (on the basepaths) and get them in. We didn’t do that today.”

Holly baseball at Milford district

The Hartland bats scored four runs in the first inning and the Bronchos didn’t score until the seventh inning, resulting in the Eagles’ 8-1 Division 1 district semifinal victory over Holly.

Holly’s only hit was a Jackson Garber single. He also scored Holly’s only run in the seventh inning.

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“I got the hit to left field and scored the winning runs. I was hoping it would end the same way (as it did four years ago),” Tori Chapin said. “I was just hoping for a pitch down the middle for me to hit. I was hoping it would get down for a single.”

Lake Fenton trailed most of the contest, and only led after Sheyachich’s final at bat and single. Owosso took the lead on two hits and a sacrifice fly in the top of the fourth, but the Blue Devils answered back with Ward’s solo home run and Sydney Sheyachich’s RBI-single in the bottom of the fourth. Owosso added a single run in the fifth (RBI-double) and another run in the sixth (RBI-triple), taking a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

Lake Fenton scored a single run in the bottom of the sixth when Melton singled and eventually scored on an error off of Sydney Sheyachich. In the seventh, all the hits came with two outs, capping the two-run inning and the thrilling finish.

“The seniors came through,” Lake Fenton coach Amos Rinks said. “Got to give your hats up to the seniors. Two outs and they get three hits in, making things happen. Those girls have been doing it all year long.”

Lake Fenton travels to DeWitt High School to face Wayland Union in the regional semifinal round on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The winning team in that game plays in the 2:30 p.m. regional title game.

Kim Roe pitched the opening three innings of the second contest, and was relieved in the fifth by Sheyachich, earning the victory.

In the opening game Lake Fenton trailed 2-0 after the first, but tied it with two runs in the third on a two-run home run by Taylor Sheyachich. The Blue Devils took the lead with three in the fifth. Two runs scored on Melody Draeger’s batted ball that was dropped by the left-fielder. Draeger scored on Ward’s double.

Durand cut the gap to 5-4 with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, but Lake Fenton got a solo home run in the sixth by Roe and then scored two more runs in the seventh, earning the easy win. Sidney Christianson had an RBI-single, while Allison Petts walked in a run.

Roe tossed the complete-game win allowing seven hits. She struck out three. “The whole team, all of us wanted to win so bad,” Taylor Sheyachich said. “And with so many of us being seniors, we didn’t want this to be our last game. That’s what drove us.”

Sheyachich gets a home run in district action on Saturday. Lake Fenton’s Taylor Sheachich gets a home run in district action on Saturday.
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In RoboCop, the year is 2028 and multinational conglomerate OmniCorp is at the center of robot technology. Overseas, their drones have been used by the military for years — and it’s meant billions for OmniCorp’s bottom line. Now OmniCorp wants to bring their controversial technology to the home front, and they see a golden opportunity to do it. When Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) — a loving husband, father and good cop doing his best to stem the tide of crime and corruption in Detroit — is critically injured in the line of duty, OmniCorp sees their chance to build a part-man, part-robot police officer. OmniCorp envisions a RoboCop in every city and even more billions for their shareholders, but they never counted on one thing: there is still a man inside the machine pursuing justice. PG-13, 1 hr. 48 min.

ACROSS
1 Honeycomb compartment
5 In earlier times
8 Pleads
12 Neighborhood
13 Sister
14 Chills and fever
15 Troop group
17 Unusual
18 Line
19 Strapped for cash
21 Apartment of a sort
24 Soccer legend
25 Shades
26 Aromatic
30 Donkey
31 “I don’t give —!”
32 Shad
33 Offspring
34 Dweller
35 Cookware
36 Wagers
37 No liability
38 Silas in “The Da Vinci Code,” e.g.
41 Crafty
42 Burden
43 Uncommunicative
48 Jab

DOWN
1 Gridlock participant
2 Before
3 Lower limb
4 Scottish landowners
5 From the beginning
6 Pistol
7 Precisely
8 Keg
9 “Zounds!”
10 Mentor
11 Leak slowly
12 Cow’s comment
13 Formerly
14 Shout
15 Participant
16 River
17 Lowest
18 Slow
19 Scads
20 Burn
21 Somewhat
22 English river
23 Loch —
24 Monster
25 Slowly
26 Orator’s skill
27 Cupid’s alias
28 Staff
29 Member?
30 Gig
31 Middie
32 Gulf
33 In the same place (Lat.)
34 Hitchcock classic
35 Swag
36 — Baba
37 Heidi’s range
38 One a dele
39 One long time period
40 Use a klaxon
41 I am a deletable
42 Long
43 Another
44 One long time period
45 ... and another
46 Peacock network
47 Sock part

ROSS FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 92 and have spinal stenosis in my lower back and neck. The neck stenosis is causing a balance problem. Who would treat and/or operate on this — orthopedist or neurologist? — J.W.

ANSWER: I would be very slow to recommend surgery on the neck at age 92. I would try other treatments, including medication, physical therapy and possibly injection, before considering surgery. Balance problems may benefit from problem-specific exercises. A neurologist may be very helpful in evaluating whether the symptoms are indeed coming from the spinal stenosis, because balance problems can have many different causes. If symptoms were intolerable despite everything that could be done short of surgery, I would find the most experienced surgeon around, which could be either a neurosurgeon or an orthopedic surgeon.

How to share a contact card via iMessage

1. Launch the Contacts app on your iPhone or iPad and find the contact you’d like to share. On the iPhone you can alternately use the Phone app if you’d prefer.
2. Now tap on Share Contact towards the bottom.
3. Tap on Message.
4. Type the name of the person you’d like to share it with and select them.
5. Now tap Send.
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PAVING PROJECT FOR DARTMOUTH DRIVE**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of Dartmouth Drive, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes construct improvements to Dartmouth Drive, including asphalt resurfacing and drainage improvements, and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

**ALL PROPERTIES IN FENTON TOWNSHIP WITH FRONTAGE ON DARTMOUTH DRIVE**

Please take notice that plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of $94,875, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Plans, Special Assessment District and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday June 16, 2014.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE
FENTON, MI 48430-8817

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Village of Holly has issued this Request for Proposal with the sole purpose and intent of obtaining proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide used tire clean-up services from an identified tire stockpile site located in the Village of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan.

Proposals will be accepted beginning

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
Through
Monday, July 7, 2014
3:00 PM

For more details, copies of this RFP can be obtained from the Village of Holly Administrative Offices, 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI 48442 or on the web at www.hollyvillage.org.

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Edwin Spomer
1920-2014
Edwin Spomer, age 93, of Fenton Township, passed away on May 27, 2014 in Wayneville, NC. A Memorial Service was held 3 PM Monday, June 2, 2014 at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park Chapel, 35667 W. 8 Mile Road, Livonia. Reverend Jim Roll officiated followed by an Honor Guard Ceremony. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or Charity of Choice. No flowers please. Mr. Spomer was born September 9, 1920 in Lincoln Nebraska, son of Lucas and Katharine Spomer. He was a graduate of McKenzie High School in Detroit where he became a Detroit City All-Star. He was a veteran of the US Army serving during WWII and the Korean War, and he also served in the US Air Force. He was a member of the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church, a volunteer with the Holly SDA Community Center, and was a past president of the Hollyhocks Senior Citizens. He is survived by his daughter Maria Molden of HV, sister Tina Migliora of Canton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Giovanna Monterusso and his brother Sam Spomer. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Rosemary Anne Starrs
1919-2014
Rosemary of the Hollyhocks Senior Citizens. He is survived by his family and enjoyed all activities and sports. Surviving are: children; Maxine (David) Lenk, Claudia (William) Casio, Edwin (Bonnie) Spomer, Doris (Robert) Wagner. He was preceded by his parents; Victor and Maxine Hice Spomer; and 5 siblings. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Robert J. Girolamo G. “Jerry” Marino
1924-2014
Girolamo G. “Jerry” Marino - age 89, of Holly, died May 30, 2014. Military honors and committal services will be held at 11:30 AM Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Marino was born in Detroit on October 22, 1924, the son of Vincent and Anna (Aziel) Marino. He retired from the US Army, serving during WWII and the Korean War, and he also served in the US Air Force. He was a member of the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church, a volunteer with the Holly SDA Community Center, and was a past president of the Hollyhocks Senior Citizens. He is survived by his daughter Maria Molden of HV, sister Tina Migliora of Canton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Giovanna Monterusso and his brother Sam Spomer. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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